

SEDGFIELD NEWS

July 2019

170 Not Out

Sedgfield Cricket Club recently celebrated its 170th birthday with an open evening at its Station Road ground. Cricket is known to have been played on the site since 1849. At that time the land was part of the Sedgfield holdings of Ramsden estates and was left in trust to Sedgfield Cricket Club by Captain Ramsden in 1849 to facilitate cricketing activities for the community.



The club's first team currently plays in Division One of the North Yorkshire South Durham League, following promotion last year. Recent years have seen an increase in participation in cricket at all levels, particular in the youth sectors for boys and for girls. Extensive improvements have been made to the pavilion, enhancing the facilities for both players and social members while collaborations with other sports teams such as Sedgfield Rugby Union Club have raised the profile of the club and increased participation in both the sporting and social activities on offer.



Despite the weather thwarting the evening's junior coaching, Sedgfield Cricket Club celebrated its 170th anniversary last month in style, with a packed clubhouse enjoying live music and the official opening of the new '1849 Bar'.

The evening also presented an opportunity for members and friends to raise a glass in memory of Duncan Moss who very sadly died a few days beforehand. Duncan, one of the nicest people around, was the epitome of a "club man", who for over 30 years or so served as a player, umpire, scorer, and, most recently, chairman.

It is no understatement to say that he devoted his life to the club. He'll be both badly missed and fondly remembered. Information about Sedgfield Cricket club can be found on Facebook and on Twitter and by visiting www.sedgfield.play-cricket.com

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Why?

Help needed.

Can you help us to fill these pages? We are a very small team and would really like to welcome some new members to our team.

In particular we would like to have someone to look after the diary page and others to write articles or report on events and activities, especially in Bradbury, Mordon and Fishburn.

No previous experience is required, but basic IT skills are needed in email, Microsoft Word or Publisher. Please get in touch: 07572 502 904 or sedgfieldnews@hotmail.com

A big thank you to Tony for his contribution over the last few years and to David who has taken over the Neighbourhood Watch Page.

Greener Sedgefield

Recently, Greener Sedgefield members had a visit from a very enthusiastic and informative Durham County Council recycling assistant to talk about what happens to our recycling, general waste and how to be more efficient in disposing of it. The good news is that on the whole Sedgefield is doing really well.



We discovered however that 95% of recycling bins across the county contain the wrong items, or much worse, things that will lead to contamination, such as dirty nappies or food waste. **Around 30% of recycling is contaminated**, this is not permitted to join the good recycling, ruining the efforts of others and the chance for it to be useful again.

Your recycling is collected by Biffa and taken to a depot. It's checked for contamination then collected and taken to a processing centre. On a conveyor belt a combination of magnets and sorting by hand takes the good from the bad.

We were relieved to hear that putting the wrong plastic or paper in isn't a disaster as these are sorted manually at the processing centre. However, the council would like us all to get better at it. The biggest confusion seems to be over plastics, there's so many types and colours. Most plastic bottles, such as for drinks and shampoo, plastic pots like yoghurt and margarine tubs, are all good. However black or dark plastic trays are not processed at the plant. The reason is that plastic can be reused only around 6 times and a dark plastic typically indicates a low grade plastic. Clearly reducing the amount of plastic we use is very important as eventually there will be plastic of no use to dispose of. Glass and tin cans can be recycled indefinitely, so are a good alternative. Everything needs to be clean and preferably loose as it is difficult to see anything inside a bag.

Please take tops off bottles and spray bottles as they can't be collected kerbside, and no hard plastics like children's toys and plastic coat hangers. These can still be recycled, the recycling centre at the tip will happily sort through your plastics and larger metals.

Our household waste and rejected recycling is incinerated locally and is used to create enough energy to power 14,000 homes. Nothing harmful is released into the environment and nothing goes to landfill. The remaining product after incineration is used to make the roads we drive on. Following recent news stories of recycling being sent abroad we were assured that the majority of waste is dealt with in the UK and none is exported to countries like Malaysia.

Moving forward, the council will be checking bins for contaminated products. If necessary, they will visit and advise residents. They appreciate it can be confusing, that's why the council have an A to Z online and a good Facebook page, Recycle for County Durham. **The main advice from the council is, if it's food or nappies, if you are unsure what plastic it is, don't know somewhere that will take it, just leave it out of the blue bin and pop it in general waste, it'll be turned into energy so it's not gone to waste.**

A big thank you to Lesley Dexter Edmenson of Durham House for accommodating our meeting. Greener Sedgefield can be found on Facebook.
Helen McGill



Do you need help funding your studies?

The Trustees of the Sedgefield Charities make a number of awards each year to residents in the Sedgefield area who are taking up full time study beyond A level or its equivalent.

Applicants must live in Bishop Middleham, Bradbury, Cornforth, Fishburn, Mordon, Sedgefield or Trimdon.

Application forms and further information can be obtained by contacting the Clerk to the Trustees, John Hannon, at:

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The closing date for applications is the 15th September, 2019.



I would like to introduce the Summer Reading Challenge which will be happening in Sedgefield Library. **The Summer Reading Challenge will launch on Saturday 13th July.** The theme this year is Space Chase which is inspired by the 50th Anniversary of the first moon landing.

There will be challenges, crafts and maybe a party with certificates too. Keep an eye out at the library to find out more.

Katie Burkil



Sedgefield News ... from the past

In July 1761 – 250 years ago

An advert in the Newcastle Courant on 4 July 1761 gave notice of a forthcoming sporting contest. A 'main of cocks' – a cock-fighting contest – was to take place at William Short's Pit in Durham City, between cocks owned by the Gentlemen of Durham and the Gentlemen of Sedgefield.

In a cock-fight, the owners place their gamecocks in a cockpit. The cocks then fight until one dies or is critically injured. Handsome prizes were on offer – each contest would attract a prize of 5 guineas, with bigger prizes for cocks that won a number of fights – and a lot of betting would take place.

An ancient spectator sport, cockfighting was banned outright in England and Wales with the Cruelty to Animals Act 1835.

In July 1819 – 200 years ago

The Sedgefield Seminary placed notices on various notice-boards and in local papers, confirming that the vacation would end on 21 July.

On Sunday 4 July 1819 a Sedgefield draper and grocer, John Eeil, died. He was 29 years old.

In July 1969 – 50 years ago

Speculation was growing about a Cabinet re-shuffle, and what would happen to Joseph Slater, the Sedgefield MP, who had previously served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Harold Wilson, and for five years had been Assistant Postmaster General, serving Tony Benn and John Stonehouse, amongst others.

If you would like to know more about your local history, visit the Facebook site of Sedgefield Local History Society or come along to one of our meetings.

Martin F Peagam - The Time Traveller - on behalf of Sedgefield LHS

Walking and running for health



Photo shows some of the participants from Skerne Medical Group with the event's Run Director, Steve Foreman

More than 182,000 people took part in #GPparkrun Pledge Day on Saturday 1 June to celebrate the first year of the groundbreaking parkrun practice initiative.

Launched in 2018 in collaboration with the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), the parkrun practice initiative sees GP practices joining

forces with their local parkrun event to form a link that encourages physical activity and volunteering to be used in improving the health and wellbeing of patients and staff. It is invaluable to have a free, weekly, accessible, community-based local event to recommend to patients.

One year into the initiative, there are now more than 1,200 parkrun practices across the UK, representing more than 10% of all GP practices and **Skerne Medical Group** is one of these affiliated practices.

To celebrate the anniversary, GP practices were encouraged to pledge their support for **#GPparkrunPledge Day**, with staff, doctors and patients all taking part together. More than 5,000 general practice doctors, staff and patients pledged their support in advance, and the day itself saw nearly 10,000 additional walkers, joggers and runners participating nationally.

Anyone interested in starting parkrun can register for free at

www.parkrun.org.uk/.

Remember if you don't want to run you are most welcome to walk or volunteer.

U3A Meet the Author

Organised by the U3A, and as a prelude to the Bookends Literary Festival in October, author Mike O'Neill (pictured) will be visiting Sedgefield

Parish Hall at 2pm on Friday 2nd August to discuss his latest best seller, *The*



Resurrection. Set in Cambridge in the mid 2020s, the *Resurrection* is a fast-paced mystery in the style of Dan Brown. The story exposes the inner workings of the Catholic Church and corruption within the pharmaceutical industry - and proposes answers to some of mankind's most profound questions. With a powerful mix of Science and Religion compounded by jealousy and power struggles amongst colleagues this is a real page turner of a book.

Mike O'Neill is a former executive vice president of a Fortune 500 company in the field of Health Sciences. With an educational background in Science, engineering and genetics, he directed the development of instrumentation in DNA and Protein research as well as serving on many Advisory Boards in medical and scientific institutions in both the UK and the USA. Now retired, he travels the world researching content for his books.

Bring Me Sunshine

Bring me sunshine was possibly a plea you made during the middle of June, but now Sedgefield Lyric Singers respond to your request with their summer concert on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July. Starting at 7:30pm at the Parish Hall, 'Bring Me Sunshine' showcases your three local choirs, singing a programme of songs for the summer.

Tickets (£6/£5 U16s) from Tickety Boo, by calling 621196 or through members of the choirs. Do not delay, avoid disappointment by organising yours today - tickets are limited and selling out fast!

Tom Guest's ARTS UPDATE

sedgefieldartsandevents@hotmail.com

14th Annual Sedgefield Folk Festival— 6-8th September

Once again we are approaching the time of our annual folk festival, held during the first full weekend in September. Tickets are selling fast for the three concerts held in the Parish Hall on the Friday and Saturday. We have as always a mixture of old favourites performing at the Festival and new guests appearing for the first time. This year's line-up includes Jez Lowe, Bob Fox, The Salts, The Often Herd, Flossie Malavialle, John Wrightson Band, Shackleton Trio, Sunjay, We Steal Flyers, Whisky and Wine, Alterego and Marske Fishermen's Choir. There will also be a concert in Ceddesfeld Hall, the usual singarounds and workshops throughout the weekend and traditional music and song competitions. **For further information or for the purchase of tickets, please contact the Festival Office (tel. 621347) or visit the Festival website www.sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk**

Joan Edmundson



The Chocolate Factory comes to Sedgefield

On 19th and 20th July the Sedgefield Players Youth Section (SPYS) will take to the stage with their summer production of Roald Dahl's classic children's story, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', adapted for the stage by Richard George. Over 50 young people will perform (many of them playing the weird and wonderful Oompah-Loompah's) over 2 nights with performances starting at 7.00pm. Roald Dahl's classic tale follows Charlie (Charlie Lines) and his Grandpa Joe (Joshua Wilson), as they win the 5th and last Golden Ticket and head into Willy Wonka's (Kieron O'Donnel) crazy factory full of dangers and delights. Four other children, Augustus Gloop (Naomi Law), Violet Beauregarde (Emily Legender), Veruca Salt (Kelsey White) and Mike Teavee (Alisha Quinn) aren't quite so lucky as Charlie and all end up in somewhat sticky situations. The production directed by Sarah Atkinson and Tom Guest, with lighting and sound design by Adam White, costume design by Jeanne Iveson and set design by Walter Howell, is sure to delight and impress audiences. **Tickets will sell quickly for the 2 performances so get your 'Golden Ticket' while you can from Tickety Boo, or www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk**



Bishop Auckland Concert Series

Ben Goldscheider (horn) and Richard Uttley (piano) will be performing works by Beethoven, Strauss and Schubert, amongst many other composers, at the next concert in Bishop Auckland Music Society's 2019 concert series. The concert takes place on Friday, 19 July at 7.30pm in Bishop Auckland Methodist Church, (opposite the hospital). Since reaching the Final of the 2016 BBC Young Musician Competition where he performed with the BBC Symphony Orchestra at London's Barbican Hall, Ben Goldscheider has made his concerto debuts at venues including the Berlin Philharmonie, and London's Royal Albert Hall. He has won various prestigious competitions and in 2012 was the youngest participant in the London Symphony Orchestra Brass Academy. **Tickets: £13.50 in advance (£15 on the door) available from Brotherton's Music or Brian Varley (01388) 606075.**



Look Back in Humour

On the 14th & 15th June the Sedgefield Players presented their summer production of 'Look Back in Humour', an evening of performance, sketches, songs and poems. The Parish Hall was packed over two nights, with cabaret style seating and a delicious Pie and Pea Supper supplied by Robinsons of Wingate. The first act was a performance of Cheryl Bartlett's comedy 'Acting, it's not Plumbing' where Am Dram director Jilly runs a drama class in order to drum up new members for her local society. A wonderful cast of characters turn up and take part in a variety of games and exercises that encourage them all to join up. The second act included songs and sketches from Victoria Wood, Roy Castle, Katy Wix and more. Musical numbers included Marilyn Monroe and Shirley Bassey. Next up for the Players is the September Festival where we will be presenting two plays, 'The Spy' from Bertolt Brecht's 'Fear and Misery of the Third Reich', and a new version of the Northumbrian Folk Tale 'Twa Sisters' written by Tom Guest. Tickets will be available soon.

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DIARY: JULY 2019

Submit your events to diary.sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com

Date	Entry
Mon 1 st	Local History Society. Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm. 'Lewis Carroll' by Chris Lloyd. Sew Easy: Parish Hall Boardroom from 6.30-9.30pm.
Wed 3 rd	Sew Easy: Parish Hall Boardroom from 10.30am-1.30pm. Sedgefield WI. Sedgefield Parish Hall. 7.15pm. "Antiques" - Talk, Quiz & Valuations by David Elstob. No members competition.
Fri 5 th	Veterans Coffee Morning: Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am to noon. Sedgefield & District U3A. 2pm in the Parish Hall. AGM and Summer Picnic. Members Free, Visitors Welcome; £3 at door. Sedgefield Lyric Singers: Summer Concert, "Bring Me Sunshine". 7.30pm @The Parish Hall. Tickets (£6 for adults, £5 for under 16's) are available from choir members, Tickety Boo or by calling 01740 621196.
Sat 6 th	Drop in Surgeries. Cllr John Robinson. Bradbury & Mordon Village Hall 9–9.45am. Sedgefield Library 10-11am. Fishburn Community Centre. 11.15-12 Sedgefield Lyric Singers: Summer Concert, "Bring Me Sunshine". 7.30pm @The Parish Hall.
Sun 7 th	Sedgefield New Generation Church: 10.30am @ Bethany Centre, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4UD.
Mon 8 th	Sew Easy: Parish Hall Boardroom from 6.30-9.30pm.
Wed 10 th	Sew Easy: Parish Hall Boardroom from 10.30am-1.30pm.
Fri 12 th	Sedgefield Country Market: Parish Hall 10.00-11.30am. Home baked produce, Crafts, Jams, Cards, Plants and Refreshments.
Sun 14 th	Sedgefield New Generation Church: 10.30am @ Sedgefield Parish Hall.
Mon 15 th	Sew Easy: Parish Hall Boardroom from 6.30-9.30pm.
Tue 16 th	Sedgefield, Ferryhill & District Flower Club. 7.30pm in Sedgefield Parish Hall. Members Night. Members only; Free admission.
Wed 17 th	Sew Easy: Parish Hall Boardroom from 10.30am-1.30pm.
Thu 18 th	Sedgefield Show Meeting: 8pm @ Sedgefield Social Club. Everyone is welcome. Why not come along and get involved.
Fri 19 th	St Edmund's Church Coffee Morning: Parish Hall (Main Hall). 10am-noon. Sedgefield Players Youth Section (SPYS): present "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory". (Also on Saturday 20 th). Contact 07957104434 or sedgefieldplayers@outlook.com for information and tickets. Tickets also available from Tickety Boo, The High Street, Sedgefield.
Sun 21 st	Sedgefield New Generation Church: 10.30am @ Sedgefield Parish Hall.
Mon 22 nd	Sew Easy: Parish Hall Boardroom from 6.30-9.30pm.
Wed 24 th	Sew Easy: Parish Hall Boardroom from 10.30am-1.30pm.
Fri 26 th	Sedgefield Youth Club Coffee Morning: Parish Hall 10am–1pm.
Sun 28 th	Sedgefield New Generation Church: 10.30am @ Sedgefield Parish Hall.
Mon 29 th	Sew Easy: Parish Hall Boardroom from 10.30am-1.30pm.
Wed 31 st	Sew Easy: Parish Hall Boardroom from 10.30am-1.30pm.

Railway Heritage Tour—25th September, 10am-3pm

The Local History Society would like to invite you to join us on a trip into the past, to discover the people, places and events in our railway heritage. Step aboard a restored vintage bus and visit several local railway related places in the company of our entertaining and knowledgeable guide, The Time Traveller. The tour starts and finishes in Stockton Town Hall with a lunch- break at a suitable venue. Children must be accompanied by adults. Unfortunately, due to the age of the buses, we can't accommodate wheelchairs. Contact Suzanne Hopper (01429 882250) or Alison Hodgson (01740620912) to book a place. The only cost is a £5 booking fee.

Sedgefield Library

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July @Sedgefield Social Club

Sat 6th July: Ben Dillon.

Sat 13th July: Alan Stevens.

Sat 20th July: Mike Mcann.

Mon 22nd July: Country Night.

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Sedgefield Tea Dance

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Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch



Fundraising

Needless to say, we must be able to raise funds if we are to achieve anything with Neighbourhood Watch and therefore, we would like to offer our sincere thanks to all of those generous people who attended our Coffee Morning on 31st May and helped to make it a roaring success. Special thanks must go to our NHW group and other volunteers including the Police who worked hard to ensure that everyone had an enjoyable time.

In response to kind feedback and requests, we promise to hold another similar event in the future.

We are especially grateful for some tremendous raffle prizes which were donated by the following local businesses:

Betty's Boudoir
CO-OP
Dun Cow Inn

G Bolam Foods
Parkhill Garden Centre
Peridot

Sainsbury's
Sedgefield Pharmacy
Tickety-Boo

So, what will we do with the funds raised?

- It is our intention to purchase summer and winter packs that can be loaned to residents and which will contain security devices including lights, timers and CCTV.
- We will renew the NHW signage within the Village.
- We will acquire NHW window stickers and leaflets.
- We will acquire personal attack alarms, Faraday cages and purse bells to pass on to residents either free of charge or at a heavy discount.
- We are incorporating Farmwatch and will be acquiring security marking for farm equipment.

Next Events

Please come and see us at the joint Police/NHW stand at Sedgefield Show on 10th August where you can explore the latest fully equipped 4x4 police vehicle, and be locked in the new police van as a prisoner. (Release is available for a small fee.)

Joint NHW/Police Initiatives

We are working with Police to develop a joint Social Media page to provide easy contact for residents and encourage the sharing of information. Farmwatch is also to be re-launched in due course to support our local rural community against crime. If you are interested in contributing ideas to any of these please attend our meeting on 10th July or contact PCSO Amy Jorgeson at amy.jorgeson@durham.pnn.police.uk

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Unfortunately, this seems to be the scourge of modern society and Sedgefield is no exception. Sadly, Police have had to issue Community Protection Warnings to some Sedgefield residents. This is a process that can lead to a fine of £2500. Recent incidents have occurred outside Sedgefield Co-op and in Sainsbury's store.

If you are a victim or a witness of ASB, support is available through the Safe Durham Partnership which is a joint venture between Durham County Council and police, social services and housing providers which does not tolerate, and is committed to tackling, ASB.

To report ASB ring Police on 101; Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111; Durham CC on 03000 261 000 or report online at www.durham.gov.uk; click on 'Do It Online' then in the 'More Services' ribbon click on Anti-Social Behaviour.

In each case all information is confidential.

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Police Community Cohesion Officer Faye Callan - 101 Extension 742317. Faye.callan@durham.pnn.police.uk

Confidential email address - John.lamb@durham.pnn.police.uk. Any information we receive will be developed and acted upon.

Letters

A stitch in time....

I am looking for unwanted sewing machines (in working order) that could be donated to a refugee centre in Thornaby. So many of the women are feeling extremely anxious and depressed and are not allowed to find employment whilst awaiting permission to remain in this country. To be able to sew would give them purpose and a sense of achievement.

Anyone willing to donate their unused machines could you please contact me on 620897. Thank you so much on their behalf.

Chris Mills, Sedgfield

Sedgfield Memory Café - May Open Day

On behalf of the café we would like to thank all of those people who contributed to making the day a great success. A special thanks to both George Bolam and Sedgfield Co-op for their generous donations of food etc.; to all our Volunteers, the Firefighters and the Rangers for their hard work on the day; and last but not least to you the people of Sedgfield for coming along and supporting us.

Thank You

Dorothy, Carol, Jill and Andrew

Christian Aid Week

Thanks to the generosity of people in Sedgfield, Bradbury & Mordon, we are delighted to report that a final total of £4073 was collected. This amount will be increased by £399 from Gift Aid and by £220 given at the Good Friday Procession of Witness. A grand total of £4,692 will go towards improving the lives of some of the world's poorest people. Thank you to our team of dedicated collectors, who gave their time and effort to this very worthy cause. After delivering the envelopes our collectors endeavour to call back twice, however it is not always possible to catch everyone when they are at home. We are sorry if your envelope was not collected.

Margaret & David Glass

Steve's Nature Diary for July

As I write this article, it is exactly half way through the Wildlife Trusts' 30 Days Wild Challenge and so far, I have managed to do something wild every day, and I hope to continue this to the end of the month. One of the suggestions that came up whilst I was checking the 30dayswild app was to visit a nature reserve you have never been to before and that's what I am planning to do one evening this week when the showery weather stops and things warm up. The reserve is Durham Wildlife Trust's Black Plantation near Lanchester which is now important for a particular species of butterfly that may still be on the wing in early July – the Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary.

Populations of this butterfly have been in decline and in 2000, there were only three known sites left, a decline attributed to changing climatic conditions, changes in land use and degradation of existing breeding grounds. Durham Wildlife Trust's Heart of Durham Project, with support and funding from Northumbrian Water, was set up in 2010, with the specific aim of reversing the decline of the butterfly.

Through a collaborative approach with landowners and farmers, Butterfly Conservation and Durham Wildlife Trust, as well as the dedication of trust volunteers, areas where the butterfly was once common have been restored through scrub removal and planting of marsh violets, the larval food source. Nine years on, the project can now be hailed as 're-wilding success'.

Back in 2014, Black Plantation was chosen as a site to reintroduce captive-bred Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary butterfly caterpillars. From the initial 170 caterpillars released, today, five years on, the colony there has increased three-fold. A new interpretation board has been erected on the reserve all about the butterfly in memory of Harry Eales, who died in 2017 aged 74 years, who played a key role in recording butterflies in County Durham. It is a very pretty butterfly; similar in size and habitat to the Pearl-bordered Fritillary but is more widespread and occurs in damper, grassy habitats as well as woodland clearings and moorland. The adults fly close to the ground, stopping frequently to take nectar from flowers such as Bramble and thistles. It can be identified from the more numerous whitish pearls on the underside hind wings, the outer ones bordered by black chevrons and from the larger black central dot. You can find more information about this and other local Wildlife Trust reserves by searching with your post code at www.wildlifetrusts.org/nature-reserves. You too can visit a nature reserve new to you! July is a good time for watching butterflies and you can take part in the big butterfly watch www.bigbutterflycount.org/ which starts on the 19 July as a way of making your records count.

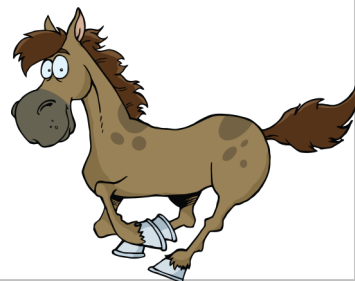
Straight from the Horse's Mouth!

How amazing is this, that a horse like myself, could make such an impact on 'Sedgie'. Just by leaving a 'prize', which some would advise, is essential for growing great 'Veggie'.

My manure is just pure, and contains only grass, and herbs from the field where I roam, but most humans will know, that when you've got to go, you're not always near to your home.

I don't have a choice and I don't have a voice so going on the spot is a must, but my owner is clear that I stay on the road where my prize can be naturally lost.

But my biggest surprise, coming back from my ride, was a 'prize' which was left at my home. I am pleased to say that the culprit is known, and his mug shot is now on my phone.



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Ceddesfeld Hall

Home of Sedgefield Community Association

SCA are looking forward to the **Beer Festival** on Friday 5th (7pm) and Saturday 6th July (6pm). We'll have real ales from a range of breweries and this year we are pleased to include the beers, 'Pasture Bedtime' and 'Dark Side of the Moo', produced by Hopper House Brew Farm. There are also 3 fruity ciders, BBQ food both nights, well as entertainment from Lol and Maxine on the Saturday evening from 8pm to 11 pm. Look out for posts on the SCA FB page for more details of the beers and the fantastic local sponsors who are keen to support community events. If anyone would like to volunteer help (collecting glasses, serving beers, BBQ cooking) please get in touch as below / email info@sedgefieldsca.org.uk

On Saturday 3rd August, from 1 to 3pm Ceddesfeld Hall will be open for a **Family Games Afternoon**, with garden games and sports activities (and possibly a bouncy castle), suitable for younger children. Families are welcome to bring a picnic and enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the lawns and grounds. This is a free event and the bar will be open.

Sedgefield Folk Festival weekend begins on Friday 7th Sept. Ceddesfeld events begin with an evening of ukulele music featuring Ceddesfeld Ukulele Band, Lol and Maxine Crallan and others. Tickets £5 from Lol Crallan on 01740 621729. On Saturday (7.30 pm), The Old Age Travellers feature in an Open Mic a great (free) evening of varied music from local folk singers as well as visitors from further afield. These are just two of the many events at the hall and across the village. Check Sedgefield Folk Festival website for more details.

Sedgefield Book Ends has grown from the small beginnings two years ago. The Literary & Arts festival begins on Saturday 28th September and runs until Saturday 19th October. There is much, much more information to come and we're looking forward to a varied and exciting programme, with something for everyone. Find out more through the Sedgefield Book Ends 2019 Facebook page as well as the SCA website.

For information on Ceddesfeld Hall events, regular activities, room hire and bar opening times, call Wendy on 01740 620206, Pat on 01740 620607 or Sarah on 01740 622185. **Find us on Facebook & online at www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk**

Sedgefield Development Trust Projects

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Sedgefield Farmers' Market - Sunday 7th July

Another market full of excellent produce, including Ashlands Nursery, who didn't make it last month because of a breakdown on the way here. Let give him our support. We also expect DZ Circus School back - fun for anyone passing by!

The Charity stall this month will be Durham Deafened Support, and there'll be lively music from the colourful Ceddesfeld Ukulele Band.

To contact the Market, use: farmers@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk - and for the Charity stall & Music: charitystall@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk

Homework Help

In [exam] season and out of season, Homework Help continues to... well, help people with their homework! Groups meet regularly in the library on Thursday and Friday evenings.

If you'd like help or can offer help, please contact homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk or find us on Facebook - even if we are nearing the end of term. We particularly **need some help with KS3 English and maths** but knowledge in any subject is always good to add to our repertoire. We'll take a break over the summer and start again with gusto in September.



Spring has Sprung!

Over the past couple of months our volunteers have spotted a wide variety of flora and fauna emerging on site. A small group went out at dusk to see if the bat house was in use. We were delighted to see some bats appear from their luxury accommodation, we believe they were common pipistrelles, but further investigation is needed to confirm.

There have been many birds observed including buzzard, kestrel, oyster catcher, reed bunting and white throat. We have also spotted common blue butterflies, red tailed bumble bees, shield beetles, red and black frog hopper and small tortoiseshell caterpillars. We plan to continue carrying out wildlife surveys, so we can monitor the impact we are having onsite. If you would like to be part of any surveys or would like to get involved with any other aspect of the Woodland and Wildlife Project please contact us at woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk or join our Facebook page; Woodland & Wildlife – Sedgefield. *Thanks to Rudolf Reichel for the photos.*



Sport in Sedgfield

Email reports to Chris Lines: chrisjlines@aol.com

There's a lot of sporting news to squeeze in this month including a belated wrap-up of last season's fortunes at Sedgfield St. Edmund's FC and updates from our community's thriving youth football set up, and cricket and squash.

Sedgfield Youth FC supports boys and girls who are interested in football, offering both regular training sessions and the opportunity to be part of squads that play and compete together in a variety of cups and league competitions. Next season, the club will have the following teams: U9s, U10s (Saturdays), U10s (Sundays) and U11s.

Players in the Sedgfield Youth FC U10s squad have just completed a very successful year at the club. The season started with a mixed bag of wins, draws and losses, and then mid-way through the schedule, the team won 14 consecutive matches. Each player scored at least three goals during the season (even the goalkeepers!), which highlights what a team effort it has been. Due to FA rules, the team does not know where they finished in the league, but everyone involved is very happy with the results throughout the season.

The team ended the season by entering the Ferryhill U10s Tournament, playing teams from a league above. After beating the hosts 5-0 in the first game, the team breezed through the tournament. The semi-final was tense, with Sedgfield eventually winning 4-2 after extra time and then winning the final 3-1.

Thanks go to Ryan Davey who volunteered to set up and run the team, which takes a lot of time and dedication, in planning and running training sessions, making arrangements with other teams, and securing the funding to continue. Part way through the season, David Glass came in to support Ryan and together they have developed the squad to what it is today. David Ryder, who helped with the set-up of the team, has been a huge help throughout. The team (*pictured below*) is also grateful to sponsors NeoAngels and Sadberge Boarding Kennels & Cattery, who provided vital funding to start the team in the first place. Next season, the squad will start their U11s adventure and we will of course include updates in Sedgfield News.



Sedgfield Youth FC U9s brought to an end their time in the age bracket by securing another league and cup double. The team added the MFC Foundation Cup to their earlier RFYL league title after a tense penalty shoot-out against Boro Rangers. Well, it was tense for everyone except the players apparently, who showed no nerves while slotting home all of their spot kicks.

The team now moves on to U10 football, buoyed by the news that Sedgfield Olympian Bradley Saunders and his company SLS Road Maintenance have renewed their sponsorship. This backing has helped Sedgfield set up another U10 team which will be competing in the TJFA league on Sundays from September. The team (*pictured right*) recently played competitively for the very first time winning the Middlesbrough FC Summer Cup, and did so by winning all 9 of their games without conceding a single goal. Very impressive!

Senior Football

Once again, Sedgfield St. Edmund's FC had a disappointing end to a promising season. After leading the Premier Division of the Durham District Sunday League, the team finished fourth, while losing on penalties in the semi-final of the Durham County Cup and being removed from the League Cup final on a technicality. The club hopes that these circumstances – and the great potential that the team has shown – will make the players even more determined for success next season.



At the club's annual presentation night, the following awards were made:

- Players' Player of the Year - Glen Donaldson
- Player of the Year - Lewis Brown
- Young Player of the Year - Ryan Telford
- Leading Goal Scorer - Kieran Parnaby (26)
- Goal of the Season – Kieran Parnaby.

St. Edmunds FC will start training for the new season soon. Anyone who is interested in playing for the club should contact Phil Shann on 07944 501708.

Cricket

One of the season's highlights has been the re-emergence of the 3rd XI, which is being used as a development opportunity for more junior players to play senior cricket. The team has produced some great results so far, despite matches against typically far more experienced opponents. And there was recently a landmark moment when three members of the Lower family - dad Martin and sons Harrison and Freddie - took to the field together.

Squash

The British Open has for decades retained its prestige as the "Wimbledon of squash", and during the 2019 event in Hull in late May, Sedgfield Squash Club members Chris Gillespie and Gordon Peden entered their age group competitions, which are run alongside the main professional event. There are few sports where club membership entitles players to mix it with the best in this way. Gordon made the final 32 where his tournament ended, while Chris produced some excellent results to be narrowly beaten at the semi-final stages. Well done to both.

Back at home, the focus is now on an internal summer team competition, a new idea to encourage players of all standards to enjoy competitive squash against members of a similar standard, plus the après squash socialising! There is an entry sheet on the club noticeboard for those who haven't joined in yet.

For all squash club enquiries, including membership – email to info@sedgfieldsquashclub.co.uk or visit www.sedgfieldsquashclub.co.uk

That's all for this month.

As always, please send any sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com.