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Sedgefield NEWS

June 2011

Sedgefield Show - will you take up the challenge?

There will be a full range of competitions, exhibitions and displays at the 2011 Sedgefield Agricultural Show, which will be held on August 13th in the Robert Brown Showfield, on West Park Lane - and *you are invited to take part!* Schedules are now available from the Post Office, Library, Town Council Offices and businesses in Sedgefield area, or by contacting Show General Secretary, Mrs Joanne Martin, on 01740 629716.

The show committee has been working hard to offer something for everyone and anticipates a record number of entries and attendees this year. Competitive classes in the agricultural programme include cattle, sheep, ponies, horses and the biggest dairy goat show in County Durham! New this year, as seen on TV, is the entertaining 'Bunny Hop' and there will be other classes for dogs, dog agility, vintage tractors and small livestock.

The Homecraft & Handicraft programme will no doubt produce a wonderful display of delicious cakes and preserves, along with shepherds' crooks and sticks. There is also a large section of junior classes in this section, which can be entered free. Why not get the family involved in building a Scarecrow to display outside the marquee? Free junior classes are also available in the horticultural section, which

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Craft club members celebrate 25 years

This year saw the Craft Club of Ceddesfeld Hall, in celebratory mood, and it is nice to be able to report that several members who joined at the very beginning are still attending. Members celebrated with a thoroughly enjoyable meal at Bishop Auckland Golf Club. Newcomers are always very welcome too, so if you have crafty fingers, why not come along some time? We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, at 7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall.



Round Table: Royal Wedding Day in the Park

Sedgefield and District Round Table would like to thank everyone who attended our Royal Wedding day celebrations, making it such a memorable occasion. Around 300 attendees made the most of the large screen TV, BBQs, bouncy castle, face painter and of course the balloon artist, all in the wonderful surrounds of Ceddesfeld Hall and gardens. We would also like to thank the volunteers of the SCA for their help in manning the bar, as well as the mayor, for his kind donation towards the costs of the event.

We have had a lot of activity recently. In addition to the Royal Wedding event and our usual community service and fundraising activities, there has also been the enormous success of the Blues Club, and all the fun of the reintroduced ducking stool at Mediaeval Fayre! We are looking forward to getting involved with Mordonfest next month and as always we would welcome new members. So if you are a male under 45 and you fancy donating a little bit of your time to help the community (and have some fun into the bargain) why not come a long and give Round Table a try? Check out the website: www.sedgefieldroundtable.co.uk or talk to any of us at the next event.

Round Table: Blues Club

You would expect to find the names of Eric Clapton and Peter Green in the recently published book '100 greatest blues guitarists of all time' - but maybe not many other British artists. However, a young Englishman in his mid-twenties, amazingly, is featured. His name is Ainsley Lister and believe it or not, on Saturday 4th June he will be appearing for us in the Parish Hall. He will be doing a solo acoustic set - something not to be missed - and in support there's local band, The Smokehouse Boys (also acoustic). They are an amazing trio of guitar, upright bass and incredible harmonica from Lynden Anderson, one of the UK's top Harmonica players. There's a great value bar till late and all profit to local Round Table charities. Tickets on sale at the Post Office.



Sedgefield Show

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offers new classes for the allotment or amateur gardener, as well as flowers, vegetables, floral arrangements and farm produce.

The Show committee and Sedgefield Town Council are to hold a unique competition to select a Town Crier for the Sedgefield 700 celebrations in 2012: classes for both Senior and junior competitors.

Entries are welcomed from anyone who would like to take up the challenge to compete in any of the categories for this year's show.

The Show has seen a year on year increase from businesses wishing to support the show and this year the Committee yet again expects an increase in interest to exhibit at the Show. A large number of trade stands will be in attendance, giving the public a vast range of products to see and participate in. The vast range of goods and services on show will include air conditioning, ride-on lawnmowers, bespoke garden gates, renewable energy specialists, classic motor cycles and lots more.

After last year's huge success with visitors, the Show sees the return of Go kart Party, Speedcage Inflatables and Keith Turner & Sons Funfair, with attractions to entertain all ages. This local event promotes the kind of activities on which villages like Sedgefield have depended for so long, and the Show Committee would like to thank the many supporters whose commitment allows unique events such as Sedgefield Agricultural Show to bring together local people, industries and traditions.

For further information, please contact Ian Mason, Sedgefield Show Chairman on **01740 621841**: email brantaone@hotmail.co.uk

Snapshots of Sedgefield

No feedback as yet from May's Mothering Sunday snapshot, but this photo may have someone in common with last month's group. The boy on the right could be a Threlfall and they seem to be planting a commemorative tree.

Can anybody supply details? Please contact me on 620091 or email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk. As ever, Sedgefield Local History Group is grateful for any information, photos, documents and artefacts relevant to Sedgefield and district. New members and visitors are always welcome to our meetings: see Diary (page 11) for details.

Centenary Art Project

Sedgefield Primary School is doing an art project for the school centenary. There will be a session on **Monday 4th July** after school for any pupil who left in 2009 or 2010 to come and paint a tile. If you are interested, please contact Becky on 629068 to book a place.

Keeping Sedgfield Tidy



Some of the Year 9 students from Sedgfield Community College who kindly volunteered to participate in one of the college community projects. Together with Durham County Council Civic Pride Trust, Sedgfield in Bloom, Neighbourhood Wardens and other members of our local community, they spent two hours tidying up our Village Green, as part of a community effort.



Retirement from College

Recently two long serving members of the non-teaching staff at Sedgfield Community College retired. Doreen Ayre, right, has worked in the kitchen at the college for over twenty years and hung up her apron for the last time at the beginning of May.

Also retiring at the same time was cleaner Alba Taylor, pictured with head teacher Dave Davis. Like Doreen, Alba also has over twenty years experience.



Poppy Party

**@ Sedgfield Community College
Support the Royal British Legion**

On behalf of Sedgfield Veterans, students will sell refreshments & cakes at the school entrance on **Friday 10th June 1.45 - 2.45pm**. Try your luck on the Tombola & enjoy an early tea, all in a good cause!

Sedgfield Primary School Summer Fair

Saturday 18th June, 1 - 3pm

Children, Parents, Grandparents, Family, Neighbours & Friends are all invited. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of stalls, activities, games, enjoyment & laughter!

Lirica with CeddesFolk

**Saturday 18th June at 7.30pm
A concert in Ceddesfeld Hall**

The bar will be open, so you can relax with a glass and enjoy an evening filled with a real variety of musical styles.

Tickets £5 /£4 concessions, from the Post Office or call Katy, 623493 or Rob, 652709

New tennis courts

The new tennis season has now begun on our beautiful new courts at the school (pictured below left). It's a lovely way to spend time out in the sun, so why not give it a try?

Sedgfield Tennis Club has two men's teams, a ladies team, and a mixed team in the Teesside league, but you don't need to be brilliant or highly competitive to enjoy a social hit. With the new court surface laid in the autumn, the courts are excellent, so unfortunately I can no longer use them as one of my many excuses for smashing the ball out of the back of the court! Perhaps coaching is the answer. We intend to hold junior coaching sessions for our future stars on the courts again this year. Details once finalised will be on our new website:

sedgfieldtennis.co.uk Alternatively, please contact membership secretary, Chris Edson, on 620143.

Early match results have been excellent, with the mixed team having beaten Hutton Rudby 7-2, Norton 5-4 & Stokesley 8-1 in our bid to bounce straight back up into the A division.

The men's A team have beaten Yarm A 5-4 & Acklam A 6-3 as they try to improve upon last year's impressive 4th in division A. The men's B team have beaten Acklam B 6-3, David Lloyd C 7.5-1.5, but lost to Nunthorpe B 3.5-5.5. The ladies have beaten Eldon Grove A 6-3, and also David Lloyds.

Community SAFETY



Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel Shed & Garden Equipment - Security Alert!

Many people take a great deal of time and effort to secure their house and the property within whilst at the same time neglecting the valuable property in the shed or around the garden. Often the shed is unlocked or so "insecure" and run down that it would pose no problem for even the amateur thief. During the summer months our area regularly experiences an increase in thefts from garden sheds and also the garden itself.

What can you do?

1. Ensure your shed is in good condition.
2. Fit a good substantial lock to the shed door. The fitting for the lock should be bolted through the door of the shed and reinforced at the back with a steel plate. The hasp should have concealed screws or coach bolts fitted. Don't forget the hinges should be secured also with non-removable screws or coach bolts. The lock should be 2.5" in width and made of hardened steel. It should be a closed-shackle type which will reduce the risk of the lock being forced or bolt-cropped.
3. Fit any shed windows with a grill and a cover (internally to thwart prying eyes).
4. Security mark property such as lawnmowers, garden furniture, even tools.
5. Never leave items unattended, even to pop into the house. You may only be gone a few minutes, but they might be gone forever.
6. If you leave items such as cycles in your shed make sure they are security marked and secure them to the shed's structure, just as you would if you were leaving your cycle in a public place.
7. Install either a "Dusk to Dawn" or a "PIR" Security Light to illuminate your garden.
8. Install one of the many low-cost security alarms available and readily useable in a shed location.

Alarms

Sedgefield's Crime Prevention Officer has previously demonstrated (at the Neighbourhood Watch meeting) very useful alarms including a wireless PIR/ alarm unit and a unique "alarmed" pad-lock both can be purchased at reasonable cost; and of course there are numerous similar devices readily available from normal retail sources.

Just having a clearly visible deterrent in place really does help to deter the casual thief, who will try elsewhere.

Flask in the Fridge

Please remember to update your data sheet inside the flask, following any change to either your medication or to your health. It is vital that if the Emergency Services are called and refer to the information that it is accurate & up to date, it is for your benefit only.

Contact from the ambulance service suggests that they are still finding the information in the Flask is not always up to date when they are called out in an emergency.

Jottings from Sedgefield Residents' Forum

There was no meeting in May as the scheduled date fell on bank holiday. The proposed planning application for possibly up to 45 wind turbines in the Bradbury and The Isle area has hit the headlines and we are still awaiting a date for the planning meeting regarding the proposed turbines for Spring Lane/Foxton Lane. There is to be a public meeting on May 27th so we will discuss the outcome of that at the next Forum meeting in June.

The issue of the section 106 monies 'owed' to the village (now circa £53K) is being dealt with by the Local Government Ombudsman following our complaint about the Local Authority's handling of the situation. We will report as soon as we have an update from the Ombudsman.

The next Forum meeting is on June 6th in the Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall at 7pm. The Sedgefield Together Partnership has again arranged their 'Open Event' for the same time. We will endeavour to get through Forum business as quickly as possible so that anyone who wishes can then attend the 'Open Event'.

Agenda for the June meeting and minutes of the April meeting will be available in the Library one week before the meeting, everyone is welcome, come along and hear what is happening in our village and give your views.

PC Todd reports

Car crime remains a concern for Police as they are vulnerable and an easy target either during the day or at night. Recently during daylight hours two vehicles became targets when males were observed underneath the vehicles. It was later discovered that the exhaust pipe had been cut with a hacksaw and the catalytic converter on both vehicles were removed and stolen. Please be aware that this type of crime is on the increase in the county and report any suspicious activity observed around vehicles.

It has saddened me to hear that a group of youths who have been hanging around the Doctors' Surgery decided to destroy the handrail by pulling on it to dislodge the brick wall. This mindless damage has caused a lot of anger and distress to many residents. It is only a minority of youths whose shameful behaviour sends the wrong image of the youth of the village. If you know who these idiot youths are, let me know.

Until next time, Keith.

P.A.C.T.

A meeting was held recently after the Neighbourhood watch meeting. It was decided that, because of concerns over the speed of vehicles travelling along Durham Road in both directions, the beat team would target motorists who disregard the 30 mph limit. You have been warned.

Pub Watch

A meeting was held in the Hope Inn. No incidents were reported that required further action from members. Licensees were informed that fake £20 notes have started to surface around the area. Licensees also welcomed Sue Rutherford as the new manager of the Crosshill.

Phone numbers:

Local Police 0345 60 60 365

Tim Spearey: 623654 or via Chilton Control Room: 01388 721351

Police Crime Prevention Officer Keith Lownds, 01325 742714

Police Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne, 01325 742755

Annual trip to Redcar

The Senior Citizens' outing will be on Wednesday 6th July.

The bus will pick up at the Parish Hall and Thurlow Grange at 12.00. If you wish to go, please add your name to the list in the Post Office or give it to Margaret Stewart or Billy Cooper by Saturday 2nd July at the latest. The cost of the trip will be £2. Any queries, please ring Linda on 620857 or Gloria on 622447.

SBH News

Flying funds: Sedgefield Borough Homes presented the Great North Air Ambulance with a cheque for £4,310 in May, after staff and tenants dedicated the past year to fundraising for the lifesaving service. A GNAA spokesman said "We really appreciate everyone's efforts and can guarantee every penny raised will be used to help keep the helicopters flying."

Garden help for tenants

SBH has overhauled the Vulnerable Tenants' Garden Maintenance Service to change the emphasis from age to vulnerability. Tenants have been asked to reapply and they will be contacted in mid-July with a decision. This takes effect in March 2012; it will continue as normal until October this year.

Damage to Harbinson House GP Surgery

Overnight on 10th May, vandalism caused serious, significant damage to the wall and steps outside the doctors' surgery (see right). Damage was so severe that the wall alongside the disabled access ramp was in danger of collapse and had to be removed immediately to prevent accident or injury to innocent people attending the surgery. Further hazardous damage was caused to a section of steps, resulting in loose, broken and missing bricks.

We appeal to anyone who witnessed this mindless damage or who knows who was responsible, to contact local Police on 0345 60 60 365 or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



Sedgefield in bloom



New assistant gardener Roy Cairns clearing tubs ready for summer planting

Shortly after our wonderful success last year - Best Small Town, gold in Northumbria in Bloom, silver in Britain in Bloom - we heard the sad news of the sudden death of assistant gardener Norman Willis. At the same time, Head Gardener Stephen Young had a hip operation, returning from sick leave only recently. Volunteers stepped into the breach and have been busy planting, weeding and tidying. This year we have entered Northumbria in Bloom only and judges Valerie Giles, Wendie Robertson and trainee Roy Foster made their spring visit in April. When they return on July 15th for the final summer judging, they will find plenty to admire. As well as providing colourful flowerbeds, tubs and baskets in the village centre, Sedgefield in Bloom plans to

improve existing permanent beds and create new ones, continue improvements to the roundabouts and refurbish Jubilee Gardens in The Lane. Developments continue at Winterton allotments and Ceddesfeld Gardens. Pupils from Sedgefield Community College will again be involved in restoring kindly donated vintage farming equipment. On Durham Road, an original wrought iron gate from Hardwick Park will be restored, set into a framework of 17th century bricks and planted with climbers. At the entrance to Winterton Park, the Rotary Wheel will be beautifully planted up.

On Sunday July 17, Sedgefield takes part in the National Gardens Open Scheme, a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a whole range of beautiful gardens around the village. If you would like to open your garden to the public, please contact Sedgefield in Bloom at the Council offices. All gardens, large or small, are eligible, so long as they can be accessed without going through the house. Proceeds from entry fees go to national charities, and money raised from the sale of refreshments, plants, tombola tickets and Cookery Book & DVD, will be devoted to village planting.

Time constraints mean judges can't see all our beautiful gardens, so this year, we plan to create a photographic display to show Sedgefield's breadth of gardening expertise and pride. If you would like to be involved, photos of your garden, with name & contact details, should be taken or emailed to the council offices. But you don't have to get your hands dirty to show support. The Sedgefield in Bloom Cookbook will be available to buy very soon. Visitors to our popular coffee mornings have helped us raise £1200. This is the kind of community involvement which so impressed the judges last year; plus the dedication the volunteers who turn out in all weathers. Stephen Young is back in harness, joined by new assistant gardener Roy Cairns. Volunteers have a regular date at 10am on Wednesdays to plant, weed and tidy the village. If you'd like to help, just turn up, bringing your own tools and gloves.

When a hearing aid is just not enough

It can be a terrible struggle to cope with hearing loss - on the edge of conversation is one of the loneliest places on earth but Durham Deafened Support can show how there really is a "Life after deaf".

Established 14 years ago, DDS try to complement other excellent services provided by Social Services, hearing therapists etc., and have valuable experience in bringing together people who are isolated or excluded, enabling them to cope with their disability. Sudden or gradual, slight or profound, hearing loss can have a traumatic affect on the deafened person and their families. It may be the poor relation of disabilities but it really changes lives. A slight to moderate loss can make a person feel inadequate or excluded, even within the family circle.

"Dealing with Deafness" non-residential rehabilitation weeks help a deafened or hard of hearing person and their 'relevant other' to cope with changes that hearing loss has brought to their lives. Learning about Tinnitus, balance problems or clear speech from hearing therapists audiologists and people who have cochlear implants, is all part of the programme. The next Dealing with Deafness week will be at Bowburn Hall in October.

DDS also provides lip-reading training, Tinnitus counselling and information about cochlear implants and one to one and family support /training in communication and coping skills. We also have a large range of equipment such as hearing aid compatible phones, personal listeners etc:

DDS support is free for anyone living in Co Durham and we are interested in starting a support/lip-reading group in Sedgefield. You can contact us on 0191 5183358 fax; 0191 5182980 or e-mail admin@ddsupport.org.uk

SPORTS UPDATE

Send your sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com

Space is at a premium this month (like tickets for the men's 100m sprint final at the London 2012 Olympics), so my planned cycling tale and round up of the Sunday league football season will have to wait until next time. However, I must at least mention news that has just come in, that Sedgefield NetPark FC has achieved promotion for the third season in succession. Congratulations to everyone at the club – more on that and the fortunes of Sedgefield's other clubs next time.

Cricket

Last month's optimism about Sedgefield Cricket Club's prospects for the new season appear to have been well founded. The senior teams have now been kitted out in sponsored shirts thanks to Hambleton Ales, while the ongoing refurbishment of the clubhouse continues and a new electronic scoreboard is being fitted. Meanwhile, as I type this, performances on the pitch are matching up to expectations. Following a win against Guisborough, the first team extended its lead at the top of Division 1, while a 10 wicket victory at Hartlepool saw the second team move up to third in Division 2.

Squash

An already successful season for Sedgefield Squash Club got even better recently at the Durham and Cleveland Squash Association presentation night. Sedgefield swept the board, picking up a fine collection of awards. Once again, the club was named Small Club of the Year in recognition not just of individual achievements, but also of the work that has gone into developing and promoting the club, through completion of the £60,000 refurbishment programme, the junior coaching sessions, expansion of racketball, and taking squash to local schools along with the inter schools competition.

Team and Individual honours went to:

Ladies First Team:

Division 2 Champions

Anne Holmes, Divisional Player of the Year

League Cup (Handicap Competition Runners Up)

Sharon Brown: Ladies Overall Player of the Year

Men's 1st Team: Johnathan Slee, Div. Player of the Year

Men's Second Team: Division 4 Champions

The presentation night was a great end to an outstanding year for the club.

Isle of Man Squash Blitz

A delegation from Sedgefield Squash Club has attended the annual Isle of Man Squash Blitz. The tone of the weekend was very much a mix of social and squash (leaving it up to individual clubs to decide on the proportions!) with 24 teams of six players competing. Each match lasted eight minutes in which both players had to score as many points as possible, as all points scored contributed towards the team's overall score. This resulted in fast moving intense games. County players were ineligible, which again helped contribute to the social nature of the event.

Notwithstanding all of this, in one pub the landlord had enquired as to why the Sedgefield players were there. On being told that they were competing in a squash competition he looked around the table and said, "Well you must be here to make up the numbers!" This proved somewhat prophetic with Sedgefield not making the knockout stages of the competition, which was eventually won by the Vale of Lune Squash Club. However, a hugely enjoyable weekend was had by those who went and undoubtedly they will be returning next year.

Representing Sedgefield on the international stage: Chris Rowsby, Sharon O'Donnell, Colin Pearce, Mick Carr, Gordon Peden, John O'Donnell, Robert Pearce.



Junior Harriers

At the recent North East Track and Field Championships staged at Gateshead International Stadium, Sedgefield Harriers once again underlined their growing status as an athletics force with which to be reckoned.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the two day meeting for the Harriers was the U13 Girls' 800m. In one of the most competitive events of the whole meeting, Sedgefield's three girls, Rebecca Mott, Hannah Featherstone and Ellie Gaines, had to run in qualifying heats just to make the final. This they duly did to find themselves facing three Gateshead Harriers and an athlete each from Jarrow and Birtley. The final was fast and furious with all three Sedgefield Harriers being in contention off the final bend of the two laps of the track. In a tight finish that included six of the eight girls, Sedgefield's Rebecca Mott finished 4th in 2:43.7, while Ellie Gaines and Hannah Featherstone needed a photo finish to separate them as they finished 5th and 6th respectively with the same time of 2:44.7.

Rebecca Mott and Hannah Featherstone, fierce competitors on the track but best of friends off it, renewed their rivalry on the second day of the championships over the longer distance of 1500m. In scenes reminiscent of Coe and

Ovett's rivalry during the 1980 Moscow Olympics, Hannah turned the tables on her conqueror over 800m by finishing one place ahead of Rebecca in 4th place in a time of 5:27.3, less than half a second off a silver medal. Meanwhile, Rebecca's 5th place and a time of 5:30.27 was enough to see her improve her personal best for 1500m by over 20 seconds.

Medal winning performances were also forthcoming for the Harriers with Scott Kippin battling windy conditions to win silver in the U17 Men's 400m in a time of 55.3 seconds. Meanwhile, Abi Hearmon rubberstamped her continuing improvement with a strong run in the U17 women's 3000m to win a bronze medal.

In a highly tactical affair, Jonathan Baines was 7th in the U20 Men's 1500m in a time of 4:32.79 while Sam Hearmon took a step up in class and performance to finish 11th in the U17 Men's 1500m in a time of 5:16.69. George Pilkington demonstrated that he will almost certainly soon be among the medals when finishing 4th in the U15 Boys 80m Hurdles in a time of 15.31.

Senior Harriers

Sedgefield Harriers' own men's senior 'A' team pulled out all the stops to win the Neptune Relays on their own patch in Hardwick Park on Wednesday 20th April. Two promising runners, Ben Hetherington and Jonathan Baines, were plucked from the junior ranks to run the first and third legs of the four stage event, with Richard Bayles and Ian Blakemore completing the line up who won in a time of 36:22 overall, 1:12 behind the course record set by Brian Rushworth's Sunderland Harriers team in 2009. Jonathan Baines' time of 8:39 was just 17 seconds behind Brian Rushworth's best of 8:22 set in 2010 when Sunderland were second to Aycliffe. This year, Hartlepool Burn Road Harriers 'A' were second in 37:54 and Aycliffe 'A' third in 38:12.

In the women's race the Durham City Harriers quartet of Chloe Price, Aiveen Fox, Olivia Tindale and Kim Simpson defended their title, winning in 40:15 compared with 45:52 in 2010. Chloe Price ran a women's best of 9:54 on the first leg, 18 seconds better than her run in 2010. Elvet Striders women were second in 47:17 and Aycliffe women clocked 48:10 in third. Sedgefield Black Lion FC (Stephen Collins, Philip Tonks, Matthew Jacobs and Richard Bland) were first non-club team in 38:23 which gave them an excellent 4th position overall. A record forty-two teams took part. A special mention to 'Team Wednesday' - four women - Joanne Birbeck from Sedgefield, Sharon Stapleton from Darlington, Sharon Roberts from Darlington and Tracey Brown from Yarm. Team Wednesday only took up running in the past year, encouraged by Sedgefield Harriers' beginners running group, and who ran a time of 61:58 and completed their own victory by not coming last! Next year's event is on Wednesday 26th April.

That's all for this month. As ever, send any sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com.

Brilliant volunteer weekend

Over 45 people lent a hand over the CricketForce Volunteer weekend (aided by superb weather and a free drink!). The list of tasks was long, but our able & willing volunteers ticked off many extra jobs, resulting in the Club looking better than ever. Sedgefield Cricket Club sends a huge thank you to everyone who turned up to help make the first ever CricketForce event a memorable day, which we now hope will be held annually. Why not come down and see how great the club is looking, enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon and most importantly, watch some cricket? The club house is open year round on Wednesday & Friday evenings and Saturday & Sunday afternoons, plus any other time a game is on during the summer. All the latest news, fixtures and events can be found at www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefieldcricketclub. THANK YOU!

Volunteers turn out in force for Sedgefield Cricket Club



June Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

Sedgefield in Bloom

Tuesday 31st May

Woodland Bingo - A treasure hunt with a difference! Bring the children & enjoy afternoon cream tea.
1-3 pm in Ceddesfeld Gardens

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 1st June

7.15pm, Parish Hall
"Estee Lauder - Make-up for us"
Christine Dunn. Members' competition: a pretty make-up bag
Visitors welcome; fee £2.50

Bingo @ Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 4th June

Eddies@4

Sunday 5th June

Informal service for 2-6 year olds
4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's
Bible story, songs, refreshments
Contact J Rowsby, 621125

Residents' Forum

Monday 6th June

7pm, Fletcher Room

Health in Sedgefield

Monday 6th June

7pm, Parish Hall
Open Meeting, with opportunity to speak to local health providers

Local History Society

Monday 6th June

Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm
Robin Daniels

"Medieval Towns of Tees Valley"

Methodist Wives & Friends

Monday 6th June

Summer Night Out

Monday 20th June

AGM & Supper

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Tuesday 7th June

Visit to Lanchester Garden Centre for hanging basket demonstration
Leaving Ceddesfeld Hall at 6.15pm
Ring Sylvia on 622362 for details

Sedgefield Show

Thursday 9th June

Meet in Nag's Head at 8pm

Country Market

Friday 10th June, Parish Hall

Farmers' Market

Sunday 12th June

NECP Concertina Workshop

Sundays 12th & 19th June

Ceddesfeld Hall at 1pm: all levels welcome. Contact 01642 588197

Ladies' Club

Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm

Tuesday 14th June

Old Sedgefield: Derrick Lofthouse

Tuesday 28th June;

Evening Out

FourPlay

Thurs - Sat, 16th - 18th June

Parish Hall, 7.30pm

2 plays with 4 characters in each
SPYS: The Last Act: a hard hitting social drama by Thomas Guest
Sedgefield Players: Wish you weren't here: light-hearted comedy by Sue Wilding
Tickets £6 / £5 concs from Tickety Boo, STC offices or 620091/621771

Ukulele Workshop

Friday 24th June

Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm

All levels welcome. Call 621729

Lirica with CeddesFolk

Saturday 18th June

Ceddesfeld Hall, 7pm. Details p 3

Mordonfest 2011

Family music festival on

Saturday 18th June

from 1pm-10pm inclusive.

Full details & tickets, Sedgefield PO

Hardwick Park in June

Sun 19th: Dad's Den Building

10am-12noon or 1-3pm

Please call 621505 for more details

S'field Family History Group

(branch of Cleveland FHS)

Monday 20th June

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm

Snooping on Snaps: Julian Harrop
Visitors always welcome

Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

District Flower Club

Parish Hall, 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st June

Northumberland & Durham
Demonstrator, Gill Bainbridge
"Fine Dining". All welcome

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 23rd June

Hedleyhope Fell

Meet 6.30pm at Parish Hall Car Park to share lifts. Call 620559 for details / sashton@teeswildlife.org

Cream Teas & Jazz

Saturday 25th June 2-4pm

The Alex Ord Trio

A great afternoon's entertainment in St. Edmunds' Church
£7 pp - pay at the door

Sedgefield Community

Hospital Garden Party

Saturday 25th June

2pm in the Hospital Garden

The New Yorkers

Sedgefield Methodist Church

Saturday 25th June

Tickets £5, including refreshments

Contact 622979 / 621093 /

621196 / 621310

Sedgefield Library Events

Monday 6th & 20th June

Tickle Time: 2.15-3pm

Wednesday 8th & 22nd June

Rhyme Time: 10-11am

Wednesday 15th June

Book Circle: 2pm

Winterton Wayfarers

Walking Group - Weekly Sunday

walks, between 5 & 10 miles.

Contact 620034 or 620434

Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church. Ofsted inspected

Mon - Thurs 9:15 - 11:45

Spaces for children 2+ years

Contact 621071 or 620572

Sing for Health

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

at 1pm in the Methodist Hall

Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays 7.15pm

Nag's Head: new members welcome, call 629070 or 620562

Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable events. New members welcome

Contact Rob on 629079

www.sedgefieldroundtable.org.uk

Ceddesfeld Art Group

Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon

on Thursdays in Ceddesfeld Hall

Call in or contact Malcolm Scott on 622871

Ready Steady Grow

Sedgefield Methodist Church

Fridays 9.30-10.30am, for parents, carers & children. Bible stories, songs, etc. Call 621618 or 621071

Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & latest Fishburn gossip! Fridays 9.30am - 12noon
Tea, coffee, toast & conversation

Cupcake Café

Sedgefield Community College
10am-12 noon, term-time Fridays.
Tea, coffee, homemade cakes & biscuits. All profits to charity

Extra Diary Dates

Lyric Singers & Youth Choir

Summer Concert

at 7.30pm on

Friday 8th & Saturday 9th July

Tickets are £5/£4, concessions,
from Tickety Boo or call
Audrey Lofthouse on 620625

Ferryhill Stage Society

Advance notice: The popular musical
'Viva Mexico' will be performed at
Mainsforth & District Community
Association Hall at 7:15pm on

Wed 5th - Sat 8th October

Tickets - £8 or £5, concessions, will
be available from Tickety-Boo

'Twins' hit the heights

Members of Sedgfield Twinning Association are just recovering from a very busy but brilliant week with 17 members of our twin town of Hamminkeln in the lower Rhine area of Germany. What a week we had! We welcomed old friends and made many new ones, and we even got to know each other, and the area we live in, better in the process! Our visits have ranged from the local (Netpark) to the more distant (Hadrian's Wall) and some of us even climbed up the Transporter Bridge (see right). A more detailed account of our week will follow next month. *Judith Edgoose*

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Mediaeval Fayre 2011

Once again the Mediaeval Fayre brought crowds to Sedgfield for a great day out. No rain, some sun and an estimated profit of **£5800** towards SCA funds.

Full report next month.

Editor's Note:

Real letters are becoming scarce in our inbox and I wonder if Sedgfield is losing its taste for sounding off. Surely not! We don't have much trouble filling the News these days, but some readers do miss the fun of shouting at the back page!

Mini Rant of the Month!

HELEN - put your mobile phone down for 1 minute and put my microwave meal in PLEASE! Darren Fox

Mini Rants should be no longer than 140 characters.

Your name will be printed and we reserve the right to decide not to publish!



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