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Sedgefield NEWS

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June 2013



Just follow the bunting to the Coronation Exhibition on Saturday 1st June!
See centre pages for all your June events

Below: Corporal Jonathan Thompson
has been fund-raising for heroes.
See more in Your Letters on page 10

Below: St. Edmund's FC celebrate
winning the Heart Foundation Cup 2013.
Report on p.12.

Don't get lost!

We've made a few changes. June events are in the centre this month, so you can pull-out & keep them. Your Letters & Sedgefield in Bloom are on p.10 and Sedgefield Show News is on p.11. Sport is now on the back page with more on p.11.

In Brief...

Sedgefield Folk Festival

Ticket sales go live on June 1st.
See page 3 for programme details and how to book.

Sedgefield Village Veterans

We would like to offer condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Drummer Lee Rigby, aged 25, of the 2nd battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, based at Catterick.

Also, thanks to all who joined us on the green on Tuesday 28th May for our Service of Commemoration.

David Hillerby, Secretary.



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Left to Right; Euan Carter, Anna Chaytor, Manager, Michael Watkiss, Caitlin Wilkinson and Rebecca Stuart

Sainsbury's opening

If you were there on opening day you may have received a limited edition Bag for Life designed here in Sedgefield. But you had to be an earlybird! With 3000 people coming through the doors on the first day, by 5pm all 2000 bags had been given away.

Design competition winners were, from the Community College, Euan Carter and from Hardwick School, Rebecca Stuart. Each received a £100 gift voucher and will be given a framed edition as a keepsake. Runners up, pictured here cutting the ribbon early on opening day, were Anna Chaytor from the Community College and Caitlin Wilkinson from Hardwick School. They each received a £50 voucher.

Little green snippets: the store is heated by a Biomass Boiler and the water for the car wash is rain-water, harvested from the roof.

Yet again it's OFSTED success for Sedgefield

Sedgefield Primary School had a very successful Ofsted Inspection just before Easter, when it was rated as a **Good school**, where children make 'good and sometimes outstanding progress to reach well above average standards', ensuring that 'by the time they leave the school, they are confident, articulate young people, well prepared for the next stage in their education'.

The inspectors were impressed by the children's **exemplary behaviour**, as well as their pride in their school. Inspectors found 'Pupils are caring, exceptionally courteous and treat others, whether friends or adults, as they themselves would wish to be treated. Parents are overwhelmingly positive about the quality of care their children receive so that they are happy, safe and free from bullying. This allows pupils to focus fully on their learning, make at least good progress and develop exemplary attitudes to all that they experience at school.'

The inspectors noted the positive impact of the recent improvements to the school environment and were particularly complimentary about the achievements made in writing, as this has been an area of focus for the last two years and the school has been very successful in raising standards.

The final report is word-limited, so not all elements discussed with the inspectors were included in the final report. These include comments such as the children having a 'determination to succeed'; and the school having a 'strong focus on developing independent learning'.

They felt the school has a 'strong sense of community' and a particularly 'family feel' and 'caring ethos'.

Headteacher Andrea Cox has always said that the children are the best thing about the school... "The inspectors agreed! They really enjoyed spending time with our fabulous children. I am delighted that the hard work of our staff team was recognised and that much of the teaching was rated as outstanding. The inspectors also commented upon the excellent support provided by our Governors. Our children deserve the best and we have worked very hard in the last few years to ensure that they all learn, achieve and have fun at our school and we will continue to do so."



EDF Energy

You are invited to

**Hartlepool Power Station
Local Community Liaison
Council & Open Forum**

on Tuesday 4th June

**Local Community Liaison
Council meeting at 10 am**

Open Forum event at 1.00 pm

**To be held at Hartlepool College
of Further Education,
Stockton Street, Hartlepool,
TS24 7NT**

**Contact: Visitor Centre
Coordinators on**

01429 853582

01429 853583

From the Editor

There's change in the air so I thought this may be a good moment to say a few words about all things 'Snewsy'. Firstly, I can hardly believe that all this can now be seen very easily from anywhere in the world with an internet connection. I'm not expecting us to be read avidly in Beijing or Mexico City, but I think it is possible that anyone with a connection to Sedgefield might check in now and again to SedgefieldWeb (it comes near the top of any Google search which includes the word 'Sedgefield').

Sedgefield News has been distributed free every month for 11 years and as well as its original targets, Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon, it is gradually increasing its presence in Fishburn. It's also popular on NetPARK and from this month it will be available to read in Sainsbury's café. Businesses in the area have benefited from the News; we all seem to like using local firms and they do a good job for us - there's no escape from censure if they don't!

Sadly, we don't always have space to feature every group's news, although I hope the Diary page helps, but please remember, if you get in touch with the website - sedgefieldweb@hotmail.co.uk - you can put an entry on the Local Information page giving your contact details. We can add last minute events to the website too.

I hope you find something of interest in these pages, but if not, maybe you would like to send something to enliven the July edition!

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8th Sedgefield Folk Festival: 6th - 8th September

Tickets are now on sale for the 8th annual folk festival, held during the first weekend in September. They are available from the Council Office and Festival Office (48 Station Road, 621347) for concerts in the Parish Hall and Ceddesfeld Hall.

The excellent line-up on Friday evening in the Parish Hall has a distinctly Irish flavour in the form of the Mighty Doonan Band and the wonderful Irish dancers. Flossie and the John Wrightson Band are the other guests.

Another concert takes place the same evening at Ceddesfeld Hall with the Stockton-Darlington Ukulele Express, Maxine & Lol Crallan and Ceddesfolk.

On Saturday morning the usual free workshops take place at Ceddesfeld Hall, while on Saturday afternoon a concert at the Parish Hall features Andy & Jamie McLaughlin and Dan Hands, John Fyffe, the Tea Cups and main guest Edwina Hayes. The annual Song Writing competition & World Spoons Championship with the one and only Bertie Draycott, both take place in Ceddesfeld on Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday evening in the Parish Hall there's a wonderful line-up with the Jay Walkers, the Young 'Uns and the Wild Cats of Kilkenny and the festival ends on Sunday with a singaround at Ceddesfeld Hall & complementary buffet.

Weekend tickets are £34 for the three main concerts at the Parish Hall or £15 for individual evening concerts & £7 for the afternoon concert.

Tickets are £5 for the concert in Ceddesfeld Hall.

Details of the full programme can be found on the Festival's website

www.sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk



Sent in by Tom Stubbs, we think this photograph shows a meeting of the Women's Institute, in the Parish Hall some time ago. Can you name the year and all the ladies? Send information to norma@neal.myzen.co.uk or post to The Editor (address p.7)

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Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel

Notes from Meeting held on 16th April 2013



When discussing the major reduction in actual crime and anti-social behaviour, Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne pointed out that these reductions would not have been achieved without the input and support provided to the Police by members of groups like Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch along with those members of the public who also took the time and made the effort to contact the Police. He asked members in Sedgefield to keep up their efforts.

The **Local Crime Report** from PC Keith Todd served to confirm Neil's report of lower crime. From 13/02/2013 - 16/04/2013, 129 calls were made to Police, 5 of ASB, 52 traffic related and 9 actual Crimes (7 thefts, 1 Burglary & 1 Criminal Damage/fire). Significantly lower than last year!

A member of the public reported to Keith Todd that he had been almost knocked down 3 times recently due to speeding/dangerous drivers on Durham road and provided Keith with details.

Generally everyone felt that there is *still* an on-going problem with speeding and inconsiderate drivers in Sedgefield, with Durham Road being highlighted more than other areas.

Members felt that more traffic problems will occur once Sainsbury opens (in Salters Lane) everyone was concerned and Keith acknowledged the problem potential. Following on from the Sainsbury opening discussion, Alan Greener's petition for road crossings for Winterton Estate residents was explained (crossing of the B1278 and also across Salters Lane itself) and discussed. The proposal was given support by persons present at the meeting.

Other traffic / vehicle matters raised were:

Unsafe Parking: Specifically Spring Lane & Stockton Road nr Golden Lion.

HGV Traffic: Now being allowed access down Spring Lane.

Nuisance Parking: A Turners commercial vehicle regularly parks in a residential area close to houses (Belsay/Matfen Court area). Keith agreed to contact Turners with a view to obtaining better consideration for residents from them/their driver.

Post Meeting, Chairman Ken Saiger, on behalf of N/H/Watch extended his sincere thanks to Mayor John Robinson for the much appreciated donation he has made from his charitable funds; the money will enable the group to continue to hire a room for our meetings.

Next meeting is on 11th June 2013 in the Fletcher Room

Ron Hogg slams 'privatising services' speech

Durham's Police and Crime Commissioner has spoken out against comments made by recently appointed Chief Inspector of Constabulary, Tom Winsor, who called for greater collaboration in policing as well as improvements in technology and more extensive use of private sector organisations to deliver services. Mr Hogg believes Mr Winsor's insistence on the need for forces to privatise services in order to save money is misguided and that "Partnership work provides the synergy to tackle the causes of crime and anti-social behaviour across a broad front and making best use of resources."

"Like collaboration, it is something we have done for many years and we will continue to exploit new avenues. Policing is not just about crime prevention as Mr Winsor suggests. Detecting crime and dealing with the aftermath is equally important and we continue to put victims at the forefront of the services we deliver. Even though crime is continuing to fall, I am determined that the force will maintain and improve its performance in ensuring that County Durham and Darlington remain among the safest places to live and work."

Residents' Forum Jottings from May 2013

The May monthly meeting was deferred a week because of the bank holiday to May 13th. As this was the first meeting of the newly elected Councillors following the Town and County elections on May 2nd and several residents attending the Forum were very keen to attend the Council meeting, the Forum meeting was abandoned so that we could all be present at the first Town Council meeting and show support for the newly elected Councillors.

Our community had one of the highest turnouts in the County for the elections and residents clearly voted for change by electing all the independent candidates who stood. These new Councillors have made a commitment to listen to the communities wishes and act in their best interests, so the 'ball is now in the court' of the community; we must let the Town Council know what we want to see happen.

In the summer there will be further consultation on proposed housing developments in the village. We continually hear people saying Sedgefield cannot accommodate the number of new homes proposed but it needs residents to attend consultation events and let their views be known – so watch out for consultation events being held and try to get along. The proposed developments will affect everyone in the village who uses schools, doctors, parking etc.

The Forum has asked to meet the new Town Council at their convenience so that we can have joint discussion on how best to operate the Forum for the benefit of all and the Forum looks forward to a positive working partnership with the Council for the benefit of all residents.

The next Forum meeting is scheduled for July 1st, 7pm, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome and all views and opinions are heard. Remember you can get email updates by giving your email address to jane@sedgefield.net

PC Todd

A recent court case has resulted in a male receiving a 2 year ban from the Black lion pub. The pub watch has agreed to ban this male for 3 months from all member premises. Violent behaviour has no place in our community especially in the pub/club environment where residents should be free to socialize in a friendly and safe place. Members will not tolerate this or any other anti social behaviour in their premises and will take action against offenders.

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in the Hardwick arms. Minor incidents were reported in the Black lion and Hope inn where CCTV is being reviewed to identify offenders. A recent court case has resulted in a male receiving a 2 year ban from the Black lion pub. The pub watch has agreed to ban this male for 3 months from all member premises. Violent behaviour has no place in our community especially in the pub/club environment where residents should be free to socialize in a friendly and safe place. Violent behaviour has no place in our community especially in the pub/club environment where residents should be free to socialize in a friendly and safe place.

P.A.C.T.

Durham road remains a concern for residents with vehicles speeding and inconsiderate motorists cutting up other vehicles to gain an advantage going through the chicanes. These problems will only increase along with the volume of traffic attending the new supermarket.

The Neighbourhood policing team will continue to target this area as a pact priority this month. Offenders have received warning letters, so please be considerate when driving in this area. *Until next time, Keith*

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Mark Pheasant, 01325 742714
Community Liaison Officer,
Neil Langthorne, 01325 742755**

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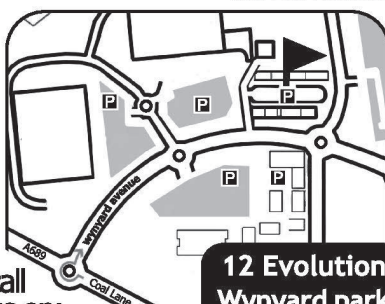
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June Events Diary

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Sedgefield Social Club

Members & their guests welcome

Saturday 1st June: Ben Dillon

Saturday 8th June: Ray Denton

Saturday 15th June: Will Marx

Saturday 22nd June: John Conlon

Cover charge £1.50 pp

Country Night Monday 17th June

with Wilf Tacano.

All welcome. Cover charge £3 pp.

Concert Room available for functions.

Tel: 01740 620591 for bookings.

Farmers' Market

Sunday 2nd June

from 9.30am on the Village Green

New Generation Church

at Sedgefield Community College

Sundays 2nd, 9th & 16th at 11am

and at Sedgefield Parish Hall

Sundays 23rd & 30th at 11am

plus Friday 7th June

'SISTERS' - an event for the Ladies

7.30pm at the Parish Hall

Eddies@4

Sunday 2nd June

4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's.

Informal service for 2-6 yr olds.

Contact J Rowsby, 621125

Local History Society

Monday 3rd June

7.45pm Cedesfeld Hall.

John Moreels

Nostalgic Views of the North (talk 2)

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Tuesday 4th June

7.30pm in Cedesfeld Hall

Howard Leslie on 'Herbaceous Plants'

All welcome

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 5th June

Parish Hall, 7.15pm.

"Northern Echoes" by Mike Amos

Members' Competition;

an item made from newspaper

Visitors always welcome (fee £2.50)

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

Friday 7th June 10am-12noon

Usual activities - hope to see you

Sedgefield and District U3A

Friday 7th June

2pm in the Parish Hall

"The European Parliament - Does it represent the people?"

Stephen Hughes, MEP

Members Free, Visitors £2.

A warm and friendly welcome to all.

For information, call Brenda on 629574

NECP Concertina Workshop

Sundays 9th & 23rd June at 1pm

Cedesfeld Hall. Contact 01642 588197

Sedgefield Show

Thursday 13th June

8pm in the Nag's Head

Everyone welcome

Country Market

Friday 14th June

9.30 - 11am. Parish Hall.

Coffee, cakes, cards, gifts, plants

Neighbourhood Watch

Panel Meeting

Tuesday 11th June

Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Sedgefield Veterans

Thursday 13th June

Cedesfeld Hall 7pm

Bi-monthly Meeting

Family History Group

(branch of CFHS) **Monday 17th June**

7.45pm Cedesfeld Hall

Forensic Art and the influence

of "Criminal Investigation on my Art Practice" by Bruce Burn

Visitors always welcome. For details

visit www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.org

or call 620367

Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

District Flower Club

Tuesday 18th June

7.30pm in Parish Hall

N'land & Durham Demonstrator

Karl Brunton on "Surprises"

All welcome

Sedgefield Players

'Ladies Down Under'

Comedy by Amanda Whittington

Parish Hall at 7.30pm on

Wed to Friday 19th -21st June

Please note change to dates

Tickets £6, concessions £5 from

Tickety Boo or call 621771

www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk

Sports Quiz with Chris & Ryan

Thursday 20th June

9pm at the Golden Lion

Raising money for the British Heart

Foundation via a Coast2Coast cycle ride

Macmillan Cancer Support

Friday 21st June 9.30 - 11.30am

Coffee, Tea and delicious scones ...

Meet up with friends in the Parish Hall

Looking ahead to July

Residents' Forum

Monday 1st July 7pm

Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

All Welcome

Regular meetings

Bridge Club

Meets every Sunday & Tuesday at 7.30pm in Cedesfeld Hall. Beginners welcome. For more information call Jen - 01740 620434

Winterton Wayfarers

Walking Group - Weekly Sunday walks, from 5 - 10 miles. Contact 620034 or 620434

Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church, Mon-Thurs 9:15-11:45.

Spaces for children 2+ years Contact 620923

Fishburn Art Group

Youth & Community Centre, Butterwick Rd

9.30am - 12 noon, Mondays

Community College Bowls

Meets Mondays, 6 - 8pm. Carpet Bowls or

Short Mat. Individual coaching available. No age limit. Contact, J. Kinghorn, 623198

Sedgefield Carpet Bowls

Meets every Tuesday & Thursday mornings 8.30 - 12.00 in Cedesfeld Hall. Tea, coffee, conversation & healthy exercise. Beginners welcome. For more info call Sheila on 622532

Sedgefield Pop In Club

for the elderly & disabled at Cedesfeld Hall

Join us for Tea or Coffee and biscuits on

Tues 9.30-12; Wed 10-12.30, Thurs 1- 3.30

Craft Club

Swinhoe Room, Cedesfeld Hall

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7.30 - 10pm

New crafters always welcome

CAB Advice Sessions

Sedgefield Advice & Information Centre

Fortnightly Wednesdays 10am-1pm

(alternating with Trimdon)

Also Fishburn Sure Start Centre

Fortnightly Fridays 10am-1pm

Next session 7th June

Sing for Health

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1pm

in the Methodist Church Hall

Sedgefield Handbell Ringers

Wednesdays 7.45pm Cedesfeld Hall

(First week of month - Monday)

Beginners welcome, contact 621292

Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays 7.15pm, Nag's Head

New members welcome.

Call 629070 or 620562

Round Table

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welcome. Contact Rob on 629079

Cedesfeld Hall Art Group

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9.30am-12noon: Tea/coffee/ toast & chat

Ready Steady Grow

for Parents, Carers & Children. Sedgefield

Methodist Church, term time Fridays, 9.30-

10.30am. Call Margaret Glass; 621618

Lyrics Choirs

Fridays in Cedesfeld Hall:

SLYC 8-18yrs 6pm: Adults 7.30pm

New members welcome.



A few of your entertainers for June: Lirica, Mike Tickell, Windy Gyle Band & Dani Wilde

Sedgefield Weekend Coronation Exhibition

Saturday 1st June 10.30am - 4pm
Celebrating 60 years since the Queen's coronation, with photographs, posters, news reports, memories & memorabilia, plus evocative music from the period and a chance to record your own memories of that special day.
We'll be upstairs in Ceddesfeld Hall - just follow the bunting! *Admission free*

Cabaret Evening with Lirica

Saturday 1st June. Parish Hall
Doors open 7pm. Bring refreshments.
Tickets £5 / £4 concessions
from Post Office or call 623493.
Entry at the door also possible.

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Saturday & Sunday 1st & 2nd June
10am - 4pm each day with Craft Stalls
on the Green and Crimean War
Re-enactment in the Hope Inn Garden

Evensong at Durham Cathedral

Sunday 2nd June at 3.30 pm

The 60th anniversary of the Coronation marked by a special service with words & music from the original Coronation held in Westminster Abbey in 1953.
Everyone is welcome.

Festival of the North East Community Music Session

Friday 7th June from 8pm

at The Golden Lion with Mike Tickell & Windy Gyle Band. Bring an instrument, voice or just inquisitive ears!
You'll have a great night!

Classic & Vintage Cars

at Hardwick Country Park

Tuesday 18th June, 5.30 - 9pm

Butterfield Hospice stage their very popular annual rally and invite exhibitors and enthusiasts to attend. Exhibitors must register their vehicle by completing the registration form, available now from the Butterfield Hospice at Bishop Auckland.

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Events at Hardwick Park

Saturday 8th June

Art Walk 10am -12pm (drop in) Bring sketch pad, pens, pencils, rug or seat.

Wednesday 12th June

The History of Hardwick Park with Photo Opportunities 2pm-4pm (drop in)
£4 per person, under 5s free.

Sunday 16th June

Dad's Den Building 10am -11.30am or 1pm-2.30pm £5 per child, adults free.

Wednesday 19th June

Toddler Tales & Trails: Billy Goats Gruff 10am -11.30am or 1-2.30pm.
£3 per child, adults free.

Sunday 23rd June

Pond Dipping
1pm-3pm (drop in) £2 per child.

Sunday 30th June

Bushcraft Skills & Woodland Crafts
1pm-3pm £5 per child, adults free.

Midsummer Music with Sedgefield Lyrics & SLYC

Our concerts this summer include special requests and songs from the shows! So join us at 7.30pm on

Friday & Saturday 28th & 29th June at Sedgefield Parish Hall

Tickets are £5 (under 16, £4) from Tickety Boo, Audrey Lofthouse on 620625, or any choir member.

We look forward to seeing you!
For more about the Lyric Singers, please contact Joan Green on 01325 317039 or email joan.green6@tiscali.co.uk.

21st Ceddesfeld Summer Beer Festival

We first held a Beer Festival in July '93 as part of celebrations for the 200th anniversary of Ceddesfeld Hall.

If you missed the previous 20, why not join us this year and enjoy good beer, good company and good fun?

The bar will be open on

Friday 28th June from 7-11 pm & Saturday June 29th from 6 - 11 pm
With 14 real ales on offer you have a great variety of beers to choose from.

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Sedgefield in Bloom

The development of Wykes Close wildflower garden received a major boost in April when Betty Amlin planted a maple tree in memory of Canadian airmen lost in a wartime crash in Sedgefield. The sterling efforts of Betty and her late husband Jimmy led to the creation in 1994 of a lasting memorial to Jim's fellow Canadians alongside the cenotaph in front of St Edmund's church.

The Amlins lived close to the Wykes Close garden for many years, their house unmistakable with its red maple leaf. The Sedgefield in Bloom team, in collaboration with living housing providers, who own the land, have been working hard to transform a plain grassed area into a wildflower meadow. Overgrown ivy has been stripped from the old rectory wall, where perennial and annual plants now give a splash of colour. The large area of currently bare soil has been treated and prepared for the planting of wildflower plugs, carefully selected to suit the different conditions, very boggy at one end, much drier at the other.

Last year's weather coupled with major roadworks along Rectory Row hampered efforts in Wykes Close, but we're hopeful that the wildflower garden will soon be blooming beautifully. Keep up-to-date with our projects online at **www.sedgefieldinbloom.com**.

Your Letters

Sedgefield In Bloom

We would like to thank the volunteers for the excellent work they recently did in removing the jungle of ivy from the churchyard wall adjacent to the Sedgefield Social Club on Rectory Row. It took them several days of hard work but the end result is a clean wall and a beautifully planted border, to which a photograph cannot do justice. Thanks again for your hard work, it is much appreciated. *Sedgefield Social Club*

Thank you Sedgefield & Fishburn

I would like to thank all who supported my campaign in the recent County Council elections. Although unsuccessful, I was delighted to receive nearly 500 votes. Next time maybe? *Thanks again, Jimmy Seymour*

In memory of a Hero

Our son Corporal Jonathan Thompson, along with his friends from the RAF Military Police, have just completed a 100 mile walk over two days in memory of one of their friends, Brent McCarthy, who was killed on May 12th 2012 whilst serving in Afghanistan.

The walk took them a gruelling 27 hours but has been worth it as they have managed to raise over £2,000 for the Lt. Dougie Dalzell memorial trust, a charity that helped his family through their terrible loss. You can see all the details on **www.justgiving.com/100Miles-2Days**

Well done lads we are very proud of you. *Mick and Gill Thompson.*

(Corporal Thompson is pictured on the front page)

Sports Update - continued from back page

Athletics

Senior members of Sedgefield Harriers are busier than ever, with the club vest being seen at events throughout the North East, around the country and even abroad. The summer road race season is very busy, with a host of 10k, half marathon and marathon races scheduled. Thanks to regular coaching and competition, many club runners are improving all the time. One man with an insatiable appetite for racing is Paul Weir - already a keen runner but only joined the Harriers at the start of the year. He's now one of the most active Harriers and fellow runners are hugely impressed with his commitment to the club and his ability to set new personal bests at 5k & 10k almost weekly!

May 1st saw Sedgefield Harriers host the Annual **Neptune Relays** in Hardwick Park (*there's a marvellous photo of the starting line-up on sedgefieldweb.co.uk*). The event has grown over the years, but 2013 was a landmark, as 101 teams of four entered the senior relay race, around 40 more than ever before. Ahead of the senior event, 50 mini and junior Harriers ran in a one mile handicap race, again more than in previous years. The main event attracted a high class field, including at least three athletes who have represented Great Britain and, from Morpeth, members of the team that won this year's National Cross Country championship. The Morpeth 'A' team won the men's race, the women's being won by Durham City Harriers. Both teams won trophies and 'old school' prizes of fruit baskets! The Neptune Relays event has clearly established itself on the North East athletic club calendar, but its success was only possibly thanks to the commitment of a large group of volunteers from Sedgefield Harriers and the wider community, and of course the team at Hardwick Park.

One of the fundamental aims of Sedgefield Harriers is to encourage participation, and recently, Louise McAlpine created a new **Early Morning Running Group** within the club. Setting out as early as 6am, Harriers such as Louise, Joanne Ormston and Clair Budd have found a group run to be a great sociable way to start the day. Newish club members Paula Quinn, Laura Smillie and Jacqui Wearmouth are enjoying the support of fellow runners in other club sessions.

It's also time for anyone who has secured a place in the **Great North Run** to start contemplating their preparation. Many Harriers take part, so if you are looking for people to train with, it's worth thinking about joining the club. To find out more about the various coaching sessions and running groups, visit the club website.

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

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160th Sedgefield Show One generation to another

The 160th Sedgefield Show, organised by Sedgefield & District Agricultural & Horticultural Society, takes place on **Saturday 10th August.**

Pictured launching the 2013 Schedule are life members Ann & Norman Oliver with a group of Sedgefield Young Farmers. Norman said "The Committee have worked hard to produce competitive classes for all ages to enter".

New attractions are also planned this year to give the show a "new look feel" but still in keeping with the old traditions of a village agricultural show.

Schedules are now available at outlets around the village or contact the General Secretary, Joanne Martin on 01740 629716 or download it from www.sedgefieldshow.co.uk.

For up-to-date information, follow us on twitter @SedgefieldShow or like us on Facebook.

The closing date for entries
is Friday 26th July.



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Sports UPDATE

with Sports Editor, **Chris LINES**

Long, balmy afternoons, with the sun bathing the cricket pitch, tennis courts and other outdoor sporting venues in a cheerful, warm glow. Yes, that's what we should be contemplating at the moment, but as the hail batters my window, summer still feels like it's some way off. So, it's fitting that this month, I have some more end of season round ups from the traditional winter sports. The reports contain some really good news, so hopefully they will warm you up, even if the weather doesn't. I'm sure the better weather will emerge at some point (hope springs eternal), but for now...

Football

After a tricky start to their season, St. Edmund's finished it off in style, claiming 5th position in the Durham District League Premier Division, while Adam Strong picked up the leading goalscorer award. Better still, the club won a trophy, the Heart Foundation Cup. St. Edmund's faced Newton Aycliffe WMC in the final and started the game well, with an early John Maddison goal from a free kick. The team was looking comfortable, especially when the opposition had a man sent off early in the second half, but were then reduced to nine men following two second yellow cards for players. However, a man of the match performance by Brian Fairhurst in defence, ably assisted by Martin Bowes, saw St. Edmund's home. Congratulations to everyone involved in the club. Meanwhile, Sedgefield NETPark FC retained their place in the first division of the Durham District League. Unfortunately, Sedgefield Social Club FC had a less successful season and were relegated from the second division.

Junior football

Sedgefield Youth U12s have just completed their first season after been formed in August last year. They had a fantastic season, losing only one league game and narrowly missing out on the league to Marton – that still meant a fantastic second place finish, with promotion secured.

The youngsters and management are really looking forward to next season as an U13s team. Games take place on Sunday mornings, with home fixtures played at Sedgefield Community College, so when the next season starts, do go along and support grassroots football.

Sedgefield Youth F.C. is currently looking for players for a new U9s team to play in TJFA Sunday League. To qualify, a player must be at least seven years old and under nine on 31st August 2013. Training will be on Friday nights, from 5:30-6:30pm. For more details, please contact David Ryder on 07515 020766, or visit www.sedgefield-youth-fc.co.uk.

Squash

Sedgefield Squash Club's season ended in the traditional manner, with the club closed competitions, followed by a presentation night at Ceddesfeld Hall.

Competitions were keenly contested, and even the semi-finals attracted a packed balcony. This year, mother and son double act, Jean and Chris Gillespie won the Ladies' Plate and the Club Closed between them! Chris, who is new to Sedgefield this season, but one of the top players in the county, put on a squash masterclass, beating last year's champion Robert Pearce in their semi-final, before beating seven times champion Jonathan Slee in the final.

The full awards roll of honour read as follows:

Class followed by Winner & Runner-Up

Under 11s; Ben Toas; Jack Stephenson

Under 13s plate; David Worthington; Chloe Hill

Under 13s; Flynn Robinson; Rory Fletcher

Under 15s plate; Adam Foakes; Mitchell Emery

Under 15s; Oliver Walls; George Peden

Girls plate; Chloe Hill; Jessica Weatherspoon

Girls; Ruth Smart; Gemma Hill

Junior handicap; Daniel Toas; Joe Cant

Junior plate; Josh Hetherington; Mitchell Emery

Juniors; Robert Pearce; Oliver Walls

Handicap; Daniel Toas; Peter Redshaw

Over 40s; Mark Simpson; Mal Bell

Over 50s; John O'Donnell; Jeff Sinclair

Over 60s; Don MacLennan; Peter Millington

Ladies plate; Anne Holmes; Amanda Hetherington

Ladies; Jean Gillespie; Linda Cummings

Club plate; Richie Slee; Chris Rowsby

Club closed; Chris Gillespie; Jonathan Slee

Pictured receiving trophies

are Ladies Closed & Club Closed Champions, Jean & Chris Gillespie.

The presentation night, hosted as ever, by MC Rowsby & DJ Peden continues to get grander and glitzier every year!

As well as club competition prizes, the following awards were presented:

John Rowntree Trophy; Stephen Rowsby.

Ladies' Player of the Year; Anne Holmes. **Men's Player of the Year;** Oliver Walls.

Club Member of the Year; Stephen Rowsby. **Junior Player of the Year;** Oliver Walls. **Junior Member of the Year;** Calum Dunlop.

And on a lighter note, this year's **DAFTA award winners** were: "Putting their foot in it award" - Club Chairman Mick Carr, for his legendary tact & subtlety.

"Mother's little sunshine award" - Oliver Wall; for putting up stoically with his travelling support. "Girls' Blouse Award" - Gary Hetherington; losing to an opponent wearing girls' blouse & leggings (the opponent that is, not Gary!)

Wheelchair rugby

The North East Bulls Wheelchair Rugby Club has enjoyed a fantastic end to the season. Approaching the end of April, the Bulls needed a series of victories to keep alive their hope of getting promoted from division two of the UK's Wheelchair Rugby League. During a phenomenal two days in Stoke Mandeville, the team won four out of four games, beating opposition from around the country to finish the weekend at the top of the league.

So elevation to the top flight was achieved and the North East Bulls, the region's only wheelchair rugby club, will compete with the elite of the sport in Great Britain next season.

The North East Bulls train at Sedgefield Community College on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 6pm and 9pm and are always on the lookout for potential wheelchair rugby players.

For more about the club call 07968 827064 or visit www.thebullswrc.com or the NE-Bulls-WRC page on facebook.



Junior Athletics

The summer track & field junior programme is well underway and youngsters representing Sedgefield Harriers are already racking up an impressive set of results in regional competitions. So far, over 30 primary school children from Sedgefield have competed in the Young Athletes' League series of events – only Gateshead and Chester-le-Street can boast similar levels of participation. Although it is early in the season, the junior Harriers once again look set to surpass their achievements of the previous year. More results, medals and personal bests will be posted on www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk.

For more about the junior section of the club visit www.sedgefieldharriers.co.uk.

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