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# SEDGFIELD NEWS

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### David Hillerby is Sedgfield's Citizen of the Year 2014

David Hillerby first came to Sedgfield in 1956 and has lived here since marrying Enid in 1962 (seen together here in David's favourite photograph.) When their son started school ten years later, David's long history of volunteering began as Secretary of the PTA at Rectory Row School. His commitment to youngsters continued as Sedgfield Scout Group Leader from 1975 - 85 and still, when he makes the annual Young Citizen of the Year award at Sedgfield Community College, having helped to establish the Alan Sowerby Annual Award for the pupil considered most deserving by the staff.

David's volunteering efforts seemed to flower at the turn of the century, when he organised the Boynston Grove Millennium Party. In the same year joining the Neighbourhood Watch group and in 2002 he was elected Vice Chair of NHW, a position he has held to the present day, championing the "flask in the fridge" scheme, the Alan Sowerby Awards and much more. He had become committed to this community and has always been very generous with his time and energy.

At Sedgfield News we have reason to be grateful for his efforts. In 2002, as an active member of Sedgfield Development Trust, he helped to launch the newsletter by organising the house to house distribution, with help from others in NHW, and soon he had arranged to produce an audio version for partially sighted residents. He still personally delivers many copies of Sedgfield News every month and continues to create and distribute the audio version. For this reason, David is among the first to see the News every month and has been known to spot a mistake in the nick of time!

Road safety has long been one of David's concerns and as Vice-chair of the Road Safety Committee was instrumental in getting Stockton Road junction re-aligned, reducing accidents and injuries. He was active in the group which persuaded Durham County Council to close Beacon Lane to vehicular traffic. An interest in transport also showed in 2003 when he co-authored "Wilkinson's of Sedgfield", a history of the local bus company - and transport of a very different kind - he was in at the beginning of the very popular "Spitfire on the Green" project, which highlights the next part of the story, because in 2005, David was one of three founders of Sedgfield Village Veterans.

For 10 years he has raised the organisation's profile and our awareness of the role of our armed forces, and this year he was elected the Veterans' first president. Sedgfield Veterans have organised repatriation services, commemorations for VE day & VJ day at the war memorial at St. Edmund's as well as the 11th November armistice services at the war memorial at St. Luke's, Winterton. David's outstanding achievement in relation to repatriation services was recognised in 2012 by the award of the DCC chairman's Gold Medal.

In 2014 he arranged the visit of the Lord Lieutenant to launch the departure of the Boundary 500 Motorcyclist's visit to the Western Front, carrying a Poppy wreath and 100 Poppy crosses from Sedgfield, to be planted at various battlefield memorials in France and Belgium; at about the same time he rescued 2 war memorial plaques from a skip at Durham County Hospital, one of which was from Winterton. It is being renovated, to be hung in St Edmund's Church in perpetuity.

David has done such a lot for Sedgfield, and his achievements are great, but for many of those who proposed him as our Citizen of the Year for 2014, it is also for David the man; a gentleman, a friend with a big heart, a compassionate and kind man who can always be relied upon; the ultimate volunteer, who takes his responsibilities seriously.



*Pictured left to right: Mel Carr, Mayor of Sedgfield, Mel Broadbent of Rotary, Enid & David Hillerby, Roger Clubley from SDT*

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## Steve's Nature Diary *The natural world month by month*

If you visit Durham Wildlife Trust's Bishop Middleham Nature reserve in winter you begin to wonder why it is a nature reserve. It looks rather bleak, lifeless and dull. But revisit it in June or July and see just why this former magnesian limestone quarry is so important. The magnesian limestone is a special group of rocks laid down in the Permian period, 270 million years ago. At that time Bishop Middleham was part of a barrier reef, on the western edge of the warm, shallow, Caribbean-like Zechstein Sea.

The reserve is 1km north of Bishop Middleham on the minor road off the A177 with parking in the roadside lay-by opposite the reserve entrance. Enter through the kissing gate and before you is a hidden oasis of flowers and if you are lucky butterflies. The terrain can be difficult with steep cliff faces but keep to the paths and your effort is rewarded. The quarry was abandoned to nature in the 1930s and with careful management by the Wildlife Trust became a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for its plant life.

In June several types of orchid are in flower; Pyramidal, Common Spotted and Fragrant with their showy blooms, survive on thin limestone soils amongst a wealth of other flora including Bird's-foot Trefoil, Rock Rose and Blue Moor Grass. Look very closely to find small colonies of Bee Orchids: these are not as vibrant as others, but are fascinating and beautiful plants that certainly live up to their name, each flower seems to have a female bee resting on it. These modified petals also smell like female bees, emitting enticing chemical signals. These remarkable adaptations are an effective deception to lure a real bee to come and mate, the excited male insect becomes covered in pollen, in turn pollinating the next orchid he visits.

The site attracts large numbers of butterflies like Dingy Skipper, Common Blue, Small Heath, Ringlet, Small Copper and one of the county's largest colonies of the rare Durham Brown Argus butterfly, best seen in June and July; also many species of moth, such as Six-spot Burnet, Wood Tiger and Humming bird hawk moth. There is a small colony of Sand Martins which you see and hear as they reel over the quarry feeding on insects. Quite often you can hear the distinctive song of a Yellowhammer, "a little bit of bread and no cheese" as it perches and sings from the top of a bush.

A visit in June just whets the appetite and you must go back in July to see the Dark Red Helleborine, a nationally scarce orchid. With several thousands of spikes in a good year, Bishop Middleham quarry has a substantial number of the national population of this orchid and all on your doorstep.

### 'livin' makes shortlist in Responsible Business Awards

The local Homes and Communities company, has been shortlisted for this prestigious award for 2015. The awards are run by Business in the Community and are intended to recognise the achievements of inspirational companies which take action to address social and environmental issues and transform their communities. The nomination follows livin's success in being recognised by Jaguar's "Inspiring Young Talent" Award for its "livin Futures" programme, which aims to inspire young people to gain the skills necessary to acquire and then succeed in employment. livin is one of 145 companies nominated in 13 national award categories. Chief executive Alan Bobby commented "... this prestigious award is recognition that we have a high quality, high impact offer on which to build. Finalists will be announced on 2 June and overall winners on 7 July at Business in the Community's Annual "Responsible Business Gala Dinner".

### Celebrating Jayne's 60 years of success

This year marks the 60th birthday of our very own village boutique, so just how has Jayne succeeded though the decades? Well, by offering a one-to-one personal service and carefully handpicking designer wear with the customer in mind. Good customer relations, feedback and keeping up with fashion trends has meant that for 60 years we have offered something different from the high street stores whilst remaining chic and affordable.

Trudi Elwell, daughter of Jayne founder Hazel Taylor, has fond memories of dressing up and modelling in fashion shows as a teenager. She said, "Jayne was her life; she loved the shop and the community of Sedgefield." Mrs. Taylor catered for women of all ages, providing stylish, flattering and comfortable clothes. Retired in her 70s, she sold the business to Mavis Wayman, a loyal customer. Now Mavis's daughter Allison helps in the shop and models in our shows.

Elena Degnan, an image consultant originally from Russia, is proud to have taken on a shop with such a rich local history, and she is keen to keep up this special service to regular customers, and to appeal to new ones, "celebrating tradition and embracing the future, using the internet and social media to send sneak peeks of sale dates, new arrivals and fashion shows events. Our loyal customers are in our minds as we celebrate Jayne's anniversary. Without them, reaching this milestone would have been impossible." *Right, Trudi, Mavis & Elena*

## SCA Ceddesfeld Hall SCA

*Home of Sedgefield Community Association*

It's been a busy month for SCA at Ceddesfeld and out and about!

To celebrate 800 years of the Magna Carta, friends and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner. Lirica performed a range of a cappella songs, very fitting to what was a memorable occasion.

In keeping with that theme, members of the SCA, along with Community Liaison Officer Angela Simpson, have supported local youngsters, (Beavers and out of school clubs) to create special banners depicting the historical importance of Magna Carta, linking it to local places, events and activities. The children worked through the design and production process with much enthusiasm and were delighted with the end results. Preparations for Sedgefield Day on June 20th are gaining momentum. There will be music over the day, starting with the combined choirs of the primary schools. Lol & Maxine, the Hand Bell Ringers and Northumbrian Pipers will also play. Displays and exhibits from a wide range of community groups, a bouncy castle and other play equipment for younger children will be on the lawns, and Archery has been arranged to take place in the Primary School field throughout the day. Sedgefield in Bloom and the Twinning Association will provide refreshments in the hall, strawberries and cream will be served by Ladies' Escape and the bar will be open, so please come and enjoy a family picnic in the grounds.

Alongside the Sedgefield Village Games and Town Council, the SCA are pleased to play a part in enriching the life of our community. There are activities for all ages on The Green and at Ceddesfeld but with a special focus on families. If you would like to volunteer you will be very welcome. For more information, call Wendy on 620206, Pat on 620607, Sarah on 622185 or visit our website, [www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk](http://www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk).





## Friendly new lunch club launched

Willowdene Care Home hosted its 'Come Dine with us' lunch club last month, and invited guests from Sedgefield Pop in Club and Homebryth House to join them. It was lovely for those residents who aren't able to go out, to meet some old friends and to make some new. Willowdene hopes to open its doors for other community events such as high tea and entertainment mornings, and the upcoming annual Summer Fayre. Anyone wishing to find out more should contact Activities Coordinator Angela Penman on 01740 771310.

## Sedgefield Players Neighbourhood Watch?

Following his successful directorial debut, Tom Guest now turns his hand to directing Alan Ayckbourn's 'Neighbourhood Watch'. Brother and sister Martin and Hilda Massie live together, leading a quiet, Christian existence in the confines of the Bluebell Hill Development. Just as they are preparing for a housewarming gathering, their peace is shattered by a young trespasser in their garden. The Massies' neighbours congregate in their living room and together they agree to form a neighbourhood watch group to safeguard against further incidents.

Martin, played by Alan Holcroft is joined by Jacqui O'Meara as his sister Hilda. Newlyweds Richard and Rebecca Garfield play neighbours Rod and Magda and the cast is rounded off with Norma Neal as gossip Dorothy, Sarah Legender as Amy, with Ian Thurgood making his full length debut as Luther. This dark comedy is set in the front room of the Massies' home, which allows the Artistic Director scope to build a set complete with French windows and feature wall. *For details, see the Events page.*

Coming up on 16 & 17 July is the Sedgefield Players' Youth Section production of The Snow Queen, directed by Sarah Atkinson. Details soon.

## Summertime Singing

This summer will be a busy one for our choirs so you may need to get your diaries ready to take advantage of these 'easy on the ear' delights. There is sure to be something for all ages and for all tastes of music.

### Back to Africa

The Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir, or SLYC as they have become commonly known, began as the youth section of the Lyric Singers in 1985. Over the past 30 years the choir has gone from strength to strength and seen countless young people pass through its doors, developing confidence, building friendships and learning to sing, with new members always made to feel welcome.

To commemorate the group's 30th anniversary the current directors of the choir, Robert Guest and Kristen Peacock, are producing a show that many ex-choir, and audience members, will fondly remember: Peter Rose and Anne Conlon's 'African Jigsaw'. The show looks at the people of Africa and the continuing troubles they face as a continent, dealing with poverty, oppression, racism and the vast differences between the poor and the wealthy. Some of the proceeds from the concert are going to help those who have suffered during the Ebola outbreak. A 30 strong choir, including some former members and Sandy Clubley, founder of the choir, will be taking part in this reunion concert for what is sure to be a memorable evening.

### Singing the Living

Sedgefield Lyric Singers are taking part in a special concert at Sage Gateshead in June and would love to have support from Sedgefield people. The concert is the culmination of 6 months' hard work rehearsing a programme of songs, put together specially as part of Sage Gateshead's 10th birthday celebrations. The event brings together choirs from all over the North East region and includes a world premiere of a specially commissioned song written and composed by poet Ian Macmillan and composer Luke Carver Goss.

### Summer Concert in Sedgefield

The Lyric Singers, joined by the fabulous Lirica, will give a concert in Sedgefield at the end of June. It promises to be an evening of fantastic entertainment with music from a wide range of sources from Henry the Eighth to a certain special agent! *Details of all events are on page 6.*

### Do you enjoy singing?

Both the youth choir (8 to 18 years) and the adult choir welcome newcomers who enjoy singing. No auditions are required and it is not essential to be able to read music. Anyone interested can contact choir director Rob Guest, or the secretary Avril Hannon (01740 622512) or simply come along to a rehearsal at Ceddesfeld Hall on Fridays at 6pm for the youth choir or 7.30pm for the Lyric Singers.

## A tea to remember a friend by

The ladies of Inner Wheel Club of Sedgefield held an Afternoon Tea in Ceddesfeld Hall on Wednesday 15th April in memory of Joyce Lowe, a founder member of Sedgefield Club and well known person in the village.

The Tea was very well supported by sixty people including some of Joyce's family. The sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes were homemade and served by the ladies in Inner Wheel. There was a lovely atmosphere with a quiz and raffle to follow.

The afternoon raised £800 for the Red Cross, Joyce's favourite charity. Thank you very much to everyone who supported us.

*Left to right are Joan Hewick, Colin Lowe, Mavis Threlfall and Ann Carr*



## Willkommen!

Sedgefield Twinning Association is looking forward to a visit from Hamminkeln, our Twin Town this month. 20 visitors are coming, some who have never been to Sedgefield!

Our programme includes trips to Robin Hood's Bay, via the North York Moors National Park Centre at Danby, a full day at Ampleforth Abbey, Thirsk and Stokesley, and a day in Newcastle with a guided tour of the Ouseburn Valley and visits to museums or galleries according to individual taste.

The Farewell Evening will be on Saturday June 13th in Ceddesfeld Hall, to which friends are welcome. For details please contact Nancy Wells on 620467.

There will also be an informal folk evening in the Golden Lion, with Ceddesfolk and Anthony & Heather Robb. Please come along, listen or take a turn, or meet our German friends.

We are sure that Sedgefield will make them very welcome!

For further details please ring either Tim Jeanes (Chairman) on 62345 or Judith Edgoose (secretary) on 620244.

## School Crossing Patrol Required

A vacancy exists for a School Crossing Patrol at Durham Road, Sedgefield.

Apply online or contact Claire Allen on 03000 268175 for application forms and further information. Further details are available at

**[www.northeastjobs.org.uk](http://www.northeastjobs.org.uk)**

In line with the County Council's Recruitment & Selection Policy, please note that we are unable to accept CVs. Any information provided on CVs will not be considered for short-listing purposes.

## Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch

The meeting with the Durham County Traffic Manager referred to in last month's notes took place in April. Unfortunately, despite the Manager's recognition of the residents' genuine safety related issues (for pedestrians crossing the roads at the hospital roundabout and Salters Lane) no action will be taken by DCC to alleviate or improve matters; for the simple reason that the problems identified do not meet Government criteria where action must be taken, coupled with budgetary constraints which prevent an ability to make non-essential improvements an option for our Authority.

There is to be a further meeting in May with residents from N/H/Watch and an officer from DCC responsible for parking matters, to hear their concerns relating to the access road into the trading estate from the roundabout. This will be reported on **Tuesday 9th of June** at the next N/H/Watch meeting, at 7pm in the Fletcher room of the Parish Hall.

N/H/Watch wish to thank Mayor Mel Carr for his kind donation from his fund raising activities; this will go towards our costs incurred holding our 5 meetings each year, the balance coming from our existing but dwindling funds. We still urge members & residents to report to the Police on tel. 101, all out of place or suspicious vehicles and also any persons or activities that cause you some concern – it *will* help to make our village & our homes even safer.

## PC Todd's report

Crime remains low in and around Sedgefield Village. The two crimes reported include the theft of a lawn mower from a shed in Rowan Oval and a vehicle having been broken into on the A689 where a large quantity of paintball equipment was taken. Remember, if anything in your garden can be seen from the road it is vulnerable and prey to nocturnal thieves. Make sure you protect your property. Mark with your post code and take photographs.

Last month I reported on the theft of a mobility scooter. The six youths responsible for taking the vehicle to Hardwick Park and depositing it in the lake have been interviewed and are being dealt with through the criminal justice system. I would remind young people visiting the village not to engage in this type of mindless behaviour.

I am now seeking the youths who set fire to rubbish in the youth shelter. Please let me know if you have any information on them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me in my quest to complete the London Marathon, especially Ray Craggs from East Close Farm, for his generous donation. I managed to raise more than £1600 for charity in a respectable time of 4hrs 53minutes!

*Until next time, Keith.*

**Pub Watch** A meeting was held recently in the Golden Lion. No incidents were reported that required further action by members.



PC Keith Todd celebrates his run in the London Marathon.

### Local Police 101

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Parking Shop **0191 3846633**

### A big day for St Michael's, Bishop Middleham

*The Bishop of Jarrow was a welcome visitor in May, to bless the new facilities at St Michael's; a new loo, kitchen and meeting space. The event took place during "Messy Church", when the children made use of the new meeting space for their creative activities. Bishop Mark entered fully into the spirit of the occasion!*

*The service of thanksgiving accompanied by MUSE, Music of the Upper Skerne Ensemble, a group of singers and musicians (pictured right) which is led by Janet Deane.*





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## The Sedgefield Plan

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The Sedgefield Plan is entering a critical stage as it starts the process of submission for inspection leading to approval and a community referendum. The town council who have responsibility for seeing it progress have sent it out for statutory consultation to give interested parties an opportunity to comment. In the absence of a valid Durham County Plan it is crucial that our plan provides us with protection from developers who see opportunities to put us under siege.

*We are sorry that space has not allowed the full report to be published this month but you can find it at [www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk/news](http://www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk/news) and on the Sedgefield Plan website*





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## The Trusty Sedgefield Development Trust project reports

**Sedgefield News** The editor's retirement plans may be ongoing, but our new volunteers are proving an immense help in putting the paper together (huge thanks to them) and the change to PayPal invoicing and upfront payment for advertising is beginning to take effect. It can be tricky for small businesses, but most of them understand the need to change, for which we are grateful.

**Farmers' Market** Traders will be hoping for a much finer day than they had last month, but there will certainly be fun and excitement on the village green with Sedgefield Village Games in attendance, as well as Sedgefield Guides. Sedgefield Area Churches Together will be at the community stall to highlight the local churches' activities, including their joint venture of running local Foodbanks. The aim of S.A.C.T is to provide a means of consultation between churches, working and praying to help them to respond to the needs of society and to witness to the Gospel together.

**Strong men needed!** New, young-ish volunteers are needed to supplement the valiant crew who put up and take down the market stalls every first Sunday. It takes between 30 and 45 minutes at the beginning and the end of the morning. The work is quite a strain for some of the crew, who are, on average, over the usual retirement age! If you could do either or both opening and closing sessions it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Roger Clubley on 620609 if you would like to help.

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**MONDAY 1st Local History** Graham Soult 'Hidden Features of the N.E. High Street'

**TUESDAY 2nd Gardening Club** Ceddesfeld Hall 7.30pm. Growing & using herbs with Paul Turner

**WEDNESDAY 3rd Sedgefield WI** 7.15pm in the Parish Hall. David Ronn, The Auckland Castle Project. Members' Comp; Paperweight. Visitors welcome, Fee £3.50

**FRIDAY 5th Sedgefield U3A** 2pm in the Parish Hall. See article on page 7

**SUNDAY 7th Sedgefield Farmers' Market** 8.30 - 12.30 on the Green

**TUESDAY 9th Neighbourhood Watch** Panel Meeting 7pm, Fletcher Room.

**Ladies' Club** Ceddesfeld Hall. 'Four scandals and a gooseberry' with Chris Lloyd

**THURSDAY 11th Sedgefield Show** Meeting 8pm, Nag's Head. All welcome

**FRIDAY 12th Sedgefield Country Market** Parish Hall 10-11.30am. Cakes, produce, crafts, cards and plants for sale. Enjoy a tea or coffee and cake.

**SATURDAY 13th African Jigsaw with Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir.** Parish Hall at 7pm. Tickets £5 from Tickety Boo or call 07572 121443.

**SUNDAY 14th Bark in the Park for Butterwick Hospice** Put your 4 legged friends' best paw forward on a fun-filled 3km route around Hardwick Park. Activities, advice & stalls from 10am, when registration opens. Dogs will receive a tag as a memento and entrants who pledge sponsorship of £50+ will receive a 'Bark in the Park' V.I.P. canvas bag of goodies.

You would be barking mad to miss out, so register now at [www.butterwick.org.uk/barkinthepark](http://www.butterwick.org.uk/barkinthepark), or call 01388 603003, e-mail [lynnaibury@butterwick.org.uk](mailto:lynnaibury@butterwick.org.uk).

**MONDAY 15th Meditation group:** The Welcome Room, St Edmund's, 7-7:30pm. All welcome for a short time of reflection.

**Sedgefield Methodist Wives & Friends** AGM and Supper

**Sedgefield Family History Group** Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.15pm. Margaret Hedley, The Coal Owners of County Durham. [www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.org.uk](http://www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.org.uk) or 620367

**TUESDAY 16th Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club** Parish Hall at 7.30pm. "A Shower of Colour" with Davina Briggs from Wakefield

**WEDNESDAY 17th Sing the Living at Sage Gateshead:** Tickets from the box office or online at [www.sagegateshead.com](http://www.sagegateshead.com) £11.50 (£9.50 concessions)

**TUESDAY 23rd Ladies' Club** Summer Outing

**FRIDAY 26th & SATURDAY 27th Lyric Singers & Lirica Summer Concert**

In the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets from Tickety Boo or choir members.

**SATURDAY 27th Garden Party** at community Hospital. Details, see right.

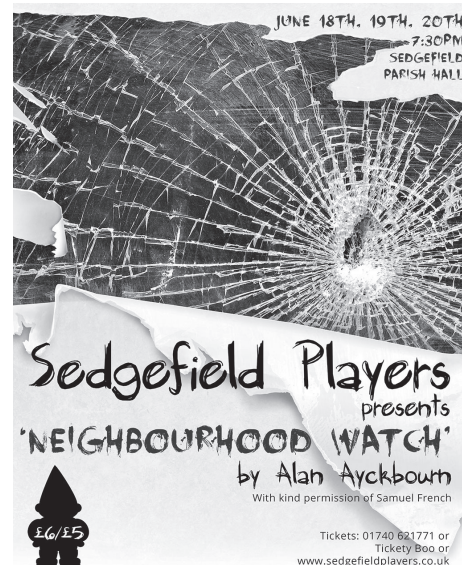
**MONDAY 29th Methodist Wives & Friends** Summer night out

## Looking ahead to SATURDAY 8th AUGUST ...

**The 162nd SEDGEFIELD AGRICULTURAL SHOW.** Competitors' schedules are now available from the Town Council Office, the Library and Tickety-Boo. Much more detail next month, but as Show Chairman, Ian Mason said, "This year's show will offer something for everyone. It will be a great day out for the whole family!"

## Heart and 'sole' campaign needs your footwear

Staff and students at Bishop Auckland College have backed the #Heels4Hearts campaign led by ITV's Daybreak programme, which gives students the opportunity to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The campaign needs donations of unwanted, wearable shoes to British Heart Foundation shops to help fund CPR training kits in secondary schools and sixth form colleges. Bishop Auckland College staff and students have donated 46 pairs of shoes to the British Heart Foundation shop in Bishop Auckland town centre. Shop manager Ange Bell expressed gratitude on behalf of both the campaign and the local British Heart Foundation store. "We had very low stock of footwear before their donation bags arrived, and we have even managed to restock our winter collection for later in the year, from the donations. There were some lovely shoes and many have already sold." For more information, visit [www.itv.com/goodmorningbritain/heels-4-hearts](http://www.itv.com/goodmorningbritain/heels-4-hearts)



**Sedgefield Community Hospital  
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Saturday 27th June**  
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## Learn, laugh and live - Sedgefield and District U3A Events

The May monthly meeting was an enthralling talk - **A Beginner's Guide to the Universe**. Dr. Pete Edwards' enthusiasm and the wonderful slides made it unforgettable. Learning about galaxies and nebula was fun - the U3A at its best! Nearly 60 people attended, including 12 visitors. This month we have Professor Jim Edwardson on **"Ageing with Vitality."** But we don't just meet monthly. Here are some of our other activities:

**Friday 5th: Photography Group** in Ceddesfeld Hall from 10.30 am - 12.30noon.

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**Thursday 11th: Book Group** at the Methodist Church from 10am - 12noon.

People of the Book, by Geraldine Brooks.

**Tuesday 16th: Lunch Club** at the Dun Cow, organised by Allan Smart, 620605.

**Thursday 25th: Science & Industry Group.** Visit to EBAC Newton Aycliffe

*If you would like to be involved, please do come along.*

Contact Maxine Patterson on 620905 or Brenda O'Brien 629574.

## Paul's pick of the month...

Well it could only be one thing - Sedgefield Medieval Fayre. This may confuse people but I'm writing a revue before it's happened, due to the date of the fayre and May's deadline for the paper, about an event embracing the past? Eh? I hear! Instead I decided to write a piece celebrating the Medieval Fayre as a whole.

Who could forget the 43rd Fayre, Rain, Rain, ooh and a bit more rain; did that dampen the spirits of the event? No - instead of outside parades we had the children from Sedgefield Primary School and Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School showcase their costumes indoors.

What you expect and get excited about every year is that Sedgefield is transported back to the days of heroic knights and medieval maidens, traditional fairground rides, tug-of-war competitions, craft stalls, medieval combat and country dancing. Now in its 45th year, Sedgefield Medieval Fayre regularly attracts more than 1,000 people from across the region. To be honest most people from surrounding cities and large towns think this is a normal Saturday in Sedgefield! So here's to many years to come from this fantastic event and we should be proud and privileged to host such an occasion. I think I might pour myself a glass of Mead in its honour!

## Regular Events, Meetings and Get-togethers

**Acoustic Evenings** 1st Fri & 4th Wed. Ceddesfeld Hall 8.30pm All welcome.

**Bereavement Support Group** 3 - 5pm. Thursday, St. Edmund's Church

**Bridge Club** Ceddesfeld Hall Sunday & Tuesday 7.30pm Beginners welcome. 620434

**CAB Fortnightly Advice Sessions** Wed 10am-3pm Advice & Information Centre

**Café @St Catherine's** Friendly chat & Fishburn gossip! Fridays 9.30-12.00

**Ceddesfeld Hall Art Group** Small friendly group 10am-12.00 Thursdays

**Ceddesfeld Hall Pre-School** Mon, Wed, Fri am; Children 2+years. 620934

**Community College Bowls** Mon 4-8pm. Carpet/Short Mat, Coaching, 623198

**Craft Club** Swinhoe Room, Ceddesfeld Hall, 2nd & 4th Tues 7.30-10pm Tel: 620656

**Eddies@4 Sundays** For 2-6 year olds. 4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's. 621125

**Fishburn Art Group** Youth & Community Centre, Butterwick Rd. Monday 9.30am-12

**Fishburn Taekwondo** Tues & Thurs 6pm, Youth & Community Centre. 07743455065

**Lyrics Choirs** Fridays in Ceddesfeld Hall. SLYC 6pm Adults 7.30pm. All welcome.

**NECP Concertina Workshop** 2nd & 4th Sun1pm in Ceddesfeld Hall. 01642 588197

**New Generation Church** Every Sunday 11am at the Parish Hall. All welcome.

**Rotary Club of Sedgefield** Wed 7.30pm Bob 07831270892 / Mel 07530315331

**Round Table** 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays. New members welcome. Carl 07775644598

**S'field Art Group** Tuesday 6.30-8.30pm Methodist Church Hall. Tuition, all welcome

**S'field Carpet Bowls** Tues & Thurs 8.30am-12 Ceddesfeld Hall. Beginners ✓ 622532

**S'field Handbell Ringers** Weds 7.45pm Ceddesfeld Hall or 1st Mon of month 621292

**S'field Mags** 1st Monday of the month at the Nag's Head, 8pm. Tel: 07966029434

**S'field Players** Parish Hall, 7.30, Sunday & Wednesday. SPYS Sunday 6.30. 620091

**S'field Playgroup** Methodist Hall, Mon, Wed & Thursday 9.15-11.30. 620893

**S'field Pop In Club** for elderly & disabled. Ceddesfeld Hall on the following days - Tuesday 9.30am - 12 noon, Wednesday 10am - 12.30pm, Thursday 1pm - 3.30pm.

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## SPORTS UPDATE with Sports Editor, Chris Lines

Despite appearances to the contrary, summer is well and truly underway, so Sedgfield Cricket Club's many teams are getting stuck into a packed programme of fixtures, while athletes from Sedgfield Harriers can be found here, there and everywhere, on track, field, road, trail and fell. Look out for full updates from both clubs over the next couple of months, but meanwhile, it's time to wrap up a couple of seasons that have just finished.

### Squash

Following two years that saw considerable team success for Sedgfield Squash Club in the Durham and Cleveland leagues, it was inevitable that this season would be focussed on consolidation rather than promotion. All of the teams put in strong and spirited performances over what proved to be a tough year.

The men's 1st team competed in the Division 1 for the first time in many years. Led from the front by county standard players Chris Gillespie and Matt Marshall, the team put in a very creditable performance, and while they could not match the top three clubs, they competed strongly against the rest of the division, finishing sixth. It should be noted that Sedgfield fielded the youngest team in the division, with four juniors turning out for the team over the season. It is also noteworthy that Sedgfield do not pay for anyone outside of the club to play for its teams, which many other clubs do. First team matches always drew a large crowd to the club and the hope is that the 1st team now becomes a regular fixture in the county's top league.

Elsewhere, the 2nd team finished sixth in Division 3, despite losing some key players to injury over the season. The 3rd team shrugged off a slow start to the season to finish third in a closely fought Division 4. In Division 5, the 4th team finished fifth, despite posting only one win over the season, but their final placing reflects that fact that the other games were only narrowly lost.

The ladies had a tougher year, losing some key players during the season, and the ladies teams finished bottom of Division 1 and 2 respectively. However, it is a credit to them that Sedgfield remains the only club to field more than one ladies team, and were able to turn out full teams for each match. Hopefully, some strengthening next season will lead to a better outcome.

### Junior Football

Sedgfield Youth FC held its annual trophy presentation on Saturday 9th May. All of the children and parents had a great night and the club management would like to pass on congratulations to everyone involved (there were too many highlights to list here). Sedgfield Youth FC is also very grateful to sponsor LM Windows and to all of the coaches and committee members for their hard work. Excitement is already building ahead of next season.



*Wayne Hedley is pictured left, and above right his mum, June Workman, presents the trophy established in his memory.*

### The Hedley Cup

A new sports trophy was recently presented for the first time, in memory of local man Wayne Hedley, who died of kidney cancer last year. Wayne was born in Fishburn in 1979 and attended Sedgfield Comprehensive. He worked for a while at UPS and was a part-time fireman, but also had a real passion for sport. Wayne gained a degree in sports science and worked at Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College in Darlington for five years before moving to Sunderland Bede's College, where he was a sports science teacher until his untimely death.

Early in May, the two colleges held an event, competing with each other in football (girls and boys), rugby sevens, basketball and netball. Sunderland won the football matches, while Darlington teams were victorious in the basketball and netball. The rugby match was drawn, so, fittingly, the first Hedley Cup was shared. The event will be held on an annual basis and the colleges will take turns to host it (it was held in Darlington this year). The hope is that the Hedley Cup will unearth some sports stars of the future.

June Workman, Wayne's mum, was proud to present the trophy to both teams and is grateful to everyone who made the event possible.

**That's all for this month. As always, please send any sports news to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com).**



***Ciaran Lines, the youngest competitor by some years, was in fine form as he approached the end of the Keswick Mountain Festival 5K Trail Run.***

*Quite an achievement!*

*His dad wasn't going to submit this report but fortunately I spotted the photo and pulled rank! Editor*

***Photo by Gary Thwaites***





## William Affleck Anderson, RMS Lusitania and Sedgefield

Friday 8th May was quite special. With Alison Hodgson from Sedgefield Local History Society, my middle son Charlie and his friend Joe Whitehill, I visited the grave of William Affleck Anderson, the second man from Sedgefield who died during World War I, when RMS Lusitania sank on 7th May 1915. Although at the time of his death he lived in Liverpool, he was born in Sedgefield and still had relatives in our area. He is buried in Kirkdale Cemetery in the city, where we met local vicar, John Williams (whom you may remember as a former curate in Sedgefield), held a short service, and laid a wreath and flowers in memory and gratitude, on behalf of the people of Sedgefield.



We found the house on Trevor Road where Mr. Anderson lived at the time, with his wife Lilian Ethel and their two children. Then it was on to the Lusitania exhibition at Liverpool Maritime Museum, where Charlie and Joe learned about the ship and the circumstances of its sinking. The following week they shared that with their class mates at Sedgefield Primary School, as part of work that they have all been doing about the Lusitania and its link to Sedgefield.

Thanks to the work of Sedgefield Local History Society and the Sedgefield Village Veterans, we are honouring each man from our community who fell in World War I, and I thought it appropriate to make the effort and visit his final resting place. It is important that we also use these commemorations to help younger generations appreciate the significance of what happened 100 years ago and I am delighted that Sedgefield Primary School is playing such a proactive role in that.

Although I have no personal connection with William Affleck Anderson, I found the visit to be a very moving experience. While at Kirkdale Cemetery, I was struck by how many other headstones marked the graves of men and women who fell in both World Wars, many of whom were service personnel. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to every single one of them. Whichever way we used our votes in the recent General Election and whatever our opinion of the results, it is thanks to the sacrifices of the likes of William Affleck Anderson that we have been able to exercise our democratic right at all. Thank you Mr. Anderson.

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*Paul Hutchinson has this photograph of a VE Day party which he thinks took place in Sedgefield, but is not sure where. Could it be in a garden behind Front St, or Rectory Row, or North, East or West End? Does anyone recognise the place or any of the faces?*

## Your Letters

### Retired? How about going back to school?

If you have recently retired and are wondering what to do, why not consider volunteering at a Primary School? Seven years ago, when I retired from Sunderland University, I volunteered at Sedgefield Primary School and have never regretted it. I have always been interested in children's education and am passionate about the importance of children's reading ability. I go into school once a week and listen to children read. I love it. The children are bright, enthusiastic, helpful, chatty and the range of their literature is extensive. You don't need a degree just to be interested in, and able to relate to young children. The satisfaction from doing this kind of work is enormous. The staff are really friendly and the atmosphere in the school is very happy. Other volunteers in the school help with subjects like Maths or Art. If you have grandchildren there is an additional bonus that you can find out how subjects are being taught in Primary schools today - things have changed a bit! If you are interested in volunteering just give the Head a ring (call 620359). She won't bite!

*Alison Manning*

### Dear friends

Thank you so much for nominating me for the Sedgefield Citizen of the Year award. Although I had been asked by one lady if she could nominate me, it still came as a very pleasant surprise when I heard, "David Hillerby you are Citizen of the Year for 2014". I was flabbergasted, I must say. I have always tried to do my best in whatever sphere or area I was living or operating in and it has always been a pleasure to be able to help someone in their time of need. Thank you all, once again for your support. I will continue to try to live up to it - although a wee bit slower. Best wishes to all.

*David Hillerby*

### A Grande Sweep

I think most residents of Sedgefield would agree we live in a lovely little town, so I am calling on everyone to make it even better by having a Grande Sweep. As I walk around our streets I see well-kept houses with pavements in need of a sweep and clearing of litter.

Unfortunately there are a few mindless drinkers who walk between pubs with glasses and bottles in their hands and just drop them to the ground when they are empty, so we have broken glass, particularly on High Street, Front Street and around The Square.

So I ask the business owners and residents of these areas to please sweep up outside their premises.

It isn't anybody's job to keep our pavements clean; only residents and businesses can do this.

Please let's make a big effort and make our town even more special.

*H. Paling*

*If you would like to share an opinion, don't hold back! Contact details are below. Ed*



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