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Sedgefield NEWS

March 2013



The games people play...

The rugby union Six Nations Championship is in full swing (low) at the moment and England have made a promising start.

Watching the scrums, rucks and rolling mauls on the TV, my mind wandered and I started to compare that sport to the annual spectacle that is the

Sedgefield Ball Game

It didn't take long to decide that the two didn't have too much in common, other than the fact that in both, the ball often disappears from view for some time under a mass of writhing bodies!

This year's Ball Game followed the usual pattern and has been widely acknowledged as a good one.

Pictured left, in action, the eventual winner, **Stephen Flockett**, bears very little resemblance to a prop forward! Talking of which...

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A brand new Art Gallery for Fishburn

Open Day - Saturday 9th March

Fishburn Art Group received a grant from the local Area Action Partnership to set up a new art gallery in Fishburn Community Centre, designed to give art group members a chance to exhibit their artwork and to make the community centre more attractive for all users. The gallery, to be named 'The Brenda Terry Gallery' after the group's previous secretary who sadly passed away in November last year, will be officially opened by County Councillor Lucy Hovvells at 10am on the Open Day on March 9th.

The day will include art demonstrations by professional artist, Darren Cairns and members of the Fishburn Art Group. Anyone who comes along will get the chance to 'have a go' at something arty themselves - kids and grown-ups alike. Who knows, it might even inspire you to take up art yourself!

Fishburn Art Group would like to encourage as many people as possible to come to the Open Day and make it a roaring success for the whole community. Also (see page 3 for their details) they are very much hoping to be able to say hello to some new members in the near future.

Jobs at the new supermarket

The new Sainsbury's store will open on Wednesday 8th May. Jobs can only be applied for via the website and you will need to supply a CV.

Go to www.sainsburys.co.uk/job and search for current vacancies.

Bus Passes

The County Council is replacing the concessionary bus passes which expire shortly. Passes entitle pass holders to free travel or concessions on local bus services and half price travel on certain local train services.

Cards are being reissued for a month up to 18th March, and older people and those with disabilities will be sent a new bus pass to replace their existing one before it expires. There is a chance that some passes may be issued in error if circumstances have changed. If you receive a pass which is incorrect or no longer required, please call 03000 268 667. If you are entitled to a pass and haven't received a new one by March 18th, please call this number also.

For further information see www.durham.gov.uk/buspassrenewal

Text or call **07572 502 904** or email sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com

R U OK 2 tweet 4 Sedgefield in Bloom?

At planting and weeding we're right on the ball
 If gardening needs doing, you know who to call
 We're full of ideas to improve our small town
 But technological skills are letting us down
 We can't text or twitter, not even a tweet
 Creating a website has got us all beat
 Can you help us out ? Have you time on your hands ?
 We need a whizz kid to move on with our plans
 To keep up the standards that helped us win gold
 We need modern technology – or so we've been told
 If you'd like to join us as a Bloom volunteer
 You'd make all the difference to our gardening year
 Please send me an email at norma@neal.myzen.co.uk
 Or a call 620091 - that really would make my day

Plants needed too!

When the weather improves and you're out in your garden dividing plants for the spring, please think of Sedgefield in Bloom. We are developing the herbaceous border against the Rectory wall in Wykes Close and would be grateful for any plants you can spare. Pop them in to the council office or give me a ring on 620091. We can collect.

February's school photograph

February's school photograph. Alf Walton has named every child on the coronation school photo, many still here in Sedgefield. He knew some of their addresses too! So, left to right, here goes:

Back row: Freddie Watson of Beacon Hill Farm, Dennis Rogers, Michael Gill, Gordon Smith, Bob Barron, Terry Canmore (who died 2 or 3 years ago; his family had the Dun Cow), Keith Lowe of the building family, Robert Stokell, Dave Merrington from The Lane, Robert Smithson (father ran the workhouse), Kit Taylor and John Paling (family had two newsagents, where Aubergine now stands and on North End. The teacher Miss Dixon was a Queen's Guide and emigrated to Saudi Arabia, according to Sam Edgoose, who joined the class in 1954, and also supplied other information (thanks to him, too). Alf recalled Miss Dixon often used the cane on the lads, but most of them saw it as a challenge, especially tough farm lads. She was followed as class teacher by Mrs Edna Gannon.

Second row; 2 boys at left are Ross Blackwood (emigrated to Australia) and Colin Hall of Butterwick South Farm, where the kennels are now. Then the girls. Geraldine Stevenson, Gillian Bromley, Veronica Needham and Carol Foster (married Sid Raw, whose father had the fish shop near the Golden Lion, long gone). Next, Ann Reed, Jean Hall, Rita Casling and Diane Milburn from The Square. Her family lived below 'The Casino', the rather grand name given to the transport caff on the corner where Cross Hill is now (just because it had jukebox!) Then Sylvia Miller of Hawthorn Road, Brenda Ducker from the three storied house in Front Street, Eric Wearmouth and (in front of Miss Dixon) Ian Hull, whose dad was a milkman.

Third row from back; Jill Eltringham, smart in her blazer and very brainy, according to Alf. Next, Margaret Craggs; Irene Swinbank, Sylvia Brimm, whose dad worked at the coke oven. She had a brother Brian and they lived at 16 Rowan Oval. Then Katherine Stevenson, who had an older sister Sandra; Gillian Swinbank (Irene's cousin) and Joyce Hill, sister of Geoff (she now lives in Greece.) With pigtails, Pam Butler, daughter of Les; Miriam Lonsdale, a good talker who later moved to the USA; Mary Lawson, Joy Jobson and Denise Jackson, whose Mam was a dinner lady at the school.

Front row; Ian Hartshorn (lived next door to the Brimms); David Atkinson who died many years ago; Kenny Moyle and Alan Swinbank, who now owns racehorses. Twin of Gillian, they lived at South Moor Farm. Next is David Stott (now lives in the Middle East) then Barry Workman, who Alf recalls doing woodwork with Mr. Alan Quarmby. Next is David Swinbank, late of West Layton Farm, where, sadly, he died in an accident a couple of years ago. Then John Allan, Dennis Ferguson of Winterton Cottages, who had cello lessons on Tuesdays, little Alfie Walton himself and Jimmy Gilliland, who had a brother Jack.

I'm very grateful to Alf for supplying us with such a wealth of information. What a memory! Norma Neal

Sedgefield Rock and Blues Club

After the incredible two nights of Buddy Whittington in November we were worried about maintaining the level we had set ourselves. We needn't have! In January we were dazzled by the solo performance of Chrissy Matthews, a rising star in British music and the incredible talents of American Eric Steckle, who flew in from his European tour to do his first and only performance in the U.K. Amazingly, they are both under 21 years old. It is great to see young people with such prodigious talent giving so much pleasure to an audience.

We continue the youthful theme on Saturday 16th March with a double headline of Lewis Hamilton & the Boogie Brothers—an 18 yr. old from Glasgow who is making serious waves on the scene, plus Albany Down, four young musicians currently tipped for supergroup status with their unique and infectious contemporary rock blues sound. Check sedgefieldblues.com to see why.

Real ale bar at silly prices, live music of the highest calibre, a great sound system and comfortable surroundings and only £12 admission. Our club is gaining a great reputation, for good reason and has put Sedgefield firmly on the blues map. Tickets are on sale in the Post office, on the website or call 07931448469. Roll up - they will soon be gone!

Sedgefield Guides

We are very proud of three young ladies who received the highest award in guiding, the BP Challenge Badge. Gemma Hill, Victoria Sirrell and Harriet Wall completed the challenge with an overnight stay in Skipton. They have worked towards the challenge for a year and have proved themselves very worthy recipients. Well done! The same girls have been chosen by north east guiding to go to Belgium in the summer, so are fundraising like mad (it will cost £460 each); events include a bag pack at Bolams, coffee morning in the Methodist Church Hall on 9th March (a day before Mothers' Day so come for a bargain) and a quiz night on Friday 19th April at the Cricket Club (prizes for 1st & last). Tickets are £2.50, disco until 11.30pm. Please support them.

Coronation memories

Sedgefield Local History Society plans to hold an exhibition to celebrate 60 years since the Coronation. We would like to enlist the help of anybody old enough to remember June 2nd 1953!

What do you remember of the actual day? Did your family buy a television for the event, or did you perhaps crowd into the living room of someone else who had one?

Any memories, however seemingly trivial, would be most gratefully received - there is no need to put your name, although of course you may wish to! Contributions would be gratefully received by any committee member, or you could hand them in at the Council Offices. We look forward to your response!

75 armfuls & still smiling!



Fred Britton, pictured with his wife Sarah, was recently awarded a cut glass memento and enamelled badge to mark his grand total of 75 units of blood donated. Around 4% of the population donate blood - one of life's most rewarding experiences - and only 4% of those reach the 75 unit donation! Fred is not just smiling though - he's shouting his message from the rooftops:

"Howway u lads & lasses! NHS Blood & Transplant Unit Needs YOU! Us wrinklies are slowly falling off the end of the blood donation conveyor belt; the NHS urgently requires younger replacements."

"It costs very little, definitely saves lives and to cap it all you get a lie down, a free cup of tea and a biscuit - sometimes even a chocolate one!"

Joking aside, as some of us know from experience, many medical procedures could not take place without blood donations and many patients rely on blood products to give them a better quality of life.

If you would like to know more, the donor helpline number is **0300 123 23 23** and the website, www.blood.co.uk. There's a Blood Donor session at Sedgefield Racecourse on **Thursday 11th April**. Please seriously consider going along.

The Taekwondo way to improved mental health

Chungdokwan Taekwondo C.I.C are a community based martial arts group based in the North East. In partnership with the NHS and the East Durham Trust, the group is running FREE weekly sessions across throughout February and March to help locals improve their mental health.

Your local class will be held in Sedgefield Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 3-4pm. Classes will have a relaxation focus, using martial arts exercises, stretching and meditation.

You can join at any time so don't worry if you didn't get in at the beginning.

We pride ourselves on our friendly, family-oriented atmosphere so please don't hesitate to call 07946179788 for more information.

Inner Wheel Club of Sedgefield

present a

Ladies' Fashion Show

by Mavis Wayman,

and a display of



Fashion Hats

by milliner, Catherine Hart

Also Jewellery, Make up, Scarves, Handbags & other accessories

Sedgefield Parish Hall

Tuesday 9th April 7.15pm

Tickets £6 inc refreshments from Ann Carr 629070, Jayne's Shop, Theakston's Garage & Sedgefield Post Office

Proceeds to Cancer Charities

Fishburn Art Group

Fishburn Youth & Community Centre
Butterwick Road, Fishburn, TS21 4ED

Meet: 9.30am to 12 noon

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)

Occasional tutors, Art trips

New members welcome

Sedgefield Social Club

Sat 2nd March: Alan Stevens

Fri 8th March: SPECIAL EVENT
Solo performance. Tim Lowe of 101 on acoustic guitar; (*Kinks, Paul Weller...*)

Sat 9th March: Rose

Sat 16th March: Danny Ocean

Sat 23rd March: Freddie Waters

Sat 30th March: Russell Kent

Cover charge £1.50 pp.

Members & their guests welcome

Folk Night Wednesday 27th March

Singers, Musicians, Members & their guests welcome. No cover charge

Country Night Mon 18th March:

with Brad Stephens

Cover charge £3 pp. All welcome.

Concert Room available for functions.

Tel: 01740 620591 for bookings.

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood and Crime Watch Panel



Notes from the first (February) Panel Meeting of 2013

First, thanks to everyone who took the trouble to turn out after the ball game! We had a first visit to our meetings by our Local Neighbourhood Police Inspector Mark Hall who, after the meeting, let us know that he was impressed by the numbers present, the interest taken and the discussions taking place.

Crime Prevention Officer, Mark Pheasant & Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne gave concise reports to members. Mark pointed out the need to be diligent in securing doors and windows, as Sneak-in Burglaries & Thefts are on the increase in our area again. Neil gave details on the annualised drop in crime in Sedgefield but just to stop anyone getting complacent, that very same night in Thurlow Road a car was broken into around 10.30pm and goods were stolen! **Please be observant** and report any suspicious persons or vehicles to the Police – telephone 101.

PC Keith Todd circulated his report. From 7/01 - 12/02/2013 there were 283 calls made to the Police; 12 were of ASB, 118 were traffic related and 11 were actual Crimes (7 thefts & 4 Criminal Damage).

Keith was particularly concerned to explain about fraudulent bank notes as these are circulating in our area now. There is excellent information on the Bank of England's website but if anyone has any concerns, please ring the Police and ask for advice – see below for numbers. **Please note**, it is not a crime to possess a counterfeit note but it is a crime to knowingly pass on a counterfeit note.

Finally a number of ASB complaints were passed on to Keith and other issues that some people are reluctant to talk to the Police about in person because "it's a waste of time" & "nothing gets done". Well, the Police can only record what people tell them and if the public in Sedgefield have concerns and want problems tackled, either come to N/Hood Watch Meetings or Resident Forum Meetings where the Police take the time to attend **OR pick up the phone (ring 101) and report it, please.**

Next Panel Meeting will be on Tuesday April 9th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Contact numbers: Local Police - 101

CPO Mark Pheasant, 01325 742714

Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne, 01325 742755

Resident Forum Jottings for February 2013

No meeting scheduled for February so just a couple of bits of information. It is disappointing to learn that the small Sainsbury store will close when the large supermarket opens in May. In early consultation the Forum emphasised we did not want to lose village high street stores as they are convenient for residents, and we were led to believe that it was very likely the small local store would stay open and be 'serviced' from the new supermarket but this is now not to be.

Local Council elections will take place on May 2nd; if you are considering standing as a Councillor nominations must be in by Friday 5th April, publication of notice of election will be done by Durham County Council (DCC) on Monday March 18th. The Forum may try to hold a meeting in April to enable people to meet those who wish to be Councillors. We did this at the last elections and it proved very useful.

Sedgefield Extra explains that the Town Council are setting the Precept and council tax for Sedgefield; again it seems Central Government & DCC are forcing increases to be dealt with by town councils. The 'double taxation' issue seems totally unfair to Sedgefield and similar communities.

Are you wondering if you have been eating horsemeat? Comprehensive labelling of our food is long overdue. Unfortunately the Government recently voted not to label Halal slaughtered meat (where the animal is not stunned prior to having its throat cut, a requirement for some religions). A local resident recently reported after enquiring they had it confirmed that all hot food takeaways in the village use Halal meat. It seems somewhat unfair that those who object to Halal slaughter are not given the opportunity to know when to avoid buying it.

Next Forum meeting March 4th, see p 11. Unfortunately the Town Council have found it necessary to hold an open meeting on funding bids at the same time in the Main Hall. We will still hold the Forum meeting and get through business as quickly as possible if anyone wishes to go to the other meeting.

PC Todd

The weather is still not warm enough for keen gardeners to venture outside but beware!

Thieves don't fear the cold as residents found to their costs recently. In Turnpike Walk two terracotta pots containing ornamental trees were taken from outside the house and in St Edmund's Terrace two pots, which had been bolted to the ground and contained decorative trees, were also taken.

Other crimes reported to Police included in Mitford Court, the windscreen of a vehicle smashed, Eden Drive two alloy wheels taken from a vehicle and in Thurlow Road, a vehicle was broken into and the gear knob stolen.

Local villages are seeing a rise in counterfeit £20 notes with some finding their way to Sedgefield. Please see opposite.

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently at the Dun Cow. No incidents were reported that required further action from members. A number of counterfeit £20 notes have been seized by members so far but licensees and staff remain vigilant. Anyone found to be passing on the notes will be reported to Police.

P.A.C.T.

A meeting was held recently during the Neighbourhood Watch meeting and attended by the new Neighbourhood Police Team Inspector, Inspector Mark Hall. After some discussion residents decided that the priority the NPT would concentrate their efforts on would remain the same for the next month. This priority is to focus attention on the manner of driving through the chicanes and speeding vehicles down Durham Road. A number of drivers have already received warning letters through the post. Don't be NEXT. Until next time, Keith

From the office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

Durham PCC has announced a budget to maintain front-line policing. Deep cuts to police funding imposed by Central Government have required savings of approximately £18.5m over the current 4 year Comprehensive Spending Review period.

This has forced the Police & Crime Commissioner to make difficult financial decisions to balance the force budget whilst maintaining necessary assets such as technology, estates and frontline

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policing.

After his first public consultation Ron Hogg's main policing priorities are to tackle anti-social behaviour and harm caused to individuals and communities by alcohol and drugs; to improve road safety by tackling careless and dangerous driving and other road safety related offences; to make policing services visible and accessible at all times.



Could you inspire children? If so, Young Enterprise needs you! Young Enterprise ignites the spirit of enterprise in over 250,000 young people every year.

We can only do this with the support and involvement of businesses and volunteers from across the UK. We need your help to inspire young people with the confidence, ability and ambition to succeed.

We are currently looking to recruit volunteers from the local community for programmes we have running this year at Hardwick Primary, Sedgefield Primary, Fishburn Primary and St Williams Primary.

The programmes are 1 hour a week for 5 weeks but some preparation is needed so if you can spare 10 hours of your life to inspire the future generation please contact me on 07739524974 or email

Alison.wilkinson@y-e.org.uk

To find out more about becoming a Young Enterprise volunteer, visit www.young-enterprise.org.uk

Counterfeit Bank Notes

As PC Todd has warned, counterfeit notes are an increasing problem. When taking cash payment the following are checks are recommended if you don't have access to a counterfeit money detection device:

- Hold the note up to a light, you should see a watermark of the Queen's portrait & the metallic thread running through the note should appear as a solid line.
- Run your fingers over the words 'Bank of England' printed at the top of the note, this should feel slightly raised.
- The silver hologram on the front of the note should change between 2 images when tilted.

If you suspect any persons using counterfeit notes please contact Durham Police on 101.

Spring Craft Fete

Newgate Centre, Bishop Auckland

Saturday 6th April 9.30am – 3.30pm

Stalls will be allocated on a first come first served basis so please call

07730541608 to book.

The fee is £15. All proceeds to the Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland

"Swing Dance"

Saturday 30th March

(Easter Saturday)

Parish Hall, 7pm till late

1930s, 40s & 50s music

Vintage Tea Room & Bar

Tickets £5 inc pie & pea supper
from spitfireonthegreen@gmail.com
or call 07952555980

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Sedgefield Branch Library

Craft Club: Thurs 14th & 28th, 10am

Using computers for everyday life

in association with Age UK; for over 50s & carers

Thursdays, 10:30am - 12:15pm

Please book session on **0300 269 521**

All back issues of Sedgefield News from 2003 to the present are now available at

www.sedgefieldweb

Sports UPDATE

with Sports Editor, **Chris LINES**

Squash

For the first time, Sedgefield Squash Club's annual seniors competition was played across three different age categories, with events at over 40s, over 50s and over 60s level. The competitions were also played earlier in the season, so as not to clash with the main club closed competition. The over 40s was competed by two of the club's 1st team, Mark Simpson and Mal Bell. In an excellent hard fought match, Mark eventually triumphed 3-2, after going 2-0 down, his stamina perhaps being the clinching factor over Mal's shot making. In the over 50s category, club captain John O'Donnell took on Jeff Sinclair. Jeff came out of the starting blocks faster, taking the first game, but John held his nerve and used his guile to win the match 3-1. The over 60s final was another five game thriller between Don MacLennan and Peter Millington. In a match that could have gone either way, Don's ability to play tight drop shots from anywhere on court prevailed and he took the match 3-2.

Six of the club's members entered this year's Durham and Cleveland County Closed Championship. In the first round, Stephen Rowsby and Jonathan Slee were drawn against each other, with Jonathan edging Stephen out in a 3-2 win. Best overall progress was made by Chris Gillespie, who got to the quarter finals, only narrowly losing 3-2 to Nunthorpe's Josh Harris. Elsewhere, Robert Pearce, Chris Bunting and Oliver Walls all went out in the first round and joined Stephen in the plate competition, where Robert made it all the way to the final, beating Stephen in a five game match along the way, to end up plate runner-up.

Sedgefield Harriers

The spring marathons have come around once again for Sedgefield Harriers and this year there are more Harriers than ever involved. A number of members are competing in the London Marathon and the club is hoping to repeat its success of last year in the Marathon of the North in Sunderland when it had the 4th placed lady finisher in Gail Bell and two top 10 men with Justin Cox and Ian Blakemore. As usual, some Harriers will be off to compete in the Edinburgh Marathon in May and this year Ean Parsons will be running in the legendary Boston Marathon in the USA. In addition to this, Susan Wallace and Vicki Westerspoon are doing the Swaledale off-road marathon in June and Ellen Tipple is tackling the Allendale off-road marathon in April. Matthew Jones is going a step (or two) further by taking on his first ultra marathon in the summer, over 60 (yes, that's 60!) miles. Overall, more than 15 Harriers will compete in marathons in the next few months - reports to follow.

To support the marathon runners, the club recently held a marathon evening with six time London Marathon Masters champion Darran Bilton at Sedgefield Cricket Club and this is being followed up with a marathon training weekend for 20 members in the Cheviots in March.

Below: Harriers at the Royal Signals Relays



The track and field season also comes around soon, with the traditional opener of the Anne-Marie Redshaw meeting at Shildon Stadium. The club has many juniors competing in throws, sprints and endurance on the track and this year a small but growing band of seniors are competing in shot, javelin, long jump, sprints and middle distance.

On Saturday 16th February the club fielded four strong teams in the North East Road Relay Championships - the Royal Signals Relays - at Hetton-Le-Hole. In the main men's race, the vet40 team finished 26th overall and 5th in their category, followed closely by the senior men's team in 32nd overall. The internal club battle between the two teams was close and fought in great spirit. Earlier in the day, the senior women's team finished 16th in their race and the men's vet50 team were 10th in their category. The road relay championships are very popular and always attract high calibre athletes from throughout the region. This year, at least four Olympians competed on the day and the Harriers were really pleased with their results. Meanwhile, a party from the Harriers visited Morpeth Harriers in February, on a fact finding visit. Morpeth Harriers were instrumental in having an athletics track installed at King George VI School during 2012. The information gained will feed into the planning process in Sedgefield, which is currently underway.

Sedgefield Harriers signed up their 90th senior member during February, a 30% increase in the past year, which adds to the 150 juniors (and around 50 'minis') currently with the club. Between them, Sedgefield Harriers have run Sedgefield parkrun over 700 times since it began last year and the parkrun has been run over 4000 times in total in under a year, with new runners turning up every week.

Karate

A well established and friendly organisation, Sedgefield Karate Club is part of a group of clubs that practice Ishinryu Karate (ishinryu means "all of one heart"). Over the years, the club has seen students develop and demonstrate the ability to compete successfully on the local and international competition

circuits, and also represent England. Linked closely to clubs in East Durham (Peterlee) and Catterick, the heart of the Ishinryu Karate organisation is based in London under the direction of Sensei Ticky Donovan OBE, a 9th Dan Black Belt. At the start of March, an inter club course will see coaches from London travelling to the north east, with several students due to head to London later in the month to take their next grade, under the guidance of Sensei Ticky Donovan himself. Based on a combination of three traditional styles, Ishinryu students are coached in a modern way with emphasis on developing both inwardly as well as outwardly in both strength and character. This allows time to develop the necessary strengths and reflexes in order to acquire the skills to become a competent Karateka. Recognised as an effective means of self defence, karate offers the opportunities for individuals to improve fitness levels and flexibility and through disciplined training develop mutual respect with a positive attitude and greater overall confidence.

Offering training to students aged 8 and above, Sedgefield Karate Club meets at the community college on Monday nights, from 7-8pm for beginners, with a further session from 8-9pm for more advanced students. Karate is a great sport, which improves fitness, balance, concentration, co-ordination and other aspects of life, as well as providing self defence skills. The club is keen to welcome new members, and is holding taster sessions every Monday through March. There's no need for special equipment or clothes - just turn up in track suit or similar and join in. If you are interested in Ishinryu Karate, contact Jeff Hetherington for more details, on 07802771798 or jeff@airtoolsnorthern.co.uk.

Rugby Union

Sedgefield District RFC have enjoyed mixed fortunes recently, highlighted by one great win at home to Washington (48-8) and a heavy 67-15 defeat to top of the league Hartlepool BBOB. In the latter game, Sedgefield showed great spirit right to the end and managed to score a try in over time to end the game in positive fashion. The next few fixtures are: 2nd March, Whitby (away); 9th March, Houghton (home); and 23rd March, Jarrow (away). Training is held every Tuesday and

Thursday at 7pm - new players and supporters are always welcome. Find out more about the club at www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefielddistrictrugbyclub/.

Sedgefield Village Games

Last year's Games proved to be a great success and very worthy of the 'Inspired by London 2012' mark that they were awarded. One of the great features of the games was the way organisations in Sedgefield came together to make something happen and in doing so, found out more about each other and then went on to help and support each other during all of the activities. The organising committee thinks that this is too good a thing to just let go. Over the winter, some of the committee have continued to meet to discuss what to do next and their aim is to create a new organisation that will take forward the legacy of the Sedgefield Village Games. In the near future, they will convene a special meeting to present and discuss some exciting plans that have been developed. Keep an eye on www.sedgefieldgames.com, www.facebook.com/sedgefieldvillagegames and @SedgefieldGames on Twitter for details, or contact Ean Parsons on 07771 828568 or ean2005@hotmail.co.uk if you would like to learn more.

Sportsability Festivals

Sedgefield School Sport Partnership (SSP) recently held its annual Sportsability Festivals at Spennymoor Leisure Centre and children from Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School took part in the primary event. They enjoyed a fun filled day of sports and physical activities, including boccia, dance, football, tennis and gymnastics. Meanwhile, students from Sedgefield Community College participated in the secondary event, which involved dodgeball, new age curling, boccia and wheelchair basketball. Sedgefield Community College won the Y9/10 new age curling competition and will represent Sedgefield SSP in the School Games Finals.

The next SSP inclusion event is Aquability on the 8th March, where young people will have the opportunity to be selected for the County Durham School Games Disability Swimming Gala. Schools can book via the SSP website www.sedgefieldssp.org.uk.

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



Sedgefield Rugby Club Needs You!

Tel: 07732399541

Training every Tuesday & Thursday
www.sedgefieldrugby.co.uk

London to Brussels Cycle Challenge 5-8 September 2013 for Alzheimer's Society

Ian Clifford, of East Parade in Sedgefield, is training to take part in this Challenge and is keen to win your support for his chosen Charity.

There will be more detail on these pages in the months to come but in the meantime, if you want to give

Ian some encouragement, go to **www.justgiving.com/Ian-Clifford3**

Bishop Auckland College Free Travel & Rewards

Bishop Auckland College offers free transport to full time students from Sedgefield, Fishburn & area. See www.bishopaucklandcollege.ac.uk for specific bus routes for school leavers; routes are flexible and pick-up points can be altered depending on where you travel from.

All eligible full time students aged 16 - 19 can receive up to £500 student allowance, free gym membership, free hair & beauty treatments, free printing and help with essential course items.

Come to our Open Evening on Tuesday 5th March, 5:30 - 7:30pm at Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland Campus.

For more information go to www.bishopaucklandcollege.ac.uk or contact Client Services on 01388 443000

OASISJAM

The band returns to The Black Lion on Friday 15th March at 9pm

Expect the greatest hits of OASIS, THE JAM plus some STEREOPHONICS tunes in 2 great sets. OASISJAM features members of local band 101.

FREE ENTRY

March Events Diary

This page is free to non-commercial organisations

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Friday 1st March 10am-12noon
Parish Hall Coffee morning with
Tombola, Raffles, Books, Bric-a-Brac

Sedgefield and District U3A

Friday 1st March 2pm, Parish Hall
The Bungalow - Is this the future?
(Note: This is NOT about bungalows!)
by Colin Hardy
Members Free, Visitors £2
For details call Ray Manning - 629276

Crickets Club Quiz Night

Saturday 2nd March
8 pm. Presented by John Bryant
All welcome

New Generation Church

LADIES' SPECIAL: Friday 1st March
7.30pm at the Parish Hall
Regular services: Sundays 3rd & 10th at
Sedgefield Community College;
17th & 24th at the Parish Hall.
Starts 11am - everyone welcome.

Farmers' Market

Sunday 3rd March from 9.30am

Eddies@4

Sunday 3rd March
4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's.
Informal service for 2-6 yr olds.
Contact J Rowsby, 621125

Residents' Forum

Monday 4th March
7pm in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Methodist Wives & Friends

Methodist Church Hall
Monday 4th March
Prisoners' Aftercare Society
Monday 18th March
Mission Aviation Fellowship

Local History Society

Monday 4th March
7.45pm, Ceddesfeld Hall
Maureen Martin from Durham Cathedral

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Tuesday 5th March
7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall
AGM and Pie & Pea Supper
All welcome

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 6th March
Parish Hall, 7.15pm
Lance Slawther:
Between the lines at Wimbledon.
Members' comp. a Sports Programme.
Fairtrade Fortnight Display

Sedgefield Players present

John Godber's "Happy Families"
Thurs to Sat 7th - 9th March
7.30 pm in the Parish Hall
Tickets £6, £5 concessions from Tickety-
Boo, council offices or 01740 621771

Country Market

Friday 8th March
Parish Hall 9.30 - 11am. Tea, coffee,
cakes, cards, gifts & plants

NECP Concertina Workshop

Sundays 10th & 24th March at 1pm
Ceddesfeld Hall. Contact 01642 588197

N/H/Watch Panel Meeting

Tuesday 12th February
7pm, Fletcher Room - Parish Hall
ALL Welcome

Ladies' Club

Tuesday 12th March, Ceddesfeld Hall
Spalding in Splendour: Arthur Dodds

Sedgefield Village Veterans

AGM, Thursday 14th February, 7pm
Swinhoe Room, Ceddesfeld Hall
Everyone welcome

Sedgefield Show

Thursday 14th March
8pm in the Nag's Head

Macmillan Cancer Support

Coffee Morning, Parish Hall,
9.30--11.30am on **Friday 15th March**
Tea, Coffee & delicious scones etc
A good opportunity to meet friends!

Live Music Night

7.45 pm at Sedgefield Cricket Club
Friday 15th March Main guest: Stony.
Also featuring: Old Age Travellers, Steel
Strings, John Weighell, John Wrightson
Band. Admission £10, includes buffet.
Tel 621347

Family History Group

(branch of CFHS)
Monday 18th March
7.45pm Ceddesfeld Hall
Neil Straughn. A stroll through France &
Spain - the long road home (1939 - 45)
New members always welcome
For info contact S Hall 620367 or visit
www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.org

Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

District Flower Club

Tuesday 19th March
7.30pm in Parish Hall. Northumberland &
Durham Demonstrator Val Guest:
"Just around the corner". All welcome

Sedgefield in Bloom

Friday 22nd March
Coffee morning, Parish Hall 10-11.30am
Home baking, gifts, crafts, books, raffle...

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 28th March
7.45pm Parish Hall
Steve Ashton: Green Tees Valley;
An Environmental Arts Project:
New members welcome
Contact Steve Ashton 01287 636382
sashton@teeswildlife.org for details

Regular meetings

Bridge Club

Meets every Sunday & Tuesday at 7.30pm in
Ceddesfeld 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

Every Monday
in Fishburn Youth & Community Centre.
New members welcome

Community College Bowls Club

Meets Mondays, 6 - 8pm. Carpet Bowls or
Short Mat. Individual coaching available. No
age limit. Contact, J. Kinghorn, 623198

Sedgefield Carpet Bowls Club

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

Sedgefield Pop In Club

for the elderly & disabled at Ceddesfeld 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, Ceddesfeld Hall
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7.30 - 10pm
Further details call Jean, 620656

CAB Advice Session

Advice & Information Centre
10am-1pm, Wednesday 6th February and
every 2 weeks thereafter.

Sing for Health

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1pm
in the Methodist Church Hall

Sedgefield Handbell Ringers

Wednesdays 7.45pm Ceddesfeld 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

Sporting, social and charitable events.
1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays. New members
welcome. Contact Rob on 629079

Ceddesfeld Hall Art Group

Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon, Thursdays

Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & Fishburn gossip! Fridays
9.30am-12noon: Tea/coffee/ toast & chat

Ready Steady Grow

At Sedgefield Methodist Church., term time
Fridays, 9.30-10.30am. For Parents, Carers &
Children. Crafts, Songs, Bible stories,
Refreshments. Call Margaret Glass; 621618

Lyrics Choirs

Both choirs welcome new members
on Fridays in Ceddesfeld Hall:
Youth Choir, 8-18yrs at 6pm; Adults at 7.30pm

YOUR Letters

Durham Foodbank

The Trussell Trust's UK Foodbank Network works in partnership with local churches and communities to open Foodbanks nationwide. There are over 250 Foodbanks in the UK. Last year UK Foodbanks fed over 128,000 people, and Durham Foodbank helped 1600 families over the Christmas and New Year period. All food given out by Durham Foodbank is donated. Schools, churches, businesses and individuals donate non-perishable, in-date food to the Foodbank, and 'Supermarket Collections' are one of the main ways that food is donated: volunteers give shoppers a 'Foodbank shopping list' and ask them to buy an extra item or two for local people in crisis. Volunteers sort food to check that it's in date and pack it ready to be given to people in need.

Care professionals such as housing charities, social workers, CAB, doctors, and health visitors, identify people in crisis and issue them with a Foodbank voucher. Clients bring their voucher to a Foodbank distribution point where it can be redeemed for three days' worth of emergency food. Volunteers meet clients over a cup of tea and are able to signpost people to agencies able to solve the longer-term problem.

Through referrers, the Foodbank also provides emergency food to clients living at a distance from the nearest distribution point, who cannot afford to get there.

People do not have to be in receipt of benefits to receive this help. If you know of anyone who is in financial crisis, please advise them to get in touch with the Citizens' Advice Bureau for assistance. Thank you.

Panny Pighills

Thank you from DIDO

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Cooper, new proprietors of The Golden Lion in Sedgefield, for their kind donation of £100 towards our project. Thanks also to DIDO member Nancy Broughton for her kind donation.

We are always looking for new members to join us in the Parish Hall for our monthly get togethers. If you are interested please give ring me on 622447.

Gloria Wills

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St Cuthbert's Day

We regularly celebrate days for Saints Patrick, Andrew, David and George but St Cuthbert doesn't seem to get similar recognition. The 20th March will be St. Cuthbert's Day, commemorating the patron Saint of Northumbria - and of the North of England. This year will be the 1,326th anniversary of his death. Let's celebrate our patron saint with pride this year and every year.

Roger Clubley

Search for sewing thread over at last!

I'd heard the rumours about a haberdashery but didn't spot it in time for my latest emergency hemming job, because the shop is hidden round the corner of High St (to the Hope Inn). It's all too easy to walk past, at least going down the street.

Secret number two is that it contains much more than needles and thread. From tacks, nails, saws glue and paintbrushes to cards, knitting wool, hand knits, welly boots, cake boards... the list is long and I wasn't in long enough to notice everything. Anyone who, like me, hasn't had their eyes open around the village might be glad to see some of this useful stuff on sale locally, after the loss of our DIY shop.

Editor

Charity motorcycle adventure

Salvador Blasco, a waiter at the Dun Cow in Sedgefield, is planning another epic motor cycle trip to Spain. Two years ago he did a sponsored ride in support of Stockton charity 'The Daisy Chain' which helps children with autism. He raised £1400 in the process, riding from Fishburn, where he lives, to Cullera in Valencia via Grenoble at the foot of the French Alps, covering 3000 miles in 3½ days.

This year he is going to do a similar trip to raise funds for Strongbones Children's Charitable Trust. This is a national charity set up to help alleviate the pain and suffering of children with brittle bone disease, scoliosis, bone cancer and all other conditions of the bone. All funds raised by Salvador will be re-directed to children with bone conditions in the Stockton area for medical equipment. To sponsor him you can contact Salvador on his mobile on 07876488575.

The challenge this time is to ride from Fishburn to Cullera in just two days, spending over 12 hours in the saddle each day, covering some 750 miles. Salvador, who rides a 1989 Honda VFR800, will be going from Fishburn to Portsmouth, then by ferry to Bilbao for the final leg to Cullera, near Valencia. He will be staying in his brother's flat so that he only has to pay for food and drink when he is there. The trip is timed to allow him to attend the 'Las Fallas' which is the biggest of Valencian celebrations, a famous street party and a spectacular celebration of Valencian tradition for the locals and an enormous cosmopolitan festival for the visitors with a different theme each night. He will return over the same route.

So, keep a lookout for the 'Motorbike Challenge' posters round the area and remember Salvador's phone number - 07876488575 and help sponsor him! Sponsor forms are also at the Dun Cow.



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