

Sedgefield News

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Produced by volunteers for the villagers of Sedgefield, Bradbury & Mordon

November 2005

Vote for Sedgefield in the People's Millions!

Congratulations to Sedgefield Community Association!
They have made it through to the last six in the Tyne Tees region for a People's Millions grant, with their bid to revitalise the grounds and lake behind Ceddesfeld Hall.

The idea is to encourage us to make more use of the gardens by providing a safer and more pleasant environment. Winning the grant would allow access for elderly and disabled visitors to be greatly improved, with better footpaths and seating. Importantly, careful

management of the woodland areas and some sensitive lighting would be designed to reduce the opportunities for the kind of anti-social behaviour which can and often does take place there.

So tune in to North East Tonight (Tyne Tees) on Wednesday 2nd November between 6 - 6:30pm, to vote for the Sedgefield project in the People's Millions contest. The winner could be awarded up to £50,000 from the Big Lottery Fund!

Sedgefield is up against the much larger Wansbeck District Council's project and they have many more prospective voters, so we need **every-one** to take the time to vote online or by telephone. **Ask all your friends to vote too, and don't leave it too late - the winners will be announced the next day on North East Tonight.**



Rainbows skip for Air Ambulance

2nd Sedgefield Rainbows recently presented a £150 cheque to the Great North Air Ambulance's area co-ordinator, Sue Cave. She had previously visited a Rainbows' meeting to talk about the good work of this vital emergency service, and made such a big impression on the girls that they decided to raise money for the Air Ambulance. Guider Cheryl Mann said that the fifteen Rainbows had done extremely well; they had skipped for a full hour and raised £150, which was a great result for the youngsters. The 2nd Sedgefield Rainbows was started one year ago, and is for girls aged 5 - 7 years. The group meets at the Community College every Tuesday in term-time from 4 - 5pm. Any parents interested in finding out more can ring Cheryl on 629091.



Temporary protection for trees

Sedgefield Borough Council has imposed a provisional Tree Preservation Order on 9 trees in Ceddesfeld Hall grounds.

Members of the public have until 12 noon on November 7th 2005 to make representations either in support of or against the order. Any **previous** comments you may have made can no longer be taken into account. (letter, p.12)

Learning News

Changes to Drop-in times at the Zone

From **week beginning November 7th**, you can drop into the Zone at 58 Front St for IT advice, on **Mondays from 9.30 - 11.30am and Wednesdays from 9.30 - 12 noon**

Starting this month

Beginners Digital Photography: Thursday 10th November

10am - 12 noon at the Zone, 58 Front Street, Sedgefield

Follow Up Digital Photography: Thursday 10th November

1pm - 3pm at Bishop Middleham Village Hall

Contact Rana Coates, 01740 623585, or Carol Smith, 657493

Coming up in the New Year

E Citizenship (IT foundation level, E-mail, the Internet) - giving people confidence to access the on-line world

Foundation Course in Counselling - an introduction to the skills, knowledge & self-awareness required

Genealogy on Computer - discover online sources and develop your knowledge of genealogy for Family History research

More Digital Photography Courses

To express interest in any of the above, contact Carol Smith or Maggie Jackson at Sedgefield Learning Borough on **01740 657493** or email carolferryhill@yahoo.co.uk

Paralegal Training

It is hoped to run **Taster Sessions in December**, then a **10 Week Foundation Course** beginning in the New Year, for volunteers, community workers and members of committees who have not undertaken formal structured training.

26 Week Intermediate Course

For anyone who has successfully completed the foundation course and wishes to gain a legal qualification as a Community Sector Paralegal

To enrol for Paralegal Training, please contact Jackie Young on 01429 420302, email jyoung.hdt@btconnect.com or Carol or Maggie, as above



Happy smiles at the Great North Run where John Nicholl (centre) successfully completed his run on behalf of the Sedgefield Primary School PTA. He raised £125 for the fund and they send their warmest thanks to John and to everyone who sponsored him.

Half term fun will light up the town!

The streets of Sedgefield will be lit up on November 5th, not only by fireworks but also by a parade of lanterns which will start from Sedgefield Primary School at 6pm, going to the Village Green, then to Ceddesfeld Hall grounds, where the finale of the parade will be a beautiful firework display.

Free workshops are being held in Sedgefield Parish Hall during half term to make individual lanterns for the parade, and local schools are each making two large lanterns that will lead the parade.

Workshops: for families and over 8s - Wednesday 26th October from 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm.

For over 10s, come along on Friday 28th October at the same times.

Bonfire & Fireworks Safety Message

Sedgefield Community Safety Partnership is working to limit the impact unsafe bonfires and fireworks can cause, and Sedgefield Borough Council will remove any bonfire deemed a risk to the community, until 6th November. The **Be Safe - Not Sorry** message has gone out to comprehensive schools, all public houses and residents' groups. Letters have also been sent to those who will be selling fireworks advising them of test purchasing for under age sales. The Community Safety Team asks that young and old show respect for neighbours and attend local firework displays instead of setting off their own fireworks. Here in Sedgefield you can't do better than go to Ceddesfeld Hall on the 5th.



Sedgefield Community Safety Partnership's Firework Safety poster shows life-long scars from **'messing about with a Roman Candle'**

**FIREWORKS
BE SAFE
NOT SORRY**
Safety Poster for 2006



Michael Hodgson is a 23 year old Physics graduate who as a teenager, gained a place in the National Final of the Young Engineers for Britain, where he won a Marine Technology Trust Award. His latest venture is an attempt to raise over £3000 for Raleigh International and Cancer Research UK.

So what is Raleigh International? Over to Michael ...

"Raleigh International is a youth development charity that aims to inspire people from all backgrounds and nationalities to discover their full potential by working together on challenging environmental and community projects in developing countries. Volunteers are encouraged to raise up to £3000 pounds for the charity. This money goes directly into the organisation to help with the projects and also to

allow socially excluded young people to take part and gain self confidence, team working skills and a sense of purpose. Information can be found at

www.raleighinternational.org or by phoning 020 737 18585.

Should the £3000 mark be passed, the additional money will be donated to **Cancer Research UK**, the world's leading charity dedicated to the research the causes, treatment and prevention of cancer. Donations support over 3000 scientists, doctors and nurses who work towards the goal of conquering cancer. The aims of this organisation are personally important to me and my family".

Raising the cash

As well as jumping out of a plane at 20,000 ft with - as he describes it - a sheet attached to his back, Michael is performing more utilitarian tasks like supermarket bag-packing. Local schools are doing 'dress down days' on his behalf and he is holding an Auction and Grand Raffle. On Friday 4th November the Parish Hall will resound to the sound of the hammer falling on successful bids! Lots include signed Newcastle, Middlesbrough and Sunderland merchandise, a Bolams' meat tray and many more items. Many raffle prizes have been provided too, by generous Sedgfield

businesses. Tickets are £1, children go free, and there will be light refreshments. Prize and lot viewing is from 7pm, with the auction starting at 7:30pm.

Always a busy lad, Michael has been involved in everything from Sports to Radio Presenting, gaining a Certificate in Sports Leadership, a Special Award for Outstanding Contribution to University of Surrey's Men's Football and an FA Level 1 Coaching Certificate.

Michael tells us, "I fully understand that the events of this year have increased the need for charitable donations more than normal, but any donation would go a long way" If you would like any more information or to make a donation please contact Michael

Petition presented to Borough Council



Sedgefield Players Secretary Haydn Neal (right) went to Sedgfield Borough Council Offices on October 3rd, to hand in a petition against the proposed development at Ceddesfeld Hall and the possible consequent loss of the Parish Hall.

Planning Officer Charlie Walton received the petition. At that time, the petition contained the signatures of 750 people from Sedgfield and beyond who are worried about the possible closure of the Parish Hall.

However, feelings must have been

running high, because more names were received after the closing date and the number now tops 1000. Additional sheets of signatures have been forwarded to Green Lane and will be taken into account when the proposals come up for discussion at a planning meeting sometime within the next month. Individuals who have voiced concerns will be notified of the date of that meeting and are entitled to attend and speak for 5 minutes.

Public Meeting

Norma Neal, the Chairman of Sedgfield Players, has organised an open meeting in Sedgfield Parish Hall on Monday November 7th at 7pm to give people a chance to air their views. Norma comments "judging by the response to the petition, there is clearly a great deal of feeling about this issue and the meeting will provide an opportunity to express opinions and find out more about the plans". Everyone is welcome, whether for or against the current proposals.

**Everyone is welcome at the
AGM of Sedgfield
Development Partnership
on Monday 14th November
at 7.45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall.**

After the AGM business there will be an informal discussion -

Refreshing your Agenda

so we can find out what you would like the Partnership to tackle next.

At our first public meeting in 2001 we were asked to:

Carry out a Village Appraisal ✓

Start a Newsletter ✓

Set up a Community Website ✓

Develop a Learning Centre ✓

Set up an Office Base ✓

Employ a Development Worker ×

Redevelop the Parish Hall ×

A Community Composting Scheme is already being planned, so **WHAT NEXT?**

We need your ideas, so why not join us for the AGM or afterwards at about 8.15pm and let us know what you think

At their monthly meeting on September 21st, the Trustees of Sedgfield Development Partnership discussed the proposal to provide a Community Hall at Ceddesfeld Hall as opposed to rebuilding the Parish Hall. The Trustees wish to state that SDP stands ready to help the community to achieve its wishes, on this or any other issue.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch

Village Constable Keith Todd circulated copies of the reported Crime in Sedgefield Village between 16th Aug & 11th Sept. There were **21 crimes** recorded, consisting of **9 Thefts** (1 property, 8 of/from vehicles), **5 Burglary** (property), **6 Damage** (2 property, 4 vehicles), & **1 Attempted Theft**. Keith then gave a more detailed picture of the local force's plan to tackle the trend of car related crime and also of an excellent result in relation to a burglary at the Community Hospital. Thanks to good observation and quick response by the staff & our local Police a burglar is languishing in our local prison at Stockton, on the way (we hope) to receiving justice for his actions.

Our Chairman asked if the issues relating to car crime could be circulated to members on Ringmaster messaging system. Ringmaster is an automated message from the Police to all members who choose to receive it; and is intended to enable us as residents to be pro-active in taking precautions as well as providing help/observations to the police. Thanks must go to Keith as the message went out the day following our meeting.

Crime Prevention Officer Neil Langthorne spoke on Dwelling Burglary, Assaults, Damage, in relation to the Borough as well as our village; prospective restructuring of our Police Force, Streetsafe and the change (of course this means reduction) to crime prevention staffing in our patch.

Yet again members expressed their dissatisfaction with youth congregation & general feelings of intimidation, anti social drinking & and their attendant consequences. This created much discussion and engaged Keith, Tim & Neil with the members present. It is fair to say that members feel that there is no real prospect of improvement.

Sedgefield Village N/Hood Watch Exec. Panel Annual Report Year Ending September 2005, issued by Panel Chairman Ken Saiger

Once again I am proud of the achievements of the past year and proud that we still have a meaningful Neighbourhood Watch in Sedgefield Village.

Now in its 4th year we again awarded the Allen Sowerby Memorial Shield, **Good Citizenship Award** to Sedgefield Primary and Sedgefield Hardwick schools. It must be stressed that these awards are truly appreciated by the teaching staff, the parents of the selected pupil and most especially that individual pupil. Not only does it remind me that there are many good children in our society, it gives me hope that there are many good adults in the making in our local community. This year we are very pleased to report that the Citizenship Award was introduced and awarded for the first time at Sedgefield Community College and we look forward to building on this contact with the pupils and teaching staff in the years ahead.

We continue to fit door bars and security-mark property in partnership with Tim Spearey, our Village's dedicated Community Warden.

Audio Tapes of Sedgefield News, for 16 partially sighted residents are made and issued each and every month. Tapes include extracts from Marks & Spencer Magazine, County-Wide, Sedgefield Extra, Trading Standards and many other publications. Some of the aforementioned kindly provide tapes in their own right and we issue these with our own tape. On behalf of our panel I wish to record my thanks to all those who have provided material and permission to issue this.

Many thanks to the organisations and groups (Town Council, Durham Police et al) that help support us and keep us going and most especially to the individuals in these groups who continue to provide the real practical support and help.

Once again my sincere thanks go to the following: - David, Phyllis, Joe, all the members of this year's Executive Team, Sarah, Neil, Keith, Brian, Tim and last but by no means least - all of you the very loyal Members, for your efforts in building and holding together Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch; for without you Neighbourhood Watch would not exist, and our village I believe would be a much poorer place to live in.

Almost finally I feel it necessary to **appeal to the wider group of residents** of our village to come along to a meeting or two (there are only six in the year) express an interest or even better give us a new impetus; but most importantly register an interest in the continuance of **your** Village Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. As our numbers are sadly diminishing this request is a most valid one.

Finally, fellow members I look forward to your continued commitment to Neighbourhood Watch in the year ahead, thank you. *Ken Saiger*

The AGM of Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch

was held on Tuesday 11th October.

The existing officers agreed to stand for a further year (there being no "new" volunteers). Chairman Ken Saiger circulated copies of the Executive annual report (see below left). He then presented framed certificates to a very surprised Jeanette & Wilf Garbutt. This was his annual award for services to the village Neighbourhood Watch over the past year.

An **Ordinary Panel meeting** then took place, (see report, left)



Congratulations! David Hillerby presents the Alan Sowerby Shield to 14 year old Louise Flint. The college citation reads "Louise Flint, a Y10 student, gained the award for the support she has given to her local Rainbow Group - all voluntary work. She is now seeking formal training and qualifications to enable her to continue and develop this work". *Photo, Ken Saiger*

Syringe danger

I recently received a message about a suspect needle found in the village. It obviously needed to be picked up and fortunately I was able to locate and remove it, and put it into the system for disposal.

You can phone 01388 721 351 to arrange for needles to be collected either that day or once a warden comes on duty. On no account should you ever touch a needle which may have been used for illicit drugs.

Instead, cover it with something (a brick for example) and report it. Fortunately I can add that this kind of drug abuse use is not prevalent in Sedgefield. Some may smoke the stuff but they don't normally use the needle.

Tim Spearey, Community Warden

SEDGEFIELD VILLAGE RESIDENTS FORUM

c/o Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, 621273

Sedgefield Residents Forum came about because of a perceived need for the residents of Sedgefield to come together to air any matters of public interest or concern and to take forward these issues as a community to the relevant official bodies for their action and resolution. On September 26th 2005 the Forum held its first AGM and agreed to rename the group as Sedgefield Village Residents Forum. Particular note was made of the wish to make sure that Winterton estate residents be included. Meetings take place on the last Monday of each month (except December) at 7pm in the Parish Hall and all residents are welcome to hear brief updates on current initiatives and to raise any new issues of public interest or concern they may have. Minutes will be available in the Advice and Information Centre and eventually on appropriate websites. A steering group has been elected (see right). The Forum will operate as a collection of autonomous, topic related sub groups, each subgroup having a lead contact with the necessary support and input from the resident community as a whole. Currently they are as follows:

Neighbourhood Watch (David Hillerby) Working together with local police to address all issues regarding community safety

Disability Access (Ann Stephenson) Addressing access for all, eg dropped curbs, access to shops and services

Road Safety (Roy Smeeton) Parking issues, safe road crossings, A689/Stockton Road junction

Noise Disturbance (David Meekin) Events around the village that generate long and unacceptable noise, licensing issues

Defend our Village Environment (DOVE) (Mike Gibson) Illegal encampments around the village and support to our community provided by local authorities

Youth Forum (John Robinson) Improving youth provision in the village
Any other specific subgroups can be formed as residents identify issues – please consider giving some of your time to help make our village the place you want it to be.

At the AGM the issue of the Parish Hall and possible extension of Ceddesfeld Hall was raised. Although not on the agenda it was agreed that a letter be sent to Sedgefield Borough Council to request a hold be put on the planning application for Ceddesfeld as it was felt that not enough consultation had taken place to inform residents. Also that a request be made to the Town Council/Parish Hall Group to hold a public meeting to give residents an opportunity to have all the facts on this very emotive issue. The Residents Forum offered their next meeting date, 24 October 2005, as an opportunity for this public meeting. At the time of writing we understand that the Town Council/Parish Hall Group will be circulating information in writing but will not hold a public meeting at the present time. The Residents Forum has offered its support for a meeting. Hopefully by the time of the Newsletter distribution, a public meeting can be arranged to clarify the current situation and agree a positive way forward.

A much discussed issue is the atmosphere in and around the village particularly on a Friday and Saturday night. The Residents Forum wishes to offer residents the opportunity to give their thoughts on this matter at the discussion evening on November 28th

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY and influence the sort of village we live in. The Residents Forum will only be successful if you engage with it. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on **Mon 28th November** at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

To give all attending the opportunity to have an input, numbers are limited to 80. If demand exceeds places we will hold a second event. **Please register your intention to attend** as soon as possible at the Advice & Information Centre or Selections. Posters advertising the event will be around the village.

Sedgefield Village Residents Forum Steering Group & Contact numbers

Julia Bowles (Chair) 620409
David Hillerby (Vice Chair) 621343
Janet Spalding (Secretary) 620156
Ann Stephenson (Treas.) 622041
Lesley Swinbank 621273
(Assistant Treas. and Asst. Sec)
Mildred Howell 620115
Paul Davidson
Roy Needham
Donald McDonald 623742
Angela Barron 621166
Lynn Goddard 623528
Maxine Robinson 620042
John Robinson 620042
Roy Smeeton 620009



**DEFEND OUR
VILLAGE
ENVIRONMENT
(SEDGEFIELD)**

PROGRESS REPORT on OLD BEACON LANE

I mentioned in the August edition that we had met with Tony Blair and that he promised to report back in September. We are still waiting a response. We have had a visit from the Local Government Ombudsman following our complaint about Durham County Council. The visit lasted 3 hours and was very detailed. The Ombudsman is making further enquiries and will reply as soon as possible. We will keep you updated.

Mike Gibson

A689/ Stockton Road Junction

A letter from Durham County Council regarding the potential improvements at the junction, has been received by Roy Smeeton. It states that the consultation has been completed without any major objections.

However, due to the cost of the proposed changes, the potential benefits are now being evaluated in comparison to other priorities within the programme of works.

Beware hi-jackers new scam

Here's what can happen. You return to your car in a car park, unlock it and get inside, start the engine, shift into REVERSE and when you look into the rear view mirror to back out you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window.

You jump out of your car to remove the paper but when you reach the back of the car the hi-jackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off!

The door was unlocked, your keys were in the ignition, maybe the engine was running, you may have left a handbag, with purse, mobile phone etc. in the car.

So if you spot something unusual on your rear windscreen, just drive away and remove it later....and be thankful that you read this email. If you think it appropriate, forward this warning to friends and family. A purse contains all identification, and you certainly do NOT want anyone getting your home address. They already have your keys!

The Revd Paul Judson, Hartlepool

Sports Update

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The Seve Trophy

This month's sports update is a brief one. During the week when I should have been writing my regular report for Sedgefield News, I was enjoying some world class golf on our doorstep, down at the Wynyard Golf Club, and in the process I met a legend.

Severiano Ballesteros is a name that evokes memories of golf played with a verve and passion that has rarely been matched. In his prime, Seve's all round talent and near miraculous short game were rewarded with five Major titles and world-wide fame and adoration. Not least of his achievements were some outstanding performances (often in tandem with Jose Maria Olazabal) in the Ryder Cup. Seve may not be winning titles left, right and centre these days, but he is still a huge figure in the golfing world, and six years ago saw the first Seve Trophy. This team event (set up by the man himself) is very much in the mould of the Ryder Cup and sees teams from Continental Europe and Great Britain and Ireland take on each other in a matchplay competition.

The Seve Trophy 2005 was hosted by North East England and proved to be a great success. I would say that of course, as I work for one of the main sponsors, but the facts and figures speak for themselves: 20 of the best golfers in the world took part; the pre event Pro-Am day attracted some major celebrities (Alan Shearer, Michael Owen, Mick McCarthy, Jonathan Edwards, Steve Harmison, Paul Collingwood - see below right); the North East was shown in all its glory to a world-wide television audience and the national press; and around 27,000 spectators flocked to Wynyard to witness



That's our man Chris on the right, exercising the elbow with Seve Ballesteros

events unfold there - by some distance, the biggest crowds that the Seve Trophy has ever attracted.

The region's passion for great sport was clear for all to see and it certainly made a really positive impact on the players.

Both playing captains, Colin Montgomerie and Jose Maria Olazabal commented about the great welcome the people of the region had given the event, as did the organisers, the European Tour officials, and of course Seve himself. I managed to grab a few words with Seve at various points during the tournament and he was over the moon with the way the North East had embraced his event and waxed lyrical about the weather, which was very well behaved. I pointed out that the sun shines 365 days of the year in the region, so he shouldn't hesitate to come back!

I will include a full report on how the event unfolded next month, but for now will just report the final score. Great Britain and Ireland ran out winners by 16.5 points to 11.5 points, though it was nip and tuck all the way until the final afternoon - more details next time.

Running Club

Sedgefield runners now meet at 6.30pm each Wednesday not 6 pm and it's good to see them up and, er, running! I may even join them at some point soon!

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



Cook's Corner

Savoury Bake - a scrumptious supper dish

Ingredients for 4 servings

2 tablespoons melted butter
75g (3oz) grated Emmenthal cheese
4 egg yolks
4 tablespoons cream cheese
1 bunch chives, snipped
8 tablespoons single cream or crème fraîche
Salt and pepper

Method

Brush 4 ramekin dishes with melted butter
Coat base & sides with grated cheese
Put an egg in each dish
Mix cream cheese, chives & seasoning until well-blended
Spoon mixture into dishes to cover the egg yolk.
Level the surface.
Place on a baking tray and bake for 10 minutes at 200 C / 400 F/Gas Mark 6 until slightly golden
Garnish with snipped chives and serve straight away

Wine Tasting Evening

Sedgefield Twinning Association invites you an enjoyable evening sampling some delicious wines - German of course!
Your ticket will include a tasty supper as well as several varieties of wine to try.

The event takes place on **Saturday November 26th** at 7.30 pm in Ceddesfeld Hall and you can get your tickets from Nancy Wells, on 620467, at **£7.50** per person

Could you spare about an hour a month, to deliver Sedgefield News?

Occasionally one of our volunteers has to give up for health reasons.

Right now we are looking for 2 or 3 new volunteers for The Meadows and part of the Winterton Estate

We are told that Sedgefield News is much appreciated.

Please help us to ensure that everyone has a chance to keep up with events.

If you can help, leave a message on 629011 or email snews@sedgefieldweb.co.uk

Farmer's Market Update

October was another busy Market. I hadn't realised that it coincided with Harvest Festival and when the service ended we were inundated, but I'm not complaining! I would like to thank all of you who stood so long in the vegetable queue, for waiting patiently. Both David and Ann work very hard to serve you as quickly as possible - hopefully they'll have an extra pair of hands this month!

The Farmers' Market has doubled in size since it began, and now boasts 16 stalls! Skinninggrove Country Wines and Aline O'Brien (hot crepes) were new last month and were very pleased with the reception they got.

British Food Fortnight Prize Draw

Congratulations to our winner Catherine Rantoul, who is a regular at the Market. She was one of 125 entries in the draw which took place to mark the end of British Food Fortnight. The stallholders donated local produce which resulted in a rather large box of goodies! Thanks to the Mayor, Cllr Maxine Robinson for officiating.

The next Farmers' Market is on the 13th November - Remembrance Sunday. We will, of course, observe the minute's silence at 11am.

If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to 'phone me on 07774 3337960.

Joanne Martin, Sedgefield Farmers' Market Co-ordinator

Crosshills Hotel F.C FIXTURES

Sunday 6th November: AWAY
Durham Victoria Bridge

10:30am kick off
Meet outside Crosshills for 9.30am

Don't forget to consider who you think should be our

Citizen of the Year 2005

The nomination form was in last month's Sedgefield News, but if you've mislaid it, pick one up from the Advice & Information centre or from Sedgefield Development Partnership at 58 Front Street

Safety Carousel at full spin

Sedgefield Borough Council hosts their eighth annual Safety Carousel at Newton Aycliffe Young People's Centre this month. Around 1,200 Year Six pupils are expected to take part in fun workshops which aim to pass on community safety advice and awareness.

Six organisations - The Restorative Justice Team, Fire & Rescue Service, Police, Northern Electric, The Dogs Trust and The British Transport Police - will hold a series of 15-minute workshops to deliver vital safety messages. The idea is to help pupils to be aware of potentially dangerous situations. For more information, contact Caroline Stephens on (01388) 816166.

E mailers beware!

"You've received a greeting from a family member!"

Have you received an E-mail message with this title or a similar one? If so, don't click on the link. If you do, you will open a malicious file - you've been warned.

Tim Randall

Sedgefield Community College PTFA News

Christmas Shopping Trip to York - 19th November

The coach will pick up from the Trimdons, Fishburn and Sedgefield by 8:30am, and depart from York at 5pm. The cost is £6.50 return per person, or £20 for a Family Ticket - 1 adult & 3 children, or 2 adults & 2 children. Seats always sell quickly, so please contact Geoff Clifford-Brown (621686) or Sharon Rhodes (623963)

FONES4SCHOOLS will be doing a collection of old mobile 'phones after Christmas. They give the PTFA a cash donation for every old 'phone handed in, whether they are working or not. If you have any redundant mobiles, please consider handing them in to school.

Christmas Raffle - We are having our annual raffle again soon, and this year we have some really outstanding prizes. Tickets are £1 each, and are available from every student at the college from November.

Friends of Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School and Sedgefield Primary School

Tokens for Schools

Many thanks for your response to our appeal for supermarket and product tokens. We were able to purchase computer software, sports equipment, books and art materials for use in our schools.

Tesco has now launched a new schools token scheme, running until 6th November, and we are collecting these vouchers (one for every £10 you spend) which will enable us to purchase sports equipment or specialist coaching. Additionally we continue to collect Nestle cereal box tops (for books) and Persil stars (for art materials).

Please pass on your tokens to anyone connected with our schools or deposit in the envelopes provided in the Library and Post Office. Thank you.

See Diary page for 'Chocoholics' and a Family Magic Night at Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School.

Interpretation and Exhibition

There is a story to tell about the 18th century characters and scenery in the Park, and by a mixture of illusion and artifice - in effect a theatrical performance - visitors will be able to see both the historic and the present purpose of the Park.

'Metaphor' is the company who were given the remit to raise awareness of the uniqueness of Hardwick Park, as well as to retain local support and to attract new visitors. The presentation they gave in the Parish Hall has revealed how they plan to fulfil their brief. The new Heritage Resource Centre will be mainly glass and wood to enable the visitors to see in and out more clearly. **Wildlife cut-outs**, including Butterflies and Birds will be suspended from the ceiling of the Heritage Resource Centre. Videos will be playing on constant time lapse and the rest of the exhibition will consist of '**cabinets of curiosities**' with opening doors, through which items such as an animated ship which was part of John Burdon's business will be displayed.



Left
A Cabinet of Curiosities

Right
At the original start of
the Circuit Walk

It is hoped to display scale models of the fascinating buildings around the Park but with the cost of models ranging from £6000 to £25,000 Metaphor may invite Art and/or Architecture students from Colleges and Businesses in London to make the models. Sponsorship for this is being considered. Around the Park, various 18th Century items will be displayed in a 20th Century interpretation, such as John Burdon's Coat of Arms, a stage showing John Burdon and his dog, and a 3D Oblique view of the Park inviting visitors to visit his Pleasure Gardens. In strategic places around the Circuit Walk, scenes telling the story of the History of Hardwick Park will be displayed on signage and display boards. Leaflets will be available also, to expand on the stories along the route. In the Nature areas there is more room for interpretation, a re-working of the boardwalk information boards in the Fen Carr area being an example.

Hardwick Park

It's been a long time in the planning and execution, but by the end of a reasonably wet winter, it should be possible to see the shape of things to come.



The dam is plugged and the water's rising -

with a little help from the Fire Service, Councillor Ken Manton, and some willing young helpers - not to mention Mother Nature!



November Diary

Announcements on this page are free
to non-commercial organisations

Sedgefield Garden Society

Tuesday 1st November

Ceddesfeld Hall 7.30pm

HERBACEOUS PLANTS

Talk and slides by Mr Dinning
All Welcome

& Tuesday 6th December

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Names to any committee
member please

Sedgefield Library

Rhyme time - stories, songs and
rhymes for under 5's

Wednesdays 2nd, 16th & 30th
November from 10 - 11am

and NEW at the Library

Coffee morning every Monday

Tiny Steps at St. Edmund's

Wednesday 2nd November

1.30pm Singing & Stories for
pre-school children & carers
All welcome

Sedgefield W.I.

Wednesday 2nd November
7:15pm

"The Women in My Life"

by Mrs J Kendall
Members' competition -
a pretty umbrella

New members always welcome

Raleigh International Charity Auction

Friday 4th November

viewing, 7pm for 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall

Planetarium shows

Friday 4th November 7.30pm

What's up in the Night Sky?

Friday 18th November 7.30pm

Deep Impact

Firework Display

Saturday November 5th

Ceddesfeld Hall, 6.30pm

Tickets £1.50/ adult, 50p/child
from Council Offices

Also available from Council offices;
a limited number of tickets for the

New Years Eve Dance

Public Meeting

Monday 7th November, 7pm

to discuss the future of the
Parish Hall - see page 3

Local History Society

Monday 7th November

7.45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

"Recent Developments in Hardwick Park"

Tony Smith and Catherine Greszo
Everyone welcome

Fashion Show

by Jayne, hosted by Sedgefield WI

Tuesday 8th November

7.30 in the Parish Hall

Tickets £1.50 (inc refreshments)
from Jayne's or tel. 621049

Chocoholics

Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School

Wednesday 9th November, 7pm,

Display, taste, sale & order - a
marvellous selection of everything
sweet, with a Christmas theme

Tickets 50p on the door

Community Hospital Christmas Fayre

Thursday 10th November

In the Parish Hall, 10am - 2pm
All proceeds to the Hospital

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

from 9.30am - 1.30pm

Sunday 13th November

on the Village Green

Please contact Joanne Martin

Tel: 0774 3337960 for details

Sedgefield Library

Teenage reading group

3.30 - 4.30pm on

Mondays 14th & 28th November

Town Councillor Surgery

Monday 14th November

6.30-7 pm in the Council Offices

Sedgefield Development Partnership AGM

Monday 14th November

Ceddesfeld Hall 7.45 pm

Music Night

in aid of the Mayor's Charities

Tuesday 15th November

at 7.45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

Tickets £5 incl pie & pea supper,
from Peter Hinde - 621923

Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club

Tuesday 15th November

Parish Hall at 7:30pm

Open Meeting

"Christmas Fayre"

by Janet Hayton

National & N.E. Area Demonstration
All Welcome

Sedgefield Cricket Club LIVE MUSIC NIGHT

Sat. 19th November 8pm

Main guest **Mambo Jambo**

Also featuring Kate Doherty Trio
& John Wrightson Band

£7.50 (inc. buffet) Tel. 621347
*Club available to hire for private
parties, free of charge*

St Edmund's Church Fayre

Saturday 19th November

Parish Hall, 10am - 12 noon

Contributions for the stalls can be
left at the back of the church

Family History Group

(part of Cleveland FHS)

Monday 21st November

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7:45pm

"Secrets of the Attic - part 2"

Dr Tony Nicholson

*Interested in genealogy? Please come
along. New members always welcome*

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 17th November

Parish Hall at 7:45

"Red Kites" by Keith Bowey

All welcome

Positive Youth Project

Film Nights

Friday 18th November

6.30pm in Sedgefield Parish Hall
Film to be confirmed

*All ages welcome, but under 8s
must be accompanied by an adult*

Town Council Christmas Shopping Trip to York

Wednesday 23rd November

Tickets £7 from Town Council Office

Bus leaves at 9.30am

Quiz Night

Sedgefield Cricket Club

Saturday 26th November

8pm (bar open from 7.30)

presented by John Bryant

Sedgefield Village

Residents Forum

Monday 28th November

at 7pm in the Parish Hall

Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable
events - new members welcome

Contact Rob on 629079

Country Market

Fridays, Parish Hall: 9.30 - 11am
Excellent value home baking, eggs,
garden produce & crafts

Family Magic Night

Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School

Mark's Magic Kingdom

Tuesday 6th December, 6.30pm

Tickets £3 from School,
Library & Selections

Christmas Concerts

Fri & Sat 9th & 10th December

at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
with Lyric Singers, SLYC & Lirica

Your Letters

Keep the snow white!

You have heard it all before... but will this story make a difference? It was a lovely winter's day, overnight snow had covered the whole area. My children, aged 2 and 3 at the time were eager to play in the snow. 'Ok' I said 'but dress up warm'. They played on the front garden, running in the fresh snow, throwing snow balls at each other and making snow angels. It was such fun to watch, but when they stood up, they were covered in dog foul. It was in their hair, on their hands and all over their coats. They are now aged 4 and 5 and have never again been allowed to play snow balls or snow angels in the garden - **my** garden! I write this to you as winter is once again coming, and both parents and grandparents will enjoy watching the children play in the snow, but what lies beneath the snow? Every day I and my three children dodge dog foul on the footpaths to school; each day sees a new addition. My daughter got caught out today and her shoes are outside waiting to be cleaned - not a job I look forward to! To all dog owners, please think before allowing your dog to foul the streets. One day it will be your children and grandchildren whose shoes need cleaning.
Jean Coverdale, Elm Avenue

Trees

Having read the Town Council's Sedgefield Extra 'The Parish Hall Saga' I wanted to make others aware of information about the trees which contradicts Fact 9. In the Town Council's application to Sedgefield Borough Council to have two trees felled they stated that they "may fall any time and require immediate felling". The Town Council's Consultants' results showed that the trees had "advanced decay, disease and structurally unsound (stems)." Sedgefield Borough Council's own investigations using an advanced tomogram digital device found that "none of the trees identified as dangerous have any decay or defects worthy of note". I am relieved that Sedgefield Borough Council considered it necessary to carry out its own tests. Without these, two trees might have been felled without good reason. To support the granting of Tree Preservation Orders on these two trees and seven others within Ceddesfeld Hall grounds please write to R. Lowe, Council Offices, Spennymoor, DL16 6JQ. E-mail rlowe@sedgefield.gov.uk
M. Rowe

The two halls

I would like to thank Sedgefield News for its comprehensive and balanced account of the problems regarding the Parish Hall and Ceddesfeld Hall. Like many people I was aware that there was controversy, but not having been involved in the public meeting in 2002, I found it very helpful to have the history of the Parish Hall and the ensuing problems explained. The members of Sedgefield Town Council are our elected representatives and it is their duty to listen to the opinion of residents of Sedgefield *before* investing a lot of money in schemes which affect our lives. In my opinion, if they go ahead with the conversion of Ceddesfeld Hall with the intention of replacing the Parish Hall, they are missing a golden opportunity to provide a really good and much needed facility for the village - a purpose-built venue for concerts and dances which is properly insulated against noise pollution, big enough for our expanding needs - not something which is very much smaller than the existing Parish Hall. It could even include proper facilities for the young people of Sedgefield, which are also very much needed. Other towns have such facilities - why not Sedgefield? Ceddesfeld Hall does need an upgrade, but not at the expense of the Parish Hall *and* involving unnecessary additions to a listed building, removal of trees, and encroachment on to historic parkland. I regret very much that this report was not in the September edition of the Sedgefield News, giving everybody time to voice their opinions *before* the deadline of October 4th.
Judith Edgoose

Seeking information

Amongst the names on the War Memorial is Thomas Leslie Tinkler, aged 20 years, son of George Henry and Agnes, who lived at 20 Council Houses. Les joined the Royal navy as a Boy Entrant in 1936, aged 15, training at shore station HMS Caledonia at Rosyth Naval yard before doing a specialist course in deep sea diving; he also trained as a gunner's mate. He was on board HMS Liverpool in 1939 for her maiden voyage to India and Ceylon, via the Suez Canal. When the Liverpool returned to Glasgow after war was declared, Les was transferred to HMS Sikh, a Tribal-class destroyer which had been launched in 1937. In 1938 the Sikh had brought the Romanian Royal Family to Britain for a state visit and had earlier picked up refugees from the Spanish Civil War. During 1940 the Sikh joined the Home Fleet and performed escort duties in the North Atlantic, in May 1941 taking part in the chase for the German Battleship Bismarck. When or why Les Tinkler left the Sikh, I am not sure, but on 8th November 1941 he died in Gibraltar and lies buried in the North Front Cemetery. Nor do I know the cause of his death, but he was just 20 years of age. If you know anything about Les, I would be interested to hear, as would his niece, Yvonne Plunkett, who kindly provided the above information. Contact me on 621343, or email david.hillerby@btinternet.com
David Hillerby
ps Please don't forget Armistice Day, and the Cenotaph Service on the 13th November.

Royal Connections

When the Queen opened the Sage at Gateshead recently, she travelled to Newcastle by Royal Train! The driver of the train was Ken Quarmby, eldest son of Alan & Marjorie, of Spring Lane. Not to be outdone, their youngest son Andrew, a sergeant in the British Transport Police, was on overnight guard duty on the train whilst the Queen and her entourage slept in a siding at Darlington. *From a 'SNews-Hound'*



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