

Sedgefield News

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

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John Parkinson 1934 - 2006

A dear friend & colleague

It is with great sadness that we report the loss, on 28th September, of a much valued member of our community. Friends and colleagues of John knew him as a generous, cheerful, thoughtful, enthusiastic, talented and, above all, kind man. He will be a great loss to all who knew him.
Posted on www.sedgefieldweb by Tim Randall.

I remember picking up the phone one day, a bit rattled. It had been one of those mornings, but what I heard was "JP calling" . I could relax. It would be a conversation to enjoy; an offer of help, a snippet of news, some constructive criticism, above all, friendly! No need for a phone-phobic to worry. More times than I can remember, a greeting along the lines of "Cracking issue Mrs. C!" have raised my spirits after a hard slog in the News office. Since John became ill, our editorial team has felt the loss of his wise, gentle, larger than life presence in the office. He could always be relied upon for practical support, encouragement, a funny story or a little 'filler', and when struggling with a difficult topic, good counsel with no hidden agenda. JP was a 'cracking fella' and we will miss him very much. Now, talking to others who knew him, I realise that he was all this and more to so many other individuals and organisations. On this page are some thoughts from just a few of them.. *The Editor, Sedgefield News*

On behalf of the Trustees of the Sedgefield Charities, I wish to record a small tribute to John.

John joined us as a Trustee in 1996 and quickly assimilated the rather complex history, nature and objects of the various charities. Being a resident of Mordon, his contribution on behalf of those 'In Need' , not only in the 'Outlying Parishes' as they are known, but also towards the various projects in the wider area of benefice was greatly appreciated by our Clerk, Roy Smeeton, myself as Chairman and all of his fellow Trustees. In 2003 he willingly accepted the role of Chairman of our organisation when I relinquished the position. Since that time he had proved to be a most competent and understanding leader, and chaired our meetings with sincerity and wisdom.

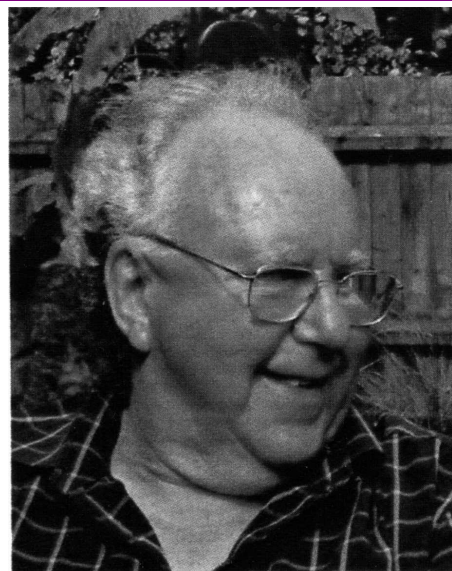
By his untimely death we will miss these attributes and his kindly and friendly manner. We commiserate with all his family and colleagues at this sad time.

*Derrick Lofthouse,
Acting Chairman
The Sedgefield Charities*

On September 28th our friend and colleague, a fellow Trustee/Director of SDT, sadly died.

The funeral service, 'A celebration of his life' was attended by over one hundred friends, business colleagues and relations, a clear tribute to the number of lives he had touched and the difference he had made. John's philosophy on life was 'everything is possible', and that gave him such determination throughout his life, but also over the last few months of his illness. John was a gentle giant; he had an easy way with people and he loved to communicate. He was able to do this even without speaking; a look, a smile, a wink or a tilt of the head and you got the message. He put his heart and soul into everything he attempted. John loved to 'haggle' and always looked for the best deal he could get, this usually meant 'free gratis and for nothing'. John did some tremendous work for the Trust and we could not have done as much without him. He will be sadly missed, and fondly remembered.

Gloria Wills, on behalf of Sedgefield Development Trust.



The people of Bradbury, Mordon and Sedgefield lost a pillar of

their society when John Parkinson passed away on 28th September. John and Betty came to live at Mordon over thirty years ago, his love of people and children show through from the beginning. He joined the village hall committee, where his many talents were realized and put to good use, organizing sports days, writing and producing pantomimes; his monologues and readings at the annual carol service will be greatly missed. His expertise in the plumbing and building trade was invaluable when the committee was faced with the daunting task of building a new village hall. His ability to identify and solve problems was remarkable.

After retiring and selling his business, John became even more involved with community projects and organizations, where his enthusiasm and unlimited capacity to resolve varying situations has been appreciated. His role as chairman of the Mordon parish meeting and the Sedgefield relief in need charities is a vacuum that has to be filled.

John loved reading and writing poetry.

Robert & Anne Elders

Twining Association enjoys visit to Germany

The recent visit to our twin town of Hamminkeln in Germany was very successful. The 25 strong party included Mayor Cllr. Dudley Waters and his consort, and deputy mayor of Durham City, Cllr. Bob Wynn.

A very interesting programme had been provided for us by the Burgermeister of Hamminkeln, Herr Holger Schlierf, and included an exchange of ideas of common concern in the three communities regarding demographic trends. We were blessed with warm sunshine throughout the week which enhanced our experience of the beautiful scenery of the Lower Rhine region.

The picture shows most of the group on the steps of Holy Angels church in Wesel, a town which was destroyed in the allies advance across the Rhine. The church, built originally on the foundations of an old fortification, has been rebuilt with stunning modern interiors. Other visits included a trip on the Rhine, a drive in horse drawn carriages around the nature park in Dingden, and a visit to a medieval market in Kamp-Limpfort.

Gifts were exchanged at a farewell dinner. Chairman Joyce Jordan and ex-chair Keith Wells presented a genuine miner's lamp to the town of Hamminkeln. The lamp had been restored by Keith and was well received. Hamminkeln presented us with a framed photograph of the group, taken on the steps of the town hall. It is on display in the Oldham room at Ceddesfeld Hall. Anyone interested in joining the association should contact Joyce Jordan on 620783 or Nancy Wells on 620467. We will welcome our German friends to Sedgfield next year, when we celebrate 25 years of this partnership.



Bonny, blooming Bradbury wins plaudits

After all our hard work around the village it is good to report that Bradbury achieved a SILVER award for our entry in 2006 Northumbria in Bloom. This was thanks to a faithful band of villagers who regularly got together on weekends over the period from Sept 2005 till we were judged in August this year, and to every household making sure all the front gardens were immaculate on judging day.

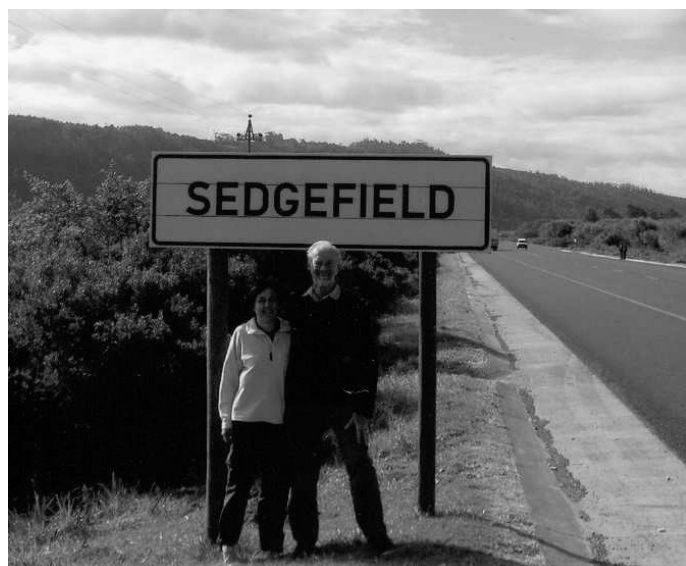
We were very grateful for generous sponsorship from Mr Phil Wilkes of Bradbury Services, Councillor John Robinson, and Sedgfield Rotary Club which allowed us to buy good quality plants and barrels to really brighten up the village. This was our first attempt and we will be entering again, hopefully to win the Gold!

Dave Sayers

It's Sedgfield, but not as we know it

This photo of Sue and Dan Mold was taken whilst they were on holiday this summer - in South Africa! Most of the people living there were surprised to hear that there was also a Sedgfield in the U.K.

You can learn more about our 'twin' town on the web.



Cooks' Corner

Treacle Toffee

10oz (275g) Sugar
2 tbls Water
2 tbls Black Treacle
2oz (55g) Butter
1 dessertspoon Vinegar

Place all ingredients in a saucepan. Boil steadily for about 12 minutes, or until a small amount dropped in cold water forms a firm ball. Pour into a shallow greased tin, about 8 inches (20cm) square. When it begins to set, mark into squares with a knife which has been dipped in oil.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch



At the AGM held on 10th October, C/man Ken Saiger extended his & the Panel's sincere appreciation to John Fawcett in accepting his resignation from the Executive Panel; for his much valued contribution to Executive and Panel too.

Ken was pleased to announce a volunteer from the membership, Linda Maddison, who was duly elected to the Executive. He went on to point out that N/Hood Watch is still in great need of more **active** participants and hopes that the residents of Sedgefield will respond. Apart from Mrs Maddison there were no new nominees for office; existing post holders agreed to remain in post, as did the Executive members; all were duly re-elected.

Following the AGM a normal full Panel meeting was held:

CPO Neil Langthorne gave details of the Borough's crime prevention strategy over the coming "Dark" months; again confirmed that the best & cheapest form of home security in this period is the purchase & **use** of **timers & lights** in the home.

Keith Todd circulated copies of Reported Crime in Sedgefield Village for the period 13th June – 10th Oct. 2006, there were 30 crimes recorded, consisting of 7 Thefts (+1 foiled attempt); 6 Burglaries & 16 Criminal Damage. Keith concentrated his discussions with members on the subject of burglary and its impact on residents pointing out obvious preventative measures like "lock your doors" during the day but especially at night.

Alan Sowerby Citizenship Awards 2006:

The final award for this year was made on Thursday 21st September when a group of Neighbourhood Watchers went along to Sedgefield Community College to present the Alan Sowerby, Citizen of the Year, Shield. They were lead by Chairman Ken Saiger, who took the photographs, David Hillerby, Vice Chair who made the presentation, accompanied by Treasurer Phyllis Hillerby and Sedgefield Neighbourhood Warden, Tim Spearey. The shield is presented to the pupil who the College adjudge has been the most Community minded person. This year the award went to Evie Williamson of whom deputy head John Tomlinson said "Evie has not only been outstanding in the college where she has proven herself to be a tremendous help to her Teachers and fellow pupils alike, but she has also spent a lot of time during the year, on a community project at the local Hospital. Not only working with the patients, but helping to lay on entertainment and proving herself to be a hard, all singing, all dancing, act to follow". Well done, Evie! See picture below)

Communication with Police:

Secretary reported on details of a response by the Chief Constable to Tony Blair following the Panel's written concerns to the MP in June. The members agreed that there would be no benefit in "communicating" further with the Chief Constable but the members would continue to "communicate" with our Local & Area Police, with whom we have seen improvements over the last year – despite ongoing organisational barriers (implemented by HQ). *(Continued in next column)*



Chairman's Award 2006:

Prior to closing the meeting C/man Ken Saiger asked a very surprised (Crime Prevention Officer) Neil Langthorne to accept this year's award. In making the award Ken stated that for many years now Neil has supported not only our Panel but also most importantly the Community of Sedgefield. This he has done very low key, quietly and discreetly working in the background. He has given advice where requested as well as assistance to many residents and in particular has supported several victims of crime, providing much needed assurance to re-establish personal confidence as well as location security. In accepting the award Neil expressed his pleasure as well as surprise and modestly commented that he believes whilst he is only doing his job, it is the people of groups like ours who are the real award winners. (picture on page 6)

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Community Warden Tim Spearey - 01740 623654

or via Chilton Control Room -
01388 721351

To report concerns, seek advice or pass on information to
Local Police, telephone **0845 6060365** (NB it may be prudent to keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident no.)

For advice / assistance: CPO
Neil Langthorne: 01325 742714
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
Sarah Norman: 01325 742755

PC Todd reports

Where do you keep your car keys?

I ask this question because recently a resident woke up one morning to find that his white van was missing from outside the house. The nightmare continued when he discovered that his car had also been taken from his garage. The thieves even had time to load valuable tools into the motor before taking both vehicles away. Until next time,
Keith

Pub Watch

At the recent meeting held at the Black Lion, there were no reports of trouble in any member premises, which warranted further action. This is good news for the majority of people who want to enjoy a sociable drink with friends.

Jottings: Sedgfield Village Residents' Forum

The September meeting was held in Ceddesfeld Hall since the Drama Festival was taking place in the Parish Hall – once again congratulations to the Players for their success.

We had a surprise visitor to the meeting 'Wheelchair Charlie' (real name David Hughes). David is touring the Country campaigning on behalf of the disabled and carrying out disability access assessments of public buildings. He will be sending a report on what he found in Sedgfield but did mention that our new Community Hospital shows several problem areas. David has a wealth of knowledge of legislation and funding available relating to disability issues, he is passing this information on the Town Council. The meeting discussed and reported on many outstanding issues – all reported in the minutes. Minutes are available in the Library, Town Council, village Websites, and by email should you want them. (Contact Jayne at the Town Council with your email address.

A very relevant report was given on refuse collection. The Borough Council are continuing to respond to required targets on recycling (and rightly so) – we must all play our part in this. However, it should be noted that we might all have to have more wheelie bins to accommodate the sorting of waste, possibly 3. So we all need to think about where we might keep 3 wheelie bins!!! The bins can be unsightly if kept at the front of properties and indeed a health hazard if lids are not completely closed. We have many terrace properties in the village where it is almost impossible to move bins to the rear so this issue needs to be thought about if more bins are introduced. – to be fair the Borough Council are aware of this and are thinking of ways to deal with the problem.

The AGM will be on November 27th in the Fletcher Room everyone is welcome to any of the Forum meetings.

Funding blow to Computer Training

Since the last computer classes were held in the Zone, the government funding package has been altered so that a year's course of 30 classes now costs £95 instead of £65. This has caused a number of people to pull out, making the course unviable.

It is a great pity, especially as it seems unlikely that similar classes will cost less elsewhere, unless other venues are able to subsidise their courses.

Help coping with long term conditions

People living with any long-term condition, such as arthritis, asthma, back pain, multiple sclerosis, depression, anxiety etc are being offered another opportunity to take part in the 'Living with a Long Term Condition' course, part of the NHS Expert Patients Programme, which helps people manage their condition much more effectively. Designed to run alongside current medical treatments, some of the benefits can include less severe symptoms, less pain, greater self-confidence and a better quality of life. Topics covered during the six weeks include finding information, making action plans, pain management, communicating with health professionals and coping with depression.

The latest **free** course started on Monday 30th October at Sedgfield Parish Hall. It may not be too late to join. Contact Pam Lawson on 01325 321234.

New structure & new faces for health care

A new primary care trust covering County Durham was created on October 1st, to replace the five trusts which previously served the county, including Sedgfield Primary Care Trust. The merger should save at least 15% on management costs which will be reinvested in frontline services and areas such as new cancer drugs. The interim headquarters of the PCT will be at John Snow House, Durham University Science Park, Durham City and Lady Ann Calman has been appointed as chair. With a background in teaching and educational research, Ann Calman lives in Durham City. She was chair of Durham and Chester-le-Street PCT, and had previously served as a non-executive director on the board of a large teaching hospital in Glasgow.

The trust's newly appointed Chief Executive is one of the region's top NHS managers, Yasmin Chaudhry, *pictured right*. Since qualifying as a midwife in Teesside, Yasmin has worked in the NHS for 25 years and held various executive level posts in primary care, mental health trusts and at strategic health authority level.



Do have your jab - and **don't** believe the myths!

The flu jab **cannot** give you flu, but it can keep you well this winter.

People who are most at risk are urged to take up the free flu jab this winter. Considered to be 'at risk' are those aged 65 and over, as well as under-65s suffering from asthma, diabetes, a serious heart, chest, liver or kidney condition or problems with the immune system. The vaccination only takes a minute and is safe, effective and free for those who are at risk. Last year more than half of those at risk did not take advantage of the jab.

Flu is serious and can lead to hospitalisation or even death. Whilst flu is a nasty experience for all of us, for those at risk or aged 65 and over it can lead to more serious illnesses such as bronchitis or pneumonia. The virus changes every year – just because you haven't had it before doesn't mean you'll be ok this time. Last year's vaccine won't protect you.

Advice from the County Durham Primary Care Trust

Sports Update

with chrisjlines@aol.com

I'm afraid it's a brief update this month. This month's newsletter is packed with news, so I have graciously offered some of the space normally devoted to sport. Okay, the truth is that I've disappeared on holiday during deadline week and am 'filing' this copy in the half hour slot I've managed to bag in an internet cafe in the Lake District! There has of course been no shortage of sports news from Sedgefield in the last month, but most of it will have to wait until the next issue. Thanks to those who have e-mailed me in recent weeks. I will get back to you all before the next update is due.

Scoop!

You may recall the pieces in Sedgefield News recently about the rolling-blading sensations that are the Hammond brothers. Well, following our coverage of the story, Look North featured the boys in its Sports Kids feature. I'd like to think that the BBC devours our august publication every month and took our lead, but suspect that it was inevitable that the brothers' success would get them on the

wider media radar before long! I think you can actually vote for your favourite Sports Kid on the BBC website. Let's see if we can secure a winner for Sedgefield!

Squash

Faith Sinclair has played her squash at Sedgefield for the last 10 years and has just won the over-55s at the British Open Championships. Next month Faith travels to South Africa to try to do the same at the World Championships (she is the current over-50s title holder - she won this the last time the competition was held, in Helsinki, in 2003). Her daughters, both club members, have just graduated from University: Selina, a student at Birmingham, has won the Durham and Cleveland County Championship the last two years, and this year will act as Ladies County Captain; Heather, a student at Reading, made her County debut last year. In one match, there were three Sinclairs representing the County 1st team - is that a record? Four further club members recently qualified as England Squash

coaches: Gary Hetherington, Simon Hill, Peter Redshaw, and Mark Simpson. They will lead the mini-squash training for the under-12s held on Saturday mornings (sessions at 11.00 and 11.45 - new players always welcome) taking over from the "two Emmas", Rowsby and Larcombe, who have left us for new academic pastures and their respective University squash teams at Northumbria and Leeds. Sessions on Monday afternoons (16.30 - 18.15) continue for Juniors aged 11 and over (new players also welcome at this session). I'm sure that the example of Faith can inspire more youngsters to take up squash and good luck to our British champ for the World Championships. We'll let you know how Faith gets on. Well, that's about it for this month. As I indicated, I've received quite a bit more news, but circumstances mean that it will have to wait until the next issue. Thanks again to all those who have contacted me and keep the sports new flowing to: chrisjlines@aol.com.

November is ...the eleventh month of the year according to the Gregorian calendar, which is used in almost all the world today. It takes its name from novem, the Latin word for nine. In the early Roman calendar, November was the ninth month after March. Because July was named for Julius Caesar and August for Augustus Caesar, the Roman Senate offered to name the eleventh month for Tiberius Caesar, but he refused modestly. Originally there were 30 days in November, then 29, then 31. From the time of Augustus, it has had 30 days

The Anglo-Saxons referred to November as "the wind month" and sometimes "the blood month," probably because during this period they killed animals for their winter meat.

The Pilgrims celebrated the first New England Thanksgiving to express gratitude for their first harvests in their new land and in 1863, Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday of November to be a National Day of Thanksgiving. The topaz is the November birthstone



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See story on page 4



Left to right: Sarah McGuinness (best under 21), Jean Hewling (best actress) and Norma Neal in Sedgefield Players' "Romance".

(See adjacent story)

It's slow in Hardwick Park

The main focus of work in Hardwick Park in the last few weeks has been the landscaping contract. The Grand Terrace, Circuit Walk and the Round Pond have all made significant progress. The Round Pond has been drained and excavated, the rumoured marble bottom has not been found but a timber edge some 18" below the water line has been discovered. The original track of the Grand Terrace round both sides of the Pond has also been found. The Bottle Pond area now looks neat and tidy and is being grassed. The Temple Hill mound is being re-formed, with its ha-ha, back to the original profile. An interesting find has been the original culvert where the path from the Gothic Bridge leads into the Temple Field. This is being restored as the main pathway into the field.

The stonework on the bed of the Cascade is soon to be replaced. Either the original stones will be used or exact replicas will be cut. Vegetation has been removed from around the Serpentine and the Banqueting Hall bank. Neptune's Island and Plinth are soon to be refurbished. Shrub planting will take place over the winter period.

The Heritage Resource Centre has been delayed, mainly due to intransigence by the Lottery Fund. Assuming that it is cleared by the DCC Cabinet, the contract should be let at the end of October.

The new Statue of Neptune - see right - is proceeding slowly.

The clay model is now up to armpit level but, due to it being very busy, the foundry will not be able to caste the final statue until the New Year. This is, perhaps, fortunate as the island will not be ready to accept the statue until later in the year.



Sedgefield Players sweep to Festival Success

Sedgefield Players swept the board at their recent 31st Drama Festival One Act Plays, which ran from September 26th to 30th, in Sedgefield Parish Hall. Adjudicator Russell Whiteley of GODA, who has made several visits to Sedgefield, remarked on the wonderful atmosphere and excellent team spirit demonstrated at the festival. He commented, "I understand that last year at this time a huge question mark was hanging over the future of Sedgefield Parish Hall. I'm very pleased to see this excellent hall saved for continued use by the community and I look forward to hearing progress reports on the planned refurbishment."

Sedgefield Players won eight awards in all, including Best Production for "Romance" by John Reason. The play also carried off awards for Best Actress (Jean Hewling) and Best Under 21 (Sarah McGuinness) for their portrayals of the same woman at different stages of her life. Sedgefield's Richie Parry won Best Actor for his very funny portrayal of Jack in "Here I am Girls" and Terry West took the Cameo Award for his brief

but telling appearance at the end of the same production. The Peter Young Quaich for Youth was awarded to Sedgefield Players Youth Section (SPYS) for their interpretation of "Stolen Memories" by Liz Sharp. This production, which told the shocking story of childhood immigration, where children were taken from their parents and sent to the colonies, losing their identity in the process, also won the Costume Award and the Adjudicator's award for the disciplined creativity shown by the very young cast.

Runners up, taking the Mayor's Award with "The Problem" were Richmond Amateur Dramatic Society, who also won the Ray Tate Award for Endeavour and the Best 30 Seconds Award for a moment of immaculate timing from Kirsty Spencer. Other awards went to York Rowntree Players, who received the award for Most Effective Set, and Statement Drama Company from Scarborough, who won the John Walker Memorial Award for Technical Presentation. David Irwin of Statement won the Best Supporting Actor Award and Best Supporting Actress was Jackie Jones of Masham Players in "The Last Bread Pudding", which also won the Audience Award.

With 8 plays from 5 different companies and good houses every night, the Festival was a resounding success. Awards and certificates were presented by local hero World Spoons Playing Champion Bert Draycott, who held the audience spellbound at the party after the final adjudication and presentation of awards. Sedgefield Players were delighted with the success of their Festival, marred only by the failure of the Town Council to acquire a licence to serve alcohol. Thanks to the generosity of a mystery benefactor, the audience was treated to a free interval glass of wine each evening and a delicious buffet completed the festivities on the Saturday night. Festival Secretary Norma Neal was very proud of the continuing success of the Festival. "When we hit 30 last year," said Norma, "and were having such problems over the future of the Hall, I was worried that maybe we had reached the end of the line. But this year has proved our mettle. Sedgefield Players and their Festival are still very much alive and kicking!"

Norma Neal

(Sedgefield Drama Festival Secretary;

Chairman of Sedgefield Players)

October Farmers' Market

This mild, mainly sunny Autumnal day encouraged large numbers of customers to visit the Farmers' Market. An enjoyable, subtle sense of seasonal change in both stallholders' products and customers' requirements was apparent. Joanne Martin's excellent Christmas puddings, in sizes to suit single customers or families were on sale for the first time this year, as were her superb Christmas cakes. Joanne's highly respected reputation for spot-on, freshly made cakes and tray bakes is well-deserved prices will suit your pocket too.

Elsewhere customers were considering their Autumn and Winter store-cupboard and freezer when enquiring about larger meat and poultry orders with the prospect of Seasonal meals and celebrations. Some are already buying Christmas gifts in the form of presentation packs of Northumberland cheeses, special country wines from Skinninggrove Wines, gift bags of preserves. We are all proud of the very high standards we set ourselves as stallholders; we take pride also in respecting Sedgefield's local traditions and arrangements, so Nigel Davison, market organiser, has requested that stallholders and customers observe the 2 minutes' silence at 11 o'clock next Farmers' Market on Sunday November 12th. Members of the church and local officials will lead the annual Remembrance Day wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial which borders the village green. Stallholders' trading will cease, to observe the two minutes' silence.

We look forward to seeing our customers again next month when the usual range of beef, lamb, pork, bacon, poultry, fish, shellfish, cheese, wines, preserves, plants, fudge, cakes, puddings, veg, and more, will be on offer. Many thanks to all customers who contributed to such a successful day's trading.

Free tuition for adult dyslexics

Dyslexia Action in Darlington has funds from the European Social Fund and Learning & Skills Council, to provide free tuition for adults living in County Durham without an NVQ Level 2 qualification, and work 16 or fewer hours per week.

The effect of tuition is evident in the testimony of a former student, who wrote 'I was in a wilderness, lost at sea, until I met Jenny (*Dyslexia Action National Adult Co-ordinator*). From that time, my life was changed. I felt like a prisoner. I've never been in prison, and I hope never to be, but through the tuition, my world just opened up. I had felt condemned and criticised, and went through the anger phase, but everything was changed by the tuition, and I still get emotional every now and then when I think about it. I'm able to tell people now and ask them to be patient with me. People generally understand; some do still judge me, but I can take it now.' For more information about these courses, about dyslexia, or about what help is available for your child, please contact Dyslexia Action on 01325 283580 or visit www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk

Do you know of a community area that could be the ideal Breathing Place?

On 9th October the Big Lottery Fund launched the second phase of this small grants programme, improving the environment and getting people actively involved in their local green spaces. A breathing place is a green space that benefits wildlife and local community. Community groups, voluntary organisations, schools, town parish councils and local health bodies can apply. Find out more at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or call 0845 4 10 20 30 or at www.bbc.co.uk/breathing_places.

Sedgefield Development Trust Ltd.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

This is to give notice that Sedgefield Development Trust Ltd.

will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday 13th November 2006 at 7.45 pm in the Fletcher Room of the Parish Hall.

Any special or general resolutions proposed must be with the Company at its registered office no later than 12 noon on Friday 10th November.

All nominations for Directors must be with the Company Secretary by latest noon Friday 10th November.

This AGM is an open, public meeting.
SDT is owned and controlled by the community.

Please come along and help us 'Refresh our Agenda'

Sedgefield Development Trust is a company limited by guarantee; Company Number: 4312745 and is a registered charity; Charity Number: 1100806

Do you have an unwanted vehicle? Save trouble and money - use the amnesty

Once again the Sedgefield Borough Council Neighbourhood Wardens and Sedgefield Community Safety Partnership are running a vehicle amnesty on abandoned and unwanted vehicles. During the last amnesty, 163 cars were taken away to be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner. This one runs until Friday 1st December and vehicle owners are being offered disposal of their unwanted vehicles free of charge. Anyone who abandons their car after the amnesty date could face a fine of up to £250.

For vehicle removal contact the Neighbourhood



November Diary

Announcements in the Diary are free to non-commercial organisations

Wynyard Planetarium

Friday 3rd November

"Sun Signs" 7:30pm

Friday 17th November

"What's up in the night sky this month?" 7:30pm

Sedgefield W.I.

Wednesday 1st November

7.15pm Parish Hall

Bill Fox will talk on

"Butterwick Hospice"

Members' competition –

A fresh flower corsage.

Visitors welcome

Sedgefield Methodist Church

Coffee Morning, with a Christmas theme,

Saturday 4th November

10-12 am, at the Church Hall.

Please come along and support them and their wish to change the lives of others less fortunate than themselves.

Firework Display

Saturday 4th November

6.30 pm

in Ceddesheld Hall grounds

Tickets: Adult £1.50 Children 50p

Sedgefield Town Council November meeting

Monday 6th November

Note meeting has been moved for this month only.

The Local History Society

Monday 6th November

In Ceddesheld Hall at 7.45pm

"Exploring Northumberland's History" with Philip Nixon

All welcome

November at the Library

Wednesdays 1st, 15th & 29th
Rhyme Time - Stories, songs & rhymes for under 5's:10-11am

Wednesdays 8th & 22nd
Stay & Play Toy Library
10-11am

Wednesday 15th
Book circle
2—3 pm.

The Library would like to thank those who supported the Macmillan coffee morning at which £111.55 was raised.

Sedgefield Garden Society

Tuesday 7th November

Ceddesheld Hall 7.30 pm

The Mani Peninsula, Greece

All welcome

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

on the Village Green

Sunday 12th November

9.30am - 1.30pm

Sedgefield Cricket Club Quiz Night

Saturday 11th November

Quiz Master Ray Lower

Doors open 7.30 pm for

8.00 pm start

Everyone's welcome!

Family History Group

(A branch of Cleveland FHS)

Monday 20th November

7:45pm at Ceddesheld Hall

"Local History through early postcards" *Mr Robin Cook*

If you are interested in joining our group, please come along
NB no December meeting

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

Tuesday 21st November

7.30pm Parish Hall

Open Meeting

"The Magic of Christmas"

John Chennell, National

Demonstrator

All Welcome

Sedgefield Cricket Club Live Music Night

Saturday 21st October at 8pm

Main guest – **Jez Lowe**

Also featuring **Valse Marie,**

Huggins & Muggins

The John Wrightson Band

Admission £8 (inc buffet)

Tel 621347

NB The Cricket Club is available for private parties free of charge

Sedgefield Wildlife Group Thursday 23rd November

7.45pm Fletcher room Parish Hall

"Butterflies of the North East of England"

Steve Curtly

All Welcome

For more information call 620559

Friends of St Edmunds

A few seats available for the

Trip to Leeds

Thursday 23rd November

Cost £3.00 per person.

Ring Barbara Robinson 621641 to book or make enquiries

Coffee Morning & Shopping Extravaganza

Proceeds to the Children's Leukaemia Fund, RVI, Newcastle

(Hosted by Sedgefield Ladies' Circle)

Thursday 23rd November

Methodist Church Hall

Why not start your Christmas shopping here in Sedgefield and avoid the hustle and bustle of the shops?

Jewellery, cosmetics, chocolates and gifts
Secondhand books and toys

Organisations Fair

Saturday 25th November

Parish Hall 10 am - 2pm

Why not come along to see what's going on in and around the area at the Organisations Fair . Something to suit all ages.

Residents' Forum AGM

Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Monday 27th November at 7pm

St Edmund's Church

Baptisms & Weddings can be booked in the church on Thursdays from 6.30 -7.30pm

Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable events - new members welcome

Contact Rob on 629079

Country Market

Fridays in the Parish Hall

Great value home baking, eggs, garden produce and crafts

101 Gigs in November

- 03 - The Rudds Arms, M'brough
- 04 - The Cumby Arms, Heighington
- 05 - The Vic, Saltburn
- 08 - The Lord Nelson, Stockton
- 10 - Riverside Stadium, M'brough (Private - Our 1st Stadium Gig!)
- 11 - Washington Football Club,
- 12 - Luma, Sunderland
- 17 - The Cleveland Hotel, Redcar
- 18 - The Penny Black, Hartburn
- 19 - The Normanby, Normanby
- 22 - Brogans Bar, Sunderland
- 24 - The Golden Fleece, Morley
- 25 - O'Neills, Durham
- 26 - Sleepers, East Boldon

Next Month ...

Bingo at Ceddesheld Hall

Vandalism destroys part of our heritage

On Thursday 21st September between the hours of 6.30 & 7pm a gang of youths got onto the main church roof then onto the south transept roof. A stone cross was pushed from the roof apex, breaking into many pieces.

This stone cross was at least 200 years old, possibly older, and cannot be repaired. Replacement will cost around £1,000.

As St Edmund's Church is the centre-piece of the village I would like to ask all residents if they can be vigilant while passing the church at any time and report to the police on 0845 6060 365 immediately, if they see anything suspicious around the church and its grounds. If we allow this sort of behaviour to continue, I feel that we are letting not only ourselves down, but our whole community.

Brian Mutch, Church Warden

Butterwick Moor Wind Farm

Following the exhibitions at Sedgefield by E.ON regarding the proposal to add ten more wind turbines at Butterwick Moor to the already consented seven on the walkway, we were astounded by the scale of the development and the size of the turbines – 110 metres high.

This is the first onshore site in County Durham to have more than six turbines and we would question why this has to be on the outskirts of a beautiful village, scarring the landscape and turning fine countryside into what can only be described as an industrial site. Each turbine requires some 10000 tons of concrete to provide it with a stable footing, to say nothing of the materials needed to build service roads. The process of making cement is extremely polluting. Introducing these quantities of foreign matter into a delicate eco-system is bound to be damaging, that is why development constraints are supposed to exist in rural areas.

The development of windfarms is not motivated by "green" issues but rather the politics of greed, on the part of the wind company reaping huge government subsidies

Your Letters

and on the part of the landowner willing to exploit a distant part of his farm

*Ian and Lynne Harbottle
Brocks Farm
Butterwick*

Sedgefield Veterans

Tim Spearey & David Hillerby would like to thank all those who sponsored us on our walk, last Saturday 7th Oct. Although all the money is not yet in, we have promises of over £600. We hope you visited and enjoyed the Exhibition (21st Oct). Now the question is "Who is a Veteran?" The Veterans Agency states: "The term 'veteran' is used to mean all those who have served in the HM Armed Forces (whether Regular or Reserve). This group has been commonly known as ex-Service personnel. The term veteran also includes their widows/widowers and their dependants as part of the veterans' community. As well as all members of the Armed Forces the term veteran also, exceptionally, includes those members of the Merchant Navy who played a vital role in legally defined military operations. The veterans' community is therefore a wide and disparate population, estimated to be over 10 million people in the UK".

So, if you are eligible then we would like to hear from you. We would like your thoughts and ideas to help us make Veterans Day in Sedgefield, next year, equal to Mediaeval Fayre Day. *David Hillerby & Tim Spearey*

Bolam's

I would like to acknowledge the benefit of having George Bolam Foods in the Sedgefield area. If only larger supermarkets would follow his example. Almost all of his beef, pork, lamb and eggs are sourced locally. His maincrop potatoes are grown in Sedgefield. His extremely good bakery is all cooked on the premises. Please stay in Sedgefield – you are very much appreciated. The queues at your checkouts are proof of this. *M. Peacock*

John Parkinson: 7.5.34 to 28.9.06

Betty and family would like to sincerely thank all friends and colleagues who sent their kind condolences at this sad time. Your support is very much appreciated by us all. We remember him as 'A man who made a difference'.

John Parkinson

Here is a short epitaph:

John you put so much into rhyme
It's sad you left before your time
So many deeds and work still to do
That you intended to carry through
We'll miss your poetry, wit and charm
Your caring thoughts, your voice of calm
The words of wisdom freely given
God has something else for you to do in Heaven

*Many happy memories
Robert & Anne Elders*

The last word ...

Smile

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the 'flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too

I passed around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he realised I'd smiled
I'd passed it on to him

I thought about the smile
And realised it's worth -
Why, a single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth!

So, if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick
And get the world 'infected'.

JP



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