



Sedgefield NEWS

November 2010

Treasure trove! National Silver

After winning gold and Best Small Town in Northumbria in Bloom, Sedgefield went on to win silver at the Britain in Bloom award ceremony in Birmingham on September 29.

Chairman Ian Sutherland said, "From a total of 2,000 nominations nationwide, only 60 finalists were selected. To win silver in our category is a great achievement for Sedgefield; credit to all those people who worked so hard to make it happen."

Unfortunately, Sedgefield's two professional gardeners, Stephen Young and Norman Willis, will both be taking sick leave over the next few months.

Sedgefield in Bloom would be delighted to hear from anyone who could spare a little time to help out with some of the jobs they would normally do.

Volunteers are the life blood of Sedgefield in Bloom and we are perfectly sure that, from the hundreds of keen and expert gardeners we have in Sedgefield, we can create a team capable of keeping the floral flag flying. If you would like to help, contact Norma Neal on 01740-620091 or email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk. Sedgefield in Bloom plan to publish a cook book, containing recipes using garden produce. Keen chefs are invited to take their contributions to the council office, telephone 01740-621273 or email angela.simpson@sedgefield.net.



The Golden Lion looking grand right into the autumn. Photo, Ian Spring

A Golden Local

The Civic Trust Floral Awards also recognise the efforts of local gardeners and the Golden Lion won this year's George Robinson Trophy, thanks to Ian Spring's hard work. Claremont Grove gained the Community Shield and the Monica Cunningham Cup went to 5-13 Eden Drive. There was pride at numbers 16-25 Eden Drive too, winning silver gilt for the 2nd year running. Viv & Garry Jacobs of East Parade were awarded the Eric Lowes Trophy for Conservation, while the two trophies gifted by Doris Etherington went to Mr & Mrs Storey and Mr & Mrs Garbutt.

The Sedgefield in Bloom Premier Garden was awarded to Mr & Mrs Allenson, who also carried off the Robinson Cup and were declared overall winners. Runners up for the Premier Garden Award, Mr T. Kay and Mrs. Galley, also won the Monica Waters Cup.

Other awards were won by Mr & Mrs Worley (the Edna Gannon Trophy), Mr & Mrs Alan Coyle (SCA Trophy), Mr Jobes (STC Trophy) and Mr & Mrs Cooksley (Margaret Bell Cup). Well done to one and all.

and Commonwealth Silver

Local boxer Bradley Saunders won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, in the light welterweight division. Many congratulations to Bradley.

Teddy takes tumble



...but all in a good cause. See p 7

Urgent! Please help Sedgefield get high speed broadband

Vote before 31/12/10 for super fast broadband at Sedgefield. It's very easy & boy, do we need it! Go to

www.racetoinfinity.bt.com

2010 was a very big year for Guiding

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Leaders have been celebrating 100 years of Guiding. Here in Sedgefield Division they participated in many events and activities linked to the Centenary, trying circus and other new skills, taking over Hardwick Park taking part in local and national Centenary events. The final celebration of the year, VISION, celebrated on Wednesday 20th October aimed to bring all members of Girlguiding UK together to share one moment in time. It was a time for reflection on the fun of the last year, what the Promise means to each of us, and to explore our hopes and dreams for the future. To link everyone together, a broadcast was made, through Sky's community channel, by Liz Burnley, Chief Guide, who was at the Young Women's World Forum in Oxfordshire, which had its own Vision event. The highlight was a call from Liz for everyone participating in a Vision event to make the Promise, or make a commitment to Guiding, at a very special point in time - 20:10 20/10/2010! Sedgefield Division's VISION was a gathering in Sedgefield for activities and celebrations, thanks to funding support from the Sir James Knott Trust and Sedgefield Communities of Interest Pot (SCIP) Girls and Leaders collected items for a time capsule to be stored until Rainbows, the newest section of Girlguiding, celebrate their centenary in 2087. There was a link to the broadcast and a mass renewal of our promise.

A very SLYC Weekend

A taster of Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir's 25th Anniversary celebrations.

Full report next month

Photo: Kay Smith Quinn



Snapshots of Sedgefield

Many thanks to Anne Whitehead for this wonderful photo of Hardwick Hall Maternity Home in 1944. Unlike Harry Smith who could identify everyone in last month's Snapshot, Anne cannot supply a single name, so if you can help us name some of these fine ladies or if, indeed, you were born, had babies yourself at Hardwick Hall, or have stories about working there, we'd love to hear from you. Contact me on 01740-620091 or email norma@neal.myzen.co.uk. Sedgefield Local History Society is grateful for the loan or donation of photos or documents of local interest. We meet in Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.45pm on the first Monday of the month. New members are very welcome.

Christmas card delivery service

1st Sedgefield Scouts Explorer unit will once again run its Christmas card delivery service in December. If you would like to use it, please drop off your fully addressed cards (for Sedgefield addresses only!) at Number Four on High Street and the Explorers will do the rest. Donations will be very gratefully received and will help send scouts from the village to the World Jamboree in Sweden next year (see page 7)



Silver success for Sedgefield Players

The recent 35th Sedgefield Drama Festival of One Act Plays was a great success, with good houses every night and a very high standard of performance throughout the week. Adjudicator Russell Whiteley was very impressed to see so much new work this year and commended all the local writers for their efforts.

Sedgefield Players and their youth section SPYS won a total of ten trophies. "Flash, Bam, Alakazam", by local writer Sue Wilding, won the Audience Award, Best Production, Best 30 Seconds and Best Actress for Norma Neal as Elsie, an old lady marooned in her own home until a new family and their little boy move in to the street. The SPYS production of "Control, Alt, Delete", written and directed by Thomas Guest won The Peter

Young Quach for Youth and the Ensemble Award. Thomas also carried off the adjudicator's award for his work with the SPYS. Terry West won the Cameo Award and Jessica Sadler Best Supporting Actress. Janine Yaxley and Robert McGuinness shared the individual youth award. The play dealt very sensitively with the question of internet communication and young people. Moon in the Sky Theatre Company from Durham, on their first visit to the festival, won the Mayor's Runner-up Award, the John Walker Memorial Award for Technical Presentation, Most Effective Set and the Ray Tate Award for Endeavour for "Close to Croydon" by Gillian Plowman. Trapped in an overturned carriage, two strangers grow close as they try to keep up their spirits in the aftermath of a train crash. Gordon Bond won the award for Best Director and Best Actor was Tom Casling as Hugo Morgan. Tom also wrote "Grandad", performed by Chester-le-Street Theatre Group, whose Paul Mono won Best Supporting Actor as Father Dan O'Neil. Jayne's Award for Costume went to Cliffe Theatre for the fabulous bridal outfit worn by Julie Atkinson in Bombshells.

Sedgefield Players are very proud to have reached the 35th anniversary of the festival and their 40th year as a drama group. Chairman Norma Neal said "The Festival has gone from strength to strength over the years, thanks to the continued support of visiting groups, who come from far and wide to take part."



Above: Norma with the array of trophies won by Sedgefield Players and SPYS

Community SAFETY



Tuesday 12th Oct saw the AGM of the Village N/H/Watch Group followed by a normal Panel meeting. Once again there were no new volunteers for the group so all of 2009 incumbents continued to volunteer for another year - business as usual. In an attempt to get more faces at the meeting, possibly get a better cross-section of views from residents there had been a leaflet drop to 500 homes which resulted in just one new face (thanks for making the effort David). So do we conclude either we are doing OK by the village as are the Police & Council Warden? Or are there simply not enough problems to warrant a trip out to the Parish Hall? Maybe the answer was revealed at the following Panel meeting.

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel

Main Topics from Minutes of Meeting held on 12th October 2010

Item 4. Representative Reports: a) (Council) Neighbourhood Warden:

Tim Spearey informed members that neither he (directly) nor the local authority had received one call of complaint from the residents of Sedgefield since last August meeting. He is aware that there is still a dog fouling issue and even that ASB continues in the village but pointed out if no-one registers a complaint then Durham's system (quite rightly) will note that there is less need for the Warden in Sedgefield than in the other 'well reported' locations in Tim's allocated corridor & he will be (and is) tasked to work elsewhere.

Tim was asked about fines/reprimands. Since August he has issued two £80 fines to locals for dog fouling and one person is going to court appealing against Tim's issued penalty for Fly Tipping. Tim re-emphasised that if people do not come forward and either give witness statements on which he can prosecute, or report individuals or incidents then we will lose his services, as they are already being identified as needed in other locations.

Tim informed members that he is now also empowered to issue fixed penalty fines for £110 to persons guilty of not clearing up and keeping their gardens tidy (if they ignore his formal notices to tidy up).

b) Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: Neil Langthorne combined his own report with that of one for **Crime Prevention**.

Crime is down significantly in the whole of Sedgefield Ward for April-Sept (09-10). Some stats for our village are: Reported Crime down 31%, House Burglary down a third, Criminal damage down by half, Vehicle Crime no change and reports of ASB down from 168 to 128. The really good news is that house burglary is at an all time low, but the message must be, do not become complacent, keep up observations & report aspects of concern. Take preventative measures, use light timers, draw curtains, lock doors, and do not leave items out of doors.

One area of crime **is** increasing - Metal theft: Lead, Copper and Drain covers etc. Police ask the public to report all sightings of scrap vehicles touring their streets to **0345 60 60 365**: some are not there legally.

The issue of reporting problems / incidents was further discussed, members pointing out that there are many people still unwilling and even frightened to report problems especially for fear of reprisals. The combined view of the Police & Council Representatives present was that it is absolutely imperative that people do report. If they do not the Police & Wardens are powerless to act and their organisation's systems will not recognise that any problem actually exists. It was pointed out that in extreme cases there are reliable ways of maintaining confidentiality.

Item 5. A.O.B. N/H/Watch Police Presence at Panel Meetings.

At their September meeting the Executive had collectively discussed the importance and benefits of having and maintaining the Police representation we presently enjoy. They were unanimous in the opinion that this was crucial to the success of the meeting and the group's activities and now sought the view of Members. The response was to endorse the need for the continued presence of Police & Warden at our meetings. PC Todd also supportive, spoke of the benefits the Police gain from the *healthy* exchange of views and information at our public meetings.

Police Crime Report 11th Aug – 12th Oct 2010: Keith reported 6 Thefts & 3 incidences of Damage to property. In summary; if residents don't report problems & concerns to Police/Council we will get less resource allocation and problems really will get worse!

To Record/Report a Problem/ Out of place vehicle or a Concern, call Council Neighbourhood Warden Tim Spearey at Sedgefield on **623654** or via Chilton Control Room: 01388 721351

Local Police: 0345 60 60 365. (We suggest you keep a note of the details of your conversation & obtain an incident number.)

For advice/assistance: Police CPO Keith Lownds: **01325 742714**
Police Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne, **01325 742755**

PC Todd reports

Crimes ranging from theft of lead to alloy wheels from cars, along with parking problems, have all increased in recent weeks. Sadly, not only has lead been stolen from the roof of St Edmund's on two occasions but attempts at removing roofing lead from Wykes Close were reported. 8 homes in Trimdon had lead flashing removed from above ground floor windows. A number of properties have now had their lead marked for easy identification. Please check, and report anything suspicious, especially during the night.

New cars are targets because of their shiny new alloy wheels (witness Eden Drive residents). Unfortunately it is common practice to hide the wheel locking nut in the glove compartment but thieves find it easily by smashing a window. Best keep your locking nut safe indoors or better still, put the car in a garage.

Three areas in the village are frequently mentioned at meetings as being problem areas for inconsiderate or nuisance parking, or motorists who blatantly flout the law. The law exists to benefit the whole community and for those who ignore it, penalties can be severe.

The Zebra Crossing, the road outside Sainsbury's and the bus stop/junction near Theakstons' Stores are all clearly marked with parking restrictions. That careless 2 minutes chanced for a pint of milk or a lottery ticket can mean danger for other road users and pedestrians. It's a lapse in common sense that has resulted in motorists receiving £60+3 point fines, £30 fines or warnings; are you willing to take the chance? A recent survey shows that over half of these offenders live or near Sedgefield and they must be aware of the increasing parking problems. Maybe a tougher stance is needed to help people remember to park safely.

Until next time, Keith

Pub Watch.

At the meeting held in the Black Lion recently, thanks were expressed to Samantha Garnett from DCC, who has taken the minutes for some time. We wish her well in her new job. Members also wish to thank Becky Parker at the Black Lion for volunteering to take on this role for the next 12 months. One incident was reported involving a male whose behaviour was unacceptable and he has received a warning letter.

P.A.C.T.

Meeting held after recent NHW meeting. Most people attending agreed that parking issues were of concern. Zebra Crossing, Bus Stop and Theakstons' store are now priorities for the Beat Team.

Jottings from October Residents' Forum meeting

The meeting covered ongoing issues of footpath repairs in the village but still no information forthcoming from the Councillor. The Section 106 monies (£47000) relating to the Cunningham Court development is still ongoing with the Area Action Partnership (AAP) dealing with the questions as a community issue; however Durham County Council (DCC) have now decided some of the questions must come under the Freedom of Information Act (FIO). The questions we have asked are very simple and in our opinion do not need such FOI involvement but never the less we will continue to seek answers.

Residents report an increase in dog fouling; some areas have been identified as target areas by DCC but we appeal to dog owners to clear up after their dogs; the majority do, but some just don't seem to care where they leave unpleasant, dangerous mess. Please consider fellow citizens. To date there is no further information on the date for the planning meeting to consider the Spring Lane wind turbine application information will be circulated as soon as we have any.

Huge congratulations to all those who worked so hard to secure a silver award in the Britain in Bloom competition for our village. The hard work put in by a dedicated bunch of people really does need recognition – we thank you all on behalf of our community. Keep up the excellent work.

The next AAP Forum, which anyone can attend, is on Wednesday 17th November 3–8pm at Bowburn Community Centre. There will be a 'market place' of information stands from 3–6pm with the actual Forum meeting from 6–8pm, with the opportunity to discuss priority issues for our area. We have circulated information on the consultation DCC are carrying out on allocation of land for house building. This does affect our village and responses need to be to DCC by 2nd November. It is vital that everyone sends in their comments. Information is on the village notice board, Library and Post Office and available from the Town Council Office.

We will obviously be discussing the land allocation at the next meeting which is on November 1st at 7pm in the Fletcher Room (just gives us time to get a Forum response in for Nov 2nd). Everyone is welcome.

Age Concern: free check on appliances

As part of the Keep Warm, Keep Well campaign, Age Concern is trying to encourage people to take advantage of free electrical appliance testing in an effort to avoid winter time fires.

In the Parish hall on Wednesday 3rd November 10 am - 12.30 pm, you can have any small appliance tested. At this time of year you might want to think about Christmas decorations and electric blankets. There's also advice on being aware of Christmas scams and on keeping fit and well.

Veterans fundraise for a big event

In 2012, Sedgefield Village Veterans plan to have an Army Unit (details later) march through the village as part of Sedgefield's 700 Year celebrations. This will cost a lot of money, so we are starting to raise it now with a Xmas Raffle. Most businesses in Sedgefield have donated a raffle prize (there are about 40 prizes). Our thanks are extended to them all.

Raffle Tickets can be obtained from any Veteran, or call me on **621343**. Alternatively, put your money in an envelope, write your name and address on the outside and push it through my letter box at **10 Boynston Grove**. I guarantee to deliver your ticket(s) within 48 hours. The draw takes place on 3rd December at the Pie & Pea Supper. Winners will be contacted soon afterwards. A list of prize winners will be on the Town Notice Board, outside the Library, from Monday 6th December.

For Pie & Pea Supper tickets or further details call me (number above) or Tim on **623654**. *David Hillerby*

Reminder for Citizen of the Year 2010

The closing date for nominations is Friday 5th November. If you have mislaid your form from last month's Sedgefield News, you can get another from the Council Offices. Again this year, the emphasis is on 'exceptional contributions to Sedgefield'. We would like to focus again on recent events than on long service.

Charity Tea at Wynyard

Butterwick Hospice hosts a sumptuous ladies' afternoon tea in Wynyard Hall's palatial surroundings, on

Tuesday 2nd November 1.30 – 4pm
Festive crafts, stalls for cards, jewellery, patchwork, door hangers, confectionary.

Tailored fashions for that special Christmas function on sale after viewing a Festive Fantasia Fashion Show.

Tickets on sale now. Book early! Special dietary requirements can be catered for. £17.50 per person (groups welcome).

Call 01388 603003 or email your interest to

lynnalbury@butterwick.org.uk.

Bishop Auckland Town Hall Events

Ballads & Songs of South West Durham

Tuesday 23rd November at 7.30pm.

Tickets: £2 at the door

Derek Newby has researched ballads & songs of past generations

Dick Whittington

traditional panto

28th Nov - 1st Dec

To book, call 01388 602610

Cupcake Café



@ Sedgefield Community College

Students of Sedgefield Community College are holding weekly coffee mornings in our community café.

Why not come along for a cup of tea or coffee and a homemade cake or biscuit.

The **Cupcake Café** will run each Friday during term time from 10:00am – 12:00 noon.

All profits will go to charity.

Sedgefield Town Council Coach Trip

Wednesday 24th November
to Heighley Gate garden centre & the Metro Centre.

Tickets £8.50 from the office
The coach leaves at 9am from the Parish Hall and returns at approx 5.30pm.

Fireworks Display

Saturday 6th November

See Diary page for details

Christmas Notices

Remember to send your special Christmas & New Year notices in good time. We expect our December pages to fill up quickly.
sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com

SPORTS UPDATE

Send your sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com

The nights are starting to close in, but that doesn't seem to be hindering Sedgefield's sporting life. True, the cricket season is over (I'll try and hunt down a summary of how it went for Sedgefield Cricket Club for next month), but elsewhere there's plenty to report.

I asked for any Great North Run stories last month and a couple did drop into my inbox. Father and daughter Ean and Helen Parsons completed the Great North Run this year, both recording notable times. Ean ran a time of 1:34:33 in his 28th running of the famous route, having competed for the first time in 1983 and never missing it since then. This was his best since 1987 when Helen was one year old. Helen herself completed the run for the fourth time this year, recording a half marathon personal best of 1.43.22. Ean puts his improvement of recent years down to being a part of a club in Sedgefield Harriers and the encouragement that provides, but he acknowledges it won't be too long before Helen is beating him to South Shields! Meanwhile, news reaches me of another personal best. Daniel Probart, also from Sedgefield, completed the Great North Run in a cracking time of 1:28:39. Well done Daniel and to anyone else from the area who took part in the 30th running of the famous half marathon, including at least 13 Sedgefield Harriers.

Junior Harriers Presentation Night

Sedgefield Harriers held their annual junior presentation night at the Parish Hall on Friday 8th October. There was a big turn-out, reflecting the number of juniors who now attend coached sessions at the club. Coach Marie Walker had co-ordinated the junior athletes' involvement in England Athletics' Academy Awards Scheme, whereby young athletes are benchmarked against national athletics standards. Over 90 juniors from Sedgefield were involved and the awards were made on the night.

National heptathlete John Stacey and national middle distance runner Stacey Smith came along to the evening to help with the annual presentations for performance. The following received awards:

Girls Field Performance (Shot) - Zoe Dobson; Boys Field Performance (Shot) - Josh Hetherington; Girls Track Performance (at an event in Shildon) - Megan Hetherington; Boys Track Performance (Gateshead) - Jonathan Baines; Girls Cross Country Performance (Blackburn) - Abie Hearmon; Boys Cross Country Performance (Blackburn) - Ben Hetherington.

Most improved athletes in coaching groups - Seb Reichel, Elise Brown, Marcus Storey, Elanor James; Team of the Year U13 Boys (Jarrow Relays) - Ryan Chatt, George Pilkington, George Peden, Josh Hetherington.

Junior Club Person of the year was awarded to Abie Hearmon for her performances and the example she sets to other athletes in the club.

Kielder Marathon

Sedgefield was well represented at the inaugural Kielder Marathon on 17th October. The course was almost completely off road, following the Lakeside Way, which runs around the edge of Kielder Water. It was a tough course, with plenty of climbs and steep descents to tackle. Most runners reported that the last seven miles, from the dam to the finish at Leaplish, were particularly challenging. Despite that, the seven runners from Sedgefield Harriers who were among the 934 finishers acquitted themselves very well.

Gary Hetherington: 11th in 2.51.58

David Greatorex: 86th in 3.36.06

Ean Parsons: 116th in 3.39.54

Matthew Jones: 184th in 3.49.23

Gail Bell: 189th in 3.49.41

Janet Raper : 361st in 4.10.16

Julia Atkinson-Tait : 546th in 4.31.58.

Gary Hetherington's result deserves a particular mention; finishing 11th overall really was a fantastic achievement.

He is pictured far right, in his Sedgefield Harriers vest.



Sedgefield Youth FC

The team recently played Trimdon FC in a cup match. Despite atrocious weather, the match continued and although the final score was 8-3 to Trimdon, this wasn't such a bad result as Sedgefield's opponents play in division 1 (Sedgefield play in division 5).

In another game, Sedgefield drew 3-3 with Moorsholme, coming back from a three goal deficit with a strike by Jordan Young and two goals from Cameron Hall. In their next game, Sedgefield beat Darlington's 21st Allstars 6-4 thanks to five (yes, 5) goals from Jamie Herd and one from Cameron Hall. Thanks to Ryan Towler for the update.

Sedgefield RFC - onwards and upwards!

It has been quite a month for the village's fledgling rugby club. After a slow start to the season (a draw against local derby rivals Aycliffe, followed by a poor result yet brave performance, losing to Houghton le Spring with a depleted side), the last four weeks have seen a fantastic resurgence. The team has won four games out of four, scoring 134 points while conceding only 37, and keeping two clean sheets in the process, which is some achievement in a sport where points can come easily. They are now 3rd place in the league, six points behind the top two and with it all to play for.

After the loss of coach and patron Ted Wood at the end of last season, who accepted the distinguished presidency of Durham City Rugby Club, coaching has been taken up from within the club. Under distant supervision from Ted, this has focused on basics and fitness (the squad now trains twice a week, including a weekly group session courtesy of Fitness First in Stockton).

It has engendered a positive atmosphere in the club which has clearly had a marked effect. Attracting and then retaining players, thanks to the great team spirit that has been developed, has resulted in a squad of 30 playing members, travelling from as far afield as Middlesbrough and Hartlepool. All squad members are with Sedgefield for the right reasons - a great level of rugby and the camaraderie that arises from players who are enjoying the training and the off field activities. The next month will be exciting, finding out how far the team has progressed. Matches against the league's top two teams will allow Sedgefield to really benchmark the club, and will also hopefully result in a top of the table position.

With such a level of playing commitment, it is natural that several players find themselves without a game, as a squad on match days can only total 20. The club is therefore eager to increase numbers even more, allowing for a second team to be established, something not achieved since the original Sedgefield club ran two teams in the 1990s.

The club is confident that it has much to offer potential players: the good results being consistently achieved this season; enjoyable training arising from coaching that builds on team and individual strengths and from listening to

players needs; a strong behind the scenes management structure; the evolving partnership with Sedgefield Cricket Club; and the imminent development of the team's own pitch (alongside the cricket pitch), which has achieved planning permission. Future developments, being progressed with the Durham County RFU, include junior rugby and a feasibility study into developing women's rugby, a significant growth area since the recent Women's Rugby World Cup.

So all in all, this is going to be a very significant season for Sedgefield RFU, in every aspect of the club's activities. If you like what you read and would like to become part of a thriving and successful club, both on and off the pitch, please register your interest by visiting www.sedgefieldrugby.co.uk, calling the club on 07578 316499 or by attending training at Sedgefield Community College, starting 7.30pm on Thursdays. Or go along to the fortnightly home games at the college, where I am reliably informed that you won't be disappointed in the standard of rugby on show and the warm welcome you will receive!

Harriers AGM

Notes from Sedgefield Harriers' AGM held at Ceddesfeld Hall on 6th October: a very busy year and an increase in club activity, on and off the track and roads. Increased representation at key running events as well as being leaders in the County Durham Athletics Network. Joined the SCA. Won Junior Club of the Year in the Sedgefield Youth Awards and Sports Club of the Year in the Sedgefield District County Sports Partnership which led to them representing the district at the County Durham Sports Awards at the Ramsdale Hall Hotel in October.

Squash

Sedgefield Squash Club teams started the season strongly in the Durham and Cleveland County leagues. The ladies team has been the most impressive, in division 2, with three wins out of three. Marie Priest, Sue Smith & Sharon Brown also lead the top three individual player points to date. The men's 1st team lies 3rd in division 2, Jonathan Slee topping the individual points for the division. The men's 2nd team leads division 4 while the 3rd team sits mid-table in division 5.

Work starts shortly on refurbishing the roof and windows at the club. No disruption to the courts is expected. New members are always welcome. If you are interested, please contact Chris Rowsby on 621125.

Send all your Sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com



Thank you x 3

... to everyone who sponsored me on my recent charitable motorbike ride with the Teesside Tees Riders Motor Cycle Club in aid of Butterwick Hospice. We managed to raise a fantastic £368. *Janet Bull*

... *Sedgefield Sarah* is pleased to announce that she completed the Great North Run sedately and serenely in 3 hours 6 minutes. Sarah wishes to thank all her sponsors for supporting the Alzheimer's Society, Jean and Kath for producing such an eye-catching outfit and Sedgefield Players for the stylish bloomers that protected Sarah's modesty.

... to all my sponsors for the great north run especially the clients of Clifton Lodge Veterinary Group. We will have raised over one thousand pounds for Zoë's place this year. Also thank you again to Sedgefield news for including our article because without them the sponsor money would not be as much. *Regards Sue and Colin Wears*

Teddies galore

Sedgefield Primary School PTFA and the friends of St Edmunds church would like to thank everyone who came along to the Teddy bear parachute event. The lovely weather helped and it was great to see so many people there. Thanks must go to Specsavers for their sponsorship which helped bring the amount raised on the day to £619.32. Also thanks to Barclaycard for the match funding for the school contribution.

A teddy is not just for childhood!

World Jamboree coup

News has just come in that 1st Sedgefield Scout Group has been offered four places at the 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden. Sedgefield performed well when interviewed by Durham County Scouts and have been given the opportunity to be part of a delegation of 36 from across the county, at the global Scout Movement's largest and most important event. Now the fundraising will start to help get the village's representatives to Sweden. More to follow in Sedgefield News in future months!



Butterwick's big day out

is on **Saturday 6th November** to beautiful, historic York. Join us for Christmas shopping in its stunning boutiques and independent stores, visit York Minster or the National Railway Museum.

Coach departs Butterwick Hospice, Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland, 8am, leaving York, 5pm. Tickets £12 per person. Call Julie Nisbet: 01388 603003 / email julienisbet@butterwick.org.uk

November Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

Residents' Forum

Monday 1st November
7pm in the Fletcher Room

Local History Society

Monday 1st November
Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm
Members' Memories of Sedgefield
All welcome

Sedgefield Methodist Wives & Friends

Monday 1st November
Jewellery by Marion Greenwell
Monday 15th November
Mike Pullen

Free Electrical Appliance

Testing (Age Concern)
Wednesday 3rd November
10 am - 12.30 pm, Parish Hall

Sedgefield in Bloom Meeting

Wednesday 3rd November
10 am in the council offices
Everyone welcome - green fingered or not! Come & be a Bloomer

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 3rd November
7.15pm, Parish Hall.
Teesport Chaplain Colin Worswick
Members' competition:
a nautical artefact
Visitors welcome; fee £2.50

CeddesFolk Session

Ceddesfeld Hall
Wednesday 3rd November
Beginners: 7 - 8pm
All comers from 8pm

Sedgefield in Bloom

Coffee Morning
Friday 5th November
10 am in the Parish Hall
Delicious home-made scones,
cakes & biscuits

Firework Display

Ceddesfeld Hall Gardens at 6.30pm
Saturday 6th November
Tickets in advance:
Adults £2 Child £1
Pay at the door:
Adults £3 Child £1.50

101 gigs

at the Golden Lion - 9pm
Saturday 6th November
and at the Black Lion
Sunday 28th November

2 Cricket Club Quiz Nights

Saturday 6th November
& Saturday 27th November
8pm start

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Tuesday 9th November
7.30pm, Ceddesfeld Hall
Tulip time & Azaleas at Holland's
Keukenhof Gardens. Music & songs
by Morris Robinson

Ladies' Club

Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm
Tuesday 9th November
New Zealand: Nora Fisher
Tuesday 23rd November
Jewellery by Marion Greenwell

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Annual Remembrance Day Parade
at St Luke's Church War Memorial
Thursday 11th November
starts 10-45am for silence at 11am
Everyone welcome

Farmers' Market

Sunday 14th November
9.30 - 1.30, village green

Sedgefield Family History

(branch of Cleveland FHS)
Monday 15th November
7.45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall
"The framed photograph: new
evidence in the Annie & Gus story"
Tony Nicholson
nb. No meeting in December

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

Tuesday 16th November
Parish Hall at 7.30pm
Flowers for Christmas, with Andrew
Mason, NE area demonstrator
All welcome

Live Music Night

Sedgefield Cricket Club, 8pm
Saturday 20th November
Main guest: Jez Lowe
Also featuring: Rebekah Findlay,
Loose Connections and
John Wrightson Band
Admission £9 inc buffet. Tel 621347

Sedgefield Show A.G.M.

Thursday 25th November
Nag's Head at 8pm
All welcome

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 25th November
7.45pm Parish Hall
Call 01287 636382 or email
sashton@teeswildlife.org

Autumn Walk in the Park

Sunday 28th November
1 - 3pm - Free. Meet at Hardwick
Park Visitor Centre. Part of
National Tree Week: learn about
trees & how to identify them.

Sedgefield Library Events

Tickle Time 2.15-3pm
Mondays 8th & 22nd Nov
Rhyme Time 10-11am
Wednesdays 10th & 24th Nov
Book Circle 2pm
Wednesday 17th November

Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & latest Fishburn
gossip! Fridays 9.30am - 12noon
Tea, coffee, toast & conversation

Ceddesfeld Art Group

Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon
on Thursdays in Ceddesfeld Hall
To join us, just call in or phone
Malcolm Scott on 622871

Country Markets

Please note: once only this month,
Friday 12th November

Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays 7.15 - 7.30pm
Nag's Head: new members
welcome, call 629070 or 620562

Round Table

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

Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church. Ofsted inspected
Mon - Thurs 9:15 - 11:45
Spaces for children 2+ years
Contact 621071 or 620572

Sedgefield Rugby Club training nights

Tuesday & Thursday
from 7.30pm at the school
No experience necessary, age 17+
Contact the club on 07578316499
or go to www.sedgefieldrugby.co.uk

Sing for Health & Fun

Methodist Church Hall
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1 - 2pm

Winterton Wayfarers Walking Group

Weekly Sunday walks, between 5
and 10 miles. Contact 620034 or
620434 for further information

December

Sedgefield Village Veterans

Pie & Pea Supper, Parish Hall
Friday 3rd December

Bingo @ Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 4th December

Lyric Singers, SLYC & Lirica

Christmas Concert in St Edmund's
Friday 10th December

Superfast broadband

I am writing to you today about the current competition being held by BT in which the winning area will receive fibre optic broadband/TV and any other possible services this technology can entail coupled with an award of £5,000 towards computer equipment for a local community or charity project. Bringing Sedgefield into the future with fibre optic technologies would be of great benefit to our local community and the £5,000 award of equipment would be a welcomed addition in helping all of our community become active and involved with access to the internet.

I hope everyone will vote for a worthy cause that could help bring prosperity to local businesses, create new opportunities for local community projects or charities who otherwise wouldn't have access to computer equipment and to bring together our local community as a whole.

Mr. Jeffery Swales

Editor's note

Thanks to Mr Swales and also to Stephen Gilmore, whose email prompted the banner on the front page. I voted last week and at that time there were fewer than 30 votes for Sedgefield!

Sedgefield Development Trust Projects Community Lawyers

If you would like to access our Legal Clinic please ring and leave a message on **629011** and we will make contact with you. Clinics are usually arranged to suit individual needs.

Sedgefield News

If you would enjoy combining English grammar skills with knowledge of the Microsoft Publisher programme, you could be a very useful part of our editorial team.

Make first contact via
sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com

DIDO

Days In Days Out for senior citizens every 2nd Monday of month. Friendly companionship and a range of activities & outings. Line dancing group every 2 weeks

Young Peoples' Project

The only village drop in for 13 - 19 year olds. Youth worker support. Week days after school at 58 Front Street

Your Letters

'Pop in' retirement

I recently retired from my much loved job as supervisor of the Pop in club and wish to thank everyone for their gifts and good wishes. My last week was very tearful, as everyone was so kind. I'll let you all know when our grandchildren arrive, as I'll be popping in to see you. I hope my successor Wendy enjoys the job as much as I have. I'll miss you all. Thanks again.
Norma Hissett

Right: Norma, pictured with friends from the Pop in club.



Last month we invited you to send in short 'rants' as an alternative to a wordy letter, and here's the first. Rants should be no longer than 140 characters please, and you must be prepared to see your name in print. We reserve the right to decide not to publish. Send rants or more conventional letters to **sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com**

Mini Rant of the Month!

From Ray Manning. **"The 'wood nymph' in Hardwick Park is a vulgar eyesore. It lacks style and sophistication, and detracts from the quiet beauty of the Park!"**

A memorable wedding day

We were married on 25th September at St Edmund's Church and held a reception at the recently refurbished Hardwick Arms Hotel. We would like to thank all the volunteers at the church for making it a quick and easy experience (paper-work, organising flowers etc.) so that the event went without any problems. Our reception was the first major event for Wayne and Richard at the Hardwick Arms and it went without a hitch. The food was excellent and it was a great success for the 100+ guests.

Also I would like to thank Jemma Hetherington, who provided accessories at the reception, through her newly formed wedding organising business. The cake supplied by Kelly Anne Cakes was a masterpiece. One last word of thanks goes to Yvonne at The Old Forge Cottage B&B for accommodating our guests from Wales.

Being from the village, we decided to help our local businesses to thrive in these trying times.

A big thank you to all involved and to our guests for making it a very memorable day.

Mr and Mrs A Coates

A letter of thanks

I would like to thank family and dear friends for cards, flowers and kindness shown during my recent bereavement of the late John (Johnny) Marshall. Also a big thank you to Stan & Lyn of the Hope Inn for a wonderful spread. Johnny will be sadly missed.

Mrs Sue Errington

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