



SEDGFIELD NEWS

November 2018



100 years on, Sedgfield Remembers

Friday 9th November at 10.30am beside St Luke's Church, Winterton

After a short parade of the Sedgfield Veterans' Standard, children from the three schools (about 70 in all) will join in a short service, along with The Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Andrea Flynn, the Mayor of Sedgfield and staff from nearby workplaces. Everyone is welcome.



Sunday 11th November, 6am at the Lych Gate, St Edmund's Church

Although the 1914 Armistice came into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, it was actually signed 6 hours earlier, at 5am Paris time. Exactly 100 years later, Northumbrian piper, Anthony Robb will join pipers across the UK to play the tune, 'When The Battle's O'er' by Pipe Major William Robb. Each in their own chosen location, pipers will strike up the tune in strict tempo in a special memorial organised by the College of Piping in Glasgow, to mark the Centenary of the First World War. Anthony became involved after a successful appearance at The Pipers' Gathering in America.



Sunday 11th November, 10am: Civic Service

A Service for Remembrance Sunday in St Edmund's Church will be conducted by Rev. Martin King and Rev. David Hall. The service will be followed at 11 am by the Act of Remembrance and wreath laying at the war memorial. Uniformed organisations of all ages will be present and taking part.

WWI commemorations and a new exhibition

October saw two commemorations for Sedgfield men who lost their lives in World War I. (report on page 2.) Now, as we come to the close of the 100th anniversary of the Great War, four more Sedgfield men will be commemorated. Richard Robinson, who lost his life to Spanish flu, shortly after the armistice, will be remembered on Saturday December 17th. Three men about whom little or no information has been found - Robert William Acomb, Reginald Wheeler Hines and Richard Rainbird - will be remembered together on Friday November 16th. Please join us at 10.45 am at the war memorial on both dates to remember those Sedgfield men lost in the Great War.

GP services are changing

Most readers will have received a letter from Skerne Medical Group, outlining the changes that they need to make in order to continue delivering a high standard of service to patients. They have struggled to recruit GPs, and following retirements and resignations, there has been a significant decline in the consulting time available for patients. The proposed changes are designed to secure GP services here in the long term.

Skerne Medical Group currently operates in Sedgfield, Fishburn, Trimdon Colliery and Trimdon Village. The split across multiple sites is one of the reasons for the difficulty in recruitment, so the intention is to reduce the number of locations to two. Practice partner, Dr Hearmon comments "This is not a position that we wanted to be in. Unfortunately, we are facing a perfect storm and unless we act now, our ability to continue providing GP services will be significantly compromised. We highlighted some of the issues that we are facing back in June 2017 and since then our team has been working very hard to recruit new GPs, but, as is the case in practices up and down the country, that is proving to be very

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Saturday 3rd November.

'It's Up To You' East Durham Rural Corridor AAP funding event. The Woodland & Wildlife Project needs your vote! Please visit us at Coxhoe Active Life Centre. Details p 11.

'In Memoriam'

Sedgfield LHS present an exhibition in Ceddesfeld Hall over the weekend of November 17-18th from 10am-4pm daily. Entry is free, although visitors may wish to make a donation to the Royal British Legion. Sedgfield Local History Society is very grateful to the members of Sedgfield Village Veterans, who have given staunch support over the last four years, as well as those Sedgfield residents who have regularly attended our WWI commemorations. A commemorative book paying tribute to all 42 Sedgfield men who lost their lives in WWI can be ordered at the exhibition. A book by Alison Hodgson of Sedgfield LHS describing life in Sedgfield during the war will also be available to buy.

October 2018 WW1 commemorations

Members of Sedgfield LHS, the Village Veterans and other local people came together to honour the memory of William Henry Todd and Alfred Coates. As children, both lived in the Tenements, mostly now demolished, the area renamed Rectory Row. Born in 1899 in West Hartlepool, by 1901, Alfred Coates was



living in Sedgfield with his mother Elizabeth Ann, a Sedgfield girl, and father James Thomas, a cartman. By 1911, the family had moved back to West Hartlepool, father was working on the railway and Alfred had gained two sisters, Emily and Annie. Alfred Coates enlisted with the 1st Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment and was just 19 when he was killed in action on 23rd October 1918, during the final weeks of the war. He is remembered at the British Cemetery at St Souplet, his gravestone bearing the epitaph 'His duty nobly done'. Alfred's boyhood neighbour on the Tenements, William Henry Todd, born in 1894, lived with his mother and grandmother, both called Elizabeth Todd. By 1911, aged 17, he was living and working at East Close Farm, as a farm hand. When war came, he enlisted, but, despite extensive research, his regiment, the exact date of his death and the location of his memorial remain a mystery. It was another north-eastern man of the same name who lost his life on October 3rd 1918. The search for details of the military service and death in action of our William Henry Todd continues, but there is no doubt about his young life in Sedgfield and, at our brief ceremony he was remembered with gratitude and pride.

Blooming marvellous

Sedgfield struck gold once again in the recent Northumbria in Bloom awards, winning **Best Small Town**. Council gardener Ben Gray has done sterling work during the sick leave of head gardener Stephen Young, planting and maintaining attractive flower beds, tubs and hanging baskets around the town. He was grateful for the help of Sedgfield in Bloom volunteers, who gave him a hand as well as working hard on their own project areas.—some of them are pictured below, preparing for work.

The Bloom team won gold for the series of gardens they have created at Ceddesfeld Hall. Gold awards also went to the Manor House garden, Hardwick Country Park and the Dun Cow Inn. Sedgfield Racecourse won Silver Gilt. The Early Years classes at Sedgfield Hardwick Primary School were also awarded silver gilt on their first entry into Northumbria in Bloom. The children regularly enjoy visits from 'Mrs Bloom', aka Bloom secretary Norma Neal, who received the Community Champion Award for her outstanding commitment to the work of the team.

Sedgfield in Bloom chairman Howard Smith said, 'Sedgfield has a proud tradition of success in Northumbria in Bloom and was one of the top three entries in this year's competition. Work goes on all year round to maintain such high standards, alongside tremendous community support that helps to keep Sedgfield blooming so beautifully.'



The Parish of the Upper Skerne

is to have a new Rector, the Revd Geoffrey Short, currently Team Vicar in the Parish of Christ the King in the Diocese of Newcastle; and Team Vicar, the Revd Elizabeth Bland, presently Team Vicar in the Aycliffe Team ministry. Full report in next month's edition.

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difficult and our position has actually worsened. We now have to undertake a serious, comprehensive review of what we do, how we do it, and where we do it." Dr Hearmon continues "Our overriding message to the public is that any changes we make will be in order for the group to continue providing high quality and safe care to patients. The process that we have now started is essential to be able to continue serving the community, but it is important to reassure the public that whatever the outcome is, everyone who is registered with Skerne Medical Group will still have access to GP services."

The practice is keen to hear your views. Public events are to be held during November. Residents near all four sites (and surrounding areas) will be able to see the proposals in detail, and talk to doctors and practice representatives, about ways in which they can work better with patients, becoming more efficient and taking pressure off GPs. Public Events take place as follows:

Sedgfield Parish Hall

Tuesday 6th November 7 - 8.30pm
Sunday 18th November 2 - 3.30pm
Thursday 29th November 1.30 - 2.30pm

Trimdon Station Community Centre

Friday 9th November 7 - 8.30pm

Trimdon Village Hall

Thursday 15th November 7 - 8.30pm

Fishburn Community Centre

Thursday 22nd November 7 - 8.30pm

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This Pig will Fly!

Tony Magee continues his tour of the changing social scene in Sedgefield.

The day before the official opening of The Impeccable Pig, I find myself in the sumptuous interior of Sedgefield's latest bar and eatery, speaking with the man in charge, Pierre Bertolotti.

Pierre is the first manager for Ramside Estates' new venture in Sedgefield, and he was quietly confident that all was ready for The Impeccable Pig's official opening the following evening.

The restaurant aims to offer a versatile range of bistro style food perfect for a dinner, a celebration or a special occasion, but also suitable for a casual lunch – all overseen by chef Chris Finnegan, who did his apprenticeship under the world famous chef, Raymond Blanc.

There is an extensive wine list of at least 170 different wines; some from well-known grapes and producers, together with wines from less well-known grape varieties. The bar offers a range of French beers and ciders together with a selection of local real ales and a large choice of whiskies and gins. Pierre commented that he could not wait for their opening night "to show the first stage of this amazing transformation". Sitting there, I could not disagree with a single word. If someone had led me there blindfolded, I would not have been able to guess that I was sitting in what had once been The Hope Inn.

After that, there was nothing else to do but to book a table for the Saturday evening. In hindsight that was a smart move. Three weeks later we tried to make another Saturday booking but were told (politely) that they were fully booked up for the next few weeks. So it was that my family and I found ourselves dining out in The Impeccable Pig the day after the official opening. Everything about the new décor and furnishings, complemented now by layered, soft lighting and the lively hum of an impressive crowd, expressed that "amazing transformation" that Pierre had suggested. We felt at ease. The menu was varied as promised and the service was attentive and warm, a very attractive quality on a very busy evening and... the food was truly excellent!

The Impeccable Pig affords diners a glimpse into the heart of the restaurant - its kitchen



Below; one small corner of the beautifully decorated restaurant



Contributing to Community Life for over a century:

Sedgefield Women's Institute celebrates

Sedgefield WI, which turned 100 this year, hosted a special service of thanks at St Edmund's Church in October.

WI joint president, Audrey Flanagan said: "Our aim is not only to recall the work members have done in our community during that period but also to give thanks for the work carried out by women in their communities across the world."

To mark the centenary, a team of WI members headed by Kathleen Heasman, have produced a banner with a list of activities on one side and the names of 2018 members on the reverse.

Pictured are Sedgefield WI secretary, Christine Dunn (left) and Audrey Flanagan



Eat Well, Feel Great

If you want to stay at home and enjoy good food, a recipe book has been launched by Age UK County Durham with menus specifically designed for older people.

Called 'Eat Well, Feel Great', the book has been published in response to calls from older people to inspire and motivate them to try new dishes and make meals more interesting and varied. Ideas for the recipes came from members of the charity's Big Lottery-funded project 'Come Eat Together' and Bishop Auckland College catering lecturer Graham Kennedy, working with Newcastle University's LiveWell research programme.

'Come Eat Together' offers help with shopping and runs a monthly event at the college where a two-course meal is prepared and served by students, followed by choice of activities.

The recipe book features traditional dishes which have been given a healthy twist and new recipes which introduce people to delicious meal ideas that are quick and easy to make.

All are suitable for one or two people.

The book is spiral bound so it can be laid flat and has large colour photos of each recipe and easy to read text.

The project has been praised by North East celebrity chef and 'Hairy Biker' Si King (right), who said:

"Come Eat Together is an absolutely brilliant project bringing older people together to enjoy good food and good craic. Sometimes it's hard to get motivated to cook different tasty meals when you live on your own, this recipe book has loads of tasty creative healthy food to get your taste buds going!! I really hope you all enjoy making the dishes in the book, go on why don't you give them a go! Keep up the fantastic work Age UK County Durham."

Copies can be purchased from Age UK's Information, Advice and Trading Office at 68 North Road, Durham City, DH1 4SQ, or online on Amazon.

All proceeds go straight back to Age UK County Durham to support its work with older people across the county.

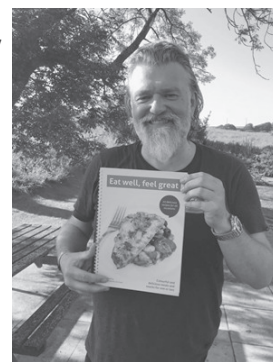


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Concert Success

Lirica's annual concert at Ceddesfeld Hall. on October 6th was sold out, and the audience appreciated and enjoyed the wide variety of music performed. The group ranged from modern Musical Theatre to Contemporary Pop and Rock, alongside more classical choices and modern arrangements of popular poetry. Particular audience favourites were a new arrangement of Shawn Mendes' "Stitches; Crosby, Stills and Nash's "Helplessly Hoping" and a beautiful arrangement of "Scarborough Fair" and "The Sound of Silence". Lirica's next appearance will be alongside the Sedgefield Lyric Singers and Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir at the Christmas Concert in the Parish Hall on the 14th & 15th December.

It's nearly Panto Time!

Rehearsals are well under way for the Players' annual Pantomime, 'Cinderella' - a version by David Jasper and Tom Guest, who serves as director as well as playing Ugly Sister Eugenia, opposite Terry West as Fatima.

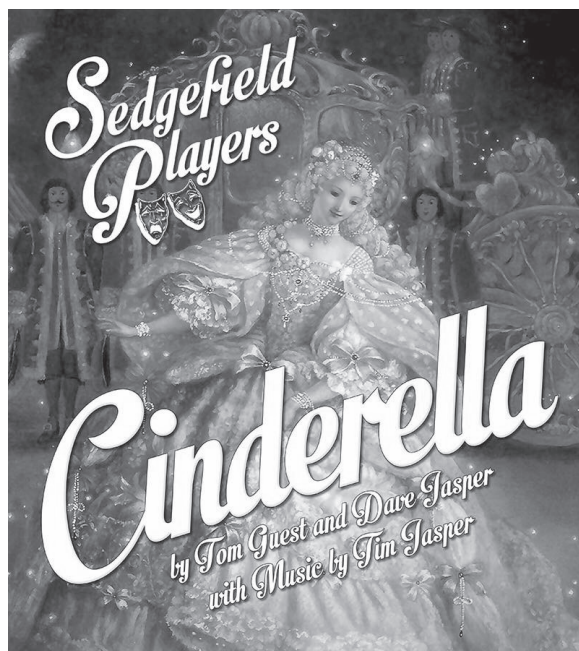
Sarah Legender and Kelsey White take on the principal boy and girl rôles as Cinders and Prince Charming whilst Jacqui O'Meara and Sarah Atkinson are sharing the roles of Smash and Grab the bailiffs with Joshua Wilson and Cameron Andrews. Jessica Sadler and Alisha Quinn are also sharing the rôle of Fairy Godmother Cheryl, under the supervision of Rosemary Jones as the Fairy Godmother.

Kieron O'Donnell and Lucy Atkinson take on the sidekick rôles of Buttons and Dandini, while Ian Thurgood and Viv Jacobs play the Baron and Baroness Hardup. Elizabeth Flanagan and Jean Hewling round out the cast as the Angry Woman and Mrs. Curtain respectively.

Two teams of SPYS and a team of dancers will take to the stage over the course of a week, in what is always the Players' favourite time of year.

The production features original music by Tim Jasper and will be choreographed by Gill Rowe. Set design by Walter Howell, Costume design by Jeanne Iveson, and lighting and sound design by Adam White and Richard Flanagan all will come together to produce another outstanding production.

Tickets are available on the Players website www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk or from Tickety Boo for the 5 performances from 27th to 30th December.



Sedgefield Book Ends

This year's theme, 'Lines of Life' opened up some interesting pathways which resulted in a wider range of events and activities. Lines are everywhere; in music, lyrics, art, photographs, history, expeditions, stories and poems, so a varied, interesting journey began. The music and lyrics of Lennon McCartney/Liverpool Poets inspired the first event which proved a popular, well attended evening, with fantastic performances from local performers and musicians. There were of course lots of familiar Beatles songs to enjoy.

Ron Eyley talked about his life in journalism, which provided a fascinating insight into the varied, challenging, often exciting work of a busy journalist, under pressure to chase a story and get it on the front page. There were a range of inspirational workshops from Easington and North Pens Writers, as well as Sedgefield and Stockton's U3A writing group.

Local school children enjoyed a very special event with Peter Barron (author of Snow drop the Spikeshuffler and Darly's Magical History Ride) and a fantastic young illustrator Jonathan Raiseborough, whose brilliant, detailed drawings and explanation of his working process was absolutely fascinating and enthralled the children. Sara Gibbeson, an artist and illustrator of children's books, ran a very productive workshop at the library for younger children; great fun and hands on.

Natalie Scott's workshop, 'Pen Power, Writing for Wellbeing' inspired deep thinking and some soul searching; extremely powerful and thought provoking. In between the talks and workshops, we were also entertained by the fantastic Lirica, who bring such joy to singing, and over 55 guests enjoyed a delicious Book Ends dinner at a special event to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Captain Cook and HMS Endeavour. These 'Lines of Life' go way back and as far as Australia!

The final week began with a History of Darlington Civic Theatre presented by Chris Lloyd from the Northern Echo, followed by a brilliant talk by prolific author Griff Hosker on his novels (historical fiction), which range from the Romans to WW2.

The Book Ends final day, "Super Saturday", began with 4 more fantastic
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DIARY: November 2018

Submit your events to diary.sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com

| Date | Event |
|----------------------|--|
| Fri 2 nd | Veterans Coffee Morning: Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am to noon. U3A: 2pm in the Parish Hall. A talk by Prof. Pete Edwards, "Update from Space". Members free, Visitors welcome, £3 at the door. Sedgefield Town Council's annual Fireworks Display: 6.30pm at Ceddesfeld Hall. Tickets available from Council Office, Tickety-Boo and Ceddesfeld Hall. |
| Sat 3 rd | Drop in Surgeries: Cllr John Robinson. 9 – 9.45am Bradbury & 12 pm Mordon Village Hall; 10 – Sedgefield Library; 11.15 – Fishburn Community Centre. 11am East Durham Rural Funding event: 10am - pm @ Active Life Centre, Coxhoe. Public vote for funding for Woodland and Wildlife Project. Details on Page 11. |
| Sun 4 th | Sedgefield Farmers' Market on the Village Green from 8.30am. New Generation Church: Services take place on each Sunday this month in Sedgefield Parish Hall @10.30am. |
| Mon 5 th | Local History Society: Ceddesfeld Hall. 7.45pm. "Snooping Snaps." Julian Harrop |
| Tue 6 th | Sedgefield Gardening Club: Iberian Succulents of Spain & Portugal by Ray Stephenson @ 7.30 in Ceddesfeld Hall. Everyone welcome. |
| Wed 7 th | Sedgefield WI: 6.30 – 9.30pm. An evening with the Lyric Singers. Members' Competition – a pair of earrings. |
| Fri 9 th | Sedgefield Country Market: Parish Hall 10am to 11.30am. Home baked produce, Crafts, Jams, Cards, Plants, Refreshments. For information call 629441. |
| Sat 10 th | Mayor's Remembrance Lunch: Sedgefield Parish Hall from 1pm to 4.30pm. |
| Mon 12 th | Methodist Wives & Friends: Church Hall 7.30pm. Dream Catchers – Katie Burkill. |
| Tue 13 th | Ladies Club: Jewellery Party – Marion Greenwell. Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm. |
| Thu 15 th | Memory Café: 10.30am to 12 noon @ Sedgefield Fire Station. |
| Fri 16 th | St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group Coffee Morning: Parish Hall, 10am-12 The Hospital treats all patients regardless of ability to pay. Local History Society and The Village Veterans: WW1 commemoration. See p2 Sedgefield Cricket Club Live Music Night: 7.30pm. Main guest: Haley Sisters. Also Harry Hailey, Laura Jobson and John Wrightson Band. £12 inc. buffet. Tel 621346. WI Festive Coffee Morning: 10am to 11:30am in the Parish Hall. All Welcome. |
| Sat 17 th | Bring & Buy/Craft Sale/Coffee Morning: 10am in The Village Hall, Mordon. To book a table phone Fiona: 01740 620634 Local History Society and The Village Veterans: 'In Memoriam' exhibition 10am-4pm, Ceddesfeld Hall. Free. Donations to Royal British Legion. Details page 1 Sedgefield in Bloom Dance: Dancing to Mark Thomas. 7.30pm, Parish Hall. Tickets from council offices - £10, inc pie & peas supper. BYO drink and glasses. |
| Sun 18 th | Local History Society and The Village Veterans: 'In Memoriam' – As Above. |
| Mon 19 th | Sedgefield Family History Group: The Methodist Church Hall, Sedgefield @ 7.15pm. A talk by Maureen Taylor-Gooby. "The Rowland Burtons, North Country |
| Tue 20 th | Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club: OPEN MEETING. Susan Maddox- "Christmas My Way". 7.30pm @ Parish Hall. Members £5.50, Non Members -£8. |
| Wed 21 st | Willowdene Care Home: Afternoon Tea, 2pm to 4pm. Free event and all welcome. For further info call Angela on 01740 771310. |
| Thu 22 nd | Sedgefield Show AGM: Sedgefield Social Club @ 8pm. |
| Fri 23 rd | WI Festive Coffee Morning: 10am to 11:30am in the Parish Hall. All Welcome. Sedgefield Blues Club: A night with Malone Sibun Band + support. Doors 7pm. Tickets £15. Info @ www.sedgefieldblues.com & club' Facebook page |
| Mon 26 th | Methodist Wives & Friends: Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm. Carols, mince pies & ginger wine. |
| Tue 27 th | Ladies Club: 'Fantastic Florida' by Eric Londesbrough. Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm. Mordon and District Ladies Circle: 7.30 @ Mordon & Bradbury Village Hall. A talk by Robert Hillary on 'Raby Castle' Enquiries 01388 720502. |
| Fri 30 th | Sedgefield Veterans Coffee Morning: Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am to noon. |

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Mordon Village Hall is available to hire for children's parties at £12.50 per hour. Facilities include the main hall with tables and chairs, kitchen, ladies/gents/disabled loos. Level access throughout. To book contact Fiona Avery on 01740 620634 or email averyb@live.co.uk

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Sedgefield Social Club

Saturday 3rd November: Alan Stevens.

Saturday 10th November: Kevin Royale.

Saturday 17th November: Rose.

Mon 19th: Country Night, Ron Spence.

Saturday 24th November: Stenna

Telephone Number: 01740 620591

Sedgefield Tea Dance

In the Parish Hall on the 1st & 3rd

Tuesday of each month. For more

information please ring Joyce - 01740

622601 or Ann - 01740 629070

St. Edmund's Memorial Service

Sunday 4th November at 6.30pm

We would like to invite you and members of your family join us at this special service. We hope it will provide the opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to remember them in their prayers, to light candles, to feel closer to God and hopefully find peace.

The occasion will also offer a time to talk or, if you prefer, a time for quiet reflective prayer. During the service, the name of your loved one will be read out in the prayers.

Wow What A Show!

We take the effigy of Mr Guy Fawkes, A man educated and born in West Yorks.

For his gunpowder plot - remember, remember, He was captured on the fifth of November.

As the sun slowly sets, the fires are lit, Lighting the sky with our favourite culprit.

With explosion & flame, wow what a show, A tradition from hundreds of years ago.

The Westminster Gallows did await, The Hangman's noose sealed Guy's fate!

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Survival of Neighbourhood Watch?

Summary of notes from October meetings. Full Minutes are posted in Notice Boards (Police Station & adjacent Library)

A new body of officers could not be formed at the conclusion of the AGM in October. However, many people present were concerned enough to want to keep NHW going. After requests for some time to decide if commitments could be made the deadline was extended to 4th December. A meeting of interested persons is planned in October to facilitate this.

It was extremely heart-warming to see so many new faces who really value NHW. Sadly, ill health prevented outgoing chair, Ken Saiger, from attending to see this. Hopefully some new "brooms" will take up the challenge to keep NHW going for the benefit of residents in an ever-expanding Sedgefield.

Local Police Officer, John Lamb explained the importance of NHW activity in the successful reduction of local crime. Fundamentally, the reach of Sedgefield police can be extended immeasurably with extra pairs of eyes. Police need identifiable contacts, willing to observe and report on any concerns about unusual activity or behaviour in their area. You can phone 101 or 999 or e-mail him direct (be aware that PC Lamb is not on duty all day, every day!)

PC Lamb updated us on the youth Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) issues which have re-surfaced since the start of September, resulting vehicle damage and theft, with particular reference to the impact on the elderly. PC Lamb seeks to remind residents of the importance of reporting all instances of ASB. Reports accumulate to provide an evidential record of the potential scale of this problem and can be (and, indeed, has been) used to secure resources to tackle the perpetrators. After PC Lamb had given details of how the recent operation had worked, residents and members were unanimous in expressing continued support for all aspects of Police action and their hopes that they will continue.

PC Lamb reminded us to keep doors and windows locked and to use light timers now that the dark nights are here, and he reminded us of basic aspects of vehicle security such as not leaving items of value on display or in unattended cars.

Cybercrime Initiative

On Thursday, October 4th, the three regional Police and Crime Commissioners and representatives of The Institute of Directors (IoD) and the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) met at Cleveland Constabulary's Community Safety Hub in Hemlington to launch two booklets aimed at helping prevent individuals and small businesses from becoming victims of cybercrime. The booklets were developed in collaboration with the IoD and the FSB, and funding provided by the North East's three Police and Crime Commissioners, Vera Baird, Barry Copping and Ron Hogg. It is hoped that the easy-to-follow, sensible advice in the booklets will become a valuable aid in helping individuals and businesses deal with fraudulent activity as cyber-fraud increases and new scams continually appear.

All present emphasized the proliferation of cybercrime and the devastating effect it can have on victims. Cleveland PCC, Barry Copping observed, "Cybercrime is a growing area of activity. We estimate that over 50% of crimes are committed online." Ron Hogg, Durham PCC elaborated, "In days gone by criminals turned to armed robbery to make big money quickly, these days it's cybercrime. It's low risk and high pay off so it's very lucrative for them." Not only can individuals lose substantial, indeed potentially life changing amounts of money but as Vera Baird PCC for Northumbria pointed out

"People who get led along by these sort of scams not only lose financially but they can also lose a degree of self-respect because they feel that they've allowed it to happen; that they're guilty of stupidity."

The booklets also offer advice to small businesses on how to comply with the new data protection requirements that have recently been placed on them. These new expectations are clearly challenging to a small business with limited resources or skill to combat such attacks. The simple measures outlined in these booklets together with a company's dynamic approach to reviewing policies on updating and developing online strategies, will help to protect sensitive data and ensure the firm's commercial integrity.

The Little Book of Cyber Scams

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The Little Book of Big Scams

at both families and business. Both are free of charge from the office and website of your Police and Crime Commissioner. Together, they deal with information about a range of cyber scams and give advice on how to deal with them. They explain the potential dangers of Wi-Fi Hotspots, emails and online shopping as well as giving information on a variety of frauds connected to online banking, recruitment dating, investment and ticketing sites.



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Crime Prevention Officer Rona Stocks. rona.stocks@durham.pnn.police.uk

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Any information we receive will be developed and acted upon.

Steve's Nature Diary November

With names like Amethyst Deceiver, the Blusher and the Sickener you would be excused for thinking I am writing a piece about the latest comic heroes, but no these are all examples of mushrooms or toadstools, call them what you will. With more than 15,000 species in the UK, fungi make up an entire kingdom of their own. These curious beings are neither plant, nor animal, and their diversity is stupendous. Chicken of the woods and King Alfred's cakes, pink ballerinas and scarlet elf cups, blewits and boletes; are some of the more delightfully named, some delicious, and others poisonous. Every habitat is home to a great variety of fungi, and autumn is the best time to explore this little-visited world: you may well be surprised at just how many you come across!

If you visit sites like Hardwick Park, Castle Eden Dene, Lockwood Beck and Derwent Reservoirs, all have a number of habitats from woodland to grassland both of which are good for finding fungi. In grasslands which have been managed the same for a long time or left undisturbed, a particular group of fungi can be found - these are the Waxcaps. Waxcaps are one of the groups of grassland fungi known to be excellent indicators of unimproved grassland, i.e. grasslands of low-nutrient status. All species belong to the genus *Hygrocybe*.

As well as waxcaps, several other fungi groups are also found in this habitat. The main ones are *Entoloma* (pink gills), the *Clavarioids* (fairy clubs) and the *Geoglossaceae* family (earth tongues). Collectively, an assemblage of these species is known as a waxcap grassland. At Derwent Reservoir, which lies within the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and, after Kielder, is the second largest reservoir in the region, parts of the surrounding land are managed for wildlife, including some areas of waxcap grassland.

An autumnal walk to look for fungi can be a wonderful experience, but as well as many delicious wild mushrooms, fungi also include some of our most poisonous species, aptly named species such as the sickener, poison pie, death cap and the destroying angel. NEVER eat any fungi you find unless you are 100% certain about their identity. Unless you are with an expert, it is best to leave mushrooms where you find them - that way, others can enjoy their beauty - & go home with a photo instead.



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Flu campaign success

Skerne Medical Group would like to thank everyone who attended our walk-in flu clinics this year. We were thrilled by the response.

On Saturday 13th October an amazing 821 patients attended for their flu vaccination, adding to the 859 who attended on 15th September. This saves countless week day appointments meaning these appointments are available to patients who need to access our services for their health issues.

If you have missed the walk-in clinic and are eligible for the flu vaccine (adults and children) please contact our Receptionists. Patients not eligible for the free NHS vaccine can contact other local providers for the vaccination.

Smart Clothing Project

The Centre for Process Innovation (CPI) at NETPark is collaborating with Pireta Limited, on a project to support the development of next-generation smart clothing, using its industry expertise in the printed electronics sector to aid scale-up of wearable technology in textiles. The technology coats individual fibres with metal on fabrics in selective patterns without changing its physical and mechanical properties. This enables wearable electronics to be more discreet, as the electrodes are integrated into the fabric. Wearable technology is an intrinsic part of the Internet of Things, allowing devices to send and receive data via an internet connection. Its long-term development is supported by the UK Government through Innovate UK-funded projects.

Story Homes Sponsors Sedgefield Squash Club

A local squash club has secured sponsorship for the next three years from Story Homes, builder of the St Edmunds Manor Estate off Stockton Road and Thurlow Road, Sedgefield. The sponsorship will enable the club to subsidise new, high quality shirts for members. Currently over 130 members make up teams which compete in the Durham and Cleveland squash leagues up to Premier Division level. The club also has a strong junior section with two members competing regularly at national events. Both parties are pleased with the sponsorship arrangement. Neil Bunney, club chairman, feels the sponsorship will help raise the profile of the club both at events they regularly attend and within the Sedgefield Community where they are keen to have "a strong focus on encouraging people of all ability levels to enjoy squash and racquetball in both friendly games or competitively."

Story Homes sales manager, Lyndsey Walton, explained that the company is pleased to help local organisations through their 'Future Story' scheme and are "delighted that members of Sedgefield Squash Club are happy with their new shirts". She continued, "We look forward to supporting them for the next few years."

Sponsorship applications can be made via the website. Organisations should complete the online form at storyhomes.co.uk/sponsorship-form.

Ceddesfeld Hall

Home of Sedgfield Community Association

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workshops, which were well attended: a Master Class, 'Writing from 'Life' from Avril Joy & Wendy Robertson; Paul Parsons' 'Fat Bloke on a Bike'; Adam Bushnell's Folk Tales from County Durham and poet Anna Woodford's writing workshop.

Exhibitions by local artist Jane Spink and Ceddesfeld art group, as well as a very thought provoking photographic exhibition from Sedgfield U3A added another layer of interest and texture to the event and complimented the wide range of books written by local authors on sale and display. Special thanks must also go to Sedgfield Twinning for providing coffee and cakes.

Sedgfield Book Ends built momentum this year, with good attendance and appreciation of the range of events, which were planned to interest and engage a wide range of people of all ages and interests. Special thanks to the organisers and to DCC and SCA for sponsoring the event. For more information on this year's festival, follow Sedgfield Book Ends FB page.

Future events at Ceddesfeld Hall.

Tickets for STC Firework display on Friday 2nd November) can be purchased from behind the bar or at STC offices.

There will be a Christmas craft fayre in support of Sedgfield Town Council's Snow Party in the main hall on Saturday 1st December from 1pm to 4 pm.

On Friday 21st December, following STC 'Carols on the Green', mulled wine will be served at Ceddesfeld, followed by a night of ukulele music with Ceddesfeld's own ukulele group and there will be a quiz night on Christmas Eve. More on all Christmas events next month.

For more information on Ceddesfeld Hall events, regular activities, room hire and bar opening times, please contact Wendy, on 01740 620206, Pat, 620607, Sarah, 622185 or visit www.sedgfieldscsca.org.uk

Thank you letter

A big thank you to all who came to support the Macmillan coffee morning held at my home the end of September. To all my friends who baked and helped on the morning and to all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes.

Together we raised £610.

Margaret Dickerson

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Farmers' Market Sun 4th Nov.

Last month's market was a record breaker, with 21 gazebos around the green! Many thanks to the Handbell Ringers for entertaining us in the cold!

This month, Dryden Farms join our fabulous line up of local producers, to take orders for their superb Christmas turkeys and geese. Sample and see! We're going to miss our much loved Spicy Monkey, Ian, who is taking off on a big adventure. Maybe he'll be back - you never know.

This month's Community Stall is St. John Ambulance. There's no music this time, but we look forward to lots of Festive singing during our Christmas Market on 2nd December.



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Sport in Sedgfield

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Autumn is upon us – the season of mists, mellow fruitfulness and muddy sports kit. Once again, we have a bumper line-up of sports news from the younger generation, and you can find more of that, and updates from Sedgfield's equally sporty adults on www.sedgfieldweb.co.uk.



Young players at Sedgfield Tennis Club

Sedgfield Tennis Club is offering all children (and adults!) the chance to try tennis for free at Sedgfield Community College over the winter. Each session will be led by an LTA qualified tennis coach, with all equipment provided. Details of the sessions available are listed on sedgfieldweb.co.uk. All lessons must be booked by an adult. For more information, please email Carl Brough at enquiries@sedgfieldtennis.co.uk or call 07980 595956.

Sedgfield Squash Club Juniors

The club was well represented and also very successful, in the 2018 Durham & Cleveland Junior Championships, with four finalists and two county champions! Congratulations to Joseph Billany and Jess Weatherspoon who won the boys' U13 and girls' U15 titles respectively. Very well done too, to Mikey Wilson and Ben Wilberforce who narrowly missed out on the mixed U9 and boys' U17 titles, respectively.

The club now has a roster of junior coaches training the juniors on Saturday mornings and some enthusiastic new faces have joined since sessions resumed in September. If you think that your child might be interested, whether they're a beginner or thinking of getting back into the sport, the club is keen to hear from you. As well as those sessions, there's the Junior Club Afternoon on Sundays from 4 - 5:30pm, giving youngsters a chance to simply enjoy match play, irrespective of whether they're being coached on Saturdays.

Sedgfield Cricket Club is encouraging members, along with family and friends, to support junior cricket development from 10.00am - 1:30pm on Saturday 3rd November, by popping along to Coxhoe Leisure Centre and voting for the club's bid for funding through a local authority backed scheme. A large number of other voluntary organisations will also be in attendance, all pitching for support. Anyone aged 12 and above can vote for more than one of the many deserving good causes and the club hopes to be one of the handful of successful bidders. This is all dependent on securing votes, so please do go along if you can. The current crop of juniors celebrated their successful 2018 season at a well-attended presentation evening recently, with trophies and certificates galore being awarded to the boys and girls who make up a section that has become the envy of many other clubs. The headline-makers were the U13 squad who were presented with their league winner's trophy, while several of the other teams had got very close to winning silverware. The biggest success story is the fact that the club has attracted so many families and made itself such a focal point for Sedgfield during the summer months.

Sedgfield Youth FC U14s.

The team is now six weeks into their new season. After five league games they have won one game, drawn two and lost two, and currently sit mid-table of their Teesside Junior Football Alliance league. In their most recent game (at the time of writing) they took on Darlington 21st All Stars at The Community College. On a bright Sunday morning Sedgfield began the game brightly playing into a stiff and strengthening breeze. Gradually, however, All Stars began to pick up their game, pressing Sedgfield back and, taking advantage of the wind, pumped a stream of balls into the penalty area, creating a number of half chances but failing to take advantage of any of them. Weathering the storm, Sedgfield came back at Darlington, creating two clear one on one situations in the last ten minutes of the half but shot straight at the keeper both times. Sedgfield gained a just reward for their determined first half defending, scoring second half goals through Oliver Jones and Nick Dexter to run out 2 – 0 winners.

Cricket On 19th October, Sedgfield Cricket Club hosted its senior presentation evening, the highlight of which was reliving the 1st XI's successful promotion season. Well done again! **That's all for this month. Please send sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com**

Sedgfield junior parkrun

This successful free 2km event for children aged four to 14, takes place at 9:00am every Sunday morning in Hardwick Park. The run relies on a pool of volunteers and the core team is keen to recruit some new helpers. Roles vary and include barcode scanning, timekeeping and marshalling. No experience is necessary, as the team will provide full support and people can volunteer for any role they feel comfortable in. The junior parkrun team is also trying to recruit a few additional run directors to be responsible for overseeing the weekly event, again with full support, and with a few more on the roster, each person will only need to commit to one Sunday every six to eight weeks. For more information, contact the team via the Sedgfield junior parkrun Facebook page or email sedgfield-juniorshelpers@parkrun.com. If children want to take part in junior parkrun, they can be registered free at www.parkrun.org.uk.

Squash

The county recently held its annual Masters tournament (it used to be the Veterans, but Masters feels more complimentary!) and Sedgfield's Patrick Billany and Nigel Musgrave reached the finals of their age group competitions. Sadly, both missed out on the title, which means that Patrick's son Joseph has the family bragging rights for the time being after his success in the junior championships!

Talking of veterans, there was some 'classic' kit and equipment on parade during World Squash Day on 13th October, when squash club members donned retro gear and used old wooden rackets, raising money for the World Squash Federation's nominated charities in the process. Space doesn't allow us to show the full glory of their get-ups, but you'll find the photograph on sedgfieldweb.co.uk in glorious Technicolor, as they used to say! As ever, membership enquiries should go to Sue Smith at curlietailz@aol.com.

