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Sedgefield NEWS

October 2009



A Roman invasion at the park

A weekend in mid September saw crowds of people, young and old, enthralled by the Roman Army's take over of Hardwick Park.

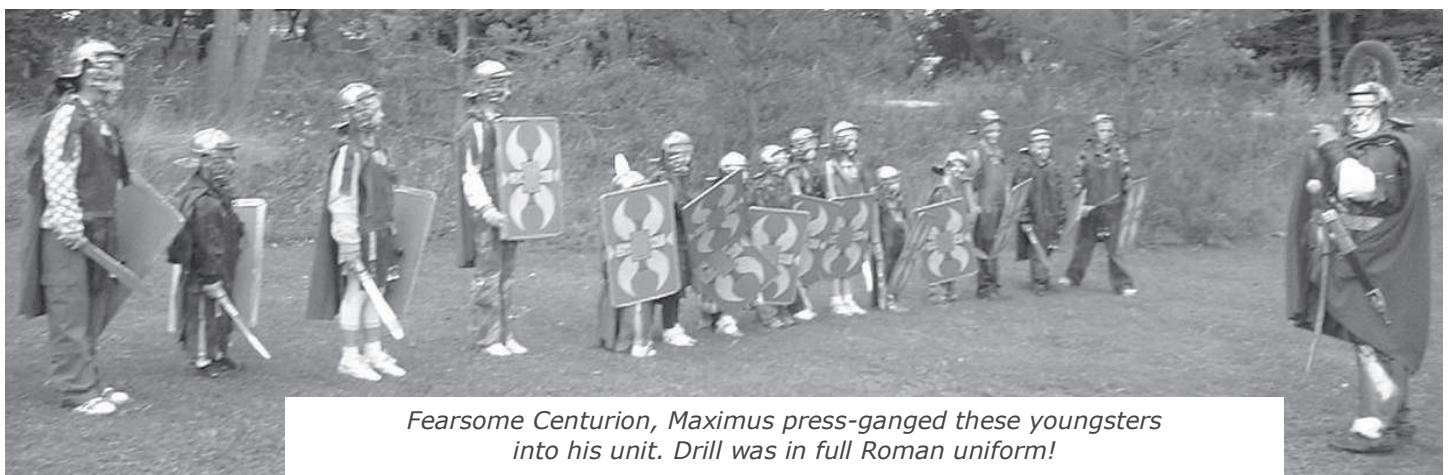
The fascinated audience could view displays of various aspects of Roman crafts, including pottery and weaving, but the highlight of both days was the dramatic military display by leading Early Roman re-enactment group, **Comitatus**.

Here were five cavalrymen as well as several foot soldiers shooting arrows from rapidly moving horses as well as demonstrating different forms of weaponry both on horseback and foot. The climax was a wall of soldiers being charged down by the cavalry.

Congratulations to the Park Rangers and others for a well organised and spectacular show.

Thanks to Ian Hunter and John Fitzpatrick for photography. Please contact us at

sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com if you would like to see more of their pictures.



Fearsome Centurion, Maximus press-ganged these youngsters into his unit. Drill was in full Roman uniform!

Sedgefield Community Association

Trafalgar Dinner

With Entertainment on a Naval Theme

24th October in Ceddesfeld Hall

Drinks reception 7pm, Dinner 7.30pm;

5 Courses; Soup, Main course with veggie option, Choice of sweets, Cheese board; Coffee & mints with Brandy or Port

Tickets £20 from Dudley/Pat 602607, Wendy/David 620206,

John/Maxine 620042, Town Council Office 621273

Ceddesfeld Hall refurbishment - a job well done

Sedgefield Community Association would like to thank all those who contributed funding towards the recent refurbishment of Ceddesfeld Hall; Sedgefield Town Council (the building owners), Sedgefield Borough Council, Durham County Council, Sedgefield Charities, Sir John Knott Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Eon Community Fund. The consultants for the major work were Hopper Howe Sadler (Architects), Clancy (Engineers) and Lumsden Wood (Quantity Surveyors). Special mention must be made of our main contractors, WCL, who are based in the village and worked well and efficiently within the restrictions of a working building.

SCA members, who, through voluntary effort, raised sufficient over the years to commit funding from reserves for this capital project and sustained enough enthusiasm to see the work through, all deserve special thanks. The building will be open on **Saturday 17th October** from 2pm – 5pm and local residents are invited to visit and view the finished product.

Live Music at the Cricket Club

Once again the nights are drawing in and the time has come around for our monthly live music nights. We welcome The Young 'Uns on Saturday 17th October, with support from Jack Burness, John Wrightson Band, Judith Haswell and Trish McLean. Tickets are £9 including buffet. Further dates are Saturday 21st November, with the new four piece line-up of Prelude; and our Christmas Party Night on Saturday 12th December, with the Happy Cats and Billingham Silver Band and locals John Wrightson Band and the Scratch Band. Please contact me early (on 621347) to receive tickets, as we have a great demand.

Joan Edmundson

October in Hardwick Park

Photography Workshop for beginners, Saturday 3rd October and Sunday 1st November, both 10am – 4pm. Cost £15 including light lunch.

Learn more about the skills of digital photography and its practical application with a local photographer. It's a great opportunity to learn from a professional and enjoy a fun day in the beautiful surroundings of Hardwick Park. **Please call to book** (Age 16+), suitable outdoor clothing recommended – please bring your digital camera!

Art in the Park, Saturday 10th October, 11am – 3pm. Free, **no booking necessary**.

As part of the national BIG draw event, Hardwick Park is running a day of art related activities. Come and help us create large murals of the Park or create your own mini landscape painting to take home.

Halloween at Hardwick, Friday 30th October, 6.30pm – 9.30pm. Cost £20 family ticket, £5 individual ticket. It's back and bigger than ever! Come to Hardwick Park for a spooky night out for the whole family. Be terrified by our scary walk, create Halloween crafts, enjoy the scary performers and have a night you'll never forget. Fancy dress is encouraged. **Booking essential**; please call for further details.

For details and to book please call: 01740 621505

DIDO Coffee Morning and 'Market Place'

There will be a Cake Stall, Bric-a-Brac, Tombola and refreshments with home made scones, in Sedgefield Parish Hall on Thursday 15th October from 10am - 12 noon. All proceeds to the DIDO Project for older people, supported by Sedgefield Development Trust.

If anyone would like to take a stall or donate any items please contact Margaret on 01740 622684 or Gloria on 01740 622447.

Citizen of the Year 2009

It's that time of the year again; time for us to think what extraordinary service that our fellow citizens have done in the community. This year we are re-launching Citizen of the Year, with a new nomination form, where the emphasis is on 'exceptional contributions to Sedgefield'. We would like to focus more on recent events rather than long-serving histories. Please consider your friends and acquaintances, whether they have performed meritorious acts in the community and, if so, will you nominate them for the Citizen of the Year 2009 award?

Success in Bloom

Sedgefield was awarded the Gold Medal and Cup in the Northumbria in Bloom Awards.

The judges were particularly impressed with the quality of the planting and appearance of Sedgefield - particularly in the light of having only one full time gardener and one part-time helper.

4th Sedgefield Folk Festival better than ever

From start to finish, this year's festival held on the 4th, 5th & 6th September, was a huge success.

A variety of performances held in the Parish Hall, Ceddesfeld Hall and St. Edmund's Church received excellent feedback from a mix of local, national and international audience.

All venues were well attended, with the two main events at the Parish Hall being a complete sell out. A small profit was made, which will be added to the fund for next year. Organiser Joan Edmundson and the Festival Committee would like to thank everyone for their support and look forward to seeing you again at the 5th Sedgefield Folk Festival in September 2010. *TL*

UNITY IN CHRIST

**Christian Spiritualism...
A Way of Life**

Services at 6.30 pm in
Sedgefield Parish Hall

Saturday 17th October

Also 7th November & 5th December

Each service will include Spiritual Healing and a demonstration of communication.

All are welcome

New head oversees big changes at college

Sedgefield Community College's new head teacher David Davies, has high hopes for the future, as work begins to replace the building with smart new premises.

Having started working life as a production engineer for Coles Cranes in Sunderland, Mr Davies decided teaching was what he really wanted to do. He trained at Sunderland University, taught technology in Washington for ten years, and later became Head of Faculty at Easington, then Deputy Head of Sandhill View School in Sunderland.

As head teacher here he likes to keep in close contact with pupils, and is keen to ensure that they all have the richest possible experience, encouraging aspiration, achievement and high expectations. "We intend to offer a wide range of opportunities, so that all our pupils feel valued and enjoy their time in school" he said.

Since arriving in February, Mr Davies has made 15 new appointments, including two new deputy head teachers and heads of maths, science and creative arts. He aims to develop the ethos and culture of the school, so that high expectations lead to improved aspirations. He intends to develop communication and links with the community as well as consulting with pupils, parents and governors over developments within school. With completion expected in January 2011, the new building will

enhance the learning experience of Sedgefield students for years to come. But Mr Davies is very aware of the needs of those pupils in Years 10 and 11 who will leave school before then. "We must and will ensure that those students have the best possible support and encouragement at this vital time in their school career."

Work on the new building is being overseen by Deputy Head John Tomlinson, seconded to work with construction company Carillion. Part of the government scheme Building Schools for the Future, Sedgefield is in the first wave, five to ten years ahead of other schools. Teaching and learning in the new building will be transformed by state of the art technology, such as interactive white boards, laptops, hand-held devices, digital resources and video conferencing. There will also be outstanding provision for sports and performing arts. The whole building will be light, open and airy, with improved access and parking for the large number of students arriving by bus. A private sector partner will be responsible for maintenance, caretaking, cleaning and security, freeing up academic staff to concentrate on teaching. Mr Davies predicts a bright future for Sedgefield Community College. He has already found parents extremely supportive, with an 80% turnout at his first parents' night, and considers the pupils some of the best he has ever worked with.



The new pastoral structure, with two Key Stage coordinators and three newly appointed year managers, provides an excellent support system, tracking progress, encouraging learning, developing social skills, promoting extra-curricular activities and ensuring efficient communication with parents. "We're just at the beginning of the journey," says Mr. Davies. "Together we can move forward in the way we think and work, providing a 1st class education fit for the 21st century." Further information on the new building will be available at an open forum planned for a future date. In the meantime, information will be available on the school website at www.sedgefieldcommunitycollege.co.uk.

Wild celebrations at Library

The Library was overwhelmed by the number of children who took up and completed the Quest Seekers reading challenge over the summer holidays. Over 100 managed to read 6 books or more!

To celebrate they were invited to a Wild West Party at the library. Many came dressed as cowboys, chiefs and squaws, and library staff were shot several times during the course of the afternoon! During the party the children enjoyed Mister Twister's magic show and were awarded medals and certificates for their efforts.

The Wild West had been the theme at Sedgefield Library throughout the summer, with children creating sheriff badges, wanted posters, native Indian headdresses, wagons, and who can forget the TOTEM poles!

The library would like to thank parents and carers for all their support over the holidays in helping to make reading a truly positive experience, and a special mention to Archie's dad, who was cruelly humiliated (yet again) by Mister Twister, but gave us all a great laugh. Please watch out for more holiday fun at the library over the October half term break.

Mayor's Music Night - advance notice

Councillor Sheila Sutherland invites you to join her at a Charity Music Night, to be held at Ceddesfeld Hall on Friday 27th November, from 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm. Tickets at £7 include pie & peas supper. Contact the Council Offices as soon as possible. Numbers are limited.



Community SAFETY

Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch

Dark Nights – Security Concerns

With the dark nights just round the corner, comes the Burglar & Sneak Thief's greatest opportunity. Take the time and trouble to help yourself minimise the risk of providing them with an "early Xmas Bonus":-

Don't leave your house unlit after dark. Use light timers and draw curtains.

Don't leave valuable or desirable items on show.

Lock your doors even when you are at home.

Don't leave your keys (this includes your car keys) where a thief can see them or where they can be hooked and retrieved via the letterbox.

Tell a "trusted" neighbour of any extended periods of absence and ask for their help to push all letters and papers **fully** through the letterbox (& why not complain to the culprits who leave stuff sticking out in the first place?).

Better still if you have a trusted neighbour ask them to draw curtains, remove mail / newspapers out of site and generally keep an eye on your home whilst you are away.

Report any suspicious persons or out of place vehicles to the Police 0345 60 60 365, the Police **want** us to do this, as it is a major source of crime detection, as well as crime prevention.

Door Bars are a simple and effective deterrent to the sneak thief or unwelcome visitor; these are available from our local Community Warden

Tim Spearey who will also fit same if required (contact Tim see phone details below or you can contact N/Hood Watch C/man **Ken Saiger** on **621896**).

Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice and usually they go elsewhere, similarly good exterior lighting usually deters thieves; for advice on these items and other security aspects contact **Keith Lounds** our local Crime Prevention Officer on **01325 742714**.

To deter unwanted people, why don't you make your home visibly a

NO COLD CALLING HOME?

Encourage the unwanted door knockers to pass your house by; attach a Neighbourhood Watch "This is a No Cold Calling Home" window / door sticker to a prominent position to the front of your property. Stickers are available *free of charge* from the Town Council Offices in the village.

Once Again - Relevant Telephone Numbers (Remember if you don't contact them, the Police/Community Force will not know a problem exists)

Community Warden Tim Spearey at Sedgefield ring: **623654**

or via Chilton Control Room ring: **01388 721351**

To contact our **Local Police** to report any concerns, seek advice or pass on information to the Police, call **0345 60 60 365**. *It may be prudent to keep a note of details of any conversation & obtain an incident no.*

For advice & assistance

Crime Prevention Officer Keith Lounds 01325 742714

Community Liaison Officer Neil Langthorne 01325 742755

Clean heat for Sedgefield Police Station

The upgrade which is causing the temporary closure of the Police Station will include a complete refurbishment of the internal areas to comply with accessibility requirements, as well as an experimental "free" central heating system. Engineers will scrap the traditional gas boiler and tap into the natural heat source below ground. Coils of plastic piping containing a special liquid will soak up the heat and be pumped back to the surface and transferred to radiators throughout the building, providing a comfortable working environment of at least 20°C.

For further details of the closure, read PC Todd's report next column.

Veterans' events in October

The Sedgefield Village Veterans will be hosting Displays of memorabilia from Winterton Hospital and post 1939 Military History. If you have any items that you would like to exhibit or would like further information please contact Tim Spearey on 07751 565604 or email marc.veterans@btinternet.com. The event will take place in the Parish Hall Friday 23rd October 7pm-9pm and Saturday 24th October 10am-4pm

PC Todd reports

By the time you read this, the refurbishment of Sedgefield Police Office will be well underway. For a few months, a temporary police office will be located on the Protec site on Salters' Lane industrial estate. You will still be able to contact us using the **0345 60 60 365** number.

Vehicle crime would appear to be on the increase. A resident recently became the victim. Not only did he suffer from a window being damaged and items stolen from within, but all four alloy wheels were taken, leaving his vehicle standing on bricks.

Other car crimes recently include a vehicle taken from a local farm and a window smashed on a parked vehicle in Wyke's Close.

PACT Meeting

A recent meeting was held during the Residents' Forum. Results from the last month's beat priorities were given out to those residents who attended. There were no new suggestions which the beat team could focus our attentions on, so I have decided that we will continue to monitor the use of plastic containers for drinkers coming outside on pubs, resulting in less glass on the street; also, to monitor parking in the bus bay outside Theakston's shop. Recent changes to parking restrictions at this location denoted by the thick yellow line at the kerb, could result in a £30 ticket being issued.

If you have any concerns you would like the beat team to consider, why not attend the next PACT meeting on Tuesday 13th October in the Parish Hall at 7pm, as part of the Crime Watch meeting.

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in the Dun Cow. No incidents were reported which required further action by members.

Chris Young has now left the Cross Hills and members would like to welcome the new management to the village. We wish Phil Preston and Salvatore Pinna all the best in their new venture.

FLU VACCINE: WALK-IN CLINIC

Dr Jones & Partners will hold a walk-in clinic at the surgery, Harbinson House, on **Saturday 24th October between 9am & 11am**. If you fit the criteria for the vaccine, please come along

Jottings from the September meeting

Although attendance was lower than usual, it was a good meeting. Just to remind residents of the message boxes in the Library and Town Council Office where suggestions or issues for concern can be deposited. The Forum and the Neighbourhood Watch meetings which also include the Police PACT programme are venues for this type of exchange and the boxes were established as an additional means for residents to express themselves. Authorities including Police are trying all ways to get feedback and information from our community on issues people want addressing so please make use of them. Complaints about noise nuisance need to be reported to DCC Environment Officer.

Residents commented on the upgrading of paving in surrounding villages compared with the appalling condition of those in Sedgefield and urged the Town Council to pursue this via DCC

The issue of wind turbines was raised. The anemometer at Foxton has received planning approval but DCC is reported to be consulting with Arup (an independent firm of designers, planners, engineers, consultants and technical specialists) regarding an agreed future strategy for further wind farm applications.

An unexpected injection of funds for Hardwick Country Park gave hope for an abandonment of parking charges.

There was much appreciation expressed for the work of the Council gardeners, including weed clearance in specific areas. Congratulations were expressed to the Doctors' Practice for its 'Quality Practice Award'.

Next meeting: Monday 5th October, 7 pm; Fletcher Room, Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome. **SVRF AGM:** Monday 2nd November at 7 pm



Sedgefield Out of School Fun Club

Rectory Row, Sedgefield

Half-Term Holiday Club

Monday 26th - Friday 30th Oct

Open to ALL children aged 4-12yrs

Cost £15.60 - full day

£9 - half day (any 5 hours)

A variety of activities based on the theme of Halloween

Places must be booked and paid for in advance. Call now to avoid disappointment, on 01740 623565

Hardwick Primary School news

There will be significant and exciting changes at our Nursery Unit owing to the hard work of our wonderful Nursery staff and fantastic School Business Manager, Mrs Michelle Charlton, who has successfully secured a grant for the development of our internal and external learning environment. This will really enhance the excellent provision that we already have. Work begins this term and we can't wait! Our Nursery Unit works very closely with the Reception Class to ensure a smooth transition into main school. This means that children in Nursery and Reception share experiences in both outdoor and indoor learning environments and we are very proud of this.

Congratulations

to Sedgefield Fire Crew, pictured left - competition winners for the 3rd time. Report, page 8. We'll try to show you their faces next month, space allowing!

Guiding Light

Following last year's Junior Great North Run for Cancer Research, our daughter, Jessica Brown (pictured) aged 8, from Station Road Sedgefield, has returned to the fundraising circuit, this time for 'Guide Dogs for the Blind', in recognition of her Grandfather Tom, who is registered blind. Jessica completed the 10 mile 'Durham Big Ride' with her Dad, on Sunday 6th September. Following several weeks training around the Village and Hardwick Park cycle circuit (not to mention a new bike) Jessica was fully prepared for the gruelling circuit including two 'hill climbs' that would test an experienced rider. She managed to complete the circuit in 1 hour, 10 minutes and appeared to be the first junior rider home!

Both Mam and Dad are extremely proud of their daughter and her continued fundraising efforts. The Brown family are delighted with the £200 raised for such a worthy cause and wish to pass on their sincere gratitude to all family and friends in the village for their ongoing support. Well done Jess, we love you.

Editor's note: we're quite keen on young Jess too! She delivers Sedgefield News to houses on Station Road, so thanks Jess! Our Distribution team is always keen to hear from anyone who could do a round when another volunteer is away or indisposed. Call 620244



SPORTS UPDATE

Send your sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com

Farewell to a great summer of sport, especially if you're a cricket fan in North East England. As I wrote last month's sports update, I was contemplating a day at the Oval during the last Ashes Test. It was a privilege to be there as England edged towards victory. I wasn't there for the finale, but of course England managed to secure the right result. This latest home series may not have had the quality or nail biting intensity of its predecessor in 2005, but it was consistently entertaining and England just about edged the contest (in sharp contrast to the One Day International series, but we'll conveniently forget that).

Back in the North East, the Durham CCC story is remarkable. A first class county for less than two decades, Durham has just wrapped up the County Championship for the second successive year and the club is already planning its campaign for three in a row. In the longer form of the game, Durham has undoubtedly become the county powerhouse, while at the same time developing one of the best venues in world cricket and providing a production line of players for the national team - really astounding achievements. Huge credit is due to everyone at the club, from chairman Clive Leach and chief executive David Harker, to coach Geoff Cook and of course the players.

With my family, I was able to get along to the Riverside to see Durham wrap up the title with another comprehensive victory, over their nearest 'challengers', Nottinghamshire. It was a great afternoon. The club offered free entry to everyone, the sun shone throughout and Steve 'Grievous Bodily' Harmison fittingly took the final Notts wicket just after the tea break. Cue a formal presentation of the trophy and great celebrations in front of the main stand.

The club can now also celebrate being awarded an Ashes Test for 2013, which is fantastic news. In my opinion, it will be four years overdue as the Riverside should have hosted a match this year rather than Cardiff (though to be fair, the Swalec Stadium did stage a great Test). Nevertheless, this is very exciting and by the time we get to 2013, the Riverside will have been further developed into what I am sure will be an even more outstanding 20,000 capacity ground. I can't wait.

Coast to Coast Cycling

A couple of months ago, a team of cyclists from Sedgefield NETPark FC completed the Coast to Coast route, covering about 150 miles from Workington to Tynemouth. Their aim was to build up some fitness for the next football season and in the process raise funds for Butterwick Hospice. There were nine riders - David Ryder (an appropriate surname in the circumstances), Craig Provett, Peter Sedgewick, Michael Pyle, Darren Bill, Marc Stanley, Richard Bland, Andrew Smyth and Malcolm Dickenson, along with a support team of Nicky Walker and Paul Stanley. In completing the route, the team achieved both objectives. They returned in fine shape (allegedly) and raised over £1,000 for Butterwick Hospice. People can still donate on the sponsorship website - www.justgiving.com/sedgefieldnetparkfc2009. Well done to all involved.

Rugby Union

Sedgefield District RFC recently played their first home tie in the South Durham league, facing Seaham, a team that has beaten them twice before. Sedgefield were hoping for 'third time lucky' and on a beautifully sunny Saturday afternoon everything seemed to be going their way. In the first half, Sedgefield scored two tries and defended well. They went into the half time break with a deserved lead and were optimistic about prospects for the next 40 minutes. However, the heat and a lack of match fitness began to tell and Seaham slowly began to claw back the deficit during the second half. Seaham ran in a couple of tries before a penalty put Sedgefield back in front. The home team continued to hang on with some desperate tackling as Seaham increased the pressure. Unfortunately, the final whistle just didn't blow soon enough. Seaham ran in a late try, leaving the final score at 15-19. Although the team was really disappointed to have lost, this was a good, solid performance in the first league game played by Sedgefield District in over 10 years. If you are interested in finding more out about the club, visit the website at www.sedgefieldrugby.co.uk

Youth Football

Thanks to Ryan Towler for this latest report on the progress of Sedgefield Youth FC...

"Sedgefield Youth FC U14s have played their first match of the season, against Newton Aycliffe Youth. The final score was 3-1 to us, with Ryan Robinson scoring one goal and Jamie Herd the other two. We have four new players this season - Joe Whorley, Sam Brown, Anthony and Michael (surnames to follow in a future report!).

"Mark Waller, who is one of our coaches, has been accepted into the Royal Navy, so he will be leaving us in November. We would like to thank him for committing his time and coaching us for the last three seasons, and we all wish him the very best."

More from Sedgefield Youth FC in future updates.

Sedgefield Harriers

Sunday 13th September was a busy day for Sedgefield, with those who turned out for the farmers' market being treated to a grandstand view of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race. However, the main attraction for many locals and visitors was the third annual Sedgefield Serpentine Trail Race, organised by Sedgefield Harriers. In total, 73 runners from various clubs in the region took part in the race, which followed an undulating and scenic six and a half mile off-road route around Sedgefield and Bishop Middleham, taking in Hardwick Park and the golf course.

For the second year running, Terry Wall from Morpeth Harriers won the race in an impressive time of 37:56, with Susan Milburn of Newton Aycliffe AC finishing first for the ladies in 52:44.

There were also some excellent Sedgefield Harriers performances with Kerry-Anne Everett first over the line for the ladies while Gary Hetherington, who celebrated his 50th birthday on the day of the race (and we are led to believe had already been celebrating in advance into the early hours of that morning!), was first Sedgefield male and third overall. Prize giving took place in the Hardwick Arms after the race with all prize money and trophies kindly donated by Alfie Walton of Hardwick Moto X. Full race results can be found at www.ukresults.net.

More sport next month, including reports of Sedgefield runners who participated in the Great North Run.

As ever, send any sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com.

Twinning visit 2009

Sedgefield Twinning Association has just said goodbye to 12 friends from Hamminkeln, after a wonderful week packed with activity. On Sunday 13th our friends were welcomed with a delicious meal in Ceddesfeld Hall, and a full day visit to Whitby followed, with a coffee stop in Saltburn. Tuesday was free, but Tim and Anne Jeanes invited us to their house in the evening, where we were royally entertained with drinks, nibbles and a Lirica concert, which was extremely well received.

On Wednesday we visited Richmond castle then continued to Hawes Creamery for a demonstration of cheese making. Visitors were impressed by the beautiful Dales scenery and the number of sheep and cattle! The day finished at Aysgarth Falls, where the more active viewed the waterfalls.

Thursday saw an excellent guided tour of Ripley Castle, and Friday an enormous and delicious Farewell Lunch at the Dun Cow. Saturday was free time, with a lively evening at Ceddesfeld Hall, entertained by Jim Stark of Thurlow Grange.

Everyone enjoyed the week immensely. We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining and maybe coming to Germany in 2010, please call Sheila Pinder on 621730. *JE*

Fire Station Success

Four years ago Durham County Fire & Rescue started an annual Extrication Competition, to promote new skills and practice among the service and to show the public what happens during a rescue from the result of a road traffic collision. This competition is open to whole time and retained stations across the county. **Sedgefield Fire Station won for the third time** at The Great Aycliffe Show in August.

The competition involves a staged rescue of a casualty from a crashed car, observed and marked by assessors from United Kingdom Rescue Organisation. 20 minutes are allowed to safely remove the stabilised casualty from the car and the judges assess casualty care, command & control, and technical methods of each team.

Sedgefield gained first place, for the second year running, for Incident Command, Casualty Care and Technical. This third win is a remarkable achievement, showing the enthusiasm and dedication of all personnel involved at Sedgefield Fire Station.

Kim Ashton, Watch Manager

October Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

Café@St Catherine's

Fishburn - Drop in for friendly chat and latest gossip, each Friday morning, 9.30 till 12 noon. Tea, coffee, toast & good conversation
All are welcome

October @ the Library

Toy Library

Wednesdays 7th & 21st, 10-11am

Tickle Time

Monday 12th, 2.15-3pm

Rhyme Time

Wednesdays 14th, 10-11am

Book Circle

Wednesday 21st

Children's activities during half term
- please contact library for details

Bingo @ Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 3rd and 31st October
Eyes down at 7.30pm

Concert in St Edmund's

*Hosted by the Friends of St Edmund's.
Proceeds for choir music & organ repairs*

The Andreas Ensemble

a small choir of real excellence,
together with organ solos

Saturday 3rd October - 7.30 pm

Tickets £6 all adults (under 16s free) from 620424, 629030
or at the door. Refreshments

Cricket Club Quiz Night

Saturday 3rd October - 8pm
presented by John Bryant.

EDDIE'S @ 4

Sunday 4th October

4pm service for 2-6 year olds in the
Welcome Room at St Edmund's

Residents' Forum

Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Monday 5th October - 7 pm
Everyone is welcome

Local History Society

Ceddesfeld Hall 7.45pm

Monday 5th October

Dale Daniel

"I left my Heart in Witton Park"
All welcome

Sedgefield Methodist Wives & Friends

Monday 5th October - Ann Pullan
Monday 19th October

David Rodway - **The Danube**
New members always welcome

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.30 pm

Tuesday 6th October

Richard Barnes

Winter Colour in the Garden
All welcome

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 7th October

7.15pm Parish Hall

Music from CeddesFolk

followed by Harvest Bring & Buy
(Please remember a bowl & spoon)

Members' competition - a soup
recipe with an unusual ingredient
Visitors always welcome (fee £2)

The CeddesFolk Session

Ceddesfeld Hall from 8pm

Wednesday 7th October

All acoustic players welcome

101 gig

The Golden Lion, 9pm

Thursday 8th October

Farmers' Market

on the Village Green

Sunday 11th October

NE Concertina Players

Sunday 11th October

at 2pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

Neighbourhood Watch

Panel Meeting

and Police PACT meeting

Tuesday 13th October

7pm, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Sing for Health & Fun

1 - 2pm on

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

Methodist Church Hall, North End

Contact Joan Seymour on 620256

Live Music Night

8pm at Sedgefield Cricket Club

Saturday 17th October

Main guest: The Young 'Uns

Also featuring: Jack Burness,

Judith Haswell, Trish McClean &

John Wrightson Band

Admission £9 inc. buffet Tel 621347

*The Cricket Club is available for hire
for private parties, christenings, etc.*

Call Jane in 620090

Family History Group

(branch of Cleveland FHS)

Monday 19th October

Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm

"The Origins of False Teeth"

Shirley Hamilton

Visitors always welcome. For more
information please ring 620367

Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

Tuesday 20th October

Parish Hall at 7.30pm

"It's the Season"

Jean McClure, Northumberland &
Durham demonstrator

All Welcome

Sedgefield Village

Veterans Group

Monthly meeting at 7pm

Thursday 22nd October

Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

Songs from the Shows

Mordon Village Hall

Friday 23rd & Sat 24th October

Starts 7.30pm

Tickets £5 adult, £3 child,
family ticket £13. Bring your own
drink and nibbles. Contact Wendy
01388 720677 or Jean **621319**

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Tuesday 29th October

7.45 in the Parish Hall

Subject to be arranged

For details call Steve on 620559

All Welcome

Mayor's Charity Quiz

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.30pm

Friday 30th October

Tickets £5 (includes pie & peas)
from Council Offices

WI Coffee Morning

Parish Hall 10-11.30am

Saturday 31st October

Cake Stall; Hand-made Crafts;
Tombola; Christmas Cards & Paper
Entry £1, incl. light refreshments

Halloween Howlers & Lantern Workshop

Parish Hall 10 - 12 noon

Saturday 31st October

Free and open to all ages
Make pumpkins for the lantern
parade, to be shown at the
entrance to the Firework display
Add names to list in STC Offices

Firework Display

Grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall, 7pm

Wednesday 4th November

Tickets in advance:

adults £2 children £1

Tickets on the door:

adults £3 children £1.50

Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable
events - new members welcome
Contact Rob on 629079

www.sedgefieldroundtable.org.uk

Coming up in November

Sedgefield Show AGM

Thursday 26th November - 8pm
Nags Head (no October meeting)

College behaviour - opinion

Do I represent the majority of people in Sedgefield when I applaud the actions of Lynn Ackland in curbing the activities of the pupils of the Community College? She managed to clear the streets and shops of groups of youths during school hours and thus helped to keep the litter down. Unfortunately, it now seems discipline within the College has deteriorated since she left at Christmas. I am reliably informed that there are NO GO areas where bullies operate and students who are sensitive to bullying should avoid these places e.g. the College canteen and the toilets. Can anyone explain why this is being allowed to happen and even condoned by suggestions from the Head Master down to Head of Year that pupils take a packed lunch and sit in exclusion in a Form Room?

I am also led to understand that at the end of the Summer term the school Library was closed due to vandalism and that computers, in the Suite opened fairly recently by Tony Blair, have cracked screens and keyboards smeared with chewing gum. It seems that seats have been ripped from toilets and thrown through windows so they are now not fit for purpose. Isn't this a Health and Safety issue?

Come on School Governors, Head Teacher etc. give our children some guidance and pride back in their College, PLEASE.

Name and address supplied

Sedgefield News would very much welcome a response to this letter from the college.

Sure Start funding decisions force closure of local nursery

After caring for children within Fishburn and the surrounding community for six and a half years I am sorry to announce that Bright Buttons nursery has had to close, with the loss of seven jobs. After being lottery funded through the Neighbourhood nursery government scheme in 2003, the government have now awarded further lottery funding to the House Of Eden to provide the same facilities less than half a mile away.

In the last three years the market has been flooded with Sure Start provision and as there are only so many children within the County, many private nurseries are being seriously affected.

As director, I applied to Sure Start for sustainability funding, was awarded funding for 2008/2009 but refused any more for April 2009. Bright Buttons was the only day-care setting refused sustainability funding and also a capital grant which all settings received to buy new equipment at a crucial time when the new setting opened close by. Both of these grants continue to be available to all of the other settings in the County.

I am very dismayed as to the mismanagement of money within the Sure Start organisation and although I have been advised to seek legal help the nursery is now out of business and indeed money to fund advice.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the families who have supported Bright Buttons and I am very sorry that I have had no other option than to cease to trade.

Sedgefield Development Trust is a member of the Development Trusts Association

Your Letters

Two heartfelt thanks

First, to the lady who handed in a £20 note from the co-op ATM on Sunday morning 31.8.09. It made my day and warmed my heart that honesty prevails.

The cricket club charity event for 'I Connect Friendship' in India, raised a grand sum of £778. Thank you all for your support and help. This will go towards medical supplies, a fridge and washing facilities.

Joan Seymour

A poem on loss

The smell of fresh hay awakens the senses, arousing the memories of old, walkin through the fields remembering the plough an harrow they were good old days

The ride back to the barn with tales of yarn riding aloft looking down on afar, the good old days

The sunny afternoons spent blissfully with bat an ball, the willow flaying through the summer haze long lazy days, my turn to bat an I spring up like a cat I bound to the middle smack four is the call bat to ball, the good old days

I go for an almighty heave now it's time to leave as my stump takes a kindly bump, the good old days.

D.Cook

From the editor

I was talking to a couple of regular contributors recently and they made the point that letter writers are always taken more seriously if they are prepared to stand by their opinions and have their names published. I simply pass on their message for your consideration.

Duck Dump

How nice is Sedgefield? Fresh autumn mornings, dew on the green, hot tea from the patisserie and a nice warming stroll around the village. What could be better? Most days my ventures take me out of the village over the fields to the wonderfully renovated Hardwick Park but today, due to the autumn chill hitting another casualty, I decided to shorten my venture and stay in the village. Walking around Ceddesfeld Hall I came across a 'thing' (it took me rather a long time to establish exactly what it was). At the centre of this nice woodland area was what appeared to be large, sloppy puddle, located in which were tens of drinking cans, bottles, crisp packets and other wonderfully colourful bits of rubbish. And then bits started to move. Yes, move. My eyesight has been questioned over the years but I was sure I saw movement. And yes, to my amazement, ducks! Have they nowhere else to go? Are their wings clipped? Are they drunk off all the cans in the puddle? It was diabolical. Whoever looks after this pond must be on their summer holidays still and I wouldn't want their job when they return to work. Is it the Council? Ceddesfeld Hall staff? Who knows, but someone will have to clean it up. Maybe the RSPB or the RSPCA - because all it is all one wet, sloppy, rubbish bin.

Sedgefield is a picturesque village and deserves to be kept that way. Northumbria in bloom gave us the 'best small town' - I bet they didn't see the duck dump, sorry, 'pond'.
Name & address supplied

Great North Run

I did it! The most awesome experience of my life and I live to tell the tale! Thank you so much for your donations. Sarah (who lost Millie aged two) was absolutely delighted to see us supporting Meningitis Research to fund the training of hospital staff in order to prevent what happened to Millie. My time was 2hrs 54minutes which isn't bad with a knee injury. Something to beat next year!

Jill Williamson

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