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Sedgfield NEWS

September 2007

Why?

On Saturday night, 11th August, **SEVEN** windows were broken in the surgery building. A great deal of time had to be spent on Monday morning sweeping up glass, inside and outside the building, in order to make it safe for patients and staff. Both disabled parking bays were littered with broken bottles and glass from the windows.

One of the rooms affected was a doctor's consulting room, (*below*) which could not be cleared up in time for it to be used for morning surgery, causing considerable disruption.

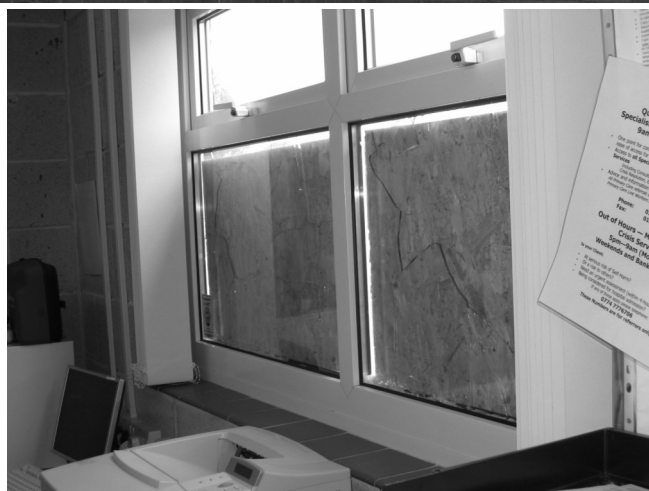


This was the second incident in the last 2 months. Why would anyone want to target a building that exists to provide a vital service to the village community? It is pointless vandalism, with no regard for the consequences.

If the people responsible for this are local, we hope that they are reading this and considering the wider implications of their actions. Health care for the whole community is delivered from this building – that probably includes the culprits and their families. How would they feel if they were ill and were unable to see a doctor or nurse because the consulting room had been vandalised and was unsafe for use?

This is not just about breaking windows. The service provided by the practice will be compromised if we are unable to operate at full capacity.

If you have any information, please contact the Police (0845 6060365) and help us to try and prevent this from happening again. **Dr Jones & Partners**



And ... an accident waiting to happen?



This footpath over the dual carriageway at the A689 entrance to Sedgfield is being used by drivers to avoid travelling the extra distance to the roundabout. More on page 2.

Please read the Village Notice Board

Aware that people are anxious for updates following the meeting about the Holiday Park and other planning issues, the Residents' Forum asks you to read the notice board in front of the Library, where they will do their best to keep us informed. There are petitions and action starting on issues such as the Licence for the East and West Park and the Local Development Framework housing consultation. Find out where & how to sign or add your views, on the board.

Silver Twins

It is amazing to think that it's 25 years since the signing of the charter which sealed the partnership between Sedgefield and Hamminkeln, in the Rhineland of Germany, so an especially warm welcome will be extended this September when a group of visitors will come to celebrate. They are staying from 9th to 16th September, and the party includes the Mayor (Bürgermeister) of Hamminkeln, Herr Holger

Schlierf and over 20 citizens. Some have been here before, whilst others are visiting for the first time.

Thanks to funding from the People's Lottery masterminded by our own Mayor, Dudley Waters, we are able to afford a good celebration. Local schools have been involved and a piece of artwork in glass has been commissioned to commemorate the event. There will be an exhibition in Sedgefield library showing the development of the partnership and its activities, and perhaps encouraging more people to take part in this cultural exchange by joining the Twinning Association. Contact Nancy Wells Tel 620467 if you decide to join us.

On Wednesday 12th September at 7 pm there will be an ecumenical service in St Edmund's Church, to give thanks for the 25 years of close co-operation and harmony between the two towns. We hope many people will come to support this activity. You will be most welcome!

You will no doubt see our visitors out and about, as we show off Sedgefield's attractions, including Hardwick Park and our Heritage Trail. Do feel able to join in the chat - mainly in English but you could always try your German.

How do your roses grow?

Are your roses looking good this year? Do your annuals look their best? Well why not enter your beautiful blooms in Sedgefield & District Rose Society's Annual Flower Show, on **Saturday 1st September, in The Golden Lion, Sedgefield.**

But it's not only roses that we're interested in - as well as roses of all types and sizes, there are classes for dahlias, chrysanthemums, annuals, fuchsias, pelargoniums and other pot plants. There are a range of floral art classes, and special classes for children, such as the new 'Miniature Garden' competition.

Sedgefield and District Rose Society has been around for many years and can trace its origins back to at least 1919, when it was given the prestigious 'Harkness Cup' by the firm of 'Harkness Roses'. Each year the society awards the cup for best exhibit in HT Roses, as well as a host of other trophies and shields collected over the years.

Whilst you do have to be a member to exhibit, you could join on the day of the show and still enter this year. You don't have to live in Sedgefield either, as the society is keen to recruit members from all the surrounding villages. So if you've kept on top of the greenfly and black spot, fed and pampered those plants throughout the summer, then enter our show, which is also open to visitors. Anyone wishing to take part must have their exhibits in place by twelve noon 1st September and have paid their £1 membership fee.

Schedules can be obtained from Ian Spring on 621196, Sue Hannan on 629549, from Sedgefield library or see our page on the Sedgefield community website www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk/roseshow, for more details. The show is open to the public from 2pm with a sale of many exhibits at 9pm. Good Gardening and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Sedgefield Show in brief

Well done to the Show organisers, who made it another excellent day out for visitors, despite the problems around the movement of stock.

Congratulations to Nancy Wells, who had another remarkable triumph at the show, gaining 11 first, 10 second and 9 third places, mainly in the floral classes.

Surprise gift - a letter to the editor of Sedgefield News

'The ex-stall holder from Sedgefield Agricultural Show, who awaited an evening bus to Durham, wishes to convey many grateful thanks to the most generous minded gentleman who quite unexpectedly produced from his bag a perfectly made, mini lolly-stick house with mirrored windows, which he indicated was for her to keep. This intriguing, so-neat work of art will be used to raise funds for PACE.'

Nancy Partington, Hon. Gen. Sec. People Against Chimpanzee Experiments

Charity Events

'Singaround'

in Ceddesfeld Hall
from 8pm - 11pm on

Saturday 22nd September

Come sing, play or just relax and listen to the entertainment.

Admission £2.50 on the door

All proceeds to

Butterwick Hospice

All Welcome

Concert

in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on

Saturday 22nd September

featuring the Alex Ord Trio,

Pieces of Eight - close harmony singing group,

& Jessica Holmes, Soprano

Tickets Price £6 including

refreshments, available from

church, Joyce Jordan 620783,

or any member of the

Friends of St Edmund's Church

All proceeds to the fund for repairs to the organ

How stupid is this?

You've seen the photograph on the front page - it's unbelievable but true! A letter from Alan Goddard sent to the Town Council, the Residents' Forum and Sedgefield News has highlighted the highly dangerous practice of small cars crossing the junction of the

A689 & Stockton Road

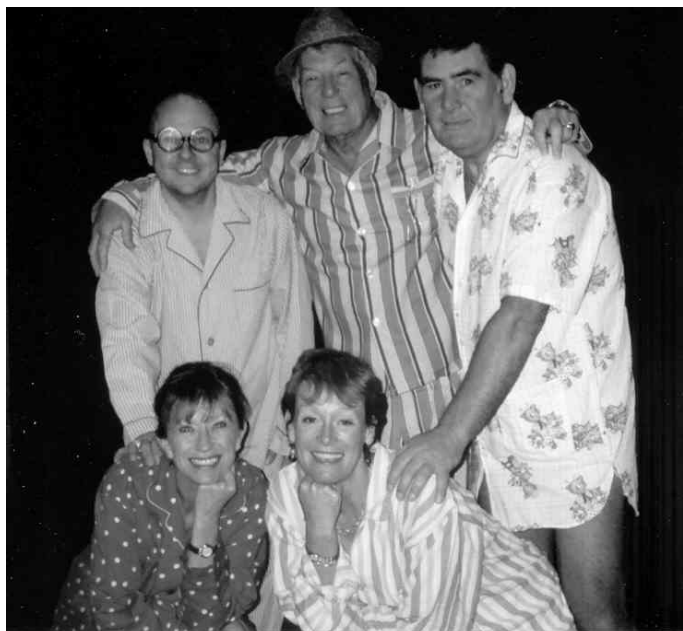
VIA the FOOTPATH!

Alan recounts two occasions when he has witnessed this deplorable behaviour, once by a car travelling from the direction of Hartlepool and another crossing directly across the verge from Old Stockton Road.

"How these people did not cause an accident I will never know. Surely something needs to be done sooner rather than later, to stop an accident occurring."

We have room for only a brief resume of the letter and his photograph on the front page, but Alan's suggestion is that bollards are strategically placed across the path to prevent such cavalier treatment of the motoring laws. He continues "I am sure everyone is aware of the accidents which have occurred at that site in the past, and the pressure the Town Council brought to bear to have it altered. I do hope that 'budgets' will not stop the Highways Department from using such an inexpensive method of protecting our lives further."

Sedgefield's on Song!



*Michael Coulson, Wilf Donohue & George Wilkinson,
and in front, Rosemary Jones & Wendy Church*

Rehearsals are well under way for Ferryhill Stage society's autumn production of the ever popular show **The Pajama Game**. This lively, fun-packed show with familiar songs like Hey There, Steam Heat and Fernando's Hideaway, is proving a hit with members and looks set to be a big hit with audiences too.

Sedgefield is well represented with Rosemary Jones, George Wilkinson and Geoff Clifford-Brown all taking principal roles. Make a date in your diary and come along to support our local talent, from October 31st to November 3rd at Mainsforth Community Hall.

Tickets are £7 Adult / £5 Child and are available from Joan Harker 653530 & Elsie McGowan 621161

Young Sedgefield Player's special talent is recognised

Congratulations to Sarah McGuinness on her recent acceptance into the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain, after auditioning with over 4000 applicants. She will be taking up the offer of a place on a six day course in October where she will be working with professional directors and young people from all over the UK. Sarah says she can't thank Sedgefield Players enough for all the opportunities they've provided her with over recent years. She adds "I just hope I can give something back after this. Even though it will be challenging, I can't wait to go on the course!"

Planet Arts An exciting new performing arts academy opens its doors to young people across County Durham in September. Three well known and respected local performing arts practitioners, Alison Dixon, Peter Simpson and John Melvin, aim to develop the wealth of talent that exists across the county and provide young people with the skills to open up new employment and learning opportunities. The autumn programme runs on Saturday morning 10am – 1pm during term time at Greenfield School Community & Arts College in Newton Aycliffe from 15th September. The academy will be open to students aged 8-18 years and there's an open evening on **Thursday 6th September**, 6pm - 7:30pm at Greenfield School in Newton Aycliffe.

Adult Learning

Please note: enrolment for all courses offered at venues below takes place at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre on Wednesday 5th September from 9am - 8pm

Courses at Ceddesfeld Hall:

Conversational French	Thursday 6.30 - 8.30 pm
Holiday French	Friday 6.30 - 8.30 pm

any other courses, subject to funding applications

Courses at Sedgefield Community College:

Painting and Drawing	Tuesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm
Yoga	Thursday 6.30 - 8.30 pm
DIY Plumbing	Thursday 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Courses at Fishburn Youth & Community Centre:

New Clait	Monday 9.45 - 11.45 am
Digital Imaging	Monday 12.30 - 2.30 pm
Art and Drawing	Monday 1 - 3.00 pm
Beginners' Computing	Monday 3 - 5.00 pm
Clait Plus	Monday 6 - 8.00 pm
New Clait	Tuesday 9.45 - 11.45am
Conversational Spanish	Tuesday 1 - 3.00 pm
Family History	Wednesday 3 - 5.00 pm
Wired Jewellery	Wednesday 12.30 - 2.30 pm
Reiki	Thursday 9.30 - 11.30 am
New Clait	Thursday 9.45 - 11.45 am
Dress Making	Thursday 1.00 - 3.00 pm
Sage Accounts	Thursday 6.00 - 8.00 pm
Beginners' Computing	Friday 9.45 - 11.45 am
Sugar Craft	Friday 12.30 - 2.30 pm

All courses are subject to sufficient numbers and are charged at a rate of £1.80 per hour (i.e. a 10 week course costs £36). There is limited provision for remitted fees for learners on certain benefits, evidence of which must be shown before commencing the course. For more information please contact Joe Thomas on 01740 629536.

Community SAFETY

Alan Sowerby Citizenship Awards 2007 in the Village Primary Schools

Neighbourhood Watch were more than proud to be able to participate in the well earned awards ceremonies and presentations to two outstanding children from local schools for the 6th consecutive year and to commemorate our past C/man Alan Sowerby in doing so.



Elizabeth Temperley, pictured with Sarah Norman and deputy Head, Sarah Guest

On Friday 13th July at Hardwick Primary School a special assembly kindly facilitated by Head Teacher Linda Johnston enabled Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch to present their memorial "Citizenship" award to the pupil who has most consistently demonstrated the qualities and attributes the award recognises. Deputy Head Sarah Guest took the assembly and in introducing our representatives she kindly commemorated the

contribution made by Alan Sowerby through his voluntary work for village residents, and how this special trophy had come about. She spoke of the importance of citizenship and the many aspects of every day life it covers; and how pleased she was to be able to say that as previously, there were many very good citizens attending Hardwick Primary. However this year the recipient had been very easily identified because she has been such an outstanding good, kind, considerate, helpful and caring person for all the years she has attended Hardwick Primary. She played a leading role in the school's "Buddy" scheme, helping younger children especially in the playground; she is an active member of the choir and displays maturity and thoughtfulness for others way beyond her years. Before announcing the pupil's name Mrs Guest introduced the Neighbourhood Watch (Police) Liaison manager Sarah Norman, who would make the presentation. Sarah Norman engaged with the pupils enquiring about the role of the Police, good neighbours and good citizens, with some quite interesting and diverse views from ones so young! Finally she announced the winner of the 2007 Citizenship Award as year 6 pupil Elizabeth Temperley, to whom she presented the engraved cup and framed certificate.

On the last day of school term, Friday 20th July, at Sedgefield Primary (Rectory Row) Leavers' Ceremony once again members of Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch were allowed to attend and present their commemorative Alan Sowerby Citizenship Award, which is awarded to the



pupil who has made the greatest contribution to school life, fellow pupils, and is generally a good citizen.

Head teacher Philip Irving reminded everyone of the background to this special award, the importance of the values required from a pupil to enable them to be considered as a good citizen and how important these attributes are for each and every one of us outside school too. Mr Irving went on to announce that this year's successful pupil, pictured left with her Mum and Dad, is **Abigail Greaves**. Although Abigail is one of the quieter pupils of the school, she has been an

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PC Todd's report

Once again Sedgefield residents continue to enjoy the benefits of a low crime environment. The few crimes reported to police this month include:

Window damage in Rectory Row, Elm Avenue and Cunningham Court
Damage to parked vehicle - an extremely intoxicated female was arrested

Hanging basket stolen from The Meadows and wooden fencing dismantled and stolen from Winterton

Also in Winterton, both number plates were stolen from a vehicle, only to re-appear a short time later on another vehicle, which sped away from a garage after filling up with fuel without paying for it.

Until next time

Keith

Pub Watch

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

Members wish to remind customers that glasses are not permitted outside on the street. Plastic glasses are readily available, so please ask and save yourself the embarrassment of being asked to move inside with your drinks. Finally we say a fond farewell to David and Marion Owens from Ministers Restaurant. They have decided to move on to bigger things. David has been an active member of Pub Watch for the last 5 years, holding the position of Secretary for 3 years. He was a dedicated member who made a massive contribution to the scheme. We wish David and Marion all the best for the future. Should Ministers re-open in some other guise we look forward to welcoming the new owners to Pub Watch.

Telephone Numbers

Community Warden Tim Spearey

at Sedgefield **623654**

or via Chilton Control Room:

01388 721351

Local Police: 0845 6060365 - to report concerns, seek advice or pass on information to the Police
(it may be prudent to keep a note of any conversation & to obtain an incident number).

For advice/assistance:

CPO Neil Langthorne:

01325 742714

Neighbourhood Watch

Coordinator Sarah Norman:

01325 742755

Jottings from **Sedgefield Residents' Forum**

July meeting

As there were so many controversial issues currently affecting the village it was agreed to defer the agenda and June minutes to the next meeting to allow time to discuss relevant issues.

Issues identified:

Proposed holiday park on Brakes farm land.

Sedgefield Borough Council's consultation on identifying areas of land for further housing development.

DCC application for entertainment licence on East and West Park.

Animal by-products waste incinerator at Bolams.

Proposed development by McCarthy & Stone in Durham Road.

Permission granted for 17 wind turbines on Butterwick Moor.

Permission granted for mental health secure unit on old hospital site.

Local Government re-organisation/Sedgefield's positioning in City Regions.

Much discussion took place on the above issues and everyone agreed that the whole situation and timing of applications posed a considerable threat to the character of the village and would heavily impact on our way of life. Open meetings were being planned to give residents more information but it was emphasised that the village needed to come together and prevent further erosion of our community way of life.

Are we really supposed to believe it is only once again co-incidence that so much of this comes into the public domain when so many residents are on holiday and community and Town Council meetings are not scheduled (July/August)? Remember August 2006 - we were given one week's notice of the planning meeting to consider Bolam's incinerator application.

Our Town Council share the community outrage and we must all work together to protect our village. Please attend any open meetings you can, sign petitions, send in your objections to Sedgefield Borough Council and Durham County Council (check closing dates for responses).

The next scheduled Forum meeting is 7pm on September 10th in the Parish Hall (brought forward to enable discussion on issues early in the month after the Town Council have met on Sept. 3rd) but watch the notice boards for any other meetings called.

Postscript: Great turn out to the open meeting about the proposed holiday park; we must keep this momentum going and show that Sedgefield will voice its views loud and clear. There will be petitions for people to sign, on all relevant issues. Please make every effort to sign. Information on where to do this is on the village notice board - every signature or comment/letter to the Councils counts - please do your 'bit' - it's really important.

Correction

In some letters and under previous Jottings from Sedgefield Residents' Forum the term Bolam's 'animal waste incinerator' has been used. The company has asked Sedgefield News to point out that this suggests the disposal of whole animal carcasses, giving an incorrect impression. The correct terminology is '**animal by-product waste incinerator**', which has an entirely different meaning.

The Alan Sowerby Awards *continued...*

exemplary "Buddy and Peer Mediator" since the instigation of these initiatives in school. Her supportive, nurturing nature means she is always aware of any situations which may develop and she acts calmly and responsibly to defuse any problems among other pupils. All children, from her peers to the youngest reception class child, respect and admire her. Throughout her participation in various sporting and dance teams in competitions across the County, Abigail has proved that, as a great team player, she is an outstanding ambassador for the school. On behalf of Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood Watch, Police Coordinator Sarah Norman presented Abigail with the engraved cup and framed certificate confirming her as 2007 Citizen of the year at Sedgefield Primary school.

Neighbourhood Watch members feel that it is a privilege to attend these two schools each year and see at first hand their good facilities and how well our future citizens are being nurtured and developed by teaching and support staff. Each year we depart feeling uplifted and optimistic for the future and that of these children. WELL DONE to all teaching staff and support staff at Hardwick Primary & Sedgefield Primary schools.

Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch August Panel Meeting details will appear in next month's Sedgefield News.

Local Health Service

On Wednesday 8th August I attended a meeting with the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust, on behalf of the Residents' Forum. The purpose of the meeting was to set up Focus Groups to look at the re-organisation of health service provision in the above Trust's catchment area, including Sedgefield.

As a Sedgefield representative on the Governing Council of the Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, I cannot represent Sedgefield with another Trust, so after listening to the proposals I requested that the organisers attend the Forum's October meeting, to be held on Monday 22nd at 7pm in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall and put these points to the meeting. They agreed to do so.

So it is essential that as many people as possible attend, as it is Sedgefield's chance to have a say in the remoulding of the local health service; from the conversion of the Trust to a Foundation Trust in which members will have a voice, from the provision of new hospitals, the change from secondary hospitalisation of low risk illness to their treatment at Primary Care in local medical centres, GP surgeries and home nursing. Add to that the aftercare of cases at home or in the community and the co-ordination of transport and ambulance services and other outsourced services - YOUR VOICE can be heard!

So please come to the meeting, prepared to join one of the focus groups or even stand as a Governor for the new North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust, if and when it is accepted. **Sedgefield deserves a voice on the above; this is your opportunity to be that VOICE!**

*David Hillerby, Vice Chair,
Sedgefield Residents Forum*

Volunteers awards

At an Awards Evening hosted by Sedgefield Borough, Sandra Manners of Newton Aycliffe Mobility Club was named Volunteer of the Year. Butterwick Hospice received the award for Volunteer Involving Organisation of the Year. Special recognition awards went to Alan Marron of Spennyness, Les McKenna of 1st Byers Green Scout Group, Nicola Hawkins of Once Upon a Time Playgroup & Michael Henderson of Sedgefield Locality Carers.

JAMBOREE TIME

Sedgefield Guides and Scouts have just returned from staying in Cambridge youth hostel, from where we visited the 21st world jamboree at Hylands Park, Cheltenham, for the day. We joined 40,000 scouts and guides from 158 countries, who camped there from 27th July - 8th August.

Each country had a display tent showing produce, and giving information about their lives and culture. Everyone could have a go at what they had on offer; food from their country, crafts like origami and kite making, quizzes, orienteering skills - the list is endless. Groups also gave displays of their dance, song or music - we saw Turkish dancing, African drumming, a Spanish procession...

There was the opportunity to take part in orienteering and field games, to learn skills from various countries, to write your name in Japanese or Hebrew and to learn about global issues such as famine, fair trade and health, plus the opportunity to meet representatives from each of the world's main religions. What a fantastic opportunity to see so many youngsters working and laughing together in friendship, all with the one common interest - Guiding and Scouting - with no language barriers.

The next day we explored Cambridge, taking a punt on the river Cam, swimming in the open air pool on Jesus Green, and enjoying a game of rounders, and so returning home, thoroughly exhausted and looking forward to our next venture. (We have been invited to Ireland's 100th jamboree in Dublin 2008. Watch this space!)

Our grateful thanks go to County Durham foundation for the grant which allowed us to take part in this unique event. *Jackie Postgate*



Sedgefield Harriers Serpentine Trail Race 11.08.07

Sedgefield Harriers staged their first UK Athletics registered race to coincide with Sedgefield Show on Saturday 11th August. There was an excellent entry of 72 runners for the 7 mile trail race which started from the show field at 1 o'clock. Conditions were warm but after the poor weather earlier in the week, made for an excellent race. The runners began with a lap of the show ring before heading out towards Hardwick Park with a circuit of the Serpentine lake and then out onto trails and tracks west of Sedgefield and towards Bishop Middleham. On the return there was more variation taking the trail through the spruce trees bordering Knotty Hill golf course before returning via the path around the spectacular new lake of Hardwick Park with the Temple Folly as a backdrop. A tough last mile over fields brought the runners back to the finish on the show field. The route showed off some of the best attributes of Sedgefield and the surrounding countryside.

Entries hailed from as far afield as Wakefield and from many North East clubs including Aycliffe, Wallsend, Billingham, Heaton, Gateshead, Teesdale, Durham City, Elvet Striders, New Marske and Birtley as well, of course from Sedgefield Harriers themselves. The winner was Mark Smith of Gateshead Harriers in an excellent time of 41:21. Mark was chased all the way by Andy Chadfield of Billingham Marsh House Harriers who finished 11 seconds behind in 41:32. John Larkin, an unattached runner was third in 43:14. For the women Julia Atkinson of Aycliffe AC was first in a time of 51:24 with Susan Milburn, also of Aycliffe AC 2nd in 54:27. Susan Thurlbeck, prevented a clean sweep by Aycliffe women by finishing in 51:30 for third place. Sedgefield Harriers were led home by Stephen Collins who was 5th overall in a time of 45:54 and took the trophy for first Sedgefield Harriers man. Also running for Sedgefield were Ean Parsons (51:39), John Haycock (52:22), Ian Blakemore (54:09), Anne Hydon, who took the trophy for first Sedgefield Harriers woman (55:13) and Sarah Burchall (62:56).

Race organiser Matthew Jones was overjoyed with the success of the race and said that it bodes well for future years when it is expected that the 'Serpentine' will become a fixture of the North East racing calendar and even bigger fields can be expected. The club is grateful to all members and friends who gave up the opportunity to run (some more disappointed than others!) to help with the race organisation. The club is also very grateful to the race sponsors, in particular Alfie Walton of Hardwick Motor X, who recognises the importance of the generosity of local businesses in supporting local events and so generously donated the trophies and prizes for the race.



Photo gallery

Top: The Serpentine Race starts on the Show Field

Centre: Eventual winner Mark Smith of Gateshead Harriers leads from Andy Chadfield of Billingham round the lake at Hardwick Park

Bottom: Trophy winners with sponsor Alfie Walton

Sedgefield Cricket Club

Home fixtures in September

Senior League

Saturday 1st Thornaby

Division 2: 2nd Team

Saturday 8th Wolviston

Division 1 - 1st Team

Sunday 9th Barnard Castle

Division 2 - 3rd Team

Junior League

Sunday 2nd Wolviston

Under 11s

Strut your stuff to local DJ

Charlie Blackburn at the

Cricket Club Disco Night after the final matches of the season on **Saturday 8th September, 7.30pm**

Free admission (pies & peas can be purchased on the night).

Non-members welcome.

Car Boot Sale:

Sunday 23rd Sept from 12 noon.

Admission £5 per car

(free entry to all on foot).

Tea, Coffee, Bar Refreshments
Please register your car by ringing 621531 or 620373.

All Proceeds to the Cricket Club

SPORTS UPDATE

returns next month. Send your news to chrisjlines@aol.com

Sedgefield Farmers' Market: August

Just at the end of the market a customer remarked on the large black cloud overhead, and sure enough, in the words of a well known meteorologist "The weather chuckled it down." We must have done something right though, because the sky was blue and the balmy August weather were perfect for most of the time. Of course the village green with its brightly coloured tubs and hanging baskets helped to make it a relaxed and enjoyable occasion. Customers enjoy meeting family and friends for a stroll around the stalls, and perhaps having lunch nearby. There is so much to enjoy, all home-made or farm produced. Customers never tire of Broom Mill's special sausages, try their "boozy bangers" if you have not yet or any of their very special sausages and pork products. Burtree House's poultry and home-made cakes made with their own free-range eggs of course are there for you to enjoy. Joanne Martin's home-made cakes and tray bakes will tempt you to enjoy that special home-made quality which is irreplaceable. Customers elsewhere on the market were very pleased with their catch of fresh fish from our Fish stall, a unique feature of Sedgefield Farmers' Market.

Home-made fudge, a local honey stall, plants, preserves, organic beef and lamb, organic vegetables, local game – what a lot of quality local produce customers had to find tempting. Next month David and Anne Mellanby will be back with their excellent range of local vegetables, cheese will be available and the usual stall holders look forward to meeting with old and new customers for another very enjoyable occasion. Nigel Davison who runs the plant stall wishes to thank all customers for their continued support and to welcome new customers next month. See you in September.

Want to start your own business? SASDA has the answer!

SASDA provides a network of help and support to anyone considering self employment or wanting to start a business and the SASDA Business Start Up Advisor Jean Thompson has recently helped set up several businesses and accessed funding support to a level of £3000 per business - a huge boost to help a business get off the ground.

Funding schemes are limited to certain geographical areas and business sectors, but our one to one advice and help sessions are free to all residents of Sedgefield Borough. SASDA deals with people from a variety of backgrounds and helps set up a diverse mix of businesses... a powder coating business in Chilton, tanning salon in Spennymoor, artists in Tudhoe who are twins and work on the same canvas, to name a few.

Whatever business idea you might have, we want to help you make it a success. Please contact Jean Thompson or Andrew Maxwell at SASDA, The Development Agency of Sedgefield Borough: tel: 01325 328833 www.sasda.info.

**Send all your News & Sports items,
Adverts & Diary entries to**

snews@sedgefieldweb.co.uk

**or post them through the door at
58 Front Street**

September Events Diary

Announcements **FREE** to
non-commercial organisations

Theatre in the Park
Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds
Saturday 1st September at 7pm
Durham Shakespeare Company
present **Macbeth**
Tickets £5 from Maxine Robinson
620042. Bring chair and picnic
All proceeds to SCA

Bingo at Ceddesfeld Hall
Saturday 1st September
Doors open 7pm - Eyes down 7.45
Cash Prizes. Bar open.

Local History Society
7.45 in Ceddesfeld Hall
Monday 3rd September
Les Shane on
Shipping on the N.E. Coast
All welcome

Sedgefield Racecourse
Tuesday 4th September
First Race, 2.20 pm Last, 5.15 pm

Sedgefield Garden Society
Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.30pm
Tuesday 4th September
A talk by Wilf Richards on
**Permaculture &
Sustainable Living**

**CeddesFolk Traditional
Acoustic Session**
Ceddesfeld Hall from 8pm on
Wednesday 5th September

Sedgefield W.I.
7:15pm in the Parish Hall
Wednesday 5th September
Kathy King on "**Sure Start**"
Members' competition -
a Child's Money Box
Visitors welcome (fee £1.50)

**Sedgefield
Live Music Festival**
Saturday 8th September
Tea Dance in Ceddesfeld Hall
between 3 pm - 6 pm - £1
Also on Saturday, at 7 pm
Concert in St Edmund's Church
with Fishburn Silver Band,
The New Yorkers and the
Northumbrian Pipers - £5
Tickets from Town Council offices
Saturday 8th September
Free Singaround from 12 noon
at The Hope Inn
plus World Spoons Championship
Competition at 3pm, with Bert
Draycott & The Scratchband
Finally, **Sunday 9th September**
Free Singaround in Ceddesfeld Hall
from 11am - All Welcome

Sedgefield Farmers' Market
Sunday 9th September
on the Village Green

Days In Days Out (DIDO)
Monday 10th September
at 1.15pm in the Parish Hall
Demonstration by Teesdale Glass
Engravers, Lawrence & Joan Staley,
who have kindly donated their
exhibit for our raffle.

Residents' Forum
Monday September 10th
Fletcher Room, Parish Hall 7pm

Sedgefield Show
Thursday 13th September
at 8pm in the Nag's Head
All interested are welcome

Family History Group
(branch of Cleveland FHS)
Monday 17th September
Ceddesfeld Hall at 7:45pm
Preston Hall and its Collections
with Paul Lake
Visitors welcome

**Ferryhill, Sedgefield &
District Flower Club**
Tuesday 18th September
at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
Floral Sculpture - with Rosalind
Walker, NE Area Demonstrator

Sedgefield Wildlife Group
Thursday 20th September
in the Parish Hall at 7.45pm
For details contact Steve Ashton
on 620559
Everyone welcome

**Wynyard Planetarium &
Observatory**
Friday 21st September
"What's Up in the Night Sky
this month?"
Shows commence at 7.30pm
Contact 01740630544

September at the Library

Tickle Time
Songs & stories for babies - 18 months
Mondays 3rd & 17th September
Rhyme Time
Stories, songs & rhymes for under 5s
Wednesdays 5th & 19th Sept
Toy Library, Stay & Play
Wednesdays 12th & 26th
10-11am
Book Circle
Wednesday 19th 2pm

**32nd Sedgefield
Drama Festival**
Mon 24th - Sat 29th September
in Sedgefield Parish Hall
every evening at 7.30pm
*An entertaining week of ten one-act
plays, performed by various drama
groups, in a festive competition.*
Tickets from Selections or
Dorothy Tate (621000)
Season ticket £22/£18 (inc entry
to final adjudication night & party)
Nightly ticket £6/£5 Saturday £4

101 Gigs in September

01 O'Neill's, Durham
02 The Foresters, Coundon
07 Manhattans, Stockton
08 Black Lion Richmond
09 Clarendon Redcar
11 Mohans, Middlesbrough
12 Tap & Spile, Guisborough
13 Gold Medal, Low Fell
15 The Moorcock, Peterlee
16 Black Lion, Sedgefield
19 Lord Nelson, Stockton
20 Clarendon, Redcar
21 Telstar, Billingham
22 Sportsman, Eaglescliffe
23 Normanby, Normanby
28 Station Hotel, Redcar
30 O'Gradys, Redcar
5th Oct Sedgefield Racecourse

Coming up

Sedgefield Garden Society
Tuesday 2nd October Horticulture
Trade Shows by Mr Dinning

Sedgefield Lyric Singers
with special guest, Eddie Gratton
Songs Old & New
Saturday 6th October
at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
Tickets £5/£4 from Selections
or call 620625

Bingo at Ceddesfeld Hall
Saturday 6th & 27th October

Family History Group
Monday 15th October
"Not a Drum was Heard"
Norman Welch

Trafalgar Dinner
Saturday 20th October
Excellent meal with reflections on
18th century life, times & warfare
Advance booking essential.
Tel 620042 - All proceeds to SCA
Sedgefield Village Veterans
WW2 re-enactment weekend on
20th/21st October in Ceddesfeld
Hall & Grounds, the Parish Hall &
the village green. Further details in
next month's SEDGEFIELD NEWS.

Walking the Wall for Children's Cancer Research

Hello, I am Bethan Jones and am 16 years old. A couple of months ago I finished my two and a half years of chemotherapy treatment for leukaemia. My illness inspired me to raise money for NECCR (North England Children's Cancer Research) who look at better treatment regimes and investigate symptoms of cancer, so it will help those people who are treated in the future. In order to raise the money I decided to walk the 84 miles of Hadrian's Wall, which Toffee (my dog) and I accomplished in 6 days at the end of June after my treatment finished in the beginning of May. It was tiring, often wet but very rewarding.

I would like to thank the following people and organisations that made extremely generous donations : Number Four for their donation and support for my fundraising party in the Parish Hall; the Library for a fundraising coffee morning; Elaine Sigsworth and her keep-fit classes; Alison Etheridge for selling cards; The Dun Cow quiz; 1st Sedgefield Brownies; The Johnson Foundation; Sedgefield Inner Wheel; Mavis Maloney and Sedgefield Methodist Playgroup; Ms J.C.Semmens; and Mickledore Travel. Finally thank you to Sedgefield News for printing the articles I have written, and to all those individuals who sponsored me who are too numerous to name here! Your support has been tremendous.

At the moment money is still being collected in, but the final total will be over £3,000 though any further donations will be gratefully received. (Contact telephone no. 01740 620893)

Bethan Jones

Well done Bethan. Respect and admiration from us all. Ed

Sedgefield has spoken - but who heard?

Can you recall the referendum in July last year when residents were asked to vote on a number of options for both the Parish Hall and Ceddesfeld Hall, and they voted for a refurbishment of the Parish Hall? We were told 'The issues concerning the Parish Hall have



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YOUR Letters



Bethan and Toffee at Hadrian's Wall

been ongoing over several years. Now we have a clear mandate on what our residents want - let's hope we can put everything behind us and move forwards and make progress in providing a much improved community facility for the benefit of all our community' SO WHERE IS IT THEN??

Here we are one year on and nothing has been done to our dilapidated community facility. The roof is leaking through two floors into the main hall, the tiles are ragged and unsightly, in fact it is a real mess and quite frankly an embarrassment to this beautiful village. I brought a group of visitors from Ferryhill to support our DIDO project for older people, and they were appalled at the state of the building. They could not believe that such a lovely village had such poor facilities.

I believe it is now time for this village to say enough is enough. If the Town Council cannot come up with the goods then they should hand management of the hall over to the people. What do you say? Gloria Wills

McCarthy & Stone controversy

After recently attending an exhibition held by McCarthy and Stone I was horrified to learn that they intend to demolish a house in Durham Road and replace it with a 3-storey block of 26 retirement apartments which would be 13 feet higher than the existing property and many times the size. Not only would this look horrific in the context of a residential housing area but would seriously affect the privacy of surrounding properties. Whilst agreeing to 'infill' providing a limited amount of new housing, this would be complete re-development of an area only suitable for two houses.

Another huge concern is access to the site. They intend to install additional traffic calming measures on Durham Road, leading to further traffic chaos on one of the busiest roads in Sedgefield. Whether access was from Durham Road or the Conifer Avenue cul-de-sac, the results would be the same. Also with only 12 parking spaces for 26 apartments, the threat of parking chaos on Durham Road, Pine Ridge Avenue or Wallington Drive is very real as occupants and visitors would invariably lead to a constant overflow of vehicles.

This seems an ill conceived idea by a construction company determined to make a profit at the expense of the local community. I came to Sedgefield 20 years ago for the 'village' atmosphere. It seems to me that this quality of life is being seriously eroded by commercial interests and feel that it is time for residents to pull together to stop further erosion of our village as we know it. Alan Watson

Some residents have held a meeting on the issue with three Borough Councillors and some Town Councillors. There was unanimity from the residents against the proposal. A small committee was formed to develop a Planning Objections Document in advance of submission of any planning application.

If you have any comments you can contact Alan Watson (Tel 622918) or Martin Lodge (Tel 621275).

The deadline for the October issue of Sedgefield News is September 15th

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