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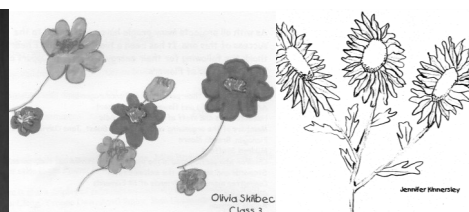


Sedgefield NEWS

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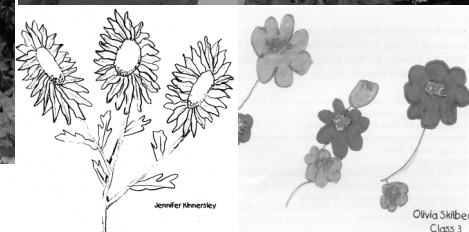
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The Splendour of Flowers
A glorious spectacle for a summer weekend in St Edmund's Church



Photographs: Sandy Clubley and John Fitzpatrick



With 'The Wind' in their sails

Sedgefield Players Youth Section (SPYS) enjoyed a celebratory party after their recent sell-out performance of *The Wind in the Willows* in Sedgefield Parish Hall. Every member of the group, ranging in age from 7 to 16, took part. More than 30 SPYS took on the roles of Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger as well as other characters Toad met on his adventures away from Toad Hall. Walter Howell designed and created a very effective backdrop of the riverbank and a very convincing steam train, while David Jasper provided suitable sound effects. Norma Neal, chairman of Sedgefield Players, who directed *Wind in the Willows*, said, "We were delighted with the success of the show. The SPYS had put a huge amount of effort into learning their lines and perfecting their characters. It was great to see a full house each night to appreciate all this young talent." There will be another chance to see the show in an abridged version at the Sedgefield Players One Act Festival of Plays in September. For more information on the Festival, see Diary.

SPYS enjoy well-earned celebration



Veterans' Badge presentation

Any veterans in Sedgefield who would like their Veterans' Badge presented to them by Borough Mayor, John Robinson, please contact Tim Spearey on 623654. This includes any veterans who don't yet have their badge. A veteran is defined as any person who served in any of the forces, WRVS, Land Girls, etc. in WWII, and all later conflicts.

Send Your News & Announcements to sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com
We will do our best to publicise your events.

Sedgefield Town Council Town Plan & Planning for Real

It is now over 5 years since the last Appraisal was carried out in Sedgefield. Some of the issues raised at that time e.g. the Parish Hall have been addressed, whilst others are ongoing.

The Town Council, in conjunction with Durham Rural Community Council (DRCC) and RPS, who have been commissioned by Sedgefield Borough to carry out Community Appraisals, is currently revising the Town Plan. The programme consists of:

"Planning for Real" Young People from Sedgefield have produced models of the village which will be used in the consultation process.

Consultation Roadshow

Everyone in Sedgefield is invited to visit venues as below to give your views and comments on issues important to you.

Questionnaire The results from above will form the basis of a questionnaire in the next edition of the Sedgefield Extra, which will be circulated to all. Once returned all responses will be used to formulate an action plan within the revised Town Plan.

Consultation times:

Monday 1st September

Parish Hall: 3 – 7.30pm (last half hour will be part of the Residents' Forum meeting).

Friday 12th September, Ceddesfeld Hall: 7 – 9.30pm

Saturday 13th September, Ceddesfeld Hall: 10am – 12 noon

Monday to Wednesday 15th-17th September,

Council Offices: 10am – 2pm

In addition the Model will be visiting Thurlow Grange and the Schools.

'Real diamond geezer' brings bling to Sedgefield

Les McGhee from diamond merchants Asquith's of Darlington was the speaker at the August DIDO meeting (right). The talk covered the whole process from mining to cutting and right through to the final product. Members enjoyed a real treat trying on diamonds worth thousands of pounds: pity we couldn't keep one for the raffle!

Please accept our apologies if you turned up for Line Dancing. We had no time to let you know that it is off until October 13th, due to holidays.

We're having a Days In, Days Out Fundraising Event in the Parish Hall on Thursday 2nd October from 10am - 12.00: a **Coffee Morning & Market Place** with Cake stall, Books, Bric-a-Brac and Tombola, so please come along and support our project. If you would like to have a stall or to donate any items, please contact Margaret on 622684.

DIDO is a project of Sedgefield Development Trust



Sedgefield & District Round Table "Everest Challenge" completed



The setting may have been North Yorkshire rather than Nepal, but by the end of the day there were comparisons to be made by our intrepid crew! On July 12th, starting at 6.30 in the morning, every 15-20 minutes a member of Round Table set off to climb North Yorkshire's most famous landmark, Roseberry Topping.

Within eleven hours the team had successfully completed 41 ascents of the hill - the equivalent in height of Mount Everest. By 5.30pm all members had done at least 2 climbs, the majority had done 3 and two foolish guys had 'topped the Topping' no less than 5 times!

At times it felt as though the climb was slowly lengthening, but the effort was definitely worthwhile, especially when two children who have benefited from the work the charity do, came along to offer their support.

The charity is "Stepping Out" and its purpose is to help children with cerebral palsy.

Many thanks to all those who sponsored the team: hopefully by the time all monies are collected we should have raised around **£1000**. Thanks also to the other visitors to Roseberry Topping, who kindly donated money on the day, and to the North Yorkshire Moors National Park and the Countryside Rangers who were so helpful in allowing us to use the facilities at the bottom of the hill.

If you would like further information, please call William Robinson on 07843 644945.

Big success from a little house in Sedgefield

Philippa Anderson from Sedgefield, teacher of voice and performance, is very proud of three of her students. Two have gained places at prestigious drama schools in London. Georgia McIntyre aged 15, who has actually taken 4 grade 8 examinations in just 2 terms, has gained a place at Italia Conti and Matthew Plumb 18 from Newcastle has been awarded full scholarship at Arts Educational School. Both have recently been awarded grade 8 Music Theatre. Matthew, who was just pipped at the post with a recent West End audition for The Sound of Music, was awarded one of only 20 places to study and perform with the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford over the summer before moving to London to begin his training at ArtsEd.

A third pupil, Kate Millington, 15 years old from Bishop Middleham, has taken grade 7 and grade 8 Music Theatre within a year. Kate gained the highest marks in the region, 91% for grade 7 and an astounding 95% for grade 8. She has been invited to sing at London College of Music's High Award Prize Giving and Concert of Excellence in Newcastle, where she will be awarded two trophies for her achievements.

Teacher Philippa said, "I am simply over the moon for these young people, they are dedicated and talented and a pleasure to teach. I wish them every success in the future."

Philippa will also perform at the Concert of Excellence. After years of 'pretending to play the piano,' she is learning to play the instrument properly under the tuition of Pauline Plenderleith from Thorpe Thewles. Thanks to some excellent coaching, and much patience on behalf of Pauline, Philippa has recently gained the highest mark in the region for her London College of Music piano exam, proving it's never too old to learn!

Sedgefield Music Festival

5th - 7th September

Friday night, Parish Hall

Nancy Kerr & James Fagan,
John Wrightson Band,
Rob Guest, Billy Mitchell

Saturday 10:30am Children's

Spoons workshop with Bertie Draycott in Ceddesfeld Hall.

(Afternoon, competition for children & adults with cash prizes)

Saturday night, St Edmund's

Marske Fishermen's Choir,
Northumbrian Pipers,
Fishburn Silver Band.

Saturday night, Parish Hall

Prelude, House Sisters,
Vin Garbutt

Singarounds in Ceddesfeld Hall

all through weekend, the final one on Sunday from 11am.

Tickets: Town Council 621273
or Joan Edmondson 621347

Mordon Village Hall

Entertainment Night with

"SISTER ACT"

Featuring songs from the
60s, 70s & 80s

Saturday 13th September

Tickets priced at **£8** from
committee members or

Richard Mann: 01740623474

**Come along to see this
top class act**

Theatre in the Park

Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds

4pm Saturday 13th Sept.

Durham Shakespeare

present

A Walk thro' Shakespeare

Bring a chair and a picnic

Tickets £5 Call 620042

Community SAFETY



Notes from N/Hood Watch Meeting held on Tuesday 12th August

Policing in Sedgefield: Local bobby PC Keith Todd opened with details of **Operation Balcraig**, stating that this Operation was directly attributable to reports & requests from groups **including our N/H Watch Panel** as well as telephone calls from members of the public in the Village. Keith gave details of drink seized, persons detained, home visits made, parental responses (some care, *some do not*) and answered members questions. A particular concern was will the Police continue to immediately take trouble-some youths to a home visit rather than revert to the old process; Keith advised this would continue now (as it has clearly been very effective). Members gave their views & experience from the start of the Operation - *the village is a lot better place to live in, the bad behaviour is very much less, gangs / large groups gone, people feel much more comfortable and safer than a few weeks ago* - and they also gave a very big thank you to the Police for responding to local residents' needs. We hope that the Police will now be able keep on top of this problem.

Reported Crime in the Village for the period between 10th June & 12th August showed **18 crimes** comprising **3-Burglaries, 6-Thefts, 7-Damage and 2-Thefts from Motor Vehicles**. Keith points out that residents still facilitate crime by not securing property (bikes left in the open), leaving garage doors open, premises unsecured etc. These are gifts for thieves.

Phil Wilson M.P. who attended the meeting, explained how as a result of his recent decision to go "door knocking" in his constituency to help him find out what issues are really important to his constituents, he had ended up being invited to the Panel meeting. At C/man Ken Saiger's invitation Phil took question from members, which resulted in a good frank exchange of views. Two related aspects are worth reporting here: -

1. The Panel asked Phil him to support the long standing requests from both our N/Hood Watch Panel & the Residents Forum, to trial an alcohol ban in public places in Sedgefield; for a sustained period with a view to properly assessing the effect on anti social behaviour over a sensible period of time (say 12 months).

2. The need for premises/activities that the young *would use and want to use* was thoroughly discussed; with Phil showing a real desire to help get a result for the village (without treading on toes). Issues of the buildings at the Community College were well aired with contributions from Julia Bowles & Alan Blakemore who both have extensive knowledge, experience & a real urgent desire to "not miss the boat" for our village. Members also stressed how little facility there is for youngsters in the village and provided Phil with examples of why families have to travel away from the village, for most activities (& this is not possible for many). Phil indicated his willingness to get involved with an appropriate group from the village who would take this issue forward, again qualifying that he does not want to tread on toes, but he is keen to facilitate & help where possible.

In closing the meeting a full half hour after normal closing time, C/man Ken Saiger thanked Phil for his participation and said he now looks forward to some beneficial results for Sedgefield **Village**.

PC Todd reports

At the time of writing, schools are still on holiday, but why do so many pupils find the urge to wander around or climb onto the roof of the buildings? Others have criminal intent in mind, not only to smash windows etc, but to enter the building & take the school laptops.

Burglary is a serious offence & anyone found on school premises will be viewed as suspicious, just in case their intentions are more serious than aimlessly wandering in the school grounds killing time because they are bored! Parents, please inform your children that they should not be on school grounds on evenings, week-ends or during holidays, unless taking part in organised events. Crimes reported to police recently include windows being damaged in Whitehouse Drive & Hasledon Grove; vehicles broken into in Elm Avenue & Milbourne Court. Theft of a bird table from Thurlow Road; & a child's BMX bike from Matfen Court; also a flower display and plant pot from Beacon Avenue.

Finally, to the youth who found it amusing to smash a shop window so he could help himself to crisps on two separate occasions, watch out! You are not as clever as you think you are. Keith

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently in the Nag's Head. No serious incidents were reported which required further action by members. We wish Michael & Tracey Twist from the Crosshills all the best for the future and welcome Christopher Young as the new landlord of the Crosshills.

Sergeant Brian O'Connor reports on Operation BALCRAIG

During Operation Balcraig Sedgefield Neighbourhood Policing Team and response officers have been targeting nuisance behaviour in Sedgefield Village, after concerns were raised by local residents.

The Operation was implemented in June to tackle the growing trend in underage street drinking and its related crime and anti social behaviour, as well as targeting those responsible for the supply of alcohol.

During the course of the 6 week operation Police confiscated a significant amount of alcohol. Also, complaints of rowdy nuisance behaviour in the Village have reduced by 42%.

However, it was evident during the Operation that only a small percentage of the youths challenged by officers were actually in possession of alcohol. Those found to be in possession subsequently received a home visit by local officers, and the conduct of the individual and the impact their behaviour was having on the local community was emphasised to the parents. Those individuals responsible for repeat offending may be considered for referral to the Sedgefield Borough Anti Social Behaviour Panel.

An underlying factor identified throughout the operation was the lack of activities provided for young people in the village. Police have addressed the concerns of the community and tackled the behaviour of the problematic youths in the short-term, but it is now time to look at a multi agency approach to providing a sustainable long term solution

Patrols will continue and if persons under the age of 18 are found to be drinking alcohol in a public place it will be confiscated and disposed of appropriately. This extends to those 18 and over if it is suspected they are holding the drink for someone under 18.

Alan Sowerby Citizenship Awards 2008 in Village Primary Schools

Neighbourhood Watch was very pleased to participate in the 7th year of these now well established presentation ceremonies to two outstanding children from our local Primary schools. This occasion also commemorate our past Chairman, Alan Sowerby.



On Wednesday 23rd of July at **Hardwick Primary School**, following the end of term and Year 6 Leavers' Ceremony, Head Teacher Linda Johnston reminded pupils and parents, that each year a special award is made to one pupil, selected from the whole school, who has consistently given assistance, consideration and help to others at school as well as outside school. The Head introduced the winner of the 2008 Citizenship award, without disclosing the name, as "a very active member of school, a school Captain, librarian, register & milk monitor, very involved with the School Council as well as being gifted musically". She then called upon Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch Secretary Joe McKenna to announce the winner. A very surprised **Kelly Dobson**, pictured left with parents and Head teacher, was presented with her personal engraved cup and framed certificate, to resounding applause from fellow pupils and to the obvious pride and surprise of Mum & Dad, who had only come along to see their daughter's final assembly at Hardwick Primary School.

Congratulations & well done Kelly, from Neighbourhood Watch.

On the same day at **Sedgefield Primary School** Leavers' Ceremony, before the ceremony proper, Head Teacher Philip Irving reminded everyone of the background to this special Citizenship award, of the contribution made by volunteers in society like Alan Sowerby, whom the award commemorates.

He described 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 everyone, both during school and outside also. Mr Irving went on to say that the pupil chosen this year to receive the annual Alan Sowerby Memorial Award for citizenship has, throughout his seven years at Sedgefield Primary School, always demonstrated a willingness and positive attitude to a full involvement in the life of the school. This consideration to 'making a difference' has led him to becoming a Youth Councillor for Sedgefield, and to creating and performing in Drama productions in School as well as at County Hall, and to his promotion of the personal well-being of all pupils. With the words "**Jonathan Muir** is a truly worthy winner" he disclosed this year's recipient. Neighbourhood Watch Secretary Joe McKenna then presented a somewhat surprised Jonathan with his personal engraved cup and framed certificate whilst a very proud and similarly surprised but delighted Mum looked on from the back of the Hall. (pictured right, Jonathan and his Mum). *Congratulations & well done Jonathan, from Neighbourhood Watch.*



Influenza Vaccinations 2008

It's the time of year for us to think of protecting patients who are most at risk from influenza, and the Department of Health strongly recommends the following groups of patients to have the injection:

Everyone over the age of 65. Patients aged over 6 months and under 65 who suffer from chronic diseases or have experienced a stroke, and those who are carers or poultry workers.

The practice will receive its first quota of vaccinations in the last week of September, followed by deliveries in the second week of October and the first week of November. Obviously we can only deal with a certain number of patients at a time, so the vaccination programme will run until December. We will organise many clinics specifically to give the injections and these clinic appointments will be on our computers before the last week in September. So if you fall in to one of the above categories and would like to arrange to have an influenza vaccination, please ring the surgery on 620300 for an appointment. For anyone registered at Fishburn the number is 620284

Please do not ring before the last week in September. We will accommodate everyone who wants the vaccine before Christmas. Doctor Jones and partners

SPORTS UPDATE

Send your sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com

Sedgefield Serpentine Race

Sedgefield Harriers' second Serpentine trail race took place on Saturday 9th August, in conjunction with Sedgefield Agricultural Show. Seventy one runners from all around the North East braved the typically British, cold and wet August afternoon to pit themselves against a demanding 6.8 mile off road route, which takes in forest trails, fields, a golf course and even the occasional and thankfully docile bull.

Alfie Walton from Hardwick Moto X donated the prize money and the trophies for the race, which seem to be attracting some class competition. Last year's winning time of 41.21 was beaten by the first five runners this year.

First in was Terry Wall from Morpeth Harriers in 39.46. Second was Alasdair Tatham from Quakers RC in 40.21 and third was Andy Chadfield from Billingham Marsh House Harriers in 40.34.

Leading the women home was Janet Raper from Newton Aycliffe AC in 51.22. Second and third were Anne Hydon in 54 minutes and Rosie Simms in 54.40 - both of the latter from Sedgefield Harriers.

A fun run covering just over a mile and a half took place just after the main event and was enjoyed by juniors and parents alike.

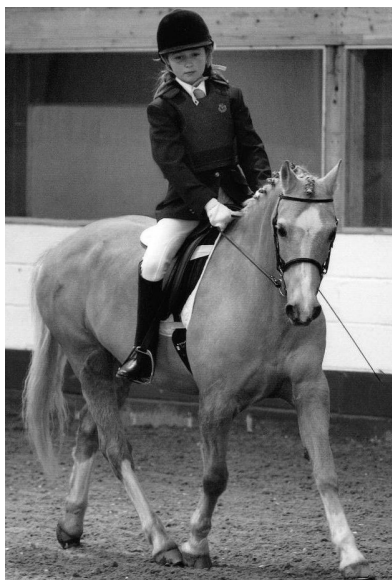
Full results for the race can be found on the Sedgefield Harriers website,

www.sedgefieldharriers.co.uk

Ean Parsons



Terry Wall of Morpeth Harriers winning the 2nd Sedgefield Serpentine Race



Shay Given Foundation Course:

Goalkeeping, Football, Multi-Sports
Sedgefield Community College

Mon-Thurs 27th-30th October

10am - 3pm (staff from 9.30am so children can be dropped off)

Price £40 for 4 days.

Please contact the SGF on
07826 403292 or e mail
shaygivenfoundation@yahoo.co.uk

A successful day at the Show

My daughter Allana Kennerley (right) has been riding for two and a half years and has come a long way since the 153rd show. She is now eight years old and rides for British Young Riders Dressage Squad (BYRDS) and we find ourselves all over the country most weekends. We still however always make time for Sedgefield Show.

As always, the 155th show was a very good, well organised event. Our thanks go to all who "make it happen".

Allana won the First Ridden Class (10 years and under) and came 3rd in the Best Rider class - 12 years and under. She was riding "Allana's Pocket Rocket". I recall it was rain free in both 2006 and '07 and although it was a bit damp in the saddle, it was still a good day this year.

Here's hoping for glorious sunshine in 2009. We would all jump a little bit higher if the weather was good!

Darren Kennerley

Left: Allana showing her dressage skills

Below: Familiar faces at the Jamboree



Self Portrait Competition

Following the success of last year's Sedgefield People competition, this year's competition run by Sedgefield Borough Arts Team has a 'self portrait' theme. Budding artists across the borough are encouraged to pick up their pencils and paintbrushes and create a new portrait for the competition. The competition is split into under 18s and adults and this year has also been split by theme. Portraits can be entered in; Fine Art (pencil, paint, pastel), 3D Art (collage, sculpture), Digital Art (photography) and Textiles (embroidery, knitting).

The deadline for entries is 30 September 2008.

Entrants are asked to submit the following information: Name, Address, Telephone, Email, Age (if under 18) and category they wish to enter. Each under 18s entry should be accompanied with a photograph and a photo parental consent form (available from the Arts Team or download from www.sedgefield.gov.uk/leisure).

The Arts Team request that large pieces of art, eg. sculptures or masks, are not sent in. Instead please send a photograph of the artwork.

All artworks will be exhibited at unusual venues throughout the borough from the end of October 2008 and will be brought together at Locomotion, the National Railway Museum in January 2009.

Quality Mark for Dental Practice

Chris Edmonds & Associates Dental Practice has been recognised by the British Dental Association as committed to good practice and has joined its Good Practice Scheme, meaning that the practice meets nationally recognised standards to provide the best possible care for its patients.



Members of the dental team at Chris Edmonds & Associates alongside Mr J Britton, a patient, receiving the Good Practice plaque for display in the practice reception.

Each member of the practice team has signed up to a comprehensive commitment to provide dental care of consistently good quality for all patients, meeting their needs and wishes, making treatment as comfortable and convenient as possible and looking after general health and safety while receiving dental care. They will also follow British Dental Associations guidelines on infection control, check for mouth cancer and tell the patient what is found, take part in continuing professional development to keep skills and knowledge up to date and train staff in practice-wide work systems, renewing training plans once a year. Feedback will be welcome and any complaints will be dealt with promptly.

Chris Edmonds & Associates Sedgefield Dental Practice is only the 9th practice in Cleveland to receive this recognition.

Farmers' Market news

Stallholders would like to thank customers for supporting the market on a showery, unseasonably chilly day. One or two stallholders were on holiday but next month will be bigger and better, with the return of old favourites like Ann and David Mellanby with their wonderful vegetables, and if you have been missing Patterson's you'll be glad to hear our fish man will be with us again.

We're sorry to report that Larberry's Ken Wade has decided to retire, but we thank him for his support of the market and wish him well in his well deserved retirement. A new beef and lamb stall will replace Larberry Farm in September.

That's September 14th – the second Sunday in the month, as ever. Look forward to seeing you.

Cycling excitement

After all the excitement of the Olympics, let's get off our sofas and support our athletes for real!

The **Tour of Britain** passes through Sedgefield about 10.50am on **Friday 12th September**, heading north from Darlington to the banks of the Tyne.

Skating Day

Skate at Sedgefield Primary school in the school hall on October 11th.

The last event was great fun and had children and parents skating together, slipping and sliding on the synthetic rink.

The event is suitable for anyone from toddler age upwards.

Tickets for a 50 minute slot, running hourly from 10am - 3pm, from any member of the PTFA or Rachel Hampson on 07919190553.

Charity Golf Day

Monday 8th September

Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland invites you to enter a team of four for the Butterwick Charity Golf Day at the Barnard Castle Golf Club.

The format is a STABLEFORD COMPETITION with a maximum handicap of men 28, ladies 36. Teams of 4, men, ladies or mixed. £120 for a team of 4 players, inc.

bacon sandwich, tea/coffee on arrival & 2 course meal at the end of your round of golf.

Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis.

To reserve your team place, please telephone **01388 603003** or email lynnalbury@butterwick.org.uk.

We are extremely grateful for the support of our sponsor for the day, John Watson Fire Doors.

Dial 0845 386 5138

Butterwick Outreach Hospices, which operate weekly in Barnard Castle, Stanhope and Sedgefield, have made it through stiff competition to the finals of the National Lottery Awards.

Local people voting for us have brought us this far and voting is now open for the final stage.

We are the only hospice in the final, the only health based finalist in the north east, and now you can play your part again. It's easy, so please reach for the phone or click on the health category at

www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards and vote **Butterwick**.

You can watch a short film clip there of the Outreach Day Hospice operating in Stanhope.

Thank you!

September Events Diary

A FREE service to non-commercial organisations

Local History Society

Monday 1st September

7.45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall
Phil Philo, curator of the Captain
Cook Birthplace Museum

Captain Cook's Wooden World

All welcome

Sedgefield Mags

Monday 1st September

8pm in the Nag's Head
'Sedgefield Mags' run a bus to all
Newcastle United home games

Sedgefield Methodist

Wives and Friends

Meet in the Methodist Church Hall

Mondays 1st, 15th, 29th Sept

New time - 7:15pm start

New members always welcome

Sedgefield Gardening Club

Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.30 pm

Tuesday 2nd September

Talk by Mr Dinning

Bulbs and Winter gardens

All welcome

Sedgefield WI

Wednesday 3rd September

7.15pm in the Parish Hall

"Three paces behind"

Nora Fisher

Members' competition -

Souvenir of Durham

Visitors always welcome - £2

CeddesFolk Traditional

Acoustic Session

Ceddesfeld Hall from 8pm

Wednesday 3rd September

Join our line up of fiddles, whistles,
squeezeboxes, guitars, ukuleles ...

DIDO - Day In

Monday 8th September

From 1.30pm at the Parish Hall,
Entertainment, raffle & bingo

Line Dancing returns 13th October

Sedgefield Show

Thursday 11th September

Nag's Head at 8pm

Everyone welcome

Sedgefield Civic Trust

Thursday 11th September

Floral Awards Presentation Evening
Parish Hall

Mayor's Charity Dance

Celebrate Parish Hall refurbishment

Friday 12th September

at 8pm in the Parish Hall

£15 pp includes buffet & dancing to
the John Wrightson Band

Tickets from Town Council Office

In aid of Prostate Cancer & local groups

Bingo at Ceddesfeld Hall

Saturday 13th September

Doors open 7pm Eyes down 7.45
Cash Prizes. Bar open

WI Coffee Morning

Tombola, Cake Stall &

Display of Crafts

Saturday 13th September

10am - Noon in the Parish Hall

£1 entrance includes refreshments

Sedgefield Farmers' Market

Sunday 14th September

on the Village Green

North East

Concertina Players

Sunday 14th August

at 2pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

(Beginners meet on the 2nd & 4th

Sundays of the month at 1pm)

Family History Group

(branch of Cleveland FHS)

Monday 15th September

Parish Hall 7.45pm

Family History on the Internet

Ged Milestone

For more information please ring

Sylvia Hall 620367

Visitors are always welcome

Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

District Flower Club

Tuesday 16th September

7.30pm in the Parish Hall

Anything Goes

Philip Kershaw

North West Area Demonstrator

All Welcome

Sedgefield Wildlife Group

Thursday 18th September

7.45pm in the Parish Hall

Speaker to be arranged

For info call Steve Ashton: 620559

All Welcome

Veterans Group

Monthly meeting

Thursday 18th September

7pm in the Parish Hall

New members always welcome

Looking Ahead -

WWII re-enactment on weekend of
October 25th/26th

Tim Lowe / 101 Gigs

The Golden Lion at 9pm on

Thursday 18th September

Tim Lowe makes his solo acoustic
debut with some 101 favourites but
also some different material

Sunday 21st September

101 at The Black Lion at 7.30pm

(outdoors if weather permits)

Sedgefield Players present the

33rd Sedgefield Drama

Festival of One Act Plays

22nd to 27th September at 7.30pm
in the Parish Hall

Tickets £6, concessions £5, Season

Ticket £22, concessions £18

Available from Selections or on
620091 or 621000

Lirica Concert

supported by CeddesFolk

Sunday 28th September

in Ceddesfeld Hall 8pm

Bar open from 7.30pm

Tickets at the door

September @ Sedgefield Library

Sedgefield Local History Display Thursday 4th September

at 6pm

Talk and 'object handling' session
by a representative from Beamish

Places free but must be booked

Tickle Time

Mondays 15th & 29th, 2.15 - 3pm

Rhyme Time

Wednesday 17th, 10 - 11am

Toy Library

Weds 10th & 24th, 10-11am

Book Circle

Wednesday 17th, 2pm

Junior Reading group

restarts 5 - 6pm on Monday 8th

Round Table

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable
events - new members welcome

Contact Rob on 629079

Ladies' Circle

2nd & 4th Thursdays

Sporting, social and charitable
events - new members welcome

Contact Viv on 629079

Country Market

Friday mornings in the Parish Hall.

Methodist Church Hall

Mother & Toddler Group

Mondays from 1.15 - 2.45 pm

Term time only. Call 620572

Sedgefield Playgroup

Vacancies for children aged 2

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 9.15-11.45

Tel 621618

St Edmund's Church

Weddings and Baptisms can be
arranged in church on Thursdays
at 6.30pm.

Ministers was clean & tidy

It was with regret that Marion and I read a recent report in the Hartlepool Mail headed "Restaurant fly-tipping shame" dated 3rd July 2008. In this article Mr Syed Ahmed stated in court that when he started his business at Ministers Restaurant last year there was loads of rubbish left over from the previous owners. We would like to state categorically that this is not true, far from it! Two weeks prior to selling Ministers we hired a skip to clear all the restaurant, household and garden rubbish and on our day of departure we not only had the commercial bins emptied at extra cost but had them perfumed by VIP Bin Cleaners, a service we paid for every two weeks while resident at the restaurant. I'm sure that those of you who know us believe where the truth lies. It is a shame that a fellow restaurateur believes that one year on he can escape prosecution by blaming us for his lack of good practice.

David Owens

Kleeneze myths

We thought we would put the record straight about the number of Kleeneze operators that seem to be around, all about the same time. None of the distributors work for Kleeneze; we are all self employed, so we work wherever we wish to. We buy the catalogues and have to replace any we don't get back. We are not "cold callers" as we will only put the catalogue through your letter box, then call to collect it on the day indicated. We will only knock on your door when we have an order to deliver or you forget to put the catalogue out. So please do bear with us when we call. Remember Chantell? On 5th-7th September the European Dragon Boat racing championship takes place in Saubaria in Italy. Taking part is ex Kleeneze distributor Chantell, of Jack & Chantell fame, who used to operate in Sedgefield. She is no. 6 paddler on the left of the boat and is hopeful of gaining a medal, as she is part of a very good GB crew. Sorry we couldn't get a photo in time, but if they win she has promised to send us one.

David & Roger



the community-based regeneration network

Your Letters

The Village Green Preservation Society

You read it here first. A new and exciting 'scheme' for Sedgefield. Maybe we should give it some initials straight away like PSC or maybe a smart acronym like 'PedSed'. Let's 'nurture it', 'foster it', 'work with it', let's 'develop it', 'build it' and 'run with it' and eventually, in about 20 years, when our current much maligned teenagers are responsible citizens like our current 'middle-agers', we'll leave a proud legacy for our children and grand children. And when we've 'grasped it' and 'made it happen' we'll treasure it. I can see public shows, music, street parties and street performers. I can see a 'cafe culture' and 'big screen' sports events. I can see people roaming carefree in the sunshine around our stunning village centre, chatting and passing the time. My goodness, I can almost see one of those idyllic artists impressions with green trees, litter free streets and eternal utopia. So let's unveil it, let the horses run free, let the future come galloping over the horizon and be displayed in full view, to stand proud, to be poked, prodded, analysed, criticised and lionised, dismissed, ridiculed

and dumped. Then let it be rebuilt, reformed and taken forward. Let someone take up the torch and run with it. Let's pedestrianise the centre of Sedgefield!

Leon

Young at Heart

I want to express our gratitude for the wonderful afternoon we enjoyed at the Young At Heart Tea Party held last month in Ceddesfeld Hall. Heartfelt thanks must go to John and Maxine Robinson for all their hard work organising it all; and to our mayor and his consort, Mr and Mrs Tim Jeanes, for making us all so welcome; also to Mrs Nancy Wells and her happy team of helpers in the kitchen for the delicious food.

The brilliant entertainment provided by Tommy Deans was truly the icing on the cake! He had us all singing along with him and tapping our feet.

Mrs Jeannette Garbutt, on behalf of all the Young at Heart

Thank you

To mark the first anniversary of the tragic death of John Anderson of Fishburn, £1,200 was raised for the Macmillan Nurses during an event in the Golden Lion.

Thanks to all the Sedgefield businesses who donated prizes for the raffle and auction.

Sad Farewell to 21 Years of Ceddes Print

Very sadly, Ceddes Print & Design will be closing after 21 years in Sedgefield, but we aim to carry on with another local printer, hopefully maintaining the client base, so that jobs lost here will be recreated with Aztec Print of Washington, with whom we have dealt for nearly twenty years. I can assure clients of our intention to keep the local trade, as I will be based in the Sedgefield area, and will be available at all times to meet their needs. The amount of support we have received locally has been immense; we can only pass on our many thanks to all the local groups and businesses who have supported us over the years, and hope that support will continue. *Very gratefully - Elaine Bramfitt*

Elaine can be contacted on 0191 417 8001 Aztec Print or 07811 42 72 82

We'll miss you

'Ceddes' certainly made its mark on this community and that mark stood for friendly, prompt service and a quality product. As editors & publishers of Sedgefield News we can't praise their team highly enough and, like many other customers, we were sad to hear the news.

We want to thank the Ceddes staff for all the help they have given Sedgefield News and wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Sandy Clubleby, John Fitzpatrick and all at Sedgefield Development Trust.

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