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# Sedgefield NEWS

## September 2012



### Lee - Local Hero, Torchbearer & Games Maker!



Remember our article last year about Lee Maddison and the Boccia Club he formed with his friend Chris Jackson? Well, for Lee, 2012 is turning out to be a fantastic year! The excitement started on 17th June as he watched his Grandad carry the Olympic Torch through the streets of Durham City, receiving 'The Kiss' from cricketer, Paul Collingwood. Lee was nominated as a Lloyds TSB Local Hero for commitment to his sport and had a trip to London to collect his award and a preview of the Olympic Park. He also won a competition to attend the Technical Rehearsal of the Opening Ceremony!

Because of Lee's commitment to his sport and club, and as part of his role as a Lloyds TSB Local Hero, Lee carries the Paralympic Torch in the 24 hour Torch Relay from Stoke Mandeville (home of the first Paralympic Games) to the Olympic Stadium, at 2.22 pm, to be precise, near London City Hall on 29th August, and he dedicates his part in the relay to the memory of his Dad. To top it all, after a lot of training, Lee does his first shift as a Games Maker at the Paralympic Games on the same day. What a story he will have to tell by the end of the Games!

**Lee's top tips for someone taking up sport. 1. Enjoy - 2. Work hard to be the best that you can be, and 3. Don't stop dreaming!**

### From redundancy to business partners:

#### New Sedgefield Bakery picks up the pieces

Beloved of generations of schoolchildren and van drivers at lunch and snack time, not to mention its many faithful regulars, the little shop on North End seemed certain to close after Peter's Bakery went into administration some months ago. There was dismay all round.

But Anne Marie Ballogh, who had worked there for 22 years, and her friend and co-worker, Maureen Crosby, set about finding a way to keep their customers supplied with the bread, pies, pasties, sandwiches and cakes that they have enjoyed for so many years.

So now, with a fresh range displayed in their bright, newly decorated bakery, Anne Marie (*right of photo*) and Maureen are ready to welcome customers old and new. The very best of luck to them!



### Flu Campaign 2012

Dr Jones & Partners would like to invite their patients to come along to two special drop-in clinics offering flu vaccinations to patients 65 years and over, pregnant women and people in certain at risk groups.

Sessions from 9am - 11am on

**Saturday 22nd September**

at Harbinson House, Sedgefield &  
Beveridge House, Fishburn

**Saturday 13th October**

at Harbinson House, Sedgefield &  
Carroll House, Trimdon Colliery

The flu vaccination is available to patients who are 65 years and older, pregnant women and people with a serious medical condition such as chronic (long term) respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis; chronic heart disease, chronic liver disease, chronic kidney disease; chronic neurological disease such as motor neurone disease or Parkinson's disease; diabetes or a weakened immune system due to disease or treatment; people living in long stay residential care home and carers.

No appointment is necessary, please come along. If you have any questions or queries please ring your surgery and we will be pleased to assist you.

*More from Dr Jones & Partners on p. 12*

**To contact Sedgefield News call/text 07572 502 904  
or email [sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com](mailto:sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com)**

## A Celebration of 25 years of Music-making

In October this year the North Eastern Concertina Players will celebrate 25 years of playing music together, for the last 17 years in Ceddesfeld Hall. To mark this milestone, we have organized two free musical events

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.00 pm - Mixed Instrument Workshop: Music for Dancing**

We have invited Dave Ball, a well-known folk concertina player to run a Music for Dancing workshop on the afternoon, starting at 2pm, and musicians of any instrument will be most welcome to participate. There is no charge for this event

### **and at 7.30 pm: Music Makers Showcase in Ceddesfeld Hall**

A showcase of groups who play music together regularly in Sedgefield. In the line-up are the Handbell Ringers, a concertina duo from North Eastern Concertina Players, the Northumbrian Pipers, our guest Dave Ball, Sedgefield's own folk group CeddesFolk, and your hosts, the Sedgefield Concertina Players. There's no charge and non-players are welcome.

## Ceddesfest 700

An absolutely fantastic day was had by all who attended, and although the weather had played its part, it couldn't dampen the spirits of the music lovers who turned up to witness a display of dazzling musicianship from all performers. All artists from all the various genres of music who took part, thoroughly enjoyed the venue and quality of the sound and stage. Thanks to A.S.Audio for their professionalism; to Sedgefield Round Table for organising and underwriting the day as a community service event, John Robinson and South Durham Community Fund for financial support, and the Sedgefield 700 committee for all the efforts they are putting in to make 700 a memorable year. It was the most adventurous and highest quality event, and did our 700 celebrations proud.

## Calling all musicians, would-be musicians, singers & wanna-be singers!

You are warmly invited to join a new Parish Music Group, starting soon, at which we hope to work towards providing some of the music for special Church services and other occasions, starting with the harvest festival at St. Albans, Trimdon Grange in October.

Instrumentalists of all ages and abilities are welcome: whether you can play concertos on the clarinet, sonatas on the violin, a few chords on the guitar or just a few notes on the recorder or trumpet, please get in touch. Likewise, singers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Don't worry if you can't read music: you'll be given lots of help!

Practices will be organised and music chosen according to the level of response. Obviously a children's choir and a 4-part adult choir would be lovely, but we won't be too ambitious at first. All we need is a group of people who really want to sing or play with others and who have the enthusiasm and commitment to help us get started. Please contact John on 07888053942 or jjpjjp@sky.com

## French a little rusty?

If you would like to brush up your French conversation skills, why not consider joining one of our lively classes, every Thursday from 4.30 - 6pm & 6.30 - 8pm (term time) in Sedgefield Methodist Church Hall. Our tutor, Dominique is a qualified teacher with many years experience of teaching her native French. From south-west France, she has lived in England for over 25 years.

We can guarantee a very warm welcome to anyone joining us in September. For more details, please contact Dominique Elliot (after 30th August) on 07790 099 110 or email dominique\_elliot@hotmail.com or call Jean Atkinson on 622202.

## Sedgefield Mediaeval Fayre 2012

At last we are able to close the book on the 2012 Mediaeval Fayre. We have just had our post mortem meeting and can report that the Fayre made a profit of £5000, down almost 20% on 2011 due partly to the weather and the rest a reduction in sponsorship.

Three groups of people helped to produce this profit: Thanks first to the volunteers who organised the Fayre, collected, sorted and worked on the green in cold, wet conditions; secondly thanks to all the residents of Sedgefield who provided us with the goods that stocked the books, groceries, toys, white elephant and tombola stalls; the money from these is a vital part of our income; and finally, thanks to our 8 sponsors, only one of which would benefit from extra custom on Fayre day.

SCA organises the Fayre primarily to provide funds towards the continued running of the Community Association and in doing so provide local people with a fun day out. Every year in September we debate whether we should go ahead with next year's Fayre. As our profits dwindle (we made £5000 in 2002) we will seriously consider alternative fund-raising events to the Fayre. It cost us £4148 to put the Fayre on this year. Maybe something all the businesses in Sedgefield who benefit from the influx of people on Fayre day should ponder is whether it is worth putting a small amount into the sponsorship pot to help keep the event going. The Fayre benefits lots of different groups e.g. Rotary, Round Table, Scouts and businesses so surely we can all work together to make sure that this event continues into the future. *Wendy R Gill, Fayre Chairman*

## Back the Track

I would like to thank people who took time to write to Sedgefield News last month in support of my letter about the foodstore windfall and our quest for an athletics track. Other people of all ages approached me in support and I have yet to hear any dissent. In response the Town Council called representatives of Sedgefield Harriers to a council meeting at which we were able to appraise members of our plans and progress. This has gone some way to correcting the omission of our project from the Annual Report where the Bowling Green project is the only project featured. We stressed that we are not 'anti-bowling green' or any other project that may stand to benefit but we do feel that all projects should be treated equally and on their merits.

We are now working with the Town Council to progress the track project and we will be grateful for their support. At the meeting we were surprised that some council members were not up-to-speed on arguments in favour of a track and this may be the case for others. With the success of the London Olympics fresh in our minds and the desire for a positive legacy we have now set out our case fully (p7. Ed) We hope that you will be convinced to support our campaign to 'Back the Track'.

*Ean Parsons, Sedgefield Harriers*

## Sedgefield Blues club

Our next event after the summer break will feature both the Texan Marcus Malone and his band who is touring the UK, and Dave Arcari, a solo stalwart of the British blues scene. As always it will be an amazing night with two artists of such talent appearing on the same stage: Sat 6th October in your parish hall. Tickets only £12 and real ale only £2 a pint! Tickets at the Post Office or online at Sedgefield Rock and Blues club. Check it out but please get your tickets early.

*With no space left on p6, I can include only very brief news from Sedgefield Harriers this month. Editor*

**9<sup>th</sup> September: Sedgefield Serpentine**  
**16<sup>th</sup> September: The Great North Run**  
**15<sup>th</sup> November: Annual Dinner**

Guest speaker Steve Cram  
**For information, call 07771 828 568 or see [www.sedgefieldharriers.com](http://www.sedgefieldharriers.com)**



## Are you on Facebook? 'Like' our Youth work?

To help raise the profile of youth work in the Sedgefield, Fishburn & Trimdon areas, we have created an official Facebook page, authorised by Durham County Council. We will add all activities available to young people in the area. Please help us spread the word by liking our page in order to share the excellent opportunities available for our young people.



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### Sedgefield Corridor Youth Provision



Find out all about events, activities and trips available to 13-19 year olds in the Sedgefield, Fishburn, Trimdon and surrounding villages.



*Above: relaxing before the flight home*

## Sedgefield Community College, USA Science Trip

Fifteen students, accompanied by three staff, visited Florida in the USA in July for a week long Science Educational Visit, a first for the College. In Orlando, the students investigated ecological diversity at Disney's Animal Kingdom and digital imaging and technology at Epcot. They also studied marine animals at SeaWorld. Further afield, they had lunch with an astronaut at Kennedy Space Center and took part in a close up tour of the facility, where they were very lucky to see the space shuttle Atlantis, which has recently retired after thirty three flights into space. The students also had leisure time in the parks and visited The Wizarding World of Harry Potter and enjoyed local culture. They were excellent ambassadors for the College and our local area and everyone involved had a wonderful time. After such a successful trip, the college will certainly consider the possibility of repeating the trip to Florida for students in future years.

## Ceddesfeld Hall Pre-School children enjoy a party

to celebrate the 700th Anniversary of Sedgefield's market charter. "We involve children in lots of other fun activities. If you would like to find out more, please contact me, Barbara Hobson, on 01740 620934"



## Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel



On Friday 20th July Ken Saiger (Chairman) and David Hillerby (Vice Chairman) attended both Primary Schools in Sedgefield to present the Alan Sowerby Awards, which are presented in Memory of the Chairman of Neighbourhood Watch who died in Office in January 2002. It is presented to one pupil from each school, who staff consider to have been the most helpful, both in the school and the community in which they live.

At Hardwick Primary the award went to Abigail Hand. The Deputy Head, Mrs Sarah Guest said "Abigail is an outstanding pupil in so many ways. She is a valued member of the School Council and as part of this role has been involved with the interview process for the recent appointment of the new head teacher. She consistently responds with maturity and sensitivity towards the people she works with and is an inspiration to all who know her"

At Sedgefield Rectory Row Primary the recipient was Ryan Stewart. Head teacher Mrs Andrea Cox said "We have chosen Ryan. He is a lovely boy who always thinks of others and is a good friend and supporter of his classmates on an everyday basis. He is involved in lots of after school and community groups, especially playing music."

*Ken Saiger took the photos and David Hillerby made the presentations.*



*Abigail Hand, winner of the Alan Sowerby Award at Hardwick School. and below: Award winner at Sedgefield Primary, Ryan Stewart*

## PC Todd

Vehicle crime is on the increase around the area. Don't make it easy for these people to take your property. Lock your vehicle doors. Recently, a resident had a laptop and mountain bike taken. Other crimes reported include the theft from a garden of a 3 ft high blue marble effect ornament and a mountain bike taken from front street.

## P.A.C.T. priorities

Complaints about speeding and manner of driving between single flow chicanes on Durham Road.

## Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently at the Nag's Head. Members decided to give one male an indefinite ban from all member premises because of his deliberate and criminal actions whilst serving an extended ban for similar unacceptable behaviour.

## Jottings from Sedgefield Residents' Forum

There was no meeting in August but here are a couple of updates and reminders.

There seems to have been confusion over the new parking times in the village centre, Durham County Council (DCC) state that waiting times have not changed. However, we would still urge caution as the new traffic wardens will be very vigilant with fines. We are told that £25 fines are already being issued at Hardwick Park.

DCC have, again, ignored the views given by our community on further housing development in the village. You will remember that DCC said we should have 300 new homes; local opinion said this was too many – so what do DCC do – without any further consultation or explanation they have increased the number to 450!! DCC are in consultation with several developers who want to build in areas of the village – we understand some of these proposed plans will not only be for a large a number of houses but will also have impact on the visual approach to the village.

There will be further consultation events in the village in September on the housing development issue, please watch out for dates and get along to give your views. It is in the interest of our whole community to protect our village. The Forum is still pursuing the Section 106 monies owed to our village, and hopefully we will have some news for our next meeting. See Diary page.



## Telephone contact numbers

**Local Police: 101** (Try to keep notes & get an incident number). Calls are 15p

**Durham County Council Wardens:**  
0300 123 70 70

**Community Liaison Officer,**  
**Neil Langthorne: 01325 742755**

**Crime Prevention Officer,**  
**Mark Pheasant: 01325 742714**

**Sedgefield Town Council: 621273**  
**Community Lawyers: 07899 022 133**

## Spitfire on the Green event a joy for Burma veteran

After the triumph of the Sedgefield Veterans special events on the weekend of 21st/22nd July, Sedgefield News received a long letter from Mr L.T. Butler. There isn't room to print his three pages, but I hope he and his wife won't mind our summarising it.

Their daughter had made sure they got up to the village for the day, knowing that they would find themselves reliving their young lives; the music they danced to 70 years ago: the wartime equipment (an Enfield rifle with cup discharges on the end brought back a flood of memories); the way they had to cope in the jungle with fairly primitive arms, and being saved by the bravery of a colleague who was posthumously awarded the Military Medal. So much to think about!

An extra treat was meeting up with an old friend - John Hill - who was married at the same time as the Butlers and had been in the same camp with 565 Searchlight Battery from 1941 to 1944, before they were sent in different directions, to serve in Europe in Mr Hill's case, and in South East Asia, in Mr Butler's.

Enjoying the day reminded them of the welcome home party thrown in the Parish Hall in 1946 by Mr Alf Wilkinson, for returning servicemen!



## Electricity Generation: Future Supply

**Solar Flair '11 @ NETPark: by science correspondent, Jon Reeve**

I attended Solar Flair '11 last autumn, a NETPark organised conference to enable north-east high-tech businesses to share information on the latest devices that generate electricity from sunlight (solar photo-voltaics, made from the same materials as computer chips and sold as solar PV). We heard that in the UK, average electricity usage per household is 500W, whereas sunlight falling on standard UK household roofs averages 7,500W. Clearly the potential for electricity generation from household and commercial property roofs is enormous.

Numerous solar PV technologies are being researched and improved around the world and the race to reach price parity with electricity produced from fossil-fuels is intense and has been going on for many years. The consensus at the conference was that the target would be reached well before the end of this decade. Cheap-to-produce electricity is close.

Unfortunately there is a big obstacle in the way of achieving zero CO<sub>2</sub> emitting electricity generation. Solar PV like all renewable energy is a highly variable energy source and our National Grid, which transports electricity around the UK, is based on a decades old technology that cannot use these 'intermittent' sources.

Universities are putting a lot of effort into researching next-generation National Grid technologies that can use 'intermittent' sources. The front-runner is called 'Smart Grid'. The principle is that demand in electricity is matched to the variable supply.

Electricity storage technologies are being developed which would be complementary to the Smart Grid, enabling electricity to be stored for when demand is high. Renewable energy will finally come into its own when the next -gen National Grid is built, but this is some decades away.

There has been much debate about how to keep the UK's lights on while the new grid is designed and built. The vast majority of scientists argue that the electricity generation technique with by far the smallest potential for human deaths over the next century is nuclear power. It has a very bad name since Fukushima and Chernobyl, but in terms of safety the statistics gathered from around the world are clear - nuclear power is much safer than the majority of other technologies. Even coal plants release more radiation (embedded in the coal) than nuclear power plants. A telling statistic from the Fukushima disaster is that not one person died from radiation poisoning.

For many years green activists told us we must de-technologise in order to save the environment from us humans. That story is beginning to change. Leading green thinkers and scientists are saying that the Earth's environment is not under threat; in a battle between humans and the environment, Earth would win hands down every time. The story now is that in order to save millions of human lives (particularly in the developing world) from a rapidly evolving environment we need to cut pollution such as CO<sub>2</sub> by improving technology so that it better 'fits' with nature. If building new nuclear plants is politically impossible, the next best option is to switch from coal to gas fired power stations. That will probably require the controversial fracking method imported from America so that we have new gas supplies. Not only do green activists oppose nuclear power, they also oppose new gas power stations and fracking. It leaves one wondering what they are in favour of.

All this may leave some readers wondering where wind turbines and solar PV fit in. While there is some green benefit to these technologies in terms of reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, arguments for or against are not clear-cut. Green activists may argue that if you oppose wind turbines or solar PV panels you are being anti-green, but I would argue that that is too simplistic.

But of course we are all concerned about the future we leave to our grandchildren and their descendents. One definitely green course of action that individuals can take is to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with heating your household. Better insulation and high-efficiency gas boilers can dramatically cut your household's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions – and save money to boot. Unfortunately the up-front cost of these improvements can make them impossible to implement, which is where a specially designed Government scheme can come in handy. Called the Green Deal, it will pay the up-front costs of energy-efficiency home improvements and levy a small charge on your energy bills to pay off the loan. The beauty of this scheme is that the extra charge on your bill is more than compensated for by the savings from decreased energy usage. In essence you can cut your household CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and your energy bills without having to find the money to pay for the home improvements.

So if you're worried about your grandchildren's future or your current household budget, the Green Deal could be for you. Now that is something green activists should be shouting from the rooftops.

## University of the Third Age (U3A)

If you're not in full-time work, enjoy socialising and would like to share interests and knowledge with other people in informal surroundings, come along to the friendly monthly meetings of Sedgefield and District U3A. We meet in the Parish Hall at 2pm on the first Friday of each month and have speakers on a wide variety of interesting topics, such as health, education, politics, religion, science, the arts, hobbies and many more. We encourage U3A members to establish smaller Interest Groups who meet regularly to focus on shared interests.

New members are very welcome. See p.11 for our September meeting and for further information, contact Ray Manning: 629276 or email: sedgesec@yahoo.co.uk

### Trafalgar Dinner

**Saturday 20th October  
in Ceddesfeld hall**

7pm for 7.30 pm. Drinks, choice of main courses & puds, cheeses & biscuits, coffee & mints; themed displays, discourses & ditties, all for £16! For tickets call 620607, 620206 or the Town Council Offices

**A "Sedgefield 700" event**

**Mordon & Bradbury Village Hall**

### Clairvoyance Evening

**Friday 28th September at 7.30pm**

Tickets £5 from Wendy on 01388 720677. Limited to first 50 tickets  
Bring own drinks and nibbles

### Sedgefield Veterans

**Band Concert in St Edmund's on  
Saturday 22nd September.**

*See Diary page for details*

# SPORTS UPDATE

with Sports Editor, **Chris Lines**

I suspect the memories of London2012 will linger long. I won't try to pinpoint a single highlight, but, suffice it to say I, my family and friends, enjoyed every minute (apart from the men's cycling road race!) and I know we are far from alone. Summer drawing to a close inevitably means that football is back on the sporting menu with a vengeance. I wonder if our supremely well paid Premier League players will have learned anything from the honest endeavour of the Olympians. There was a distinct lack of bad behaviour and histrionics (from competitors and fans alike) during the Olympics, something the top tiers of professional football could learn from. And I suspect that they're about to get another stunning lesson from those participating in the Paralympic Games, which start around the time you read this. Another fantastic spectacle is on the cards, with Great Britain's athletes striving to match their achievements from four years ago in Beijing, when they finished second in the medals table.

We reckon that at least 200 youngsters took part at some point during our own Village Games. So far, over 80 gold medals have been presented, along with 7 silver, 17 bronze & 17 certificates. It's not too late to claim medals or certificates - contact ean2005@hotmail.co.uk or snhill@btinternet.com. The Sedgefield Village Games are a great example of how a community can create its own legacy for the Olympics & Paralympics, and help achieve the promise to "inspire a generation". London 2012 will soon be behind us, but I think it's safe to say we haven't seen the last of the Village Games.

## Sedgefield District Rugby Club

September sees the start of Sedgefield District Rugby Club's 2012/13 campaign. The club's summer activities have gone very well, with boxing training running throughout the summer, and excellent pre-season training, seeing a great turn out from players looking to contribute to a fit team for this season.

Off the pitch, the club was proud to support the Sedgefield Village Games, hosting a very successful session for the village's youngsters, which garnered a lot of interest in the rugby club and bodes well for the future. We will include regular updates from the club throughout the season.

Meanwhile, the first fixtures of the season follow and all support will be welcome at your local rugby club: September 1<sup>st</sup> Richmondshire (away); 8<sup>th</sup> Yarm (A); 15<sup>th</sup> Seghill (A); 29<sup>th</sup> South Tyneside College (H).

Visit [www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefielddistrictrugbyclub](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefielddistrictrugbyclub) for more information.

## Sedgefield Cricket Club

After actually being allowed, by the weather, to play a few weeks of sustained cricket, everything (touch wood) looks rosy for the senior teams at Sedgefield Cricket Club. The 1st XI sit in mid table of the ECB Premier League with only three defeats all season. That solid position is thanks to their latest victory away at Stokesley, which saw a six wicket haul from Mohammed Zahid, an unbeaten century from Steven Naylor and a last ball six from 16 yr old James Bell to win. The 2nd XI sit proudly at the top of their division having won all of their league games. Mal Dickenson, Pete Ravis, John Cavanagh and Luke Henderson are among those who have scored heavily with the bat, while Phil Heslop, Keiran McAdam and Jonathon Clark have performed well with the ball.

In the Sunday division, the youthful 3rd XI also sit at the top of the division and look set (still touching that wood) for promotion after recent victories over Saltburn, Bishop Auckland, Blackhall and Norton. James Kemp, Chris Henderson, Connor Whitlock and Charlie Pearson have all been star performers.

## Cycling

Well established local cycling club Ferryhill Wheelers has just completed its summer series of Thursday evening 10k time trials, which follow a course that starts from Old Stockton Road. Anyone could enter and test themselves against the clock. There's been no sign of Bradley Wiggins this summer (he's been fairly busy elsewhere apparently), but there have been some impressive performances, including that of 16 year old Ben Hetherington from Sedgefield (photo by Ian Dunn), who finished third in an open 10k time trial, in a very experienced field of riders. Look out for more from Ferryhill Wheelers in future sports updates.



## Over 40s Football

Trimdon Veterans over 40s football team have recently made the switch from Trimdon Community college to Sedgefield Community college, as a result of the demise of Sedgefield's over 40s team. The team would like to thank the college, along with Graham of the Golden Lion for his excellent post match hospitality. Matches kick off at 10:30am on a Saturday morning - if you would like to go along and support the veterans, you will be very welcome. More details on [www.pitchero.com/clubs/trimdonveteransfc](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/trimdonveteransfc)

## Badminton

Badminton is one of the great racket sports on offer in Sedgefield. A very social group meets to play on a weekly basis at Sedgefield Community College. It's a fast moving game and a great way to get active and fit. New players are always welcome - call Jeff Wragg on 622711 for more details.

There's brief Harriers news on page 2, but that's all for this month. As ever, send all your sports news to **chrisjlines@aol.com**

## Sedgefield Community College Association

has a range of facilities that allow it to play host to a multitude of sports and other activities. Since the new build we have gained a very diverse collection of activities that we can offer to all parts of the community.

### Just look at this list!

The North East Bulls Wheelchair Rugby Club, Boccia Durham, Sedgefield Harriers, Sedgefield Badminton Club, Sedgefield Junior Badminton Club, Yoga, Pilates and Zumba. Add the Martin Gray Football Academy, The FA Tesco Skills Centre, Victoria Brown's Dance Academy, Karate and the Sedgefield Community College Association Bowls Club and you are looking at a huge range of possibilities for fun and fitness.

The well equipped Fitness Gym is open to the public during the opening hours listed below. It is a friendly atmosphere where anyone is welcome to try the facilities for a great price of £15 a month (Standing Order) or £4 per visit (concessionary rates for under 16s & over 60's), so why not book an induction with our **QUALIFIED GYM INSTRUCTOR?** We are always looking to cater for new bookings, whether it be a small football match with friends or a growing sports club looking for a new home. Get in touch now and our friendly staff will answer all your questions. Just call

**01740 625300 option 3 or email  
SCCA@durhamschools.org.uk**

### Opening times

**Monday -Thursday: 5pm - 9:30pm**

**Friday: 5pm - 9pm**

**Weekend: 10am - 1pm**



## Sedgefield in Bloom

Bloomers' work doesn't finish after the judging. They ran a stall at Sedgefield Show, selling plants and other merchandise, as well as raising awareness of Bloom activities. A few days later, on a regular Wednesday morning task day, a group of six weeded, pruned and tidied up at Jubilee Gardens on the corner of The Lane. This attractive little garden would benefit from more frequent maintenance and development. The team would be glad to hear from keen gardeners (or willing amateurs) living on the Trees Estate, who may be interested in setting up a neighbourhood group devoted to the care of Jubilee Gardens. This would, of course, be in addition to maintenance work such as grass cutting, for which livin is responsible. If you would like to help, ring 620091, email [norma@neal.myzen.co.uk](mailto:norma@neal.myzen.co.uk) or call in at the council offices.

*Vee Cooper & June Ralphs manning the stall at Sedgefield Show*



## The case for an athletics track in Sedgefield

In his letter to Sedgefield News in June, Sedgefield Harriers chair Ean Parsons asked that projects in need of funding and support in Sedgefield be considered on their merits. Now, in his own words for Sedgefield News, Ean outlines the case for the track.

"Some may consider an athletics track in Sedgefield to be a 'narrow' project with limited appeal, but this is not the case as many facts illustrate. Lack of youth provision has long been an issue in Sedgefield; Sedgefield Harriers attract over 150 local children from ages four to 16, with waiting lists for all groups. Sport gives young people a sense of responsibility and self-confidence and involves them in exercise and a positive attitude to health that stays with them for life.

"The North East is an area with specific health issues, including obesity and respiratory problems. Sport helps to tackle these problems and others, including heart disease and mental health issues. A track would also provide access for disability sport.

"Sedgefield is short of social infrastructure. Sports facilities have been on the agenda for many years. A track would provide the opportunity to address this. The likely growth of housing in Sedgefield in the next twenty years (see the County Strategic Plan) will demand an improvement in sports and social facilities. An athletics track fits with the County Sports Strategy for outdoor sports facilities. Sedgefield Community College – a specialist sports college – will benefit greatly from an athletics track, and there are precedents for school based athletics facilities in places like Guisborough.

"The first phase of development would be the installation of an athletics track. This would be followed by the provision of throws and jumps provision. The long-term project is to add changing facilities for use by the college and sports clubs, and a club house for use by all community based sports clubs in Sedgefield.

"Athletics is not solely for young people, nor is it solely for competitive athletes. Many current members of Sedgefield Harriers are older recreational runners who run for fitness and health. With an aging population this is a trend that is expected to continue. A track will provide a facility for older people to use for physical exercise in a discreet and supportive environment.

"Sedgefield Harriers is currently UK Athletics Club of the Year in recognition of training, coaching and development. The club is the number one priority supported club in the North East for England Athletics, which means England Athletics provides resources and support to the club and its coaches with the expectation that the club will produce leading athletes in the future.

"All of this means that there is a unique opportunity for the town council to support the club in producing a national standard athletics club in Sedgefield. It is not inconceivable that the Sedgefield vest will be seen competing at national and international events. Imagine that.

"One of our local councillors was heard to say that with commitment similar to that given by Gateshead Council we could have another Gateshead Harriers in Sedgefield. In the year of the London Olympics we have the opportunity to establish a real legacy here in our community. The volunteers are in place, the club is in place, the coaches are in place, the will and vision is in place, all that is needed now is the commitment and support to make it happen."

## Prizes & Farewells from Carmel College & SLYC

Tim Jasper won the George Lee Shield for music for the third time, having recently sat Grade 8 trumpet, to add to previous successes on 'cello and piano. Josephine Humphrey was rewarded for her contribution to the Music Dept.

Ciaran Jasper & Georgina Letts jointly won the Richard Lally Shield for Achievement in Adversity, for keeping up with school work, following successful operations to correct scoliosis. Martin Worthington from Fishburn won the Prize for Cricket at the Sports Presentation Evening.



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*Ciaran, Josephine & Tim 'singing in the rain' with SLYC for Princess Anne.*

*Josephine and Tim were awarded leavers' gifts at their final concert with SLYC in Ceddesfeld Hall.*

## Biggest & best! Sedgefield Show achieves record crowd

Organisers of the 159<sup>th</sup> show believe they have lived up to their promise of putting on the biggest show yet.

Large crowds turned out on Saturday with the number of entries in the various competitions at a new high.

The weather allowed people to soak up the sunshine and enjoy a relaxing day at a traditional country show.

Locals and visitors from afar came to support the event which themed the jubilee celebration, Olympics and Sedgefield 700 market charter.

The show day free prize draw was won by: 1st prize Cass Brannen, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Victoria Harrison and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Andrea Colin.

My sincere thanks to everyone who did attend, especially to all our sponsors that help make it possible for the society to produce such a great event. Most of all I would like to give a big thank you to all the willing helpers that give their support to make this event successful.

*Ian Mason, Show Chairman*

## Appeal from Fishburn charity walkers

Sarah and I are taking part in the Jane Tomlinson 'Walk for All' event in the Lake District on September 9th, doing a 13 mile sponsored walk for our charities - Joining Jack and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Joining Jack is a charity set up by 4 year old Jack's parents to raise funds and awareness of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Jack has recently been diagnosed with the fatal condition.

Great Ormond Street really needs no introduction. We would be grateful for any sponsors - no matter how much - as every penny counts for these great charities. If you would like to sponsor

us please visit

[www.justgiving.com/jayne-moyle](http://www.justgiving.com/jayne-moyle) or [www.justgiving.com/sarah-moyle0](http://www.justgiving.com/sarah-moyle0).

There are still places if anyone wants to put on their walking shoes with 4,5, 13 & 18 mile routes available. Check out [www.forallevents.co.uk](http://www.forallevents.co.uk).

*Thanks, Jayne Moyle*



# September Events Diary

## Scarecrow Festival

**Saturday 1st & Sun 2nd September**  
Local Groups & Butterwick Hospice

## Sedgefield Farmers' Market

**Sunday 2nd September**  
On the village green

## Eddies@4

**Sunday 2nd September**  
Informal service for 2-6 year olds  
4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's  
Contact J Rowsby, 621125

## Residents' Forum

**Monday 3rd September**  
7pm, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall

## Local History Society

**Monday 3rd September**  
7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall  
Liz Lowry on  
"The Golden Age of Cuthbert & Bede"

## Methodist Wives & Friends

Monday 3rd September: Social night  
17th September: History of Boyes Shop

## Sedgefield Gardening Club

**Tuesday 4th September**  
7.30pm at Ceddesfeld Hall  
Spain - by Dr Alan Pearson  
All welcome

## Sedgefield WI

**Wednesday 5th September**  
7.15pm in the Parish Hall  
"Poems what I wrote - humorous tales of life in Lanchester" by Joyce Wilson  
Members' competition: a favourite joke  
Harvest Bring & Buy, soup & roll (don't forget bowl & spoon)  
Visitors always welcome - fee £2.50 includes refreshments

## Sedgefield & District U3A

**Friday 7th September**  
2pm in the Parish Hall  
"Cycling for Cancer Support - Crossing the USA by Bike" by Peter Howe BEM  
Visitors Welcome. For details, phone Ray Manning - 629276

## Sedgefield Social Club

**Sat 8th Sept:** Joe Christie, vocalist  
**Sat 15th Sept:** Amy Lauren, vocalist  
**Sat 22nd Sept:** Elise, Vocalist  
**Sat 29th Sept:** Olivia, Vocalist  
Saturday cover charge £1.50 per person  
Members & guests welcome  
**Wed 26th September:** Folk night  
Singers, Musicians, Members & their guests welcome: No cover charge  
**Mon 24th September: Country Night**  
with Brian Gibson. Cover charge £3 pp.  
All welcome. Concert Room available for functions. Tel: 01740 620591 to book

## NECP Concertina Workshop

**Sundays 9th & 16th September**  
1pm Ceddesfeld Hall. All levels welcome.  
Contact 01642 588197

## Sedgefield Drama Festival of One Act Plays

in the Parish hall at 7.30pm  
**Monday 10th-Saturday 15th Sept**  
Tickets £6, concessions £5  
Season tickets £25, £20 from Tickety-Boo, council offices or 620091 or 621771

## Ladies' Club

Tuesday 11th September, Social night  
25th September. Michael Pullen

## Sedgefield Show

**Thursday 13th September**  
8pm in the Nag's head

## Country Market

**Friday 14th September**  
Parish Hall 9.30 -11am  
Tea, Coffee, cakes, cards, gifts & plants

## Sedgefield Village Veterans

**Saturday 22nd September**  
Concert in St Edmund's Church at 6pm,  
with **Trimdon Concert Band**  
Tickets £5 from STC office or at the door

## September in the Library

**'Using computers for everyday life'**  
- in association with Age UK  
Thursdays 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th  
from 10:30am - 12:15pm  
Drop in & drop out learning for over 50s and carers. Please book your session.  
Call Library on 01740 620103  
**Craft Club:** 10am-12pm  
Tuesdays 4th & 18th  
**Book Circle:** 2pm, Wednesday 19th  
Book title available at library

## Family History Society

(branch of CFHS)  
**Monday 17th September**  
7.45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall  
"Dear Mam ... love Robert" - a pitman writes home from the Western Front.  
by Martin Bashford. Visitors always welcome. For more info tel. 620367 or visit [www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.org.uk](http://www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.org.uk)

## Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club

**Tuesday 18th September**  
7.30pm in the Parish Hall  
"Enthralled by Nature" - Kathleen Marlor, Northumberland & Durham demonstrator  
All welcome

## Macmillan Cancer Support

**BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING EVENT**  
**Friday 21st September**  
9.30-11.30am, Fletcher Room, Parish Hall. Tea, Coffee, Scones, Cake stall etc. and a chance to meet up with friends

## Sedgefield in Bloom & STC

**A Country & Western Fun Evening**  
Dancing to live music in the Parish Hall  
**Saturday 22nd September**  
Tickets £8 inc. pie & peas, from council office: 621273 Bring own drinks/glasses.  
Country & Western dress optional

This service is free to non-commercial organisations

## SPYS

Sedgefield Players Youth Section resumes on **Sunday 23rd Sept** at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall

## Sedgefield Wildlife Group

**Thursday 27th September**  
7.45pm Parish Hall. Details TBA.  
Contact is Steve Ashton, 01287 636382  
[sashton@teeswildlife.org](mailto:sashton@teeswildlife.org). All Welcome

## Regular Events

### Bridge Club

Meets every Sunday & Tuesday at 7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall. Beginners welcome. For more information call Jen - 01740 620434

### Winterton Wayfarers

Walking Group - Weekly Sunday walks, from 5 - 10 miles. Contact 620034 or 620434

### Community College Bowls Club

Meets Mondays, 6 - 8pm  
Carpet Bowls or Short Mat.  
Individual coaching available. No age limit.  
For more information call J. Kinghorn, 623198

### Sedgefield Carpet Bowls Club

Meets every Tuesday & Thursday mornings 8.30 - 12.00 in Ceddesfeld Hall. Tea, coffee, conversation & healthy exercise. Beginners welcome. For more info call Sheila on 622532

### Sedgefield Pop In Club

for the elderly & disabled at Ceddesfeld Hall  
Join us for Tea or Coffee and biscuits on  
Tuesdays 9.30 - 12; Wednesdays 10 - 12.30  
Thursdays 1 - 3.30

### Sedgefield Playgroup

Methodist Church, Mon-Thurs 9:15-11:45.  
Spaces for children 2+ years Contact 620923

### Sing for Health

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1pm  
in the Methodist Church Hall

### Sedgefield Handbell Ringers

Wednesdays 7.45pm Ceddesfeld Hall  
(First week of month - Monday)  
Beginners welcome, contact 621292

### Rotary Club of Sedgefield

Wednesdays 7.15pm, Nag's Head  
New members welcome.  
Call 629070 or 620562

### Round Table

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

### Ceddesfeld Hall Art Group

Small, friendly group: 10-12 noon, Thursdays

### Café@St Catherine's

Friendly chat & Fishburn gossip! Fridays  
9.30am-12noon: Tea/coffee/ toast & chat

### Ready Steady Grow

At Sedgefield Methodist Church., term time  
Fridays, 9.30-10.30am. For Parents, Carers & Children. Crafts, Songs, Bible stories, Refreshments. Call Margaret Glass; 621618

### Lyrics Choirs

Both choirs welcome new members  
on Fridays in Ceddesfeld Hall:  
Youth Choir, 8-18yrs at 6pm; Adults at 7.30pm



# YOUR Letters

## Thanks to all at Hardwick School!

May I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the Governors, staff, parents and children of Hardwick School for my wonderful gifts and best wishes and for making my last day at school so special! I was very touched by the tributes made during my 'This is Your Life' assembly and will cherish the memory and my 'Red Book', forever. I have always felt very privileged and lucky to be able to do the job I enjoy in a lovely school, surrounded by enthusiastic, hard-working, dedicated colleagues. I would like to thank especially, the past head teachers with whom I have worked closely. The late Sandra Morris, Gill Coulson, Linda Johnston and more recently Mike Grainger and Sally Newton, have all supported and inspired in equal measure. I have learnt so much from all of them over the years. I will miss the children, for their humour, their enthusiasm to learn, their conversation, their ability to challenge and for the way their progress simply makes everything so worthwhile!

I am looking forward to being a little 'less busy' and spending more time on favourite hobbies and pastimes as well as playing with my grandson. So THANK YOU again to everyone, and best wishes Hardwick, for many, successful, outstanding years to come!

*Sarah Guest*

## Barbara's retirement thanks

After 30 years in business, I have decided to hang up my scissors and retire, as of September 1st. I wish to thank Jeanette, Paula, past staff, family and clients for their support in what has been a wonderful and fulfilling experience. I have really enjoyed the journey; the laughs, the good times, even the sad times are all treasured memories, for which I have all of you to thank. I hope the salon has always generated a feel good, family and friendly atmosphere and I hope you will all keep in touch and continue to support Jeanette in the years to come. Thank you all.

*Barbara - A Cut Above*

## Response to August letter

Re "Medieval Fayre Committee", Chris seems to miss the point completely. The sole purpose of the Fayre, is to raise money for the SCA. Money which goes to support the various sections and to run and maintain Ceddesfeld Hall. To this aim a significant number of people give freely of their time and effort. Namely the committee who plan and organise events. There are those who circulate proclamations and books of raffle tickets to SCA members. There are teams that go out each evening of the week prior to the event collecting. A special mention here should go to Gary Jacobs who provides his van his time and fuel to support this exercise. Add to these the army of helpers who sort through the donations in readiness for the various stalls and those who man the stalls on the day. Finally the generosity of the residents of which there are many, who give willingly. None of the aforementioned receive any gain whatsoever from their contribution. However, those who do benefit from the event are the commercial outlets. In particular those located in the centre of the village. Some do contribute and I am sure that such donations are greatly appreciated. Unfortunately there are others who see significant financial benefits from the large number of visitors attracted by the event yet simply refuse to make any contribution. C'mon Chris - where is the JUSTICE in that?

*Ivan Porter*

## A bit of a moan!

I took my grandchildren to Hardwick Park this week, and it happened to be the first time I had been since the parking charges came into force. Concentrating on toddlers (as you do), I completely forgot to pay. Result - a £25 fine. My fault, I know. But I wonder how many other people have been caught out that way? I personally did not campaign against the parking charges because I don't mind paying £2 a visit to help finance the brilliant facility that we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep. I wouldn't mind *quite* so much about the fine if I thought Hardwick Park would get the money, but I'm sure it won't! I can't help thinking that it would have been a nice gesture if, instead of a £25 fine, first offenders just got a warning. Oh well. I've paid up, and I won't forget again!

*Judith Edgoose*

## Who wrote the letter signed "The Original Bus Stop Boy"?

Whoever you are, thank you very much for writing. Unfortunately you didn't give me a your name & address which means I am unable to print it - it's just the rules! I won't put your name in print if you don't want me to, so please get in touch again so we can include your letter in October. *Editor*

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## Further notices from Dr Jones & Partners

### Did Not Attend (DNAs)

Each month there are approximately 230 appointments which go to waste because patients who booked appointments fail to attend (DNA). This is an enormous waste of clinical and administrative time. Please help us to help you by always cancelling an appointment you are unable to attend or no longer need; we are then able to offer this appointment to another person in need. It is our practice policy to monitor all cases of patients not attending appointments and we have been exploring various options to reduce the number of DNAs with our Patient Group. Patients who repeatedly fail to attend appointments and do not contact the surgery in advance will be sent a letter reminding them to cancel appointments they no longer require in advance and asking if there are specific problems preventing them from letting us know. Now we have changed our computer system we will also look into systems of sending text reminders to patients however if anyone has any alternative suggestions please let the Practice Manager know on 01740 620300.

### Change of computer system

We would like to thank our patients for their patience and understanding while we recently changed over from one computer system to another. It was greatly appreciated by the Partners and staff. We are still getting to grips with the new system and if there are any issues they are being resolved as they arise, however if anyone has any questions or queries about the new system please contact our Assistant Practice Manager on 01740 620300.

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