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Sedgefield NEWS

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Gemma Hill, Victoria Sirrell & Harriet Wall about to embark on their trip

A Jamboree for three (plus another thousand or so!)

Three Sedgefield Guides had a once in a lifetime opportunity this summer, to represent village and country at an International Jamboree. Gemma, Victoria and Harriet, from 1st Sedgefield Guides, joined around 20 guides from County Durham and Darlington (the "North East Ninjas" - what would Baden-Powell think!) at the 10 day JamBe 2013 event, which took place in woodlands near the town of Leuven in Belgium.

There they met around 1200 Scouts and Guides from all over the world to take part in activities which ranged from sports to crafts, outdoor skills to international friendship. One highlight was a huge waterworld complex at a local lake.

Evenings were mainly given over to socialising. New friends were made and gifts swapped with scouts and guides from as far away as Israel and Hong Kong as well as all over Europe.

The girls would like to say a massive thank you to all who supported the various fundraising activities held prior to the trip, and also to the leaders of 1st Sedgefield Guides for providing this opportunity and for their ongoing support.

STOP PRESS

SATURDAY 31st AUGUST

Mordon on the Green Table Top Sale will be in the Hall if the weather is unkind. 10am - 12 noon.

Come along, bring your friends and be assured of a warm welcome.

APOLOGY

Sedgefield Smilers

Last month we brought you news of the planned walking weekend to the Peak District in April 2014, but unfortunately the contact details were missed out. We do apologise for this. The weekend is open to members and non members of the walking group. If you are interested, please contact Suzanne on 01429 882250 for more details.

Below:

A very special visitor to Bradbury is captured on camera by John Burrows.



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Britain in Bloom

Judges Jon Wheatley and Brendan Mowcroft were very impressed with their visit to Sedgefield on a beautifully sunny August 6th (in complete contrast to the torrential rain of the day before!) They were particularly pleased to see so much community involvement and partnership, as well as stunning floral displays all around the village. The results will be announced at an awards ceremony in Cleethorpes on October 12th, while Northumbria in Bloom winners are declared at Sunderland's Stadium of Light on September 17th.

The judges with Ian Sutherland and Haydn Neal of Sedgefield in Bloom and Janice Holton, manager of Barclays Bank, who worked in partnership with the Sedgefield in Bloom team to provide a shower of hanging baskets and attractive tubs around the bank sign.



New term - new interest?

Are you interested in brushing up your French conversation skills? Why not consider joining one of our lively classes, held on term time Thursdays (4.30pm - 6pm or 6.30pm - 8pm) in Sedgefield Methodist Church hall?

Our tutor Dominique, a qualified teacher with many years' experience of teaching her native French, originates from the south-west of France, but has lived in England for more than 25 years. We can guarantee anyone joining us in September a very warm welcome.

For more details please contact Dominique Elliott on 07790099110 or dominiqueelliott6hotmail.com (after Aug 30th) or Jean Atkinson on 622202.

Quite a line-up for Players' hit show

Sedgefield Players' recent production of Amanda Whittington's comedy, *Ladies Down Under*, followed the exploits of four friends from Hull, played by Jacqui O'Meara, Sarah Legender, Liz Flanagan and Sarah Atkinson on the trip of a lifetime. The audience went along too, as images of airport, plane, outback, Ayers Rock and Surfer's Paradise beach were projected on to a screen.

Funded by an unexpected big win on the horses seen in the earlier production, *Ladies' Day*, the dream has some nightmare moments, but a great many laughs. A bush fire prevents Jan's boyfriend Joe from meeting them off the plane, aspiring super-model Shelley has a traumatic encounter with a spider in the outback and Pearl keeps her breast cancer diagnosis a secret until the end of the trip. Linda, intent on giving away all her winnings to the hangers-on of her neighbourhood, finds a new side to herself when she (and her friends) join in the fun at the Gay Pride March in Sydney. Drag queens Koala Bare and Bondi Bitch (Ivan Limon and Tom Guest sharing all the male roles) brought the proceedings to a rousing finale with a no-holds barred rendition of the gay anthem 'I am what I am.' Appreciative audiences joined in on all three nights.



Flu Campaign 2013

The increasingly popular flu vaccination "drop in" clinics return this year and Dr Jones & Partners would like to invite their patients to attend. No appointment is necessary and we aim to make having a flu vaccination a quick & efficient experience.

The sessions will run between 9am and 11am on two Saturdays:

Saturday 28th September

at Harbinson House, Sedgefield and Carroll House, Trimdon Colliery

Saturday 12th October

at Harbinson House, Sedgefield and Beveridge House, Fishburn

The free 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, e.g. 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 weakened immune system due to disease or treatment; people living in long stay residential care and carers.

If you haven't attended the drop in clinic in previous years, why not give it a try this year? We look forward to welcoming you at one of the above sessions.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to ring your surgery.

We will be pleased to help.



Ian's big ride

Seen here proudly sporting his Alzheimer's Society cycle top, Ian Clifford embarks on a 230 mile ride from London to Brussels on September 5th, in a bid to raise money for the Charity about which he cares very deeply.

A care home manager, Ian has seen at first hand the devastating impact Alzheimer's disease can have on individuals and families. Helping the Alzheimer's Society is Ian's way of celebrating his 60th birthday and he would be

delighted if readers are inspired to sponsor him! If you would like to donate in person, please address your donation to 15 East Parade, TS21 3AX, or call Ian on 07906 090150. Here is the link you will need to donate online.

www.justgiving.com/Ian-Clifford3

Good luck from us all!

Bon voyage to Dave and Janet Lewis

After living in Sedgefield for thirty nine years Dave and Janet Lewis are spreading their wings and flying off to live in the southern hemisphere.

Their son Michael and daughter Susan Lewis who both attended Sedgefield Community College, emigrated to New Zealand several years ago and, after much consideration, Dave and Janet have decided to move closer to their family which also includes their daughter-in-law Samantha and grand-children Phoebe and Nina.

In earlier years Dave and Janet were very active members of Round Table and Ladies Circle where they formed life-long friendships. Before retiring Dave worked at Hartlepool Power Station and Janet worked in admin at the old Sedgefield Community Hospital. On behalf of all their friends and neighbours we wish them all the very best for their future together in their new home.

Encores for Lyrics' summer concerts!

Sedgefield Lyrics Youth choir and the Lyric Singers had audiences on their feet shouting for more, as their summer show time concert went down a treat. From the Sound of Music to Taylor Swift, from Singing in the Rain to Adele, there was music to suit everyone. SLYC were conducted by Kristen Peacock and Rob Guest, and the senior choir were very grateful to Rob who took up the challenge of conducting the senior choir with only two rehearsals' notice!

It was a poignant concert too, as we said thank you to our accompanist Marjorie Talbot who has supported us for so many years, but is now retiring. Marjorie's commitment and dedication has been invaluable, and we thank her for all the good times we shared and wish her all the best for the future.

The choir returns in September to rehearse for our Christmas concerts (13th & 14th December). For more on the Lyrics choirs, please contact Joan on 01325 317039 or see more about SLYC at slychoir.blogspot.com.

A Diamond Couple



Audrey and Derrick Lofthouse celebrated 60 years of marriage this summer, along with their three daughters, Janice, Anne and Helen, sons-in law, nine grandchildren, family and close friends.

They have lived here in Sedgefield since their marriage on July 4th, 1953 at Holy Trinity Church in Stockton, and have always played an active part in village life.

Derrick's involvement has ranged from involvement in Sedgefield Town Council, the Sedgefield Charities, Pop-in Club and Freemasonry.

Audrey was for many years the school secretary at Rectory Row Junior and Infant School, is a past secretary of Sedgefield Show and "Brown Owl" with the Girl Guides. Together, the couple have shown long-term commitment to St Edmund's Church, Sedgefield Twinning Association and The Lyric Singers.

Reflecting on their long, happy married life, they agree it has been their great good fortune to have lived and raised their family in our lovely village, with so many good friends, and are grateful that they remain relatively fit as they continue life together.

Mayor of Sedgefield, Mel Carr presented flowers on the happy occasion. Thanks to Sedgefield Town Council and to Geoff Hill, who took the photograph.

Sedgefield Village Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel



Home security - a brief reminder

Why bother with all this? Well, here's a message that N/H/Watch members received from Neil Langthorne, our Local Police Liaison Officer on August 15th, about an event none of us wants to experience:

"Overnight on Tuesday 13th August a shed was burgled in Wallington Drive in Sedgefield and a lawn mower and pressure washer stolen. If you have any information which could assist us with this offence, please contact the Police on 101"

In the Garden. Mark valuables with your post code using a simple UV pen, don't leave tools lying around unattended - lock them away out of sight.

Install a low-cost security alarms for your shed & keep it locked.

Door Callers. Trading Standards, Police & N/H/Watch urge everyone not to buy at the door; it is usually a costly exercise! Why not display a No Cold Calling Home sticker and then simply ignore uninvited callers - especially those who ignore your notice. Stickers are still available free from the Town Council Offices.

Walk in Theft. This can happen to the least expecting & often to someone who is usually careful. Police Crime Prevention continually stress the need to keep doors locked or secure even when you are in the house and especially during the fine weather when you might be in & out of the garden; opportunist thieves do operate in our area, as evidenced above.

Our advice is to keep the door chain or door bar on at all times, and do remember, a locked door prevents unwanted visitors. Having a clearly visible deterrent in place really does help to deter the casual thief, who will usually try elsewhere.

Going Away. Try to make the house look occupied as far as possible. Use timers for lights and also for switching a radio on & off. Ask a trusted neighbour or friend to remove mail & papers from the letter box and just keep an eye on the place. A little forethought can save a lot of heartache! It is for your benefit only.

Cycling on footpaths should be child's play

Police & Crime Commissioner, Ron Hogg is urging adult cyclists to be considerate when using public footpaths. Recognising that there are some circumstances where safety cannot be compromised, such as when an adult is cycling with a child, Mr Hogg stressed that we are lucky in County Durham and Darlington to have a wide network of cycle routes in place. "I encourage cyclists to use cycle routes instead of footpaths wherever possible". Information on cycle paths in Durham is available at www.durham.gov.uk

The problem of footpaths being blocked by cars or vans has been raised with the Commissioner by pedestrians who sometimes have to go on the road to get past, which can be especially hazardous for the elderly and disabled, or for those with pushchairs or with children. Drivers are urged to be more safety conscious when parking.

Other road safety issues currently being addressed by Mr Hogg also include tackling careless and dangerous driving, speeding, using mobile phones while driving and other inappropriate behaviour.

PC Todd

Garages and sheds have become the target for nocturnal low life in the areas of Wallington Drive and West End recently, with three crimes in West End and one in Wallington Drive. Lawnmowers, pressure washers, electrical tools and golf clubs have all gone walkabout. Please lock your doors and mark your tools. Let us make it harder for these thieves to take our belongings! Other crimes reported include fencing damaged at the Community college, electrical tools taken from a works van in The Meadows and damage caused to vehicles in Hawthorne Road and Winterton Avenue. Information is requested regarding a dog on dog incident which occurred in the Winterton area on 8th Aug. Two small brown terrier dogs attacked a puppy on a lead causing injury and distress to the owner.

Until next time, Keith

Pub Watch

A meeting was held recently at Ceddesfeld Hall. No incidents were recorded that required further action by members. A vote was taken by members to allow a male back into village licensed premises after serving a ban and on the understanding that he agrees to the rules of the Pub Watch.

P.A.C.T.

No meeting took place this month so the priority remains the same.

Anti-Social behaviour within the village has increased recently in St Edmund's church grounds and Eden Drive near the pond.

The Neighbourhood Police team will continue to target these areas and deal with individuals causing ASB.

For local Police, call 101
CPO Duncan Gill, 01325 742714
Community Liaison Officer,
Neil Langthorne, 01325 742755
Parking Shop 0191 3846633

Sedgefield Residents' Forum Jottings

No scheduled meeting in August so just a few updates from July meeting issues.

As we reported in the last Jottings Hardwick Hall Hotel had applied for a variation to their existing licence to allow for indoor and outdoor film shows on any day throughout the year and also to hold a large outdoor music event, Hardwick Live, once a year, ongoing. The Forum objected to licences being granted on an ongoing basis and requested that permission be given for 'one off' events so that the impact of such events on residents could be considered. Licencing Department at DCC have agreed with this approach so we will see how the large Hardwick Live event impacts on the village before further permissions are given. The outdoor film show of the Lion King did cause considerable noise problems for some residents but DCC turned down the permission for such events although it is understood events can still take place under a Temporary event notice. But as we have said before if you experience any problems please make reports.

The weather has been great lately and the Sedgefield in Bloom gang have certainly done our village proud again, we are awaiting results of the Britain in Bloom later in the year. The Sedgefield in Bloom are a group of volunteers and like many of our organisations in the village need some younger members to take our organisations forward in the future. The Town Council are developing a community engagement and communication strategy, we need YOU, Sedgefield residents of all ages to get involved, it doesn't need to take up much of your time and can be very enjoyable.

Great weekend in August for Sedgefield Agricultural show and Friends of Hardwick Fayre both successful events; there have been many events in our community over the summer (too many to mention) all could not take place without the help and enthusiasm of volunteers - so thanks to all involved.

The Forum has again received funding support from 'livin' housing group. We are very grateful to 'livin' for this support; the Forum does not have many expenses but we do need to cover room hire, photocopying etc. so thanks again to 'livin'.

The next Forum meeting will be on Monday 2nd September at 7pm in the Fletcher Room, Parish Hall.

Everyone is welcome, come along and catch up on things that are happening in our community.

Which hospital - can you solve the mystery?

Margaret Eadsforth of Trimdon Grange sent us this wartime photograph taken at her Grandma's place of work. Annie Storey is marked with a cross, 2nd from right on the 2nd row from the front. It was thought to be at Winterton Hospital but it could be Newton Aycliffe. Please send information to The Editor, 55 White House Dr, Sedgefield, TS21 3BU or email sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com.



September Diary

These pages are free to non-commercial organisations

Sedgefield Library Opening Hours

Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday 10am - 6:00pm
Friday 1pm - 7pm
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm
Tel: 03000 269521
Craft Club: 10am-12pm
Thursdays 1st, 15th, & 29th

New Generation Church

Sundays in September at 11am

1st, 22nd & 29th at Parish Hall
8th & 15th at Community College

Sisters: an event for the Ladies

Friday 27th September
7.30pm at the Parish Hall

Sunday 1st

Farmers' Market

from 9.30am on the Village Green

Monday 2nd

Residents' Forum

7pm in the Fletcher Room

Tuesday 3rd

Sedgefield Garden Club

7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall.

Talk on Garden Birds by Amanda Martin
All welcome

Wednesday 4th

Sedgefield WI

Parish Hall, 7.15pm. "Anglo-Saxon Life" by Niall, Sedgefield Librarian
Members' competition - an item of Celtic jewellery. Visitors always welcome (fee £3.50 includes refreshments)

Friday 6th

Sedgefield and District U3A

2pm in the Parish Hall

A talk from Martin Richardson

"Is Harry Potter relevant?"

Members free, Visitors £2

For details, call Ray Manning, 629276

Sedgefield Folk Festival

Concert with Stockton-Darlington

Ukulele Express & Ceddesfolk. £5.

Festival weekend begins.

All details on opposite page

Sunday 8th

Walkies in the Woods

Butterwick Hospice Event. See opposite

Monday 9th

Sedgefield Drama Festival

Opening night. Find full details on the page opposite.

Sedgefield Social Club Events in September

Saturday 7th: Freddie Waters

Saturday 14th: Maggie Newman

Saturday 21st: Ryan King

Saturday 28th: Debbie

Cover charge £1.50 pp.

Members & their guests welcome

COUNTRY NIGHT

Monday 16th: Artist tbc

Cover charge £3 pp. All welcome.

Concert Room available for functions.

Tel: 01740 620591 for bookings.

Thursday 12th

Sedgefield Show

8pm in the Nag's Head. All welcome

Friday 13th

Country Market

Parish Hall 9.30-11am.

Coffee, cakes, cards, gifts, plants

Monday 16th

Family History Group

(a branch of Cleveland FHS)

7.45pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

Marion Moverley; "Ladies of Letters"

Extracts from diaries & letters of ladies

from the past give a glimpse of their

experience of marriage, child bearing

and work. Visitors are always welcome.

For more information please see

www.sedgefieldfamilyhistory.org.uk or

telephone 620367

Meditation Taster Session

See opposite page

Tuesday 17th

Ferryhill, Sedgefield &

District Flower Club

7.30pm in the Parish Hall

NE demonstrator, Sheila Clark;

"As Summer Fades". Everyone welcome

Friday 20th

Nordic Choral Lights

Concert in St Edmund's Church.

See poster opposite for details.

Saturday 28th

First Flu Vaccination Clinic

Details are on page 3

Edward Roger Place

A Service of Thanksgiving

in loving memory of Roger

will be held at 12 noon on

Saturday 12th October

at St. Edmund's Church, Sedgefield.

All friends welcome at the Church

Regular meetings

NECP Concertina Workshop

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 1pm in
Ceddesfeld Hall. Contact 01642 588197

Eddies@4

4pm, Welcome Room, St Edmund's.

Informal service for 2-6 yr olds.

Contact J Rowsby, 621125

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

Sedgefield Playgroup

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

Fishburn Art Group

Youth & Community Centre, Butterwick Rd
9.30am - 12 noon, Mondays

Community College Bowls

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

Sedgefield Carpet Bowls

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

Tues 9.30-12; Wed 10-12.30, Thurs 1- 3.30

Craft Club

Swinhoe Room, Ceddesfeld Hall

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7.30 - 10pm.

Call J.Easson 620656. New crafters welcome

CAB Advice Sessions

Sedgefield Advice & Information Centre

Fortnightly Wednesdays 10am-1pm

(alternating with Trimdon) Also Fishburn Sure

Start Centre: Fortnightly Fridays 10am-1pm

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.

Round Table

Sporting, social and charitable events.

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays. New members

welcome. Contact Carl on 07775644598

Computers for everyday life

Thursdays 10:30am - 12:15pm

Drop in/drop out learning for +50s & carers
Sedgefield library in association with Age UK

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

Lyrics Choirs

Fridays in Ceddesfeld Hall starting 13th Sept

SLYC 8-18yrs 6pm: Adults 7.30pm

New members welcome.

Sedgefield Folk Festival

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th September

At the time of writing, the evening concerts in the Parish Hall are sold out but there are still a few left for the Saturday afternoon concert with Edwina Hayes, the Tea Cups, John Fyfe and Andy and Jamie McLoughlin and Dan Hands. Tickets are available for the Friday evening concert in Ceddesfeld Hall with the Stockton-Darlington Ukulele Express and Ceddesfolk.

There are many free events including harmony and instrumental workshops at Ceddesfeld on Saturday morning, singarounds at the Social Club led by the Guisborough Friday Club on Friday evening, and Saturday evening at the Golden Lion with Paula Ryan, Paul Pearson & Sarah Dean, three talented musicians from Sheffield. Also there's Saturday evening at Ceddesfeld Hall with the Old Age Travellers.

As usual, the World Spoons Championship will be held on Saturday afternoon at Ceddesfeld, as well as the annual song writing competition. The fun and entertainment for young and old finishes on Sunday in Ceddesfeld with a singaround and free buffet. Full details at www.sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk or call the Festival Office on 621347.

Walkies in the Woods

Sunday 8th September

Butterwick Hospice, Bishop Auckland invite you and your four legged friends to idyllic Hamsterley Forest to walk a specially devised 3 mile route. With activities, advice & stalls running from 10am and a showcase from County Durham based dog training company "Have a Good Dog", it promises to be a lot of fun. Entry is £5 per dog. Organisers would like entrants to raise sponsorship - get friends to give a pooch a pound to complete the route or set up a just giving page. You must register in advance. Call 01388 660644 or email claimcgregor@butterwick.org.uk

Sedgefield Drama Festival of One Act Plays

Monday 9th - Saturday 14th September, 7.30pm, Parish Hall

14 plays from 10 regional groups. Adjudication by Russell Whiteley of GoDA. Tickets £6/Concessions £5. Season Tickets £25/£20 from Tickety Boo or call 621771. For more details visit www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk

Meditation 'taster session'

Monday 16th September

Meditation is a recognised as being beneficial for health and wellbeing, as well as being a spiritual experience. At St. Edmund's we have a regular monthly meditation group and we are holding this taster session for people who are interested in finding out more. Please come and join us.

The church will be open from 6:45, the meditation will be 7 - 7.30pm. Look us up in 'groups' at www.upperskerne.org.uk.

Bring and Buy in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer

Breakthrough.org.uk (registered charity No.1062636)

Parish Hall, Saturday 5th October: 11am - 3pm

We all know someone who has been affected by this terrible disease so please support this vital fundraising event. Stalls will include cakes, jewellery and handbags etc, bottle tombola and also refreshments. Breakthrough Breast Cancer is the UK's leading charity dedicated to research, finding new treatments, discovering the causes, promoting early detection and ensuring the best possible care for women diagnosed with the disease. Breakthrough doesn't just imagine a world free of breast cancer - they are creating it! Please 'Bring & Buy'! Contact Maureen Legender on 621183.

Tastes of October

Dinner in Ceddesfeld Hall at 7pm on Saturday 19th October

Pre & after dinner drinks, choice of main courses & sweets, cheese & biscuits, coffee & mints plus music. A good friendly night out with the SCA; all for £16

Tickets from Pat/Dudley 620607, David/Wendy 620206 or Town Council Offices

Mayor's Annual Charity Quiz

Friday October 25th

7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall

Tickets £5 include Pie & Peas Supper
A very popular event that sells out quickly. Buy your tickets now from the Council Offices

Västerled Chamber Choir of Stockholm, Sweden presents

Nordic Choral Lights

Friday 20th September at 7pm in St Edmund's Parish Church
Admission Free. Donations to the Church Lighting Fund

Swedish folk songs and sacral choral music from Northern European Composers including Mendelssohn, Nystedt & Stanford.

For more information call
Derrick Lofthouse on 01740 620625



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The fourth Ashes Test in Durham couldn't have gone any better really. Compelling cricket, packed stands for every session, favourable weather and (in the end) a win for England that sealed a series victory. It's safe to say that the North East proved to be an excellent Ashes host. With so many Test standard venues in the country these days, it's likely to be a while before Durham stages another England vs Australia five day match, but the memories of this contest will endure.

Cricket

Sedgefield Cricket Club is now into the final few weeks of the season and the 1st XI are battling hard to maintain their premier league status with the team currently just above the drop zone. It will be tough, but with overseas pro Nisal Randika coming into form, recently scoring 90 at current champions Richmond, things look promising. Cull, Randika, Naylor and Hawthorn have bowled well all season and hopes remain high of a strong finish to the campaign. The 2nd & 3rd XI teams are both in mid table positions. Second team captain John Cavanagh leads the way with both bat and ball with three hundreds to his name and he leads the league bowling averages. Graham Hughes has an 81 for the team, while Colin Hartshorn has scored 135 and Luke Henderson 106 for the third team.

The cricket club recently held two very successful events, hosting the John Walker Captains' Cricket Cup and the inaugural Bernard Musgrave Memorial 5-a-side football tournament. Both competitions were very well supported and the club would like to thank all who participated.

Sedgefield Village Games

As hinted a couple of issues ago, Sedgefield Village Games return soon, continuing the legacy of London 2012 and the day the Olympic Torch visited our community. The group that organised the Village Games is keen to build on last year's success and has been working hard to develop a long term initiative for Sedgefield. The Sedgefield Village Games now has a new vision; to support and promote sport in Sedgefield, helping to sustain and grow the village's superb sporting culture and environment. Under the banner of the Sedgefield Village Games (and a striking new logo created by local designer Neil Edmundson of Edmundson Design), the team behind the re-constituted organisation aims to help nurture young sporting talent, providing pathways for the stars of the future. Perhaps one day, we'll have a post box painted gold in Sedgefield following an Olympic Games!

Sedgefield Village Games will also continue to organise events of its own, the first taking place on Sunday 22nd September at the Cricket Club. A free family fun and games afternoon (repeating one of the most successful events of 2012), will follow the Sedgefield Harriers Serpentine race, and will be a great opportunity to make good use of a wide range of sports equipment. 1st Sedgefield Scouts will be on hand with a barbeque and there will be plenty to entertain all ages.

This is just the start of the next phase of the Sedgefield Village Games (SVG) and the committee is keen for as many local people as possible to get involved in future development. One key project being launched is the offer of bursaries to talented young sportspeople in partnership with local sponsors (businesses, individuals or families.) This will provide an excellent opportunity for people to get involved in shaping the career of a talented young sportsperson and play a part in their developing success.

To achieve all this (and much more), the SVG team needs the people of Sedgefield to be involved. If anyone is inspired by the aims of Sedgefield Village Games and would like to be part of this exciting project, or if you know of any potential sporting stars of the future and would like to know more about the bursary scheme, please call SVG chair Ean Parsons on 07771 828 568. More details at www.sedgefieldgames.com, facebook.com/sedgefieldvillagegames and twitter.com/sedgefieldgames.

Swimming

Sedgefield swimmer and athlete Hannah Featherstone recently won a national title, taking gold in the 100m freestyle swimming event at the ASA National Championships in Sheffield. This came hot on the heels of Hannah winning two silver medals and a bronze in team events at the European Youth Olympic Festival in Utrecht, Holland. Hannah is a member of Sedgefield 75 swimming club and is also a leading junior athlete in Sedgefield Harriers. She has already represented Great Britain in modern pentathlon and continues to make fantastic progress in her chosen sports.

Sedgefield Serpentine

The Sedgefield Harriers' annual Serpentine Race will be held on Sunday 22nd September. Starting at Sedgefield Cricket Club, the race follows a scenic 6.5 mile cross country route through Hardwick Park and to Bishop Middleham and back. Advance entry fees are £8 for members of a club and £10 for unattached runners, with prizes on offer in various categories and a free gift for all finishers. The Serpentine is supported and sponsored by Durham County Council, Hardwick Moto X and U Hold The Key. For more details visit the races section on www.sedgefieldharriers.co.uk.



Junior Athletics

The 2013 outdoor track and field season is almost at an end, and what a season for the junior Sedgefield Harriers. August saw the culmination of two Grand Prix series. First, the Young Athletes League, based on a Quadkids format (four events completed by each child; 2 track distances, 1 throwing and 1 jumping event) has completed its five meeting series, in which 55 medals were won by Sedgefield athletes across school years 3,4,5 and 6. Overall, 38 junior Harriers competed in the series, with a total of 248 children from clubs all over the North-East taking part. Points are also awarded for the best performances. The top six point scorers in each age group and gender category were awarded a much sought after Grand Prix trophy. This year Sedgefield athletes won eight of these trophies:

Yr 3 Aimee Graham & Thomas Rowe.

Yr 4 Joseph Scarborough & Dan Buckle

Yr 5 Michael Chilvers & Hannah Scarborough

Yr 6 Sam Woolfall & Aimee Barlow. Dan and Aimee also took first places in their categories.

In the North East Grand Prix series for U13s upwards, Sedgefield was even more successful. 20 juniors and 6 seniors competed and again, the top 6 in each category won a trophy. U13 boys; Robbie Till 2nd place U13 girls; Emma Scarborough, 2nd U15 boy; Rory Fletcher 2nd & Joseph Dredge 3rd

U15 girls; Charlotte Scurr 6th, Lucy Robertshaw 2nd and Kate Carmichael won the category.

U17 girls; Megan Devine 2nd place and Zoe Dobson won the category. All these athletes 'multi-evented' to win medals and Grand Prix trophies, with the juniors outperforming some of the much more established clubs with the quantity of trophies and medals won.

That's all for now. As ever, please send any sports news to chrisjlines@aol.com.

Summertime success

A fantastic summer of achievement for 17 years old Ciaran Jasper started in July when she passed her driving test at the first time of asking.

A pupil at Carmel RC College, Darlington and lead vocalist in local band 'Unplugged', Ciaran was awarded the Sylvia Pursey Trophy (see picture) at the end of term, for being 'Vocalist of the Year' at the College. Shortly afterwards she learned that she had passed her Grade 8 saxophone exam with Distinction, a particularly noteworthy result considering she had to shelve her saxophone lessons for a year, after undergoing 11 hours of scoliosis correction surgery in 2011, when she was advised that the instrument was too heavy around her neck.

In August, for the 6th consecutive year, she attended the National Youth Choir of Great Britain's week long course which culminated in a concert in Oxford Town Hall. Sedgefield Players and Sedgefield Mayor's Charity helped Ciaran with the expense of this prestigious course. Anyone else wishing to help, please call 621771.



Race for Life, Durham. Sponsorship thanks

May I please take up a small space to give a big thank you everyone who sponsored me. We had a good day and to date have raised £510.

Vee Cooper



Sedgefield Show was fertile territory for photographers! This is just one shot - a lovely moment between one man and his horse, caught by Clair Budd.

Your Letters

Congratulations to Sedgefield Hardwick School

Congratulations and very best wishes for the re-launch of Sedgefield Hardwick School in September. Mrs. Sally Newton, headmistress, has succeeded in turning this school around in a very short time. Mrs. Newton and ALL her staff need to be congratulated for their hard work to achieve what they have. The Ofsted report in October 2012, acknowledged that there was an excellent leadership team, following the clear direction and guidance of Mrs. Newton, who is sharply focused on continuous school improvement. They also recognised that the school was happy and harmonious, and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed being at school. They had good, positive attitudes in lessons, displaying an eagerness to learn, in a safe, happy environment.

My personal involvement with the school has been with my 4 year old son, who attended nursery and will start school in September when the school re-launches. He had an excellent introduction to school by excellent nursery staff. Consequently, I have attended several meetings and I've been more than impressed with Mrs. Newton and her staff, and the plans that are in place for Hardwick School. I feel so proud that my son will be attending such a well organised and driven school that intends to provide so many opportunities for all the children. The re-launch is not just a new uniform, it is a whole new ethos. Well done to ALL the staff. You should be proud of yourselves. Thank you! *Mrs Suzanne Coyle Watson.*

Cost of access questioned

I did not attend the recent Residents' Forum meeting but with regard to the East park agricultural access I share both the annoyance and concerns of those who did.

Access to this field was greatly improved only about five years ago when the County Council created a new gateway on the old Station Road west of the cricket field. Even before this gate access to the field had been perfectly adequate for generations of agricultural use.

Bearing this in mind I think the County Council would find it very difficult to justify the cost of this new access to serve the occasional tractor. Nevertheless that is the reason the council has given and it is only fair that it should now be given the opportunity to prove that it is a genuine reason and the project is a necessary charge on the public funds we tax payers provide.

In view of the apparent disdain with which the County Council regards the taxpayer may I ask that the Sedgefield News contacts the County Council and gives it the opportunity to explain its case. Is the 'agricultural access' reason really true? If so why are the other access points now seen to be suddenly inadequate to cope with the occasional tractor? If false why the attempt at deception - what is the council trying to hide? What is the cost of this project and if any income is anticipated from car parking or any other source what is the estimated value of this benefit?

Hopefully the interest of Sedgefield News on behalf of its thousands of readers will encourage the council to be more respectful of the people who fund it.

I. Hunter

This letter has been copied to DCC and they have been invited to respond. Ed

Giving credit where it's due

It was nice to see a picture from the school sports awards presentation in the latest News. However I am very disappointed to find that you could not name Julie-Ann as being the representative from Hays Travel in the photograph.

Julie-Ann has been representing Hays at the awards for the past 10 years and I think it is very poor reporting that you cite her as 'a representative'. There are very few people in the village that do not know her from either booking their holidays in the office or through the school awards.

I would expect at least an apology in the next News along with a brief summary of her fantastic support for the awards and having one of the most polite demeanours in the village.

Nigel Bill

Editor's note

We're very happy to put this lapse right and to give Julie-Ann all credit for her terrific efforts. I'm afraid we can't call our work 'reporting' as Nigel does - production of Sedgefield News, aside from Sport, is done by one volunteer at a desktop! Our 'reporters' are you, our readers, along with any groups, schools, charities, businesses, etc., who get in touch.



A smiling Julie-Ann Humphrey from Hays' Travel, pictured with Callum Johnson, Stephen Miller and Rebecca Hocke, at the 15th Annual Sedgefield Community College Sports Presentation Evening.

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