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SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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Sedgefield Show 2016

The 163rd annual Sedgefield Agricultural Show was held on Saturday 13 August, and was once again a roaring success. Among this year's attractions were Vintage Vehicles and Tractors, Arts and Crafts, a Dog Show, Show Jumping, Trade Stands, Fairground rides, live music and various tents which boasted horticultural products and livestock competitions. This year the show featured over 1000 horses and 900 dogs, as well as cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, pigeons and cockerels.

Show Chairman, Ian Mason, explained that this year's Show was focused on youth, and as such featured activities to engage young people throughout the show. "We want to focus on the Youth because they're the future," said Ian.

There was plenty to keep young people engaged during the show, including competitions hosted by Sainsbury's, animal petting and Fairground rides. In the trade tent, children could listen to stories, design their own pizzas and sample various sweets, all provided by Sainsbury's, partnered with their Charity of the Year, The Ellen Timney Foundation. "This is the third year Sainsbury's has been at Sedgefield Show, and it gets bigger and better each year. This year we are here with The Ellen Timney Foundation, which provides specialist equipment and toys for children. It's all about brand awareness and what Sainsbury's can do for their local community," said Steve Thompson, General Merchandise manager at Sainsbury's Sedgefield.



Photo by Dave Quinn



Photo by Chris Ferguson

One of the core elements of the Show is the judging of produce and livestock, on both showing and working qualities, which was again a prominent feature. Prizes were awarded to the best flowers and vegetables; to the animals that exhibited the best qualities; and to the winners of the various dog and horse shows that took place throughout the day.

"I think it's great that the show takes place in Sedgefield, and I know that people would miss it if it wasn't here," said Gladys Graham, who entered her birds into the Small Livestock competitions. "I compete weekly and Sedgefield Show is a good one to be at," said Mrs. Holmes, owner of the Pyrenean Mountain Dog Lisjovia 'Slick as a Whistle', which won Best of Breed and the Open Class competitions.

Prizes were also awarded to entrants that produced the best quality plants and vegetables, a competition which Phil Goldsborough, a first time entrant, dominated in, winning various awards. "I've staged a few things today and won. It's a great atmosphere. We're in a time where shows like this are dropping like flies, so it's good that Sedgefield continues to support their show."



Time for your Flu Jab! See page 2 for the essential information



Catch up on Kate Carmichael's sporting exploits on Page 10

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Steve's Nature Diary

The natural world month by month

During my lunchtime walk the other week at Margrove Ponds www.teeswildlife.org/nature-reserve/margrove-ponds/ I saw a Kingfisher, the first time for me at that reserve. It wasn't a wonderful view, a blue flash as it disappeared into the distance. This is quite often all you see; a neighbour Margrove Ponds mentioned that they had also had the same experience at Hardwick Park. You quite often hear one before you see it - a short sharp whistle and then it flies off into the distance. For a colourful bird it can be very difficult to see. It perches on branches which overhang slow moving or still water in shallow rivers or streams which are clean enough to support abundant small fish. You must look very closely scanning all suitable branches with binoculars.



Kingfishers eat mainly fish, chiefly minnows and sticklebacks, but they also take aquatic insects, freshwater shrimps and tadpoles to top up their diet. They prefer fish about 23 mm in length, but can handle anything up to 80mm long. Once the bird has located a suitable prey and assessed its depth, it dives. At the entry into the water, its beak is open and its eyes closed by the third eyelid. The bird is effectively blindfolded as it catches the fish. On return to the perch, it repeatedly strikes the fish against the perch to kill it and swallows it head first. Each bird must eat at least its own bodyweight of fish each day.

In February, Kingfishers begin to pair up and both birds excavate the nest burrow in the stone-free sandy soil of a low stream bank, usually about 0.5m from the top. The birds choose a vertical bank, clear of vegetation, since this provides a reasonable degree of protection from predators. The nest tunnel is usually 60-90 cm long, and the 6 cm diameter is only a little wider than the bird. The nest chamber at the end has a slight depression to prevent eggs rolling out, but no material is brought to the nest. 2-3 broods are raised in quick succession, normally in the same nest. The first clutch of 6-7 eggs is laid late in March or early in April. Both adults incubate the eggs, and the chicks hatch 19-21 days later. Each chick can eat 12-18 fish a day, and they are fed in rotation - once a chick is fed, it moves to the back of the nest to digest its meal, causing the others to move forward. The chicks are normally ready to leave the nest when they are 24-25 days old, but if the fish supply is poor, they can take up to 37 days. Once out of the nest, the young are fed for only four days before the adults drive them out of the territory and start the next brood.

To see Kingfishers, you need patience, a bit of luck and to be in the right type of habitat. Try the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust nature reserve by the River Tees – Portrack Marsh or the Durham Wildlife Trusts reserves at Rainton Meadows or Low Barns. For more details, visit www.durhamwt.com/reserves/. Good luck!

Skerne Medical Group Flu Campaign 2016

The increasingly popular flu vaccination drop in clinics return this year and we invite patients to attend one of the following;

Saturday 24th September at Harbinson House, Sedgfield and Carroll House, Trimdon Colliery

Saturday 8th October at Harbinson House, Sedgfield and Beveridge House, Fishburn

All sessions will be open between 9am and 11:30am

The free flu vaccination is available to patients who are 65 years and over (including those becoming age 65 years by 31st March 2017), pregnant women and patients aged from 6 months to less than 65 years of age 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, have a learning disability; diabetes; splenic dysfunction of the spleen; those patients with a weakened immune system due to disease or treatment; people living in long stay residential care home and carers.

As last year the seasonal influenza programme is also extended to all children aged two, three and four years old (but not five years or older) on 31st August 2016 (i.e. date of birth on or after 1 September 2011 and on or before 31 August 2014) and we are planning dedicated sessions in October to offer this vaccination to eligible children – details will be advertised locally and on our website www.doctorsnhs.co.uk and in our surgeries. The vaccine available to children, unless contraindicated, is in the form of a nasal spray rather than an injection, which we are sure will please the children!

No appointment is necessary and we aim to make having a flu vaccination a quick & efficient experience and we're proud to say there have not been any long queues at these sessions over the past two years. If you haven't attended the "drop in" clinic in previous years, why not give it a try and we look forward to welcoming you at one of the above sessions.

If you have any questions or queries please ring your surgery and we will be pleased to assist you.

Alzheimer's Society

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Alzheimer's Society is providing a new free and confidential service in County Durham.

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If you have any questions or wish to use the service, please contact me, Hannah Johnson, Dementia Advisor: Sedgfield. hannah.johnson@alzheimers.org.uk 07484 040 628. Co Durham Locality Office: 0191 389 0400

Green-fingered?

The annual Bishop Auckland Hospital Club Show takes place on Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th September in The Hospital Club, 32A, Escomb Road, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6TZ.

There are 14 Vegetable Classes, 8 Flower Classes, 7 Produce Classes (50p entry fee each); free Children's Novelty Animal & Flower picture classes.

Most classes are open to the public. Entries to be benched between 12.30 and 2 pm on Saturday. Judging follows, and on Sunday at 8 pm all produce will be auctioned and the raffle drawn. There's a bar open too!

Proceeds from auction and raffle will go towards the 2016 charity, Marie Curie, providing end of life care in the area.

Sedgefield Show 2016 (continued from Front Page)

Joint secretaries of the Horticultural Tent, Pat Hull and Ann Mason added: "This part of the show has been very successful for four years, and it gives you such a buzz. It's hard work, but it's satisfying and enjoyable."

Even if the Agricultural aspect of the show did not appeal, there were also other attractions for people to enjoy, such as a collection of Vintage Cars on display, including a classic Mini Cooper, a Triumph Stag, and a Cadillac, among many others. Alan Cansfield, owner of the vintage 1972 Stag, explained that the vintage car part of the show is always popular: "There's vintage cars here every year and just looking at how many people we get stopping by and speaking to us shows how popular they are. The Show is well organised and you can see by the traffic how busy it gets."

Sedgefield once again enjoyed a successful Show, and there is no doubt that people are looking forward to continuing the village's heritage at the 164th Annual Show next year.

Jake Graham



Photo by Chris Ferguson



Photos by Dave Quinn

The Adventures of Will Clifford-Brown

As we mentioned in July's edition Will Clifford-Brown was attempting to ride his bike from London to Istanbul, to raise funds for *Doctors Without Borders*, also known as *Médecins sans Frontières*. We kept an eye on his progress through his Twitter feed, and here are a couple of his posts, plus a few of his photos.



As the proverb goes: a journey of 2000 miles starts with a single tweet

Will's original target was £500 but at the time of writing he was up to £1,114 and still counting!
If you would like to help, donating is very easy. Just text MSFW89 £..



Will's route to Turkey saw him visit an amazing 13 different countries.



After a 24 days and 3300km I've arrived in Istanbul.

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kilometres travelled

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Community Safety

PC Todd reports

While crime remains low again this month we should all be aware that thieves will use any opportunity to take your property.

Recently, a resident in Eden Drive reported that overnight the front and rear number plates of his vehicle were stolen. He was unaware that the number plates had been placed onto another vehicle which had gone to Bradbury Services and taken a full tank of fuel without paying. Images of the person/vehicle responsible have been circulated and we may yet catch the culprit.

Other crimes reported to the police include a Burglary at a farm in Bradbury where a tractor was stolen and in The Gables a house window was smashed.

As this is the holiday season there was no Pub Watch this month.

Until next time , Keith

For Local Police, call 101

The Sedgefield Plan Update

Sedgefield Town Council and representatives of the Neighbourhood Plan's Steering Group met with Durham County Council Planning Officers on 17th August, to consider the recent Independent Examiner's Report detailing his findings from inspection of The Sedgefield Plan.

Contained within this report were many very positive comments about our Neighbourhood Plan, with particular praise at the level of community engagement and consultation in its production. A number of issues now need to be considered further, before the Plan can move forward to a Community Referendum.

The main issue is the current scope of the Built Up Area Boundary. While the Town Council and Steering Group can consider other very minor points made by the Independent Examiner, this issue will be strongly influenced by the now awaited decision of the public inquiry relating to the 300 dwellings on land to the South of Eden Drive.

When these decisions are known, and other minor points addressed, there will be further opportunities for you to participate in public consultation events. The Town Council will keep you updated through its own website, www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk, the Plan's, www.thesedgefieldplan.co.uk and via Sedgefield News and the Residents' Database.

Education Update

Alan Sowerby Citizenship Awards 2016

Leavers' ceremonies attended by representatives of The Neighbourhood and Crime Watch Panel, Ken Saiger and Joe McKenna, took place at Sedgefield Hardwick & Sedgefield Primary on the 18th & 20th of July this year. Presenting the above awards, both representatives expressed a feeling of privilege at being able to meet so many caring, supportive young people worthy of consideration for these awards; young people who are a credit to their schools, their parents and their community.



Amy Elliott with her proud parents.



Jess with her brother Daniel & a very proud Dad.

To be selected as the Citizen of the Year a pupil must have consistently shown kindness, care and consideration to people both in school and in their life outside of school. They will be recognised by their peers and by adults as a person who regularly puts the interests of others before their own, someone who offers kindness and support motivated only by their own wish to do so.

On the 18th July at Hardwick Primary Citizen of the year 2016 was named as **Amy Elliott**. Amy was described by teaching staff as a valued ambassador for the school. She is always seen with a smile on her face, is infectiously positive and always sets a good example. Not only has Amy been sensitive to pupils who might need a little helping hand, she is also generous in her praise for the successes of others while neglecting to mention her own achievements.

Later the same week, **Jess Weatherspoon** was named Citizen of the year 2016 at Sedgefield Primary School. Head teacher, Andrea Cox, described this year's leavers' class as "an exceptional group of young people". Praise such as this puts into perspective the special nature of Jess's award. Jess is the first to volunteer and gives absolute commitment to all she does. She is a focused individual, but also a generous team player; someone who has so obviously helped and supported others in all areas of her life, notwithstanding her own personal circumstances.

Eden Drive: Enquiry over Planned Housing

An enquiry took place at Sedgefield Racecourse during the week beginning the 9th of August, regarding the plan for 300 houses to be built at Eden Drive. Sedgefield Village Action Group reject the plan on the grounds that it proposes building on a green wedge of land; they feel this would have detrimental effects on Sedgefield.

The houses, 10% of which are planned to be affordable, would be built on 14.3 hectares of land with proposed hedge and tree planting which developers say will maintain the beauty of the town. SVAG, formed at public meetings, raised concerns over the effects the plan would have on highways, landscape, parking and the population of 4,200 people. Witnesses were called over the course of the week to give evidence on both sides, as to the success of the proposed housing development.

A site visit will take place after the enquiry and a decision is expected soon.

Kelly Aitkin

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SEDFIELD FARMERS MARKET On the Green, First Sunday Morning Every Month.

It's Sedgefield Folk Festival weekend again, so you can expect a lot of music at the market on Sunday 4th September. We kick off with early birds, Ceddesfolk (below) who gave us the reinvented market's very first musical experience in April 2014 (they have been with us twice a year ever since.) Other musicians who are attending the festival will follow on through the course of the morning.



But on to the proper business of the Farmers' Market ...

Our traders love the September market. We're hoping to welcome back the Mellanby family, renowned for their fantastic seasonal vegetables. With the school holidays ending and winter veg returning, the market seems to gain new life in September! There'll be fresh, local produce as ever - fish, meat, sausages, pies, cheese, cakes, preserves - to name but a few. **Butterwick Hospice** will be on the free community stall this month. The Village Games equipment will be on the green for the children and if we get a glimpse of the sun, the atmosphere should be fabulous!

Sedgefield Energy Switch

The volunteers who were at Sedgefield Show reported plenty of interest and lots of questions about switching, so we anticipate a high uptake for the next registration. There's plenty of time to get involved; applications don't close until October. All the information is on the website, www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk or you can call our helpline, 07980 134 594.

News of the News

We're happy to say the news team has expanded again this month. Keeping up a remarkable flow of photos on our Facebook page is Chris Ferguson. If you haven't looked for a while, do take a peek - it's pretty eye-catching! Graphic designer, Graham Ryan - quite new to Sedgefield, but learning fast - is getting stuck in to the huge task of bringing Sedgefield News together. He's assisted by the regular team - Sue, Tom, Tony, Chris, Jake, Kelly and current editor, Sandy.

DIDO

Members of DIDO enjoyed a day out at Heighley Gate, before going on to Tynemouth for lunch. If you would like to join us, we are meet again on Monday 12th September in the Parish Hall, Sedgefield, starting at 1.30pm. Please come along and enjoy the company.

Sew Easy

Pictured right, Sew Easy members in action

Are you interested in learning to sew? We are an informal group, so whatever your previous experience, you will fit in with our happy band! We do have some excellent results, even though quite a lot of talking takes place! We meet fortnightly in the Parish Hall - **next meeting Thursday 1st September 7 – 9pm. Contact 01740 622447.**

What a very pleasant summer it's been in Sedgefield and SCA are looking forward to the autumn months and a busy calendar of events.

On Saturday September 17th a special Farewell Dinner in order to reminisce and celebrate 43 years of Sedgefield and District Round table No 1074 will take place. The evening will include a 3 course meal with Past members and Invited friends of Table. For more information, contact Tony Guest on 01740 622185.

Lirica are performing on Saturday 1st October. This very talented local group have a large following, so please get your tickets (£5.00 from Tickety Boo) early to avoid disappointment. The evening begins at 7:30 pm.

Our special dinner on November 19th (change of advertised date) celebrates 950 years since 1066. As well as entertainment, there will be a delicious meal with a selection of main courses and sweets plus cheese board and coffee and mints all for £18. Further information will be given in next month's issue.

Following the summer break, the different groups (sections) who are based at Ceddesfeld will be getting back together. There is so much going on; art and crafts, various music groups, carpet bowls, bridge, local history and much, much more.

Please see the website for details and come along. Everyone is welcome and activities cover a very wide range of interests and hobbies. So, no need to sit at home once the darker nights set in. The SCA is keen to attract new members as well as develop community links and events. New committee members, bar helpers and event volunteers are crucial to this process, so please make contact if you would like to be involved in any way.

For information, contact Wendy 620206: Pat 620607: Sarah 622185 or go to www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk



Music not to be missed

Friday, 2nd September at 7.30pm

The culmination of the Bishop Auckland Music Society's 2016 concert series will see acclaimed Japanese pianist, Mami Shikimori, pictured right, perform in the beautiful setting of the Chapel at Auckland Castle.

Noted for her expressive power and poetic insight, combined with an effortless technical ability, Mami has been exciting audiences since first appearing on stage in 1996. Her playing has been described as 'electrifying' and 'a dazzling revelation' by critics and she has performed at numerous world-renowned concert venues, including New York's Carnegie Hall, London's Wigmore Hall and Tokyo's Suntory Hall.

For this concert, Mami will perform works by Schubert, Ravel and Debussy.



Tickets are £13.50, available from Brotherton's Music or by contacting Brian Varley 01388 606075. Tickets will also be available on the door at £15.

Folk Festival Fringe Event

Sedgefield Folk Festival will once again feature a fringe event at The Manor House. The line-up for Friday 2nd September features Tom O'Donnell from West Virginia (and Rothbury in Northumberland) and Mike Slaughter from Ashington as well as our very own Andrew Darnton.

Saturday night, like last year will feature Sedgefield's very own The Last Wednesdays who take their name from the night they meet each month in Ceddesfeld Hall and includes Steve McCabe, Rob Moran, Nick 'Black Dog' Smalley, Lorna Smalley, The amazing Hokey Folkies, Leo McCormack, Nest, Carl Usher, Ean Parsons, Dave 'Accordian' Saunders and the WD60s and music ranges from folk to classic covers and songs penned by some members themselves.

These are sure to be great nights in a fantastic venue and provide another opportunity hear great music at Sedgefield Folk Festival. There will be a fully licenced bar with great beers & wines.

Tickets are priced at £2 and are available from Ean Parsons on 07771 828 568 or The Manor House 01740 62 99 99.

Sedgefield Drama Festival

Unfortunately, due to lack of availability of several of our regular groups, Sedgefield Players cannot run a week-long drama festival this year. However, the Players and our youth section SPYS are busy rehearsing three productions and will be joined by our friends Bananadrama from Scarborough to present 'Four Plays and a Party'. This will run from Thursday to Saturday September 15-17 at 7.30 in the Parish Hall. On Thursday, Sedgefield Players Youth Section present 'The Unravelling' by Fin Kennedy followed by the adult Players with N.J.Warburton's 'Distracted Globe'.

On Friday, Bananadrama of Scarborough will bring 'The Library' (illustrated right) and written and directed by their own Shari Gledhill. Sedgefield Players complete the line-up of plays with 'The Regina Monologues' by Rebecca Russell and Jenny Wafer.



On Saturday, we will celebrate in our usual style with a party, including entertainment, a bar and buffet.

Tickets cost £7 each for Thursday and Friday, £5 for Saturday from Tickety Boo or telephone 01740 621771. Book online at www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk.

30 Years of Floral Success

Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club has marked its 30th anniversary with a party for members and its founders. Over 30 members of the group gathered at Sedgefield Parish Hall, where they were presented with a buttonhole and an enjoyable evening complete with a hat-making demonstration by Jayne Elwell, and a faith supper.

The club started life when a number of keen enthusiasts met in Ferryhill for a workshop by founder member, Cynthia Scott. Then they began to meet regularly at Ferryhill Town Hall.

Now the club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Sedgefield Parish Hall for demonstrations on a variety of flower designs plus tips on the care and cultivation of flora. There are currently about 40 members on the books but the committee, which includes third founder member and President Jean Dixon, is keen to attract more.

For more information, including how to become a member of the club, call secretary Sandra Coyle on 07533752870.

Country Market's Birthday

On Friday 9th September, Sedgefield Country Market will be celebrating its 30th anniversary.

Formerly known as WI Markets, which traded weekly, it became Country Markets Ltd in 1985, and it now trades monthly.

Thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of all the producers we are still able to offer this facility to residents and friends of people in Sedgefield and the surrounding area.

Our grateful thanks to you all for your loyal support over the past 30 years.

Come and join us on the 9th from 10 - 11.30am, for cake and wine.

Sheila McMillan (Chair)

Teddy Bears' leap of faith!

Saturday 8th October from 1 - 3pm

Sedgefield Primary School PTFA and The Friends of St Edmund are again organising a teddy bear parachute from the tower of St Edmund's Church.

Jumps can purchased in advance at £2 per bear for the first jump and £1.50 for subsequent jumps. (Pay on the day will cost £2.50 then £2.)

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I am writing this while trying to keep a track of Team GB's progress at the Rio Olympics. Every time I start a new sentence, it seems that another medal has been added to the tally. It has been remarkable and very exciting to watch (even if I am now more than a little bleary-eyed). While for me, I don't think anything will top London 2012, Rio has comfortably been the nation's most successful overseas Olympics and Great Britain currently sits second in the medal table. It's likely that China will have taken that place by the time you read this, but it is nevertheless an incredible contrast to the situation just 20 years ago in Atlanta, when Great Britain finished 36th, with one gold (the ever reliable men's coxless four in rowing), eight silvers and six bronzes.

Clearly, sustained investment in sport through the National Lottery has made a massive difference to the country's prospects at the Olympics and Paralympics. However, that money can only have such an effect when it is allied to raw talent and massive dedication by the athletes, their coaches and those around them. Interestingly, I recently saw a report about the bonus payments offered to athletes around the world for winning gold medals. Nations like the USA, Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and former Soviet bloc countries offer huge amounts of money as a reward. Team GB athletes are offered no financial reward (though of course, after London 2012 they did get a gold postbox!) and that is symbolic of the true Olympic and Paralympic spirit. I'm not naïve – most of our medal winners are full-time athletes and some are fabulously wealthy, or will be soon (endorsements galore must be heading the way of the likes of Laura Trott and Jason Kenny), but at least they appear to be competing in Rio for the right reasons and with the correct attitude (just look at how much winning gold medals meant to the likes of Andy Murray and Justin Rose).

Sporting success on a global scale starts at the grass roots and we should never forget that. It's one of the reasons that Sedgefield News celebrates local success stories every month and talks up the amazing work done by clubs and individuals in our community – more of that below. Once again Rio has shone a light on some fantastic stories and one of those is that of Spennymoor gymnast Amy Tinkler. At 16, Amy is the youngest member of Team GB and she secured a bronze medal in the women's floor gymnastics with a stunning routine in the final. Amy is a member of South Durham Gymnastics Club and many people in Sedgefield know her and have been following her progress since she was very young. To see her secure an Olympic medal at only 16, in a sport in which Great Britain struggled for so many years, is brilliant, and is one of the great tales from Rio that should inspire our young people to aim to be faster, higher and stronger in all that they do in sport. Talking of which...

Kate Carmichael

Kate Carmichael is one of many talented young athletes who have started their careers in Sedgefield, and she specialises in throwing events. Over the years, Kate has competed at under 11, U13 and U15 level and is now in the U17 category for shot put, javelin, discus and hammer.

Kate represented for Sedgefield Harriers until the age of 15 and is now a member at Middlesbrough Mandale, a club with full track and field facilities on its doorstep.

This year, Kate competed in shot put at the Durham Schools Districts, qualifying for the Durham Counties and then the

Inter Counties. Kate managed to throw 11.33m and with the English Schools standard being 11m, she was selected to represent County Durham at the English Schools National Championships at Gateshead International Stadium in July. Kate was delighted to be selected this year after training hard all season.



2012	First shot put competition at Shildon, winning first medal as an U13 after switch from track
2013	Won U15G North-East Grand Prix (NEGP) series
2014	NECAA indoor shot put champion NECAA outdoor shot put champion Durham Schools Inter-Girls category shot put champion First county vest, representing Co. Durham at Inter-Counties level
2015	Won the U17G North-East Grand Prix (NEGP) series Durham Schools Senior Girls category shot put champion Another county vest and NECAA medals
2016	Transferred to Mandale AC to train with Teesside Throwers group (predominantly female) Youth Development League debut, achieving English Schools qualification standard Another county vest and more NECAA medals English Schools debut

A few of Kate's achievements in recent years

As always, if you have any sports news please send it to chrisjlines@aol.com.

Cricket

Last month, I brought you news of success for the junior teams at Sedgefield Cricket Club – well, that success has continued. On Sunday 31st July, the under 11 boys and under 11 girls played in two separate finals of the Gilbert Cup on the outfield of the Emirates Durham International Cricket Ground during the lunch break of a match between Durham CCC and Yorkshire CCC.



The Gilbert Cup is a softball competition for boys and girls that is run in each first class cricket county and each county's final is played on the day of a Royal London One Day Cup match. Sedgefield's boys defeated Willington CC by 33 runs and the girls defeated Shotley Bridge by six runs, and as a result were crowned winners of the Durham competitions, which is an indication of the excellence of the club's junior set up.

The two first class teams that get to the final of the Royal London One Day Cup will have their Gilbert Cup winners playing a national final on the outfield at Lord's during the lunch break of the final.

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Unfortunately, Durham will not be in that final, so Sedgefield Cricket Club won't be playing at the home of cricket, at least not yet! However, the future of the sport in Sedgefield looks very bright indeed.

On the same theme, Sedgefield Cricket Club will host an under 13 girls' softball cricket festival on Sunday 4th September, starting at 1:00pm. The club facilities will be open all day and anyone who would like to head along and lend their support will be very welcome.

Athletics

Sedgefield Harriers will host the annual Sedgefield Serpentine event on Sunday 18th September.

Starting at 10:30am, the popular and scenic off-road trail race will follow a route of about 6.5 miles on paths around Hardwick Park and over to Bishop Middleham and back. It will start and finish at Sedgefield Cricket Club – a great base for an event of this type, the cricket club has been long-time venue for the Serpentine and visiting runners really like the set up and facilities there.

This year, the Sedgefield Serpentine is being sponsored by Start Fitness, Parsons Containers, Maple Remedial Massage and Greig Cavey Commercial.

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In the interval a raffle and auction was held. Many thanks must go to those who donated prizes for the raffle and items for the auction. Special thanks to John Wade for providing the venue.

Finally, grateful thanks must go to the 160 guests who so generously supported the function which resulted in £4,500 for the RNIB.

Our top picture shows, on the right, Sedgefield's Mrs Elizabeth Brown, (who is registered blind) handing over the cheque to Helen Rogers, Head of fundraising for North East RNIB.



Stepping out for Stroke

Margaret Hope of The Meadows, pictured above with daughters Alison and Caroline and Grandchildren Georgina, Astin & Francesca, raised £292 for Step out for Stroke (Stroke Association) by doing a sponsored walk around Hardwick Park on Sunday 24th July. Margaret would like to say a big "Thank You" to everyone for their generous sponsorship and support.

Running for WaterAid

And Sue Dobson, left, would like to say thank you to everyone from Sedgefield Harriers who supported her during her training for her 30k run in the Swiss Alps; and to everyone who helped her raise over £350 for WaterAid.



SEPTEMBER 2016 DIARY

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Date	Event
Fri 2nd	U3A Ceddesfeld Hall <i>Note change of venue</i> . 2pm: "The Other Side of Elvis" by Stephanie Yeamshire. All members free, guests welcome, £3. Tel: 629276
Sat 3rd	Sedgefield Folk Festival Events across various venues. For details go to sedgefieldfolkfestival.co.uk Sedgefield Library 10-11am Surgery with Councillors Rachel Lumsdon and John Robinson
Sun 4th	Sedgefield Folk Festival Events across various venues, see above. Farmers' Market on the Green from 8.30, with folk music all morning.
Mon 5th	Sedgefield Local History Society 7.45 Ceddesfeld Hall, AGM and talk on Wynyard Hall by Norma & Hadyn Neal and Barbara Leo. Sedgefield Tappers Parish Hall 7pm every Mon. Newcomers welcome.
Tue 6th	Sedgefield Gardening Club 7.30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall. Talk on Hardy Succulents by Ray Stephenson.
Wed 7th	WI Parish Hall 7.15pm Beauty with Heart by The Body Shop Harvest Bring & Buy/Soup. Member's Competition: A small handbag mirror.
Thu 8th	Sedgefield Show Meeting 8pm at Sedgefield Social Club
Fri 9th	30th Anniversary Country Market Parish Hall, 10-11.30am. Home baked produce, jams, crafts, cards & plants. Refreshments. A warm welcome awaits. Blood Donor session details below.
Thu 15th	Sedgefield News Deadline for October Edition SPYS and Sedgefield Players Parish Hall, 7.30pm. See Page 7
Fri 16th	Sedgefield Players and Bananadrama Parish Hall, 7.30pm. See Page 7
Mon 19th	Sedgefield Family History Group Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.15pm John Moreels "Nostalgic Views of the North Part 2: The 2016 Selection."
Tue 20th	Tea Dance starts again after the summer break. Parish Hall 1-3pm
Fri 23rd	Ladies' Shopping & Pamper Evening See advert on Page 5.
Sun 25th	SPYS Parish Hall 5.30-7.15 Sessions re-commence. For more information call 01740 622185

Coming up next month

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Mon 19th:

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Sunday 11th - Community College

Sunday 18th - Middlesbrough College

Sunday 25th - Sedgefield Parish Hall

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