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# SEDGEFIELD NEWS

## September 2018

### Alan Sowerby Citizenship Awards 2018

Sedgefield Neighbourhood & Crime Watch Panel presented the Alan Sowerby Citizenship Awards 2018 to two very deserving pupils—Grace Rowe of Sedgefield Primary School, pictured top with her proud parents, Becky and Marcus; and Abigail Bell of Hardwick Primary School, pictured below with her proud, and surprised Mum, Caroline. Each school nominates a pupil who has put others' interests before their own without direction from an adult; someone who has consistently shown kindness, care and consideration to both everyone at school and also in the community in general.

**On the 19th July Hardwick Primary School named Abigail Bell as its Citizen of the year 2018.** Abigail was described by teaching staff as a credit to Hardwick Primary. Mature and sensible, she is always willing to provide support to both staff and peers. Her positive attitude is infectious and her enthusiastic approach to the challenges of school directly influences those around her. Abigail has an inclusive outlook. She does her best to ensure everyone around her feels valued and empowered.

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### A fresh start for a new term

In January 2018, Homework Help was launched by a group of volunteers, to help local students and pupils to better understand their homework, and to gain confidence in their knowledge and capabilities. We hope we have been able to do that so far!

Several students took up the offer, and new volunteers stepped up to meet requests which went beyond the expertise of the original core team. Our strengths now span maths, physics, chemistry, biology, German, French language, English, history and politics up to A-Level, and most subjects at primary level. We also offer practice interviews for university applications and help with preparing them. If the subject need isn't in this list, do contact us - we will try to find someone to help.

So far, we've set up regular individual or small group sessions between students and a suitable helper. That has worked quite well but we are open to change, according to the interests, numbers, accommodation available, people's availability, and so on. Your feedback is welcomed.

We meet in the library, a quiet space suitably equipped, where computer terminals and WiFi are available for those who have homework exercises online. Thanks to Katie, Ann (before her retirement) and the team for your support - and to users of the library, who perhaps didn't get to sit where they normally would, and tolerated our low-voiced discussions.

Homework Help re-launches in September, and we already have some students signed up. If you would like help with homework, coursework or additional material, do get in touch. Email [homeworkhelpsedgefield@gmail.com](mailto:homeworkhelpsedgefield@gmail.com) or see our Facebook page, homeworkhelpsedgefield. Contact us also if you would like to volunteer as a helper - the more the better. All helpers are DBS checked.

Please note, we are not attached to any school and don't prepare teaching materials. Students need to bring their own, and we help to understand and work through it. Many thanks to all the helpers and students - everyone has worked hard. Thanks also to Sedgefield Development Trust for their support, and to Neil Edmundson for our logo. We look forward to getting stuck in to the new academic year, and wish all students every success in it.



### Dear Reader!

If you find yourself a bit muddled as you turn these pages, it's because we are trying out a few new ideas.

**This month, the middle 4 pages contain an information pack that you can pull out and keep, so the diary and most of the adverts are on pages 6, 7, 8 & 9.**

**We have a few other ideas up our sleeves but we want to hear from YOU about Sedgefield News and how you would like to see it change in the future. Do we still need a print copy?**

Meanwhile, although pages 1 - 3 still contain the main news items, other regular features have moved...

**Arts & Events are on Page 4, opposite the Diary on page 5.**

**Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other safety issues are on Page 9.**

This month, **page 10** has Your Letters and more news articles.

**Sedgefield Development Trust and Sedgefield Community Association** articles have moved to **page 11.**

**Sport is now in its rightful place on the back page.** Chris Lines is still your regular "updater" but some of his longer reports will lead you to our website for details and full results.

**Tony Magee will be taking a look at the local youth teams this season,** so if you would like him to visit one of your matches or events, please get in touch (contact details are on P 12.)

**The DEADLINE for OCTOBER is SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER**

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## "Ideal Christmas Gift"

The festive season may still be several months away, but the Friends of St Edmund's have already been hard at work producing a calendar full of eye-catching images taken by local photographers in and around Sedgfield. The sale of the limited edition calendar will help raise funds for the conservation of the church.

Praised for the variety in photographic content, the slim line, month-per-page calendar sells at just £6, which includes a sturdy envelope for posting. Calendars are available from Alison Hodgson, Brian Mutch or any member of the Friends'

committee. *Trevor Terry (left) is first to buy from Anne Eyley, who helped produce it with artist and designer Kev Stevens of The Art Room North East Ltd, Fishburn.*



## Still striding out for Stroke

Great Grandma, Margaret Hope of The Meadows, Sedgfield is pictured left with Great Grandson Jenson, Daughters Alison and Caroline, Grandchildren Georgina, Astin and Francesca and Archie the West Highland Terrier.

Margaret has raised £215 for Step out for Stroke by again completing an annual sponsored walk around Middlesbrough's Stewarts Park in June. She would again like to thank everyone for their generous sponsorship and support.



## Les Joss Memorial Mathematics Award 2018

Every year the college presents a mathematics award in memory of the late Mr Les Joss, who was, himself, a mathematics teacher and was a governor at Sedgfield Community College for a number of years. This award is presented to a student who has proved themselves to be an outstanding mathematician, demonstrating not only excellent mathematical skills but also perseverance and resilience. This year, the award was presented to Rebecca Stuart, a Year 10 student who has consistently impressed with her approach to her studies in mathematics.

**Well done Rebecca!**

## Retirement aids refugees

Thousands of Rohingya refugees who escaped unimaginable horrors in Myanmar last August and whose lives in hillside shanty towns are now threatened by deadly mud landslides, floods and water-borne diseases like cholera and diphtheria, will benefit from the retirement of the Revd. Michael Thompson, Team Vicar in the parish of the Upper Skerne. Fr. Michael requested that the offering from his final service should be donated to Christian Aid to help ease their plight.

The service at St Michael's Church, Bishop Middleham, attracted members of all five churches in the parish Fishburn, The Trimdons and Sedgfield. Fr. Michael's family joined him to hear Reader Bill Armstrong, pay tribute to the work the Team Vicar had done in the past four years. He was presented with gifts, including a crucifix, an Italian statuette of Our Lady of Walsingham, and a cheque - as well as a large chocolate cake made by Julie Latheron that was shared among the congregation following the service. "We have loved being with you. It has been a real delight," said Fr Michael.

The Revd. Malcolm Masterman assisted, readings by Su Jordan and John Burrows, Intercessions by Ron Eyley, and music by members of MUSE. Organist was Janet Deane.



## Fresh Expressions

Sedgfield Methodist Church are exploring two new ways of being church!

**Ready Steady Grow** is on Friday mornings from 9.30 to 10.30 during term time. For parents & carers with pre-school children. Sharing friendship with chat /tea/coffee/juice/crafts/songs/Bible stories. Ready Steady Grows starts back after the summer break on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**Messy Church** happens once a month on Sunday afternoons from 3.30 – 5pm. This fresh expression of being church is for the whole family and involves lots of fun with games/crafts/songs/Bible stories and food. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The next Messy Church is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September, and you may wish to look at the Messy Church web link <https://www.messychurch.org.uk> There are no charges for these events. Do come and Join us. For more information contact Margaret and David Glass on 621618.



## Operation Close Pass: Overtaking Cyclists at a Safe Distance

### A new police operation educates drivers

A plain-clothed officer cycling on the A177 from Shincliffe towards Durham City has identified motorists as passing too close. They were then intercepted and educated by emergency services.

Inspector Jon Curtis of Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit, who headed up Operation Close Pass, said: "We know that a number of cyclists feel unsafe by the way some motorists pass them. This led us to proactively identify and educate drivers who pass too closely to cyclists. We want to remind drivers to allow a safe passing distance of 1.5 metres when overtaking. I think that today has been a stark reminder to these drivers of the risks involved."

County Durham & Darlington Fire and Rescue Service used a 'close pass mat' to help

educate drivers. Pictured here, the mat shows drivers exactly how much space cyclists should be given when being overtaken by a vehicle. Durham County Council used virtual reality goggles to simulate a car crash to show the devastation distractions can cause. If drivers did not want to be educated, they faced a



£100 fine and 3 points on their licence or up to a £5,000 fine and potential disqualification if prosecuted at court for careless driving. Insp Curtis said:

**"Cyclists are vulnerable road users so it is important that drivers recognise the importance of giving them sufficient space on the roads. Passing cyclists too closely puts all road users in danger. You should allow at least as much room as you would when overtaking a car, when passing a person on a bicycle, giving consideration to the maximum speed limit and time and distance available to you."**

With so many cyclists in and around Sedgefield, please do remember to overtake at a safe distance.

## Skerne Medical Group - Flu Campaign 2018

The ever popular flu vaccination "drop in" clinics are returning and we would like to invite and encourage eligible patients to attend. Clinics run on the following mornings between 8:30am and 11:30am

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September** at Harbinson House, Sedgefield and Carroll House, Trimdon Colliery and Beveridge House, Fishburn

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October** at Harbinson House, Sedgefield

The free flu vaccination is available to patients who are 65 years and over (including those becoming age 65 years by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019), 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 at stage three, four or five, chronic neurological disease such as motor neurone disease or Parkinson's disease or learning disability; diabetes; splenic dysfunction, those patients with a weakened immune system due to disease or treatment; people living in long stay residential care home and carers.

**No appointment is necessary** and we aim to make it a quick & efficient experience. We're proud to say been no long queues at these sessions over the past 3 years. If you haven't attended the "drop in" before, why not give it a try. We look forward to welcoming you.

We are also able to extend the seasonal influenza programme to all children aged 2 and 3 (but not 4 years or older) on 31 August 2018 (i.e. date of birth on or after 1 Sept 2014 and on or before 31 August 2016). Sessions are planned later in October, once the vaccine is made available – details will be advertised locally, on our website [www.doctorsnhs.co.uk](http://www.doctorsnhs.co.uk) and in 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!

## "The unremembered"

This is the name of a research programme currently being undertaken by the Government, to commemorate the work of the men and women of the Labour Corps in the First World War. Many of those who served were men considered unsuitable for combat. Many died, but their contributions, carrying, building, washing, cleaning, cooking - are rarely acknowledged today. In many respects the Labour Corps were treated as second class servicemen by the British Army and little has been written about them in the century since the end of the conflict. Work ranged from railway construction to battlefield salvage, burial of the dead to running baths and de-lousing facilities, guarding prisoners of war to forestry and farming.

I have decided, as part of my Duke of Edinburgh award to research people from Sedgefield and surrounding communities who may have been part of the British Labour Corps, which was restructured in January 1917 to meet the demands of the unprecedented scale of the First World War. All of the research gathered will be provided to the National Project to be published to recognise the important contribution and help share an understanding of their experiences.

I would therefore be grateful if you could publish my letter as a call for information from anyone which helps to tell the story of the experiences of their friends and families who were part of the Labour Corps. This could be anything from people sharing memories passed on, letter exchanges between service personnel, archive images, newspaper articles, poetry or songs; anything that helps to paint the picture of the people involved so we can understand the situations they experienced. *Seren Williams (Age 14)*

Please email information to [A.Williams8@sky.com](mailto:A.Williams8@sky.com) or call [07411215547](tel:07411215547). There is also a Facebook page. Search for "the Unremembered"

## THE UNREMEMBERED



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### My first trip to the Sedgefield Show

Having been a resident of Sedgefield all my life, it is my great shame and embarrassment to admit that there are some northern traditions that I have never taken part in. I have never been to Beamish, not even on an obligatory school trip; I have never been to the races and I have never been to Sedgefield Show. This has usually been because my family have been on holiday at this time, or I've been working, but in 2018, I finally had the chance to go and see what the show has to offer. Over the past few years I've heard a lot about how fantastic the show is, the various categories of animals, local produce and community groups, and the different competitions; not to mention the rides, games and food on offer. I have to say, I thoroughly enjoyed the time spent walking round the Show field. The variety of animals in the different tents was astounding, so many breeds; I spent an hour or so watching the horse and dog competitions and was fascinated to see how the judges chose the winners of the huge amount of different categories. The community was out in force, promoting the amazing work that goes on in Sedgefield, alongside local artists, craft makers, and produce companies (I bought a bottle of Toffee Vodka that has gone down well with my friends; it tastes like a Crunchie Bar!) I didn't go on any of the rides, they are best left to the kids, but the atmosphere was fantastic and the day itself kept fine, weather wise. The show was busy, but the organisation was so slick, and so well managed that the day seemed to run without a hitch. There is so much to see throughout the day and lots for families to do. I'm so glad that I finally got to attend this fantastic event and am already looking forward to next year.



### A celebration of beer and sport

As you can see below right, Sedgefield Cricket Club's Beer Festival, open Friday 6-11pm & Saturday / Sunday 1pm – 11pm, is back for a 4th year, with an astonishing range of brews as well as Prosecco and in a vintage truck, Sedgefield's very own Sanction Gin. Following last year's very successful Festival, the indoor and outdoor bars return, and include a wine bar. Beer token cards will be used at all bars.

Sedgefield Rugby Club will play two games on Saturday afternoon and food will also be on offer over the weekend; hog roasts on Friday & Saturday from Robinsons of Wingate and hot carvery sandwiches on Sunday.

Refugees from Muddy Mayhem are welcome! For children there's a free bouncy castle and The Ryder Cup will be shown along with live Premier League football. A very busy weekend is expected but there's plenty beer for all tastes and palettes, all sourced from local Breweries, selected with the help of the Three Brothers Brewing Co. Sedgefield Cricket Club is a not-for-profit organisation and a team of dedicated volunteers put together the Festival. Beers are sponsored by local companies and profits help fund the maintenance and running of the Club.



### 42nd Sedgefield Drama Festival of One Act Plays 2018

Sedgefield Parish Hall

TUESDAY 11th to SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER at 7.30 pm  
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#### Tuesday September 11th

Sedgefield Players Youth Section – *Daffodil Scissors* by Philip Ridley  
Richmond Amateur Dramatic Society – *Act 1 of Teachers* by John Godber

#### Wednesday September 12th

Sedgefield Players – *Beata Beatrix* by Gillian Plowman  
Holmside Productions – *Her Vote* by HV Esmond  
Holmside Productions – *How the Vote was Won* by Cicely Hamilton and Christopher St John

#### Thursday September 13th

Sedgefield Players – *War Brides* by Marion Craig Wentworth  
Cliffe Theatre – *After the Flags and Bands* by Allan Williams

#### Friday September 14th

Statement Drama Company – *Dearth of a Salesman* by Albi Gorn  
Bananadrama – *De-friend* by Shari Gledhill  
Bananadrama – *These are the Days* by Shari Gledhill

#### Saturday September 15th

Final adjudication by Colin Doley of the Guild of Drama Adjudicators

Tickets £7 • Season Ticket £25 (inclusive of final night buffet)  
Available from Tickety Boo, Sedgefield or telephone 07763 257 846  
or online at [www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk)

The 42nd Sedgefield Drama Festival takes place from the 11th to 15th September, and promises to be full of drama, comedy and tragedy. 10 plays will be performed across the week. The full programme is above.

In other players news, the group are currently looking for new members, particularly men on stage, or those interested in the technical side of performance, the lighting and sound, off stage. If you are interested in joining a local, award winning group, please come along to the festival and see what we're about.

Contact [sedgefieldplayers@outlook.com](mailto:sedgefieldplayers@outlook.com) and I promise a warm welcome awaits you.

The Players perform 4 times a year:

the Pantomime at Christmas,

March & June productions and the  
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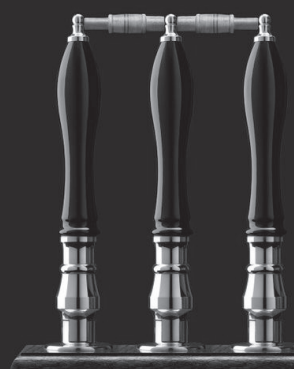
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1ST XV vs SUNDERLAND 3PM K.O. (BOTH SAT)





# DIARY: September 2018

Submit your events to [diary.sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com](mailto:diary.sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com)

Date	Event
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Folk Festival:</b> Concerts throughout the day @ The Parish Hall; Afternoon 12.30, Evening 7.30pm. <b>Drop in Surgeries:</b> Cllr John Robinson. 9 – 9.45am Bradbury & 12 pm Mordon Village Hall; 10 – 11am Sedgefield Library; 11.15 – Fishburn Community Centre.
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Sedgefield Farmers' Market:</b> On the village green from 8.30am. <b>New Generation Church:</b> Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10.30am
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Sedgefield Local History Society:</b> Ceddesfeld Hall @ 7.45pm. "Trip down Weardale from Source to Sea" by George Narn.
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sedgefield WI:</b> Parish Hall @ 7.15pm. "The Canny Kitchen's Cultural Tastes". Cookery demonstration by Carolyn Hough. Members' Competition - A Kitchen Utensil
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sedgefield Veterans Coffee Morning:</b> Parish Hall from 10am to 11.30. <b>U3A:</b> 2pm in the Parish Hall. Ollie Burton "How to Build a Cathedral". Members free, Visitors welcome, £3 at the door. <b>Sedgefield Blues Club:</b> Parish Hall. A night with Chris "King" Robinson + Della Grants. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £15. Visit <a href="http://www.sedgefieldblues.com">www.sedgefieldblues.com</a> for contact details and further info.
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>New Generation Church:</b> Sedgefield Community College, 10.30am
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sedgefield Players Drama Festival:</b> Beginning today through Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sew Easy:</b> Parish Hall boardroom. 10.30am to 1.30pm. Call 622447 for info.
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sedgefield Country Market:</b> Parish Hall 10am to 11.30am. Home baked produce, Crafts, Jams, Cards, Plants, Refreshments. For information call 629441.
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>New Generation Church:</b> Sedgefield Community College, 10.30am
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sew Easy:</b> Parish Hall boardroom. 6.30 to 9.30pm. Call 622447 for info. <b>Sedgefield Family History Group:</b> Methodist Church Hall, Sedgefield @ 7.15pm. "Old Stockton - Part 1", a talk by Lynn Lamport. All welcome.
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ferryhill, Sedgefield &amp; District Flower Club:</b> 7.30pm @ Sedgefield Parish Hall. Demonstrator Arthur McDonald - "Throw Nowt Out". Members Free. Non Members £5.
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sew Easy:</b> Parish Hall boardroom. 10.30am to 1.30pm. Call 622447 for info.
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Memory Café:</b> 10.30am to 12noon @ Sedgefield Fire Station.
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Sedgefield WI Coffee Morning:</b> Parish Hall (Fletcher Room), 10am till 11.30
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>New Generation Church:</b> Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10.30am
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mordon and District Ladies Circle:</b>
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sew Easy:</b> Parish Hall boardroom. 10.30am to 1.30pm. Call 622447 for info.
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>New Generation Church:</b> Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10.30am

## Sedgefield Blues Club

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September we welcome Chris 'King' Robinson. Just 21 years old, many think this guitarist will be the standard bearer for 'The Blues' for years to come.

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## Sedgefield Library

Tel: 03000 269521 Opening Hours:

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- Thursdays: 10am-6pm
- Fridays: 1pm-7pm
- Saturdays: 9:30am-12:30pm

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**Thursdays 2.15pm: 'Boogie Beat'** Pre-school session. Booking essential.

**Craft Group: 1.30pm** 2nd & 4th Fridays

**Book Circle: 2pm** 3rd Friday

**The Summer Reading Challenge presentation:** Saturday 2nd September.

## Fitness Classes @The Hub

at Sedgefield Community College

**Zumba with Emilia**

Tue 6.30 - 7.30pm & Thu 7 - 8pm

**Pilates with Donna**

Tue 8 - 8.45pm & Wed 6.15 - 7pm

**Metafit with Donna** Wed 7.05 - 7.35pm

**Performing Arts:** Sat 10am - 1pm

**Chi Taekwondo:** Sat 10.30 - 11.30am

Call 01740 617882 for all enquiries.

## Sedgefield Social Club

Saturday 1st Sept: Steve Ramsay.

Saturday 8th Sept: Stan Lee.

Saturday 15th Sept: Sarah Mathews.

Monday 17th Country Night: Colin Mee.

Saturday 22nd Sept: John Brown.

Saturday 29th Sept: Mike McCann.

Telephone Number: 01740 620591

## Sedgefield Tea Dance

Restarts in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 18th September, continuing on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month.

For more information please ring

Joyce - 01740 622601

or Ann - 01740 629070

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## Alan Sowerby Citizenship Awards 2018

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Staff members consistently comment on Abigail's impeccable manners and thoughtful personality. She has given her time and effort to fund raising for school projects as well as for clubs outside school. Her visible and positive contribution to raise awareness and understanding of Coeliac sufferers has been exemplary and is a tribute to her courage and determination to support others. She was presented with her award by David Hillerby Vice Chairman of Sedgfield Neighbourhood Watch.

**The next day at Sedgfield Primary School Grace Rowe was named Citizen of the Year 2018.** Headteacher, Andrea Cox stressed that the award would be made to someone whose work and concern for others is outstanding even within this special year group.

Naming Grace as *Citizen of the Year 2018*, Mrs Cox said that Grace has shown such qualities even since she was in "Reception" and has had a big smile on her face throughout her school years. Grace consistently puts the needs of others ahead of her own. She has helped with younger children, supported PTFA activities and numerous out of school activities. Grace's qualities became apparent at the age of 7 when she voluntarily had her hair cut (for the first time), donating her hair and sponsorship monies to the "Little Princess Trust" which provides real hair wigs for children with hair loss due to illness & medical treatments. This selfless act has inspired many others to follow suit including one of the school teachers – Miss Teasdale.

Mrs Cox concluded that Grace is a truly good citizen and a worthy recipient of the 2018 Citizen of the Year award, which was presented by Joe McKenna of Sedgfield Neighbourhood Watch

**Neighbourhood Watch congratulate Grace & Abigail & wish them every success in the future.**

## Letter from PC Lamb

Given my role the first order of business was to ask residents what was important to them. Two issues became immediately apparent, the first being that people are weary of anti-social behaviour of a weekend evening. We began work earlier in the summer to address this and in terms of the issues being experienced by many of you things have improved significantly. I must say that most of our young people are polite and a joy to speak with, it's just a question of finding out who is not and why.

Once we introduced measures to address the issue some argued that police should focus their attention on 'more important' matters, although it is probably fair to say that those voicing such concerns might have thought differently if they were affected themselves. For now the anti-social behaviour measures are staying with us and I would urge parents not to allow your underage children out of the house either with alcohol or after they have consumed it. It is often said of late that the problem is with visitors and not those local to Sedgfield, but I've been out there every weekend and it's both.

Simply put, if you're underage and walking around with alcohol or under the influence don't expect the police to leave you alone. Parents, please intervene if your children are coming home inebriated or you find that alcohol is missing from the house. We're not trying to get people into trouble, the measures are to protect everyone (not least the young people themselves).

The second issue people were keen to discuss with me is the distribution of drugs in the village. Work is underway to identify who might be bringing drugs into the towns' pubs, and where we find it police will seek a prosecution in every case. Those who use it, do be aware we are looking to identify where you deal or buy, where you live, who you associate with and the vehicles you use.

I am keen to establish a larger network of Neighbourhood Watch; such schemes have been proven effective and you can make reports anonymously. It's just a matter of people working together to keep each other safe, that's all it's about.

A few seconds attention really does make a difference - anyone interested in being part of the scheme please feel free to contact me. I would urge everyone to pay attention to what's happening outside, and if you see anything you would like to report please provide as detailed a description as you can of any suspects, in particular clothing and direction of travel. And if you would rather a police car did not attend your house that's no problem, just let us know. If we all work together we can change more than you think. Enjoy the summer, stay safe everyone.

John.

Confidential email; [John.lamb@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:John.lamb@durham.pnn.police.uk). Any information we receive will be developed and acted upon.

*"If we all work together we can change more than you think."*

## Sedgfield Community Hospital Café: volunteers needed

The café in Sedgfield community hospital has been in operation before, but these efforts have been short lived. Because of who we are and our commitment to being an "Investing in Volunteers" organisation we have been asked if we would be interested in taking it over. We think we can make it work as a service for the hospital and also raise additional valuable funds. **Royal Voluntary Service** is one of the largest voluntary organisations and much of our work is supporting older people. We provide practical solutions to the everyday problems of loneliness and isolation.

We envisage the café being open at lunchtime to start with, Monday to Friday. As soon as we gain the commitment of a few volunteers we would like to open as soon as practicably possible. Anyone interested should contact Michael Bartley; Tel 07769 286532, email [michael.bartley@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:michael.bartley@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk). I will send our application pack and cover letter to complete, and full training will be given to each volunteer by an experienced service manager.



*Northumbria in Bloom judges enjoyed their visit to Sedgefield on a glorious day in July, seeing Sedgefield as its very best. With so much to see and enjoy, the day was action-packed. The Bloom team is very grateful to everyone who has contributed to this year's efforts. Results will be declared at the awards ceremony in Gateshead on September 26th. We'll keep you posted!*

## Commemoration

The constant heat and sunshine of recent weeks broke dramatically on July 27th, when a hardy band sheltered beneath St Edmund's lych gate to commemorate another Sedgefield man lost in the Great War 100 years ago.

William Henry Bungay died in France on Saturday July 27th 1918, aged 34. Commemorated at Le Quesnoy Communal Cemetery in Northern France, near Le Cateaux on the Somme, Private Bungay served with the 13th Battalion Yorkshire Hussars (Princess Alexandra's Own Yorkshire Regiment), more familiar now as the Green Howards.

An only child, William was born in Staindrop in 1884 to James and Elizabeth Bungay. The family was still living there in 1891, but by 1901, when William was 17, he and his father had moved to Sadberge. In 1907, William married a Sedgefield girl, Esther Sayers, three years older than him, who came from a big family with seven children. Father was a joiner, two of his sons apprenticed.

By 1911, William was working as a gardener, living with Esther in Hardwick Gardens. After the war, Esther lived in West End and later in Station Road. For 50 years, she was organist at the Methodist Church (now the Scout Hall), where her husband had been choirmaster. After his death, a new pipe organ was bought for the church, bearing a plaque in memory of Private WH Bungay. Unveiled at a ceremony in 1921, a coffee supper held afterwards raised the full cost of the organ - £70. Plaques were also placed in memory of George Henry Willans and William Brumpton, who both lost their lives in action in 1916.

Esther Bungay never re-married and, as far as we know, there were no children. She lived on until 1970, dying aged 89, a widow for 52 years. We remember her loss and honour the memory of her husband William Henry Bungay with gratitude and pride. On August 25th, Sedgefield LHS and the Village Veterans commemorated Sergeant Ralph John Case of the 7th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. (To be reported in September's edition.)

**October sees two more commemorations: William Henry Todd (Wednesday 3rd) and Alfred Coates (Tuesday 23rd), both of the East Yorkshire Regiment. Please join us (10.45 am at the war memorial) to remember those Sedgefield men we lost in the Great War. As the 100th anniversary of World War I draws to a close, Sedgefield LHS will present an exhibition 'In Memoriam' in Ceddesfeld Hall over the weekend of November 17-18. More details soon.**



## Your Letters

### CoderDojo

Thank you for last month's great article featuring Tom Robson and his recent BAFTA Young Games Designer nomination. Tom is one of the mentors at the Durham CoderDojo and is a great inspiration to the younger coders. If young people are interested in coming to the club we have a new system for registering. Go to [coderdojo.com](http://coderdojo.com), click **Attend a Dojo** and **Find a Dojo**, type Durham into the search box and select **CoderDojo at Durham Clayport Library**. The Dojos are run entirely by volunteers and are always free.

*Paul Savage, CoderDojo Durham Champion, Sedgefield.*

### Family History in Mordon

I would be most grateful if anyone could help with my family history research. I am searching for a photograph of a farmer named **William Philip Lawson**, who was born in Mordon Village in 1877. He married Lettice Jane Dawson in 1913 and lived at Sprucely Farm, Bishop Middleham in 1911. He died in Sedgefield Hospital in 1964 at the age of 87. He also lived in a cottage at Maggies Well, Bishop Middleham and I would love to learn more about who lived in this cottage over the years. Please can anyone help, or offer any advice? Thank you very much.

*Mrs Vi Saunders, Leeholme, Bishop Auckland. If you have any information please get in touch with the Editor and we will pass it on to Vi.*

### Memory Café—Strawberry Tea

We would like to thank all those who attended the event, donated raffle prizes, gave their money, baked delicious cakes and scones and volunteered either as 'front of house' or behind the scenes.

Thank you to Mr George Bolam for his continued support and last but not least thanks to Mrs Sheila McMillan for hosting the event in her garden, without whose generosity the event would not have taken place. *Dorothy Anderson, Jill Anderson, Carol Biggs.*

### Very satisfied customers

Thanks to your classified ads we were able to engage local roofer, Paul Watson Roofing to restore the roof on our home in the Sedgefield Conservation Zone.

The team, lead by Paul were professional and the quality of work was superb and we would like to recommend him to other people living in the conservation area. He understands the regulations for compliance with planning, goes the extra mile in planning and keeps you informed at every stage.

*Many thanks, Mike and Sue Thompson*





### Sedgefield Energy Switch: Don't Forget! Now is the Time to Register

As a reminder to those people who have been a part of our scheme, and SSE has been your energy supplier since towards the end of 2017, your contract will be coming to an end before the end of the year or at the latest January of next year. If you want to continue with the scheme and benefit again from the savings, which hopefully, you have enjoyed this last year, you need to register again as you have done previously. **Registration is open now until the 9<sup>th</sup> October.** People wishing to join the scheme for the first time should also register during this period.

**Registration can be achieved in one of two ways.** If you are happy to register online yourself, go to [www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk), open the ENERGY SWITCH section, click on the **GREEN** 'REGISTER NOW' button, click 'SIGN UP TODAY'. Then simply fill out your details. If you prefer to register and receive information through the post, or need any assistance, please call the Sedgefield Development Trust Helpline on **07980 134 594** and we will be happy to assist you or complete registration for you. **Registering for the scheme commits you to nothing and you will not receive any of those pestering phone calls (guaranteed).**

The SDT has a stall at each of the monthly Farmers Markets so if you have any questions or need further information about the scheme, come along for a chat.

### Sedgefield Farmers' Market: Sunday 2nd September

**A new role for a foodie?** The Farmers' Market seeks a Sedgefield based enthusiast to get to know how we run the market and to deputise for the market manager. The market is run entirely by volunteers, so if no pay is ok with you, we look forward to hearing from you! Call Roger on 07803269956 or email [farmersmarket@sedgefieldweb.co.uk](mailto:farmersmarket@sedgefieldweb.co.uk)

**Winter Veg is back!** Faithful customers will be delighted to hear that Mellanby's are with us again for the season, starting this month.

**On the community stall we have our own SDT Beekeeping group.** They will bring wax candles and local honey to sell. It's Folk Festival weekend so the live music includes Ceddesfolk and Alter Ego among others. We invite you to our happy, sociable farmers' market to enjoy the best of local produce and of course, the music.

### Woodland & Wildlife Project Botany Survey

Members of the group had a very enjoyable afternoon exploring the patch with the invaluable expertise of the Durham Wildlife Trust's Botany group. Between them, and with sometimes puzzled help from us, they identified 106 species.

We thought that was amazing already, but as they summed up, they left us with lots of advice about improving the range of species, and a little on the side about bird life too. It's brilliant that they want to return next year to see how we're doing. We are posting the species list online. Go to [www.sedgefieldweb](http://www.sedgefieldweb) and search for Woodland & Wildlife Botany Survey. **If you would like to get involved, visit 'Woodland & Wildlife – Sedgefield' on Facebook, or call or text 07803 269956.**

### Other projects.

Picking up on their activities for autumn will be Sew Easy (see Diary on page 5), DIDO and Homework Help (see front page)



Photo by Les Haley

SCA are very pleased to be hosting various events and workshops as part of **Sedgefield Folk Festival** from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Details have previously been listed but last minute information on the events can be found on the SCA website.

**Activities and events for Sedgefield's own literary festival, Sedgefield Book Ends have now been finalised** (see the Book Ends insert for a full list of events). This is the second year and the event has grown considerably with much more variety on offer to include writing workshops, (adult and children) author events and talks. The 'Lines of Life' theme has opened up a trail to music, art, photography and even famous explorers (Captain Cook) and we're very pleased to include it all in our festival.

Sedgefield Book Ends closes on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October at Ceddesfeld. On this final day, as well as displays and books on offer from various, well known local authors and illustrators, there is a children's workshop (Adam Bushnell on Fantastic Folk Tales of County Durham) and for all people with an interest in cycling, Paul Parsons will be giving a talk on his book *Fat Bloke on a Bike*. Any budding poets can be inspired by Anna Woodford who is providing a poetry workshop in the afternoon. Refreshments will be served and the bar will be open from 11 am.

For all information, (as well as the Book Ends insert) there will be displays at Ceddesfeld Hall, Sedgefield library, Book Ends FB page and on the SCA website.

**For more information on Ceddesfeld Hall events, regular activities, room hire and bar opening times, contact Wendy on 01740 620206, Pat on 01740 620607, Sarah on 01740 622185 or visit [www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk](http://www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk)**

### A brief update from SVAG on the County Durham Plan consultation.

Representatives from SVAG attended two of Durham County Council (DCC) consultation events on the Issues and Options of the proposed County Durham Plan. We had many questions and concerns on the content of the Issues and Options and the resulting effect on our community.

Representatives from SVAG and Sedgefield Town Council met to consider the Issues and Options and it was agreed a joint response would be submitted from the two organisations. It was a very thorough and lengthy response and was submitted to DCC on August 3rd.

DCC will consult communities again (probably next year) on their final preferred options having considered the responses to this consultation; however, we would hope to have some feedback and answers to questions from DCC before then.

There should also be an update on our Sedgefield Neighbourhood Plan from the Town Council in September. Our village is still under threat from further developers despite things 'going quiet' for the moment.

You can contact SVAG on [SedgefieldVAG@gamil.com](mailto:SedgefieldVAG@gamil.com) or 07523457584

**Welcome to a new home for sport – the back page at last! Look out for a few more changes over the coming months, as we refresh what appears here. But for now...**

## Our Ref at the Paris World Games

Sedgfield was represented at the 4th Paris World Games, in the form of young up-and-coming football referee Joseph Dredge. At these games, youngsters aged 10-19 from around the world compete in sports including football, rugby and basketball.

135 referees from the USA, Canada, Australia and Europe, officiated at games featuring 33 different nations. Joseph refereed in 10 highly competitive matches, involving teams from Brazil, France, India, Canada and others. Free food and travel expenses were given to referees for their hard work, and the miles they travelled across Paris. Joseph comments:

*"Some days were very long, and in 30 degree heat it was physically and mentally draining. On one of the days I left my hotel at 10am and didn't return until 8pm. My highlight was being the fourth official for the U11 final under the Eiffel Tower.*

*"The scenery and occasion is something I will always treasure, along with the people I met, whether they were referees, observers, players or locals. I would strongly encourage anyone to become a referee because the support you get from Durham FA is phenomenal and there are so many great opportunities like the Paris World Games. I'd like to thank Sedgfield Referee's Association and Sedgfield Village Games for sponsoring me and enabling me to go to the Paris World Games."*



Since his return, Joseph has continued to focus on developing his refereeing experience and is hard at work in the new football season. He has already been allocated a tie to officiate at during the early stages of the Women's FA Cup.

## Sedgfield Cricket Club

A nail-biting finish to the senior season seems assured, as both first and second teams approach their final games with genuine promotion prospects. After making their way to the league summit in early August, the 1st XI hope to have clung on to a promotion spot when they play their last game at home to Northallerton on 8th September. Meanwhile, in order to go up, the 2nd XI will probably need to complete the league double over runaway leaders Saltburn on 1st September, before wrapping up their campaign the following week.

**Congratulations to the under 13 team** who have showed the old 'uns how it's done by wrapping up their league title in style. With some u11 players contributing to their success, the future looks bright for the burgeoning brigade of Sedgfield juniors. The re-arranged **Ladies Day Festival** is on Sunday 16th September from 2-5pm. Ladies signing up can claim their free glass of Prosecco and scones, in this event supported by Durham CCC.

*Keep up to date with Sedgfield Cricket Club (including Ladies Day registration details and bar opening hours) by liking the club's Facebook page or following it on Twitter.*

## Squash

**Sedgfield Squash Club is raring to go in 2018-19 squash season, with Inter-club team matches beginning in late September.** The men's and women's first teams look to build on last season's strong showing in their respective Premier Divisions of the Durham & Cleveland Leagues. After the madcap Blitz competition, members' next chance for silverware comes in the team handicap which begins in mid-September. Players have a chance to play opponents of similar standard, with plenty of biased, friendly encouragement from the balcony!

Internal leagues resume this month, and membership fee discounts can be won by the season's most successful points accumulators. More on results next month.

**Junior coaching resumes on Saturday 8th September**, and on Sunday 9th September the focus is on match play at the Junior Club Afternoon. Coaching is available for all standards for both juniors and adults. Info at [www.sedgfieldsquashclub.co.uk](http://www.sedgfieldsquashclub.co.uk). If existing members have forgotten to pay their 2018-19 subscriptions, the hammer will fall on online court booking access on 15th September. Membership enquiries and emails confirming subs payments should go to Sue Smith at [curlietailz@aol.com](mailto:curlietailz@aol.com).

## The Sedgfield Serpentine

Sedgfield Harriers host their biggest race of the year on Sunday 16th September. Starting and finishing at the cricket club, the Serpentine follows an attractive route taking in Hardwick Park and the countryside between Sedgfield and Bishop Middleham. The race is staged with generous sponsorship from Parsons Containers, Greig Cavey Commercial and Start Fitness, and with support from many volunteers. Suitable for all abilities, it is a well-established and popular event on the summer race calendar, attracting some of the best club athletes in the region.

Entry in advance is £10 for club runners and £12 for un-attached runners, plus £2 extra on the day (subject to the event not having reached capacity). Info at [www.sedgfieldharriers.co.uk/sedgfield-serpentine](http://www.sedgfieldharriers.co.uk/sedgfield-serpentine).

That's all for this month. As always, please send any sports news to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com).

## Call-out to Youth Teams

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