

Love From Sedgley

Bringing the Love from Sedgley. Communities and Businesses coming together in the West Midlands

Hello and...

Happy Easter!



Welcome to our March Edition of the Love from Sedgley Newsletter!

We are hoping that the worst of the wintery weather is past us now, and we can look forward to Spring/Summer. We have been listening to Radio WM this month and the weather man on their believes that if we have a harsh winter, we are likely to have a hot summer. Here's hoping!

Our first event is being organised for the people of Sedgley and surrounding areas, which is a Peaky Blinders Takeover, which will take place at Gornal and Sedgley Labour Club on 18th August 2018. Tickets are £10pp and are available now. More information can be found further down the newsletter.

We are sad to learn of the confirmed closing of Sedgley Police Station , which is due to take place in Summer 2019. This decision was made by the Police and Crime Commissioner after being put forward by the Chief Constable. This will be a loss to the community.

Thank you for your continued support, *Love from Sedgley* x

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Want to feature?

We want the website and newsletter to be relevant, engaging and most of all helpful so please, if you have any suggestions, news, events, offers or a business that you would like us to include and feature then please don't hesitate to get in touch on;

Email: info@lovefromsedgley.co.uk

Facebook : [@lovefromsedgley](https://www.facebook.com/lovefromsedgley)

Twitter: [@lovefromsedgley](https://twitter.com/lovefromsedgley)

Peaky Blinders TAKEOVER

There's going to be a Peaky Blinders takeover and it's hosted by us!

The venue will be Gornal and Sedgley Labour Club and will take place on Saturday 18th August 2018, 7:30pm - 11:30pm

Tickets are £10pp and are available now via the venue, [Facebook Page](#) or the [Love from Sedgley website](#).

[The Black Country Peaky's](#) will be our special guests and music will be by [The Peaky Blinders](#).

It's set to be a great night that will export you back to the 1920's with theatrical productions, music and drinks a plenty. You won't be disappointed.

Dress for the occasion and remember....

"This is a respectable event, and you will behave accordingly".- Tommy Shelby

No Under 18s, No guns and No Fightin'.

By Order of the Peaky Blinders.

Local News!

Funding given to tackle potholes after the Winter Blast!

Councils in the Black Country and Staffordshire have been given the extra cash needed to repair damaged roads.



The funding is coming from the Department for Transport.

Staffordshire has been given £2.2m, Dudley £330,000, Sandwell £310,000 Walsall £260,000 and Wolverhampton £240,000. Sadly, Birmingham wasn't given any money.

Remember, if you notice a pothole in the road, please let your local council know.

For Dudley Council you can report a pothole through their [**online forms**](#) or using your [**mobile phone**](#)

If your Council isn't Dudley and you need help finding find out how to report potholes in your area, then let us know and we will be more than happy to help.

New Coffee Shop to open at Himley Hall

A new coffee lounge is set to open at Himley Hall next month.



The hall, which already offers pre-booked, indulgent afternoon teas on selected dates throughout the year, is branching out to offer a more informal dining experience to visitors to the hall and park.

The new Himley Lounge is set to open from 7 April, serving a range of tea coffees, light refreshments, warming soups, jacket potatoes and a range of delicious cakes.

The Himley Lounge will be housed in two of the larger rooms which look out onto the terrace and across the lawn into the grounds of the park. The lounge opens directly into the hall's gallery space so visitors to the hall can view the latest exhibition during their visit.

Access to the lounge will be through the South Wing entrance of the main hall. There is full disabled access, toilets and baby changing facilities and although dogs are not allowed in the hall, assistance dogs are welcome.

The lounge will officially open on 7 April and opening times will be 11am to 4pm, Wednesday to Sunday. The hall's popular high-end indulgent afternoon teas will continue on selected Tuesdays and some Saturdays throughout the year.

Overnight accommodation and luxury apartments plan for Himley Hall

Exciting plans have been unveiled which could see overnight accommodation opened up for wedding guests at Himley Hall.



The rooms - which would be created by converting the former Laundry Block of the Grade II listed building - will also be available for use by businessmen and women visiting the borough during the week.

Separate plans are also being drawn up to turn a former stable block at Himley Hall into luxury apartments to give people the opportunity to live in the scenic surroundings of the park. The block is currently host to training facilities, which will be re-located as part of the plans.

Bosses at Dudley Council, which owns the building, said the two developments would bring in much-needed cash. They reiterated it was further evidence the local authority had no plans to sell off a building that has previously been dubbed the 'jewel in the crown'.

New Litter Fines for Councils

People dropping litter, including from vehicles will face increased on-the-spot fines of up to £150. The new penalties will come in effect from 1st April 2018.



Councils across England are being given the power to raise fines from £80 and can use the penalties to target vehicle owners who throw rubbish from their car if it can be proven.

At present Dudley Councils litter fines are at £75 so the new powers will enable the council to increase their litter fine by 50% if they wish. Ministers have warned however that councils should take into account factors such as local abilities to pay when reviewing the levy.

So are bigger fines the key to cleaner streets?

Remember, you can report litter problems and overflowing litter bins. Dudley council have an [online street cleansing form](#) that you can fill in or you can report it on your phone via the Dudley Council app. You can also report damaged or vandalised litter bins via [this form](#).

Burglaries in the Dudley Borough

The burglaries are occurring when front doors are being left open by people either in the garden or simply leaving their doors unlocked all day. This has resulted in property being stolen including car keys and cars.

West Midlands Police have advised to keep your doors locked at all times and be aware of your security.

You can find out more information via the West Midlands Police website [here](#).



Knit n Natter with Humbugs Coffee and Craft, Sedgley

Grab your needles, unravel some wool and get your creative mind flowing!



Join Humbugs Coffee and Craft in the Penny Farthing Arcade, Sedgley at their bi-weekly Knit n Natter. Just pop in anytime before 12.30 on a Thursday or Saturday.

Whether it's an excuse for a chatty get together with friends or an hour to relax with just you and your woolly project, Knit and Natter is the perfect time to reveal your artsy side.

You can even reward your hard work with a tasty treat afterwards with exclusive offers for our knitting enthusiasts. Cross-stitchers, crocheters, and embroiders also welcome to join the fun!

Contact Humbugs on 01902 664444 or visit their [Facebook Page](#) if you want to know more!

Co-op Woodsetton has opened it's doors



The convenience store opened it's doors on 29th March after strong objections from the local community.

Dudley Council had initially refused the planning application but this was later overturned by a planning inspectorate.

The store has replaced the old Summer House Pub and was demolished by it's new owners NewRiverREIT, a real estate investment trust who now lease it to Co-op.

Sedgley's Dangerous Junction work almost complete

The junction of Gospel End street and Vicar Road in Sedgley is currently having new road marking and signs installed to improve safety for motorists.

The first stage of the project should be completed in April and further measures will be expected to take place in the future.



Sedgley Police Station is set to close Summer 2019

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) David Jamieson has signed off on the scheme, which was put forward by the region's Chief Constable and will see 24 buildings go across the West Midlands to save £5m, including Sedgley Police Station.

Sedgley's Police Station is set to shut in Summer 2019.

Despite criticism over the closures David Jamieson has said that 'a full public engagement' would take place for each site, adding: "No station will close unless there is proper alternative provision in place.

Let's hope the building benefits the community as previously said!





Sedgley Evening Townswomen's Guild

SETG are a community group based in Sedgley that meets on the **third Monday of every month at 7:15pm** at Sedgley Community Centre, Ladies Walk, Dudley, DY3 3UA.

There is no age limit on those who wish to join and it is a great opportunity for people to develop interests and make new friends.

Townswomen's Guild are launching a campaign this year to combat loneliness so why not pop along if your looking for a local group to take part in?

Along with their monthly group they also hold a number of other groups you can get involved in including;

- The craft group meet every Wednesday afternoon 2-4pm in the community centre.
- The Walking Group complete a walk every two weeks on a Thursday.
- Luncheon or Supper Club meet once a month at different eating establishment to name a few.

They also organise theatre trips and trips away.

There are also possible future groups starting including a singing group, games club and a book club.

Lifts are available if you have difficulty getting to the monthly meetings, group meetings or events. Contact one of the ladies below who will be more than happy to help you;

⇒ Kerry Davies: 01902 677965 email: kerry59@binternet.com

⇒ Karen Moore: 01902 663185 or 07473885197 email: karenm_moore@sky.com

⇒ Elaine Bouckley: 01902 880527 or 07768487382 email: elaine.bouckley@outlook.com

⇒ Pam Favill: 07557379873

Black Country Business Festival launches on 23rd April.

Join Black Country Business Festival for their exclusive launch of the first Black Country Business Festival.



The programme contains 122 events in 9 sectors over 2 weeks, stretching right across the Black Country.

The opening event will bring together all those involved in the Festival from partners, sponsors, event organisers, venue hosts, as well as key business leaders and high profile guests, to celebrate the forthcoming Black Country Business Festival fortnight.

From then on there will be a number of events covering several areas of business in different locations

Register your interest and find out more [here](#)

Drop in Session for Dudley Regeneration Plans

Residents and Businesses are being asked to discuss major plans to breathe new life into Wolverhampton Street and Inhedge Park.



Dudley Council have organised a drop in session which will take place next month on Tuesday 17th April from 4pm at the DY1 Community Building on Stafford Street.

There have been a number of issues along Wolverhampton Street for some time including housing and waster enforcement issues and derelict sites.

Dudley Zoo to Celebrate St George's Day.

Dudley Zoo are joining forces with Dudley Council once again for this year's St George's Day event on Sunday April 22, which will take place in the 11th century castle courtyard from 3 pm – 7 pm.



There will be medieval re-enactment, children's entertainers, face painting and crafts. They will also be offering extra talks and feeds at the penguin and sea lion enclosure, history talks and ghost tours will be taking place throughout the afternoon while St George's Day themed refreshments will be available to purchase.

The event will run until 7 pm and there'll be plenty of activities to keep all ages entertained in the courtyard.

- Flip & Dippy children's entertainers
- Tombola
- Face painting
- Craft activities
- Medieval re-enactments
- History Talks & Ghost Walks
- Penguin & Sea lion feeds
- Fancy dress parade for children – come dressed as a knight or a princess!
- Dragon puppets

Tickets cost just £2.50 per adult and £2.50 per child (3-15 yrs). 0-2 years are free of charge. **ADMISSION FROM 3 pm ONLY.** Limited Availability so please book to guarantee tickets.

Tickets are not valid in conjunction with any other offer or promotion. Tickets are non-refundable, non-exchangeable and have no cash value. Tickets only valid on Sunday 22nd April 2018 after 3 pm. Last admission is 5 pm and event finishes at 7 pm. There are a limited number of tickets available and we cannot guarantee that there will be any additional tickets to purchase on the day itself.

Intu is revamping their Kids Club!



Intu Merry Hill are taking part in the revamp and will mean exclusive discounts, deals and offers from some of their top family retailers, advance notice of the most popular events, newsletters with trip inspirations and things to do, plus free gifts, a magazine and more!

The new Kids Club will be launched in May and you can register your interest now!

Parent to pre-schoolers?

Take the little one for a spin in one of their fun buggies, chill out in the soft play area and look out for their special pre-schooler 'free school holiday' activities.

And for the Big Kids...

They have lots of things to keep them entertained too. There's free wifi, cool seating to hang out on. There's something for all ages to enjoy!

Schools Out for the Easter Holidays!

Keep the kids entertained this half term and plan your activities with the help of our website.

Here you will find lots of inspiration!



St Georges Day



Saint Georges Day occurs on 23rd April each year and remembers St George - England's patron saint.

So how do we celebrate?

We don't really as it's not a bank holiday, it's just a normal working day.

It used to be a big deal (almost as big as Christmas) until the 18th Century when celebrations waned after England united with Scotland.

What's On?

There is so much going on in and around the West Midlands this **April** including:

Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust:

- [Bunny Boats](#) Booking required.
- [Little Skippers—Easter Fun!](#) Several dates. Ticketed event
- [Tunes from the Trenches](#). Ticketed event

Dudley Zoological Gardens and Castle:

- [Dudley Castle Paranormal Evening](#) Booking required.
- [St George's Celebrations](#) Booking required.

Himley Hall

- [Secret Life of Gnomes, Children's Trail](#) - Free
- [Dubs Collective Party in the Park](#). Ticketed event

Black Country Living Museum:

- [Egg-citing Easter Activities](#) Normal admission charges apply.

Patshull Park

- [Princess Party at Patshull Park Hotel](#). Ticketed event

Priory Park

- [Easter Crafts & Games](#). Suggested donation
- [Easter Treasure Hunt](#). Suggested donation

Lower Drayton Farm

- [Easter Fun](#). Tickets on the gate or can be brought online.

Think Tank, Birmingham

- [Operation Earth Show](#). Normal admission applies.
- [Easter Dino Egg Hunt](#) Normal admission applies.
- [Lego Educations Family Session - Weekends](#). Small charge plus admission
- [Duplo Education Session - Weekends](#). Small charge plus admission

Bodenham Arboretum

- [Easter Trail](#). Normal admission applies.

Severn Valley Country Park

Now open 5 Days a week.

- [The Highway Rat—Self-Led Trail](#). Small charge applies
- [Story time—The Highway Rat](#). Small charge applies.
- [Get Gardening Drop In Session](#). Small charges apply
- [Severn Valley Bush Tucker Fun!](#) Small charge applies
- [Creative Suncatcher Drop In Session](#). Small charge applies
- [Fish Day](#). Small charge applies

Haden Hill House Museum and Haden Old Hall

- [Easter Family Fun](#). Small charges apply for activities.
- [Spring Holiday Fun](#). Small charges apply for activities
- [St Georges Day](#) Charges apply for crafts

Manor House Museum

- [Teddy Bears Picnic](#). Book on arrival

RAF Cosford

- [Eagles at Easter](#) - 5th April. FREE.
- [Eagles at Easter](#)—12th April. FREE
- [Easter Feathers and Flight Trail](#). Small charge applies

NEC Birmingham

- [Kidtropolis Children's Event](#). Ticketed event.

Cadbury World

- [Easter Eggstravaganza Bank Holiday Family Fun](#) Normal Admission Charges Apply.
- [Easter Holiday Family Fun](#) Normal Admission Charges Apply .

What's On Continued...

Dormston Mill Theatre

- [Half a Six Pence by Willenhall Musical Theatre Company](#). Ticketed
- [Seussical by Bilston Operatic Society](#). Ticketed

Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

- [Blood Brothers](#). Ticketed
- [There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly](#). Ticketed
- [Turn of the Screw](#). Ticketed
- [Priscilla Queen of the Desert](#) . Ticketed

Severn Valley Railway

- [Paw Patrol Visit 2018](#). Ticketed event

Ironbridge Gorge Museums

- [The Man Engine—Afternoon](#). Ticketed event
- [The Man Engine—After dark](#). Ticketed event
- [Easter at Enginuity](#). Charges apply.
- [Easter Clay Crafts at Coalport China Museum](#) Admission plus small charge for activities
- [Victorian Easter Traditions with Blists Hill Victorian Town](#) Admission charge

Please Note—Concerts and Shows

There are lots more concerts and shows that are going on throughout April. Click [here](#) to have a look!

That's not all...

The website is packed full of other events to gain more inspiration, local businesses and available offers; www.lovefromsedgley.co.uk

Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for more 'day to day' goings on!



Don't forget...

Look out for our next newsletter which will be available at the end of April. You can subscribe to our mailing list which will mean our monthly newsletter will drop into your inbox . It's free and you can opt out at anytime.

See you soon!
