

Love From Sedgley

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

Hello and Welcome Back!

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

We would just like to start with a huge thank you for the amazing response we have had following the launch of our Newsletter. We are so glad that it has been so well received and hope that we can continue to bring the love from Sedgley.

Last month saw lots of news which will be spoken about in more detail throughout the newsletter but to summarise...

The announcement of the potential closure of Sedgley Police station which although has been vacant for some time will be a huge loss to the community. The decision about the station will be determined on 20th March.

The Upper Gornal Fun Day was confirmed for another year with bookings now being taken for stall holders. We have managed to obtain a copy of the booking form in Word format, so if this is something you would like us to send over, then let us know!

We were extremely sad to hear of the burglary of BD Price and hope that they are well on the road to getting the business back on tract. We have covered the details of this story in our local news section of this newsletter.

February also saw the new arrival of a Coffee Shop in Sedgley, which is great news for the local area and we wish Oliver's coffee shop all the best in their new venture.

Here's to another great month!

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 feature then please don't hesitate to get in touch on;
info@lovefromsedgley.co.uk



Did you know?



Fresh Eggs at Brockwood Animal Sanctuary

With Brockwood Animal Sanctuary reopening at the end of March we thought we should let you know that they sell their own eggs!

Their rescued Ducks, Chickens and Turkeys are raised naturally, so their eggs are also completely natural.

The eggs are collected daily, so freshness is always guaranteed! They are on sale everyday in the café at the Sanctuary, so why not buy local and support our local animal sanctuary?

The sanctuary is happy to reserve eggs, just let them know how many you want and when you are planning to collect them and they will pop some aside for you.



Dudley Council are offering FREE Snow Buster Kits to members of the public willing to help clear paths and driveways.

With the cold, snowy weather taking hold again, its worth claiming your FREE snowbusters pack from the council's Winter Warmth team.

The packs are for anyone living in Dudley Borough who is willing to help neighbours or their local community to clear snow and ice. You can claim a pack which contain will contain a snow shovel, high visibility jacket, five litre bag of salt and a salt spreader.

The packs need to be collected from the council's Harbour Building at Brierley Hill.

The Winter Warmth helpline is 01384 817086. Call to request a snowbusters pack, or to ask for help with staying warm at home.

This scheme is part of the Winter Warmth Programme ran by Dudley Council which you can find more about [here](#) as well as any further information on the snowbusters. scheme.



Local News!

Burglary at BD Price in Sedgley



Thieves have caused thousands of pounds worth of damage before making off with 60 bikes and a number of expensive toys at our very own BD Price.

BD Price has been left devastated after burglars stole £20,000 worth of bicycles and toys as well as causing thousands of pounds worth of damage when breaking into the premises.

BD Price is well established in Sedgley with Mr Price being the fourth generation of his family to run the business, which has been based in Sedgley for more than 100 years.

To date no one has seen or heard anything regarding this incident. So please if anyone has any information regarding this incident please call police on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Upper Gornal's Fun Day announced for another year!



Upper Gornal's Annual Fun Day will be taking place on 30th June this year, 12– 4pm.

The event is set to be a great community event and will be taking place at Vale Street Recreation Ground.

Bookings are currently being taken for stalls, which are £10.00 each. All stalls must be booked by 23rd June and you will be required to bring your own Gazebos and Tables.

If you require a copy of the booking for you can find it on our [Facebook Page](#) or alternatively drop us an email and we can email you a copy of the Word Document version.

New Youth Group Starting in Lower Gornal



Here4u Youth Group has been set up to support and offer a place for young people aged 11+ who have additional disability needs. The group hopes to integrate young people into a non-discriminatory, safe and enjoyable environment where they can interact with other young people. The young people can create friendships, learn new skills and be able to develop themselves as a person or even to just have a space where they can feel comfortable.

The team consists of four and are heavily experienced with working and accommodating young people with disabilities. They have the experience behind them of running youth groups and have worked with many young people over the years.

There are many activities available including team games, sports, arts and craft, pool/snooker, table tennis, board games and many more. They will also organise trips during the summer holidays and a 5-day residential.

The group will be opening very soon, so keep your eyes peeled for more information on the time and venue of the group.

If you have any queries or believe that your young person or friend would be interested, then please contact the team via their [Facebook page](#).

Sedgley Solicitors to hold a charity quiz night at the Seven Stars pub, Sedgley



Thursfield Solicitors are looking to raise hundreds of pounds for a charity that helps people with sight loss. They will do this by holding a quiz night at the Seven Stars Pub in Sedgley on 15th March at 6:30pm.

The Solicitors are inviting brainy teams from companies and organisations to join the event.

All the funds raised will go to the Beacon Centre Charity which is situated in Sedgley and helps people with sight loss to live a fuller and more independent life.

The cost of the quiz is £40 for each team of four, which will also include a buffet.

The top prize will be 4 VIP tickets to the opening night of Thoroughly Modern Millie on Tuesday 26th June. This will also include prosecco, nibbles, chocolates and waiter service.

Anyone who is interested in taking part in the quiz night should contact Pam Arrowsmith at Thursfields Halesowen office at parrowsmith@thursfields.co.uk.

Want to know more? Find out [here](#)

Brockwood Animal Sanctuary reopening 30th March 2018

Brockwood Animal Sanctuary will be reopening its doors on Friday 30th March 2018 following its closure over the winter months. It will be open 10am—4pm with last entry being 3pm.



The Sanctuary is based at the bottom of Catholic Lane, Sedgley and is a place for sick, injured, abused or unwanted animals. Brockwood is great for all the family and allows you to get up close and personal for an array of animals. They have a lovely little café on site as well as a play park for the children with picnic benches around the perimeter.

Entry prices are extremely reasonable and by visiting them you are also supporting the Sanctuary to continue its vital and important work.

Admission Prices:

Adults: £4:30

Concessions: £3.40 (Senior Citizens, Disabled and Carers)

Children: £2.70

Children Under 4: FREE.

Address: Brockwood, Catholic Lane, Sedgley, Dudley, DY3 3YE

Little Tinks Easter Eggstravaganza!

Join Little Tinks for an afternoon of dancing, games and fun with special guests!



On Saturday 24th March kick start your Easter celebrations with a cracking Easter party and disco. 1pm—3pm at Sedgley Working Men's Club, School Street, DY3 1HU.

Photo opportunities will be available with some new characters!

Tickets are on sale now at £10.00 per child. Adults are free but Little Tinks will need to be advised on how many adults will be attending for health and safety reasons.

Contact Emma on 07830296145 or go to their [Facebook page](#) to book tickets!

Catholic Lane Road Closure

Catholic Lane will be closed on Sunday 11th March 2018 in a bid to repair a broken manhole cover.

Motorists will be diverted via High Holborn, Dudley Street, Vicar Street, Gospel End Street and vice-versa or Cotwall End Road, Gospel End Street and vice-versa.

Access to frontages will try to be maintained where safe to do so.



Sedgley Police Station will have its fate decided on 20th March by the Strategic Policing and Crime Board.

Sedgley Police Station has been named as one of the 24 police stations to be closed by West Midlands Police in a bid to save £5 million.

This is extremely sad news for the area, however the Police have vowed to ensure that the sale of the building will benefit our community.

Let us know your thoughts!



Dudley Council tax hike of 4.49 per cent approved

Council chiefs have confirmed that residents across the Dudley borough will continue to pay one of the lowest council tax rates in the country – despite a hike of 4.49 per cent.

Members of the council gave their approval to a council tax increase from April which will see 2.99 per cent going into general services and a further 1.5 per cent going directly to adult social care services.

Council chiefs say that the rise will enable the authority to invest in key council services, and despite the increase residents will continue to pay the lowest council tax rate in the West Midlands and one of the lowest in the country.

What are your thoughts?



Don't forget! The Second lot of Community Forums Return.

Community forums for Dudley MBC take place 4 times a year, and there are 10 grouped areas which hold these meetings.



The first meetings took place in January, and the second will be taking place at the end of February/ March.

The Community Forums are a way in which local people can play a part in important issues affecting their area by discussing these with their local councillors.

Forums are held in local venues and are open to all residents.

Dates, Times and Venues for next meetings:

- Amblecote, Cradley and Wollescote, Lye and Stourbridge North — 20 March 2018 ,18:30-20:30, Withymoore Primary School, Gayfield Avenue, Brierley Hill, DY5 2BH
- Belle Vale, Hayley Green and Cradley South — 19 March 2018,18:30, Caslon Primary School
- Brierley Hill, Brockmoor and Pensnett — 05 March 2018 ,18:30-20:30, Fens Pool Community Centre, Tennyson Street, Brierley Hill, DY5 4HZ
- Castle and Priory, St. James's and St. Thomas's — 05 March 2018, 18:30, Stafford Street, Dudley, DY1 1RT
- Coseley East and Sedgley — 19 March 2018, 18:30, Venue to be confirmed
- Gornal, Upper Gornal and Woodsetton — 20 March 2018, 18:30 -20:30,The Royal British Legion, Ruiton Street, Dudley, DY3 2EH
- Halesowen North and Halesowen South — 28 February 2018, 18:30, Olive Hill Primary School •
- Kingswinford North and Wall Heath, Kingswinford South and Wordsley — 12 March 2018 18:30, Royal British Legion Club, Summerhill, Kingswinford, DY6 9JG
- Netherton, Woodside and St. Andrews and Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood — 28 February 2018,18:30- 20:30,Dudley Wood Neighbourhood Learning Centre
- Norton, Pedmore and Stourbridge East, Wollaston and Stourbridge Town— 12 March 2018, 18:30 -20:30, Norton Community Centre

Do you know who your local councillors are?

Sedgley Councillors



Cllr Bill Etheridge



Cllr Michael Evans



Cllr Tina Westwood

Upper Gornal & Woodsetton



Cllr Adam Aston



Cllr Kieran Casey



Cllr Dean Perks

Gornal



Cllr Anne Milward



Cllr Roger Scott—Dow



Cllr David Stanley

Sedgley's Fairtrade Fortnight



There are a host of activities happening this Fairtrade Fortnight.

Fairtrade Fortnight is the annual campaigning fortnight of the Fairtrade Foundation which this year runs from 26 February to 11 March. The theme of this year's campaign is 'Come on In' inviting people to welcome more people into Fairtrade.

Sedgley Fairtrade Initiative is hosting a range of events.

The Sedgley Co-operative Travel will be running a colouring competition throughout the week, showing their continuing support for Fairtrade.

Later the following week, on Friday 2 March All Saints will be hosting a Fairtrade Coffee Morning from 10am till noon, complete with food and craft stalls.

The next day on Saturday 3 March, there will be a pop-up stall, outside Iceland from 10.30 till noon focusing on the theme, "Come Outside and find out more about Fairtrade" featuring free Fairtrade food samples.

On Sunday 4 March there's a Fairtrade service at All Saints at 10.30am followed by stalls and finally on Saturday 10 March there will be a presentation of prizes from the Co-Op colouring competition at 10am at the Humbugs Coffee Shop in the Penny Farthing Arcade.

Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By paying sustainable prices, producers receive a fair wage which allows them to improve their position and have more control over their lives.

For more information on Fairtrade visit www.fairtrade.org.uk

Happy World Book Day!

We hope you have had a brilliant day today! World Book Day was created to encourage children to read and celebrate the authors and illustrators of the world.

The library is a great way of introducing your child to books so we thought we would pop in the details of Sedgley Library.

Opening times:

- Monday: 9:30am—4:00pm
- Tuesday: 9:30am—4:00pm
- Wednesday: 9:30am—4:00pm
- Thursday: 9:30am—6:00pm
- Friday: 9:30am—4:00pm
- Saturday: 10:00am—4:00pm
- Sunday: 10:00am—4:00pm

Telephone Number: 01384 812790

There is lots more information on the library [here](#).

Sedgley Library not your local library? Here's a list of [others](#).

Mother's Day

11th March 2018

We have lots of inspiration on the website to help you plan the perfect mothering Sunday

Find out [more](#)



St Patrick's Day *17th March 2018*



Talking of Irish, Sedgley's Café Cappella will be holding the first of their themed nights, which will be all things Irish!

It will take place on the 9th March at 6:30pm where you can enjoy a 3 course authentic meal with a glass of fizz on arrival.

It's £19.95pp, and bookings are being taken via telephone; 01902 678822.

What's On?

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

Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust:

- [Hidden Histories](#) FREE booking required.
- [Bunny Boats](#) Booking required.

Bantock House Museum

- [Bantock Antiques Fair](#) - £1.50 Entry

Black Country Living Museum:

- [Disabled Access Day](#) Normal admission charges apply.
- [Egg-citing Easter Activities](#) Normal admission charges apply.
- [Commemorating the Great War](#) Normal admission charges apply.
- [Bringing the Pitt to Life](#) Normal admission charges apply.

Stourbridge Town Hall

- [Doreen](#) Ticketed event.

Dudley Town Hall

- [Faith—The George Michael Legacy](#) Ticketed event

Brierley Hill Civic Hall

- [Kick up the 80's](#) Ticketed Event

Mary Stevens Hospice

- [Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee Morning](#) FREE—£3 per child for Egg Hunt.

Bodenham Arboretum

- [Enchanting Fairy Trail](#) Normal Admission Charges Apply.

Birmingham Town Hall

- [I believe in Unicorns](#) Ticketed

New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

- [Sing— a—Long Sound of Music](#) Ticketed event.

Severn Valley Country Park

Opening 5 Days a week as of 21st March 2018.

- [Severn Valley Egg Chase](#) Ticketed Event

- [The Highway Rat—Self-Led Trail.](#) Small charge applies

Red House Glass Cone, Stourbridge

- [Teenage Market](#) FREE
- [Easter Hunt](#) Small charge applies

Cadbury World

- [Easter Eggstravaganza Bank Holiday Family Fun](#) Normal Admission Charges Apply. .
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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](#) for more 'day to day' goings on!

Don't forget...

Look out for our next newsletter which will be available from 31st March.

See you soon!