



**Sedgley's**

**Diamond 60**

*Sixty years, sixty people,  
sixty stories about village life  
since 1952.*

## Sedgley Community Centre Over 50s Club.

*by Beryl and Stan Dodd*

We met at the Methodist Chapel in Greet Green, West Bromwich when we were 17. We got engaged on Coronation Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953, upstairs at Stan's mother's house. As we came downstairs to announce our good news, the Queen was just being crowned and we watched it all on a black and white TV. The Queen had her crown on and I had my ring! We've now been married 57 years.

In our early married days we lived in Greet Green with Stan's mum (as you did in those days!). Then we bought a bungalow on The Straits and moved to Sedgley in 1961 and we've been very happy here.

But I remember that just before we moved I was on the back of my brother's motorbike and fell off – I was quite badly injured and at the time I feared I might not walk again and that's when we thought about getting a bungalow. Luckily I did recover but we still decided to buy the bungalow and it's suited us beautifully.

We've now been running the **Over 50s Club** at **Sedgley Community Centre** for 13 years and currently we have 100 members. We even need a waiting list because we have to restrict our numbers due to fire regulations.

When we started we had a **big open day in December 1999** and the children from Dormston School came and sang for us. Originally the community centre started with just a hut for the gardening club; then they applied for money to get the present centre built.

There's something different every week: bingo, 'Play Your Cards Right', guest speakers, line dancing. We also organise 'sit-down meals' for our members. There's a superb crowd there, we go on holidays together and everybody cares about everybody else. Our motto is: "The happiest way of living is doing good for others."



**Sedgley Community Centre (outside).**



**Sedgley Community Centre (inside).**