

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

Produced by volunteers for the people of Sedgefield, Bradbury, Mordon and Fishburn

April 2023 edition

Sedgefield Ball Game 2023

The 2023 Ball Game winner was Daniel Archer, pictured below. These fabulous photographs have been shared by Stephen Curry. You may be able to help Stephen with his research:

"I would like to say thank you to everyone that's been in touch over the last year about the Ball Game. I now have portraits of over 35 previous winners, with only 10-15 remaining. I'm still looking, so if you're a winner I haven't yet photographed, please get in touch.

I'm also interested in winners that are no longer with us, therefore, if anyone has a photo of a family member that has won the game, particularly before 1975, please get in touch. This is to add to my game research and a possible future publication. Thank you. Stephen Curry."

Email: curry.s@hotmail.co.uk. Tel: 07752 431883



Deadline for May: Friday 14 April

Loft extension

From Loft to Loved are extending the number of sociable craft groups on offer.



You may know From Loft to Loved as the homewares and gift shop on The Square in the centre of Sedgefield. Did you know that they also run structured workshops by local artists and sociable craft groups?

Thanks to new community funding, the team are now able to extend the number of craft groups available.



There is a kids group, a sewing group, and a number of general craft groups where participants bring their latest craft project to work on whilst having a chat, a cuppa, and a piece of cake. It's a great way to meet new people and there's something for everyone. So pop into the shop to find out more and book your space.



Diva Opera

On Thursday 9 March, Sedgefield Community College were delighted to welcome performers from Diva Opera to the school. Diva Opera have operated for more than 25 years and have delivered more than 2,500 performances during this time. In addition to students from SCC, the audience was also made up of students from the two other secondary schools that are also part of the Laidlaw Schools Trust: Academy 360 in Sunderland and Excelsior Academy in Newcastle.



The vast majority of students (and staff) in the audience had not experienced an opera performance of this kind before and were enthralled by the abridged version of 'Hansel and Gretel'. Not only were there 200 students watching, approximately 30 students from SCC and Academy 360 had the chance to take part in the performance too. According to Anne Marabini Young, Diva's co-founder, the students were the best school singers that they have ever encountered!

At Sedgefield Community College, we place great importance on the creative and performing arts and aim to give our students opportunities to develop existing talents in these areas and also discover new interests too. Having such a prestigious national opera company visit the school was a fantastic way to support this aim.

Dark Wizards on World Book Day

Last month, we celebrated World Book Day at Sedgefield Hardwick. Over the years, we have paid tribute to many different authors and stories: Peter Pan, Fantastic Mr Fox, 101 Dalmatians and the Wizard of Oz to name just a few. This year, our school was transformed into the magical castle of Hogwarts as we experienced the wizarding world of Harry Potter!



We discovered that Hogwarts had been overrun by intruding Dark Wizards, whose sole mission was to bring back the Dark Lord himself - Voldemort! Fortunately, some of our professors (along with the genius of us children!) hatched a plan to foil them! Working as a team, we had to draw upon our knowledge of co-operation and contribution to cast spells upon the off-guard Dark Wizards in order to rescue our class novels. Once we had done so, we then had to read as many pages as we could in order to create a spell which revealed the hiding place of the Horcrux that had been hidden!

We got our own back on the Dark Wizards, especially the Chief Dark Wizard (Mr Taylor) by swapping the spell that would return Voldemort with a sliming spell. Our plan worked perfectly; the Dark Wizards never suspected a thing. Hogwarts was returned to the students, and the Dark Wizards were taught a lesson they'll never forget! We're already excitedly thinking about what our theme next year will be!

Active Ted Activates Pupils



Active Ted is a new programme at Sedgefield Primary, to encourage all of our pupils to be active for as long as they can outside school hours. Its aim is to make sure that our pupils are as healthy and happy as they can be. It also provides us with the motivator to explain the major benefits that physical activity has on us. It also allows us as a school to track and reward each pupils' physical activity in and out of school. Furthermore, the children will learn a large range of new fun activities which they can do outside in the community and at home with parents/carers.



We have a team of activators in school who are our Active Ted leaders. It is their role to plan and deliver the Active Ted sessions that occur within school. This is a great opportunity as it gives them leadership experience which has a clear link to improving their confidence. Finally, it is another opportunity that all the pupils in our school can take part in to have a positive impact on themselves and the people around them. Thus, it supports our school ethos of learning for life in a healthy happy way.



SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST PROJECT NEWS

Name That Wood!

The Woodland and Wildlife volunteers have a plan to get the NETPark green corridor site that we manage on the Ordnance Survey maps - but it needs a name!

The green corridor is located on the old site of Winterton Hospital and as NETPark develops further it will be at the heart of the science and technology park. In the 5 years since the project began, we have planted over 2,000 trees and increased the rich diversity of plants, flowers, insects, birds and animals. We'd love to hear your suggestions for a name for the Woodland and Wildlife project site. Maybe you know of a local historical character, modern day hero or an interesting story related to the site. Maybe a name which reflects nature, or its future; is there a particular plant or insect you know of onsite? Whatever your suggestion we'd love to hear it.

A panel of representatives will judge the suggestions and following a decision, the winner will be invited to a naming ceremony at the green corridor.

Please send your suggestion for a name to woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk.

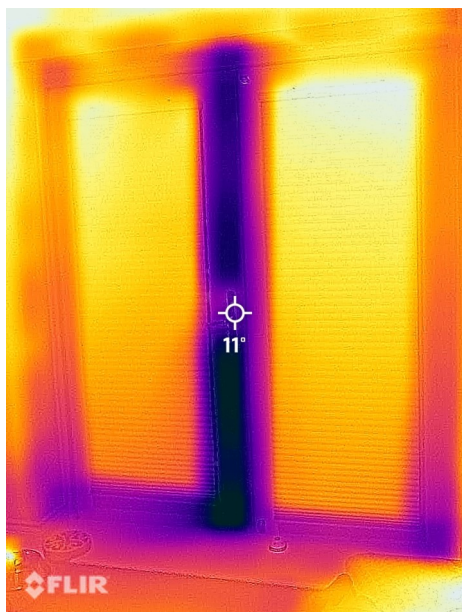
Deadline for entries is Sunday 30 April.

Hot stuff: Investigations with a thermal camera

I have been on the Octopus Energy waiting list to borrow a thermal camera for a long time but, last month, it finally arrived. I thought you might be interested to know what I learned:

To detect where heat is escaping and where cold is entering the house, it is best to use the camera when it is very cold outside and the heating has been on. I was lucky to get the camera when we had snow. It attached to my phone and I could take photos and videos to record my findings. I found that I got more insightful readings using the camera inside my home and soon found some problem areas:

- Window sills and the corners of windows are letting cold in
- Some rooms have drafts from the skirting boards
- There is an area in the loft without insulation and this could clearly be seen on the ceiling beneath that space.
- The most startling revelation was the French doors which leaked cold at their closing point as seen on the image below.



As a result of my adventures with the camera, I have a number of actions identified:

- Invest in some sealing strips for the French doors
- To seal around the skirting in the room with hard flooring
- My blinds look nice but adding curtains will block those window drafts.

I had to return the camera after 3 days but I would be interested to repeat my survey to see what impact the changes have made. Sedgefield Development Trust want to gauge interest in having a camera for use by the local community. If you're interested, please email treasurer@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk with "Thermal camera" in the subject field.

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SEDGEFIELD FARMERS MARKET

On the Green, First Sunday Morning Every Month.

Sunday 2 April
on the Village Green
8:30am - 12:30pm

That was my favourite mug!



The Friendly Fixers Repair Cafe continues to develop, with March's event including the group's first furniture repairs, several small electrical items, some garment fixes and a masterclass in the highly specialised art of handbell repair! We also offer repairs to ceramics, e.g. broken crockery or china. In Japan, there is a culture of appreciating objects that show their age and experience, by valuing their cracks and chips. This is called wabi sabi, which roughly translates as beauty in imperfection.



Other objects which may be too 'imperfect' to use, may be mended with gold, with the kintsugi approach, which aims to make the repair visible, and add to its charm. So if your favourite mug has bounced, why not bring it along, and we will try to make it usable again!

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Sedgefield News is put together and distributed each month by an intrepid band of volunteers and is paid for by advertising, so that it can be read for free in well over 3,000 homes, businesses and public locations in the local area.

Sedgefield News is also available via www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk.

If you would like to help, write a letter or article (or send us some encouragement!) you can drop us a line at news@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk.



A project of Sedgefield Development Trust

We're still here! Get in touch if you'd like some help (or could offer some)
homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk

Calendar images

Photographers of all ages are being asked to start taking pictures of life in and around Sedgfield for possible use in the best-selling annual calendar produced by the Friends of St Edmund's Church.

The theme chosen for the 2024 calendar is 'Sedgfield through the Seasons' which, says membership secretary Brian Mutch, "gives everyone with a camera the chance to capture eye-catching images of people and places at their favourite time of year."



Copyright-free entries can be in colour or monochrome and should be suitable for use in the now traditional, slimline, month-by-month, hang-anywhere calendar which has proved extremely popular since it was first launched five years ago. Drone photographs are welcome from those holding current CAA approval.

Closing date for entries is 9 July so that the calendars and optional card envelopes can be on sale at Sedgfield Show, where they are often bought as Christmas presents. Entries should be forwarded by email to Brian at b.mutch@btinternet.com or as hard copy to 6 Hasledon Grove, Sedgfield TS21 2JW. Brian would be happy to provide further information on 01740 622302.

STEVE'S NATURE DIARY APRIL 2023

We recently went over to the Lake District and on the way back we made our obligatory stop at one of our favourite nature reserves- Leighton Moss. The weather wasn't wonderful, but we managed to see one of the reserves specialities, hear another but missed out on another. The RSPB reserve is the largest reedbed in the north-west of England and home to a number of reedbed specialists and it was one of those that we saw just after we arrived, quartering over the reed beds looking for food - the Marsh Harrier. It is the largest of the harriers and can be recognised by its long tail and wings held in a shallow 'V'. It is distinguishable from other harriers by its larger size, heavier build, broader wings and absence of white on the rump. Females are larger than males and have obvious creamy heads. Its future in the UK is now more secure than at any time during the last century, breeding at various sites including Leighton Moss. You are almost guaranteed to see these magnificent birds here (famous last words) especially if you visit in spring and summer.



Whilst sitting in one of the hides watching a good selection of ducks including Mallard, Teal, Tufted Duck, Wigeon and Pintail and keeping an eye out for otters (which you also find on the reserve), we heard the sound that we were hoping for. Difficult to describe really but it sounds like the noise you make when you blow over the top of a milk bottle also known as a boom. It was a Bittern booming. This rare and shy heron, spends almost all of its time hidden away in large reedbeds, where it feeds on eels and other fish. Having wonderfully camouflaged plumage, this helps it blend into the reeds. It can also stand motionless for long periods to avoid detection. So, it can be difficult to see but you can occasionally spot them in the reeds or sometimes as they fly. During the breeding season, to attract a mate, the male bittern 'booms', making a deep, foghorn-like sound which can be heard up to two miles away, mostly at night. It's an unusual sound and is difficult to pin down where the sound is coming from; one minute its over there; the next time somewhere else! The final reedbed specialist we were looking for was the most elusive - the Bearded Reedling, and although we spent some time watching the grit trays that are put out to aid their digestion, we didn't see any. Still there was still a lot to see and we enjoyed being out on a cold March day. Closer to home you can occasionally see reedbed specialists on some of our local nature reserves including Coatham Marsh and Saltholme.



Sedgfield in Bloom needs you....

Looking for a new interest and to meet new friends?

Do you love living in Sedgfield?

Can you help with any of the following:

#social media #planting #sweeping
#leaf collecting #pruning #driving
#finance #grant applications
#baking #fund raising #etc.

Contact any Bloom member or Chair, Alice Hobson on 07443 606907 or at ChairSIB@gmail.com.



Good Friday Procession of Witness
7th April 2023

Reflective, ecumenical service of gospel readings and songs

Starts 10.00 am at St. Edmund's
procession to St. John Fisher
then the Methodist Church
With the participation of
New Generation Church

All welcome

Sedgfield Area Churches Together

SEDGEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Reclassification of Offences

At our March Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Police Sergeant Daniel Lake gave the group an overview of policing in our area and answered many questions put to him on issues of concern. One important and topical matter raised by Sgt Lake, was the reclassification of some offences of Antisocial Behaviour, Public Order or Threatening Behaviour, which are now to be classed as "Crimes". Previously, persons found to have taken part in such incidents could expect to have been "Reported" or "Cautioned" by the police. Now any person so involved may find themselves arrested and charged with a crime, resulting if convicted, in a criminal record. This is especially important to young persons as it could prohibit them from a whole host of future training/employment opportunities. What the individual concerned may regard as a minor incident of damage or disturbance, could now result in a criminal record affecting their future.

Cybercrime

Many people are now more concerned about Cybercrime than physical crime. National Neighbourhood Watch has teamed up with the Cybersecurity firm 'Avast' to help people keep their digital lives safe, by providing easy to understand practical advice, such as:

- How to change your privacy settings
- Protect your family online: the cyber-savvy parent
- Popular threats on Android or iOS and how to avoid them
- How to fight phishing

See Cyberhood Watch on ourwatch.org.uk to answer your digital questions.

Local issues

Your local Neighbourhood Watch team, together with Town Clerk Jane Ayre and County Councillor Chris Lines, continue to press Durham County Council for answers to questions posed some weeks ago, regarding the efficiency, monitoring and upgrading of the town CCTV cameras.

Reported incidents of damage and antisocial behaviour have decreased in the past couple of weeks. This may be partly due to the end of half term but I like to think that the efforts of numerous local organisations, together with good work by our local police have also played their part.

Action has been taken against persons responsible for cruelty to birds in our area. Although pigeons are officially classed as vermin, the police teamed up with RSPB and other agencies to resolve the matter which was highlighted on our Facebook page recently.

We still await results of the Active Travel Survey carried out by DCC regarding road safety and access in Sedgfield but these plans will be circulated once received.

Incident Reporting

Policing like any other service, is provided on a data driven basis and while Sedgfield may be a relatively low crime area, it remains vital that every and all incidents are reported to the police, whether by telephone, email or in person.

Next meeting

Our next NHW meeting is on Thursday 13 April at 7:30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall. We hope to have another good attendance, including police and local councillors. We would love to hear your concerns, questions or ideas on keeping Sedgfield and its residents safe.

Please keep reporting incidents of ASB, criminal damage, etc. to the police on 101, or 999 in an emergency, and don't forget, you can report suspicions of criminal activity anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Horse racing

Last month, our Sports Page included news that well known local businessman and racehorse trainer Ray Craggs had been named Flat Trainer of the Month for December 2022.

This significant accolade was awarded to Ray by the Jockey Club, the largest horse racing organisation in the country, which owns courses such as Aintree, Cheltenham and Epsom Downs. Congratulations to Ray, who is pictured with his award, alongside daughter-in-law Janet and two of the horses that he trains.



Duck ponds

Residents in the area around the duck ponds near the Eden Drive play equipment have raised concerns about an increase in vermin activity there. Durham County Council's pest control staff have inspected the area and have been unable to find any clear evidence of an infestation. In the event that vermin are identified in the future, the pest control team will take appropriate action that does not endanger other wildlife and residents. Meanwhile, we encourage residents to minimise the chance of vermin being attracted to the area. The best way to do this is to avoid providing any food that could attract vermin, which could either be food put out for other animals or human food related litter. In the event that you feel you have to provide food for the other wild animals in the area, you should only use food suited to those animals and it should be thrown directly into the pond and not onto the surrounding banks/green spaces.

Thank you

Janet Bull and family would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to Dogs Trust, Sadberge in memory of her sister Isabel Rainbird. The total amount donated was £410.

Sedgfield parkrun

On 18 March, Sedgfield parkrun celebrated its 11th birthday. Since the event started in 2012, 11,807 different people have run, jogged or walked the weekly free timed 5k two-lap course around Hardwick Park on Saturday mornings. Sedgfield also has a successful junior parkrun on Sunday mornings, a 2k event for children aged 4 to 14.

None of this would have been possible without the volunteers who have made it possible – over the years, that's added up to 857 individuals at the Saturday event and 581 on Sundays. Many of them are serial volunteers, including Val Newton and Keith Charlton who have helped out 992 times between them!



ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

email: sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com

Choral concert at St Edmunds Church

Vox Populi are a local professional vocal consort based in Newcastle made up of graduate vocalists from Newcastle and Durham Universities. Sedgefield Area Churches Together (SACT) are hosting a concert by these extremely talented classical music singers. Given the time of year and the King's Coronation the concert repertoire will feature English composers such as Tallis, Byrd, Finzi and William-Vaughan alongside some English Folk song arrangements. Refreshments will also be provided. An event not to be missed.

For more information, ticket reminders and to let us know if you are able to attend contact sedgefieldact@gmail.com or 01740 620574.

VOX POPULI
Saturday 13 May
St Edmund's Church, Sedgefield

7:30 pm
Free with retiring collection
For more information, contact:
sedgefieldact@gmail.com or 01740620574

Search for Arts Churches Together

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Hardwick Festival 2023

The line-up has been announced for Sedgefield's annual summer extravaganza—Hardwick Festival. Once again the bill does not disappoint with household names like Noel Gallagher, The Kooks, & Johnny Marr alongside a supercharged selection of DJs.

HARDWICK FESTIVAL
16/19/20 AUGUST 2023

Friday 18th August
Hacienda Classical
The Owl
Kath Meritt

Saturday 19th August
Freya Ridings
The Kooks
Johnny Marr
The Cribs
Andrew Curson
Ten City
Dennis Ferrer
Low Step

Sunday 20th August
Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds
The Kooks
Johnny Marr
The Cribs
Andrew Curson
Ten City
Dennis Ferrer
Low Step

www.hardwickfestival.co.uk

Mayor's Event in April

An evening of excellent entertainment is guaranteed at Sedgefield Parish Hall on 15 April. The Mayor's Cracking Cabaret will feature 8 fantastic performers, a cash bar and a raffle. Bring your own food for this event, which is the penultimate Mayor's fundraiser in the calendar.

Flora Dora, Sarah Legender, Leo McCormack Plus One, Ceddesfolk, Fishermen's Friends, Annie Lince & Friends, Anne-Marie Clayton, Lirica

Mayor's Cracking Cabaret

SEDGEFIELD PARISH HALL

SATURDAY
April 15th
7:30PM

Bring your own food
Cash Bar
Raffle
£10

Tickets available from STC offices
weekday mornings

The Mayor's Murder Mystery Night scheduled for Saturday 29 April in Sedgefield Parish Hall has been cancelled due to the Sedgefield Players performing in a competition in Liverpool on that date.

Northern Ballet: Ugly Duckling at the Gala

Northern Ballet's productions aimed specifically at children have proved enormously successful, and this staging of the classic Hans Christian Anderson tale is perfectly pitched for younger ballet fans, with a run-time of just 40 minutes. Catch it at the Gala, Durham 4-5 April. Tickets priced at just £8 (£6 concession). galadurham.co.uk/galapost/ugly-duckling/

Northern Ballet Gala Durham

Ugly Duckling
a ballet for children

Tuesday 4 & Wednesday 5 April,
2pm & 4pm (+12pm Wednesday)
Tickets: £8 (£6 concession)

More Local Events

Northern Soul & Motown, Shildon Railway Institute

Evergreen rhythms to get you on the dancefloor, served up by Peter McCormick, Stephen Wales and Richie Summerson.
1 April 7-11pm, £4.

NORTHERN SOUL & MOTOWN NIGHT

WITH DJ'S PETER MCCORMICK STEPHEN WALES and RICHIE SUMMERSON

1st APRIL

SHILDON RAILWAY INSTITUTE

£4.00 ENTRY OTD 7PM - 11PM

The Wizard of Oz, The Princess

Alexandra Auditorium, Yarm
Book early to avoid disappointment; Sedgefield's West-End maestro Tim Jasper is MD for this re-staging at PAA, Yarm, 16-18 April. Family tickets priced at £60. thepaaonline.org

THE WIZARD OF OZ
LAURA D'ARCY, CARL THORNLEY, JOEKE BULL, JAMIE STEVEN, LOUISE KEMPSON, JOANNA PIERCE-JONES, STEFAN PEJIC

SUN 16 - TUE 18 APRIL 2023
01642 792 587 | www.thepaaonline.org

Bishop Auckland Food Festival

This year's festival features a Masterchef champion and a Great British Bake-Off runner up.
22-23 April.
bishopaucklandfoodfestival.co.uk

SPORTS UPDATE

Email chrisjlines@aol.com

Squash

Durham and Cleveland recently held its County Squash Masters Championships at Yarm Squash Club, with age groups ranging from over 35s to over 70s. Sedgefield's Ian Williams reached the final of the over 60s competition, finishing runner up in a hard fought final against former British champion Neil Harrison.

Sedgefield Squash Club held its annual individual handicap competition recently. This year, handicaps were adjusted for every round, resulting in some incredibly close matches. The format was 'best of five' with each game to 11 points. Both finalists fought some extremely close matches on their respective journeys to compete for the silverware. Simon Groom and Matteo Rutherford (U17) played a tremendous final in front of a lively balcony, with Matteo winning the title 3-1. This tournament is proving a great platform for the club's juniors, with three out of the last four winners being up and coming youngsters.

Sedgefield Squash Club is grateful to all the ladies and girls who came along to the Rally Together event. The concept was in conjunction with International Women's Day and a nationwide campaign run by England Squash to get more females involved in sport.

The county leagues are all but complete, with a few re-arranged matches still to be played. Sedgefield's 1st team, who play in the Premier League, have finished the season strongly with three out of four wins. The 2nd team finished second in Division 2 and are promoted to Division 1. The 3rd team can still be crowned champions but still have two matches left in Division 3. The 4th and 5th teams both played in Division 4 this season. Sedgefield 4th team finished third, just missing out on promotion. The 5th team, which is made up of many up-and-coming players, had a really successful season, and were only narrowly defeated in their last match against champions Bedale 2. Sedgefield's ladies' team currently sit second in their division with two matches left. Fingers are crossed they will be lifting that trophy by the end of the season.

Swimming

The annual Northumberland and Durham Championships took place over two weekends in February with five swimmers from Sedgefield 75 having qualified. The venue was the Sunderland Aquatic Centre's 50-metre pool in the shadow of the Stadium of Light and all spectator tickets sold out. Alex Boyer kicked things off for Sedgefield with a 1500m freestyle swim and went on to 200m and 400m freestyle where he set a personal best.

Aviana Wilson competed in four events and qualified for finals in three of them, 50 and 100m backstroke and 100m freestyle. She set a new PB in 50m freestyle and saved the best for last with nearly three seconds off her best 100m free time in the heat, then a further second in the final to break the 1:10 barrier for the first time.

Filip Wilczynski finalled in all seven of his events, clocking up 14 swims in which he bettered his PB's 10 times and broke club records in 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly (all twice) and 200m backstroke in the heat. He took the titles in all three backstroke events and won bronze in 50m freestyle and 100m butterfly. In his two other events, 50m butterfly and 100m freestyle, he placed fourth.

Jessica Bell clocked up 16 swims, seven of them finals. She beat PB in 100m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 50m butterfly (twice) and 200m individual medley. In her two 50m butterfly swims, Jessica beat her own club record twice.

Charlie McEwan swam in 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly and beat PB in both, going sub-29 seconds in the butterfly for the first time.

Coach John Moore was delighted with the swimming, remarking on Filip's backstroke clean sweep as something he hadn't witnessed before. The club finished in 12th place out of 26 in the medal table.

Duathlon

Sedgefield's Ellie Spink has been crowned 2023 female U20 European sprint duathlon champion. Ellie travelled to Venice in Italy for the European Duathlon Championships, where she tackled a 5k run, 20k bike leg and then a final 2.5k run. Ellie completed the race in 1 hour, 16 minutes and 10 seconds to claim the title. Ellie had trained extremely hard for the championships during the British winter and has reaped the rewards – congratulations!



Athletics



Sedgefield Harriers' senior men competed in the final fixture of the North East Harrier League cross country season. As usual, the event was held in Alnwick, and also as ever, clubs from around the North East who were challenging for titles or promotion, or battling relegation, pulled out all the stops and fielded big squads. It proved to be an exciting day. The Harriers managed to retain their Division 2 status and will compete there again. Sedgefield's women have also recorded some very encouraging league results this season and will be hoping to make a promotion push next time.

Wednesday 26 April will see the return of Sedgefield Harriers' popular Neptune Relays in Hardwick Park. Featuring races in a series of junior, senior and veteran categories, the event involves teams of four, with each runner completing a 1.7 mile lap. The relays are really inclusive, welcoming club and non-club entries from all over the North East. The cost is £12 per team of affiliated runners (£14 for unaffiliated), and entry is on the day only. For more details, email secretary@sedgefieldharriers.co.uk.

Cricket



The 2023 local cricket season will get underway on Saturday 15 April, with Sedgefield's 1st XI hosting Whitby and the 2nd XI away at Stockton.

Leading the 1st XI will be Ben Swindale, who should've taken the reins in 2022 but for a serious injury which kept him off the field all season, so it will feel as though the team has a new signing. After some strong performances last year, the team will be pushing for a position higher than the sixth place finish they secured.

After winning promotion as league champions in 2022, the 2nd XI will again be led by Graham Scanlon, after deferring his retirement (yet again, allegedly) and the team will be confident of holding their own in a higher division.

The 3rd XI play on Sundays and will once again be captained by George Hampson. Junior team fixtures will get underway in May, as will games for the 'double double' winning 4th XI, aka the Sedgefield Winkers, who really do know what "social cricket" is all about!

A very hectic season lies ahead and the club sends its thanks in advance to the battalion of volunteers who will keep the show running. Howzat!

That's all for this month. As always, if you have any sports news, send it to chrisjlines@aol.com.

CEDDESFELD HALL

Sedgefield Community Association

Spring is on the way and SCA continue to work towards some special community events. Look out for posters around town and on social media for more information.

Monday 10 April 2pm to 4pm - Easter Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt - Free

A fun afternoon for the family (children under 12yrs), with an egg hunt, decorated egg, and Easter bonnet competitions. The bar will be open, and families are welcome to bring a picnic.

Saturday 22 April 7:30pm - Quiz Night with Pie & Peas - Tickets £10

A fund-raising event for the Mediaeval Fayre, with quiz master Peter Hinde. Tickets available in advance from behind the bar at Ceddesfeld or from Pat, Sarah (numbers below) or Peter on 01740 621709.

Monday 8 May 11am to 5pm - King Charles III Coronation Celebrations - Free

STC, SCA with other community groups and organisations are working together to prepare a programme of events for the Coronation. At Ceddesfeld Hall on Monday 8 May, there will be a range of family fun activities, live musical entertainment, children singing, face painting, crown making, and lots more, on the lawns and in the big marquee tent. Refreshments will be served throughout the day by Aubergine Café and the bar will be open.

Saturday 20 May 10am to 4pm - Mediaeval Fayre - Village Green and Ceddesfeld Hall and Lawns

The Fayre will begin with a procession including children from local primary schools, nurseries, and sports groups. There will be tombola stalls (bottles and gifts), various craft and food stalls and the funfair around the Green. In the arena the mediaeval knights will demonstrate their combat skills, and local groups will do battle in the tug of war. Ceddesfeld lawns will be open, for everyone to enjoy birds of prey, face painting, circus skills, and living history displays and demonstrations. Refreshments will be served throughout the day and the bar will be open.

Family Fun Afternoon - Sunday 20th August – 1 pm to 4 pm - Free

Come along to enjoy a fun afternoon on the fantastic lawns at Ceddesfeld Hall. There is a good variety of garden games and sports equipment to play with, face painting, with lots of space for a family picnic. The bar will be open.

Volunteers Welcome!

Practical help with setting up, taking down, manning stalls, running activities etc, is needed, so please do get in touch if you (or your group) can offer any help with the events.

For more information on Ceddesfeld Hall events, regular activities, room hire and bar opening times, contact Wendy on 01740 620206, Pat on 01740 620607, John on 01740 620042, Sarah on 01740 622185 or visit our website on www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk. Follow us [facebook.com/Ceddesfeld](https://www.facebook.com/Ceddesfeld).

Mayor's Corner

As I enter the last couple of months as Mayor of Sedgefield, I reflect on what a wonderful year it has been. As well as all the regular Council Meetings, Working Groups and also reporting problems to Durham County Council on 'Do It Online', I have met some lovely people, both residents of the village and other Mayors and Civic Leaders. It has been an absolute joy to get to know what makes the village what it is, through attending a diverse number of groups including DIDO, The Twinning Association, u3a, the W.I. and the Veterans. I have also been an honoured guest at charitable events in Ryhope, Ponteland, Morpeth, Hart Village and Bishop Auckland Castle; all places I would not have been to normally.

Finally, I must thank and pay tribute to the plethora of businesses and individuals who so kindly donated quality prizes for my Mayor's Ball at Hardwick Hall Hotel on 3 March. The place was rocking to the 60s sounds from The Moondogs. The generosity of so many people on the night enabled me to raise over £2,200 for Cancer Research UK and local community groups. The same weekend our first granddaughter, Norah Elizabeth was baptised and our son Tim became engaged to Rebecca Demmer from Luxembourg - 2 more truly memorable occasions. Until next time, stay safe.

David Jasper



Youth shelter – polite request



Sedgefield Town Council would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone who uses the Youth Shelter near to the Town Council Offices, the doctor's surgery and the walkway through to the Parish Hall and Homebryth to treat this facility with respect and to be courteous to passers-by. We know the vast majority of the Shelter's users do behave appropriately but would like to ask everyone who goes there to be mindful of their behaviour. Litter should not be strewn around the Shelter and surrounding area, glass bottles should not be thrown and no illegal activity should take place there. If you are a parent or guardian of someone who uses the Shelter we would be grateful for your help in conveying this polite request. The Town Council are looking at options for trying to improve the lighting around the Shelter area.



Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) order 2015

Notice Under Article 13 of Application For Planning Permission

Proposed development of land adjacent to no 30 the Orchard, Sedgefield, TS213AF.

Take notice that application is being made by Mr J. Smith for planning permission to material change used from open land to domestic garden. Local Planning Authority to whom the application is being submitted: Durham County Council, County Hall. any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the council within 21 days of the notice. Mr J. Smith 24.2.23 Statement of owners' rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property unless there is some provision to the contrary in agreement or lease. owner means a person having a freehold interest or at lease hold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years.



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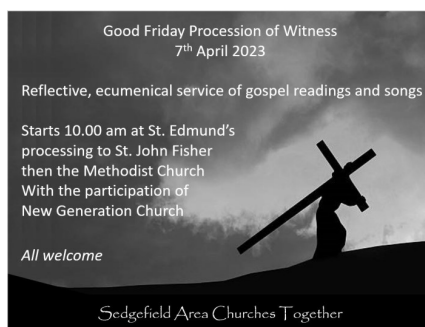
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April 2023

- Monday 3** **Sedgefield Local History Society**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:45pm. "Remarkable women of the Northeast" by Geoff Hughes.
- Wednesday 5** **Sedgefield Women's Institute**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:15pm. Cookery demonstration by Naila Laundry. Member's competition is "a favourite recipe". Visitors always welcome (£4—includes refreshments).
- Friday 7** **Good Friday Procession**, starting at St Edmund's Church, Sedgefield at 10am, and continuing to St. John Fisher and the Methodist Church. Everyone is most welcome, coffee and hot-cross buns afterwards.
- Thursday 13** **Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30pm. We hope to have police, local councillors, and a range of safety and security equipment on display.
- Friday 14** **Sedgefield and District U3A**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm. Carol Dean "Hever Castle—a love story?", visitors welcome—£3.
- Saturday 15** **Mayor's Cracking Cabaret Night**, Sedgefield Parish Hall. Cash bar, bring your own food, raffle. Tickets £10 from Sedgefield Town Council Offices, weekday mornings.
- Monday 17** **DIDO**, trip to Scarborough. Meet at the Sedgefield Parish Hall. The coach leaves at 9:30am. Call 07597 116848 or 01740 629574 for more details.
- Tuesday 18** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 10:30am-12pm. For those living with dementia and their carers.
- Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. Julia Loudon demonstrates "a floral fight of fancy", members £5, non-members £8.
- Friday 21** **Sedgefield and District U3A**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall at 10am. Tea, scones, cakes and raffle.
- Thursday 27** **Pie and Peas Supper and Quiz**, Mordon Village Hall, 7pm. Order tickets (£5) in advance from mordonbradburyvh@hotmail.com or 01740 620634.
- Friday 28** **Sedgefield Village Veterans**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am.
- Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club**, cheese and wine even has been **CANCELLED**. It will be re-scheduled to a later date.
- Saturday 29** **Sedgefield Band 101**, Sedgefield Cricket Club, at 8pm.
- Sedgefield Model Railway Show**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 10am. See notes to the right for more details.



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