

# SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

August 2023 edition

Deadline for September: Monday 14 August

## Keeping Live Music...Live in Sedgefield

**SEDGEFIELD**  
BLUES CLUB

Sedgefield Rock and Blues Club has been described by the artists that travel from all over the UK as "an absolute gem and a superb place to play music" to a room full of music loving fans.

From humble beginnings in 2010, the Club has since hosted 83 gigs attracting the industry's finest headline bands with their own material and top-quality support acts from around the region.



We kicked off the year in January with Miguel Montalban, described as "one of the greatest young guitarists around". His cover version of "Sultans of Swing" went viral on YouTube producing over 24 million views!

In March, we saw a second Sedgefield outing for Kossoff...The Band Plays On, who are the remnants of Back Street Crawler, the band Paul Kossoff formed after he left Free.

In April, we hosted Bonham:Bullick – the Peter Bullick band with Deborah Bonham (sister of Led Zeppelin's drummer) on vocals.

And, in May, there was Frankie Miller's Full House.

**Q:** What do Frankie Miller, Robert Plant (Led Zeppelin), David Gilmour (Pink Floyd), Humble Pie, ACE, Pretty Things, UFO and Bad Company have in common?

**A:** Current and former members of Full House have featured in them! Just before the summer break we had many people's favourite gig of the year so far from The Milk Men. If you're not familiar with them, think 'Dr Feelgood', but more smartly dressed. They absolutely rocked the house on a very warm night.

On 9 September, we have Redfish Blues Band and Ramblin' Preachers, both award winners in their own right. Both bands are known for their infectious energy and tight-knit chemistry.

Then on 7 October, we host Rhino's Revenge. A force to be reckoned with fronted by legendary rock bassist John "Rhino" Edwards of Status Quo. Support is from an up and coming local band Hurricane Sunday.

To round the year off we showcase the immensely talented Erja Lytinen. Hailing from Finland, Erja is renowned for her soulful voice and extraordinary guitar skills. Prepare to be captivated by her spellbinding performance that transcends borders and language barriers. At the time of writing we are one of only six gigs she will play in the UK.

Sedgefield Rock and Blues Club (apart from a high-quality sound team) is run entirely by volunteers, which means we can attract the finest artists and still keep ticket and bar prices low.

If you haven't yet been, get yourself along. Find us at [www.sedgefieldblues.com](http://www.sedgefieldblues.com).

**SEDGEFIELD ROCK & BLUES CLUB**

**Sat 9th Sep**

**REDFISH**  
PLUS  
**RAMBLIN' PREACHERS**  
DOUBLE HEADLINERS

The Redfish Blues Band have travelled a VERY long way in VERY short time. The UK Blues Award nominees have not only developed a distinctive and defining style of their own, featuring the astonishing vocal and guitar talents of Christian Sharpe and the awe-inspiring swirling Hammond organ of Steve McCuckin.

Ramblin' Preachers: Vintage-contemporary Blues Rock, unforgettable lyrics, unmissable Solos, unrivalled rhythm.

TICKETS £15  
DOORS 7PM  
SEDGEFIELD PARISH HALL  
[WWW.SEDGEFIELDBLUES.COM](http://WWW.SEDGEFIELDBLUES.COM)

QR codes for Tickets, Facebook, and Website.

**SEDGEFIELD ROCK & BLUES CLUB**

**Sat 7th Oct**

**RHINO'S REVENGE**  
HURRICANE SUNDAY

RHINO'S REVENGE are a Rock band from London featuring John 'Rhino' Edwards of Status Quo on Bass & Lead vocals, no more needed to say than that!

HURRICANE SUNDAY are firmly rooted in Funk, Blues and Rock but also draw on more eclectic influences such as Heavy Metal, Alternative, Country, Jazz and various Acoustic styles. If it is driving riff, soaring leads, powerful beats and big choruses you like, then look no further.

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**SEDGEFIELD ROCK & BLUES CLUB**

**Sat 11th Nov**

**ERJA LYTTINEN**  
ELIZA LEE

ERJA LYTTINEN is one of the leading blues-rock guitarists on the international touring circuit. During a recording career spanning 19 years, the High-Flying Finn has released twelve studio albums as well as several live albums. Lytinen's musical palette is vast, encompassing the very best of contemporary blues-rock whilst inspired and influenced by the blues greats of yore.

ELIZA LEE is a Scottish guitarist and vocalist based in Newcastle, UK, previously of Sing Again! Syren and now of Hard rock outfit, CROWLEY – Eliza's solo project serves to explore the blues based influences of her work. Drawing on the sounds of Peter Green, Led Zeppelin and Cream, Eliza is joined by drummer Mark Taylor and Bassist Sam Avery.

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## Ending the academic year

As we approach the end of the school year, lots of events have been taking place at Sedgefield Community College to mark the end of another excellent academic year. Amidst art exhibitions, mock interviews with employers and numerous educational visits, our annual 'Rewards' trips are always a particular highlight of the final weeks of term.



On Thursday 13 and Friday 14 July, we had well over 550 students taking part in celebration visits to Planet Leisure in Newton Aycliffe. Nearly 70% of our students in Year 7 through to Year 10 were invited to take part in this trip due to the fact that they have been able to demonstrate consistently outstanding behaviour all year. The visit is a reward for our brilliant students and one that is very well deserved!



During the day, our students had a chance to take part in four different activities: bowling; laser quest; trampolining; and roller skating. A fantastic time was had by all and the staff at Planet Leisure made a point of commenting on the wonderful behaviour of every one of our young people throughout.

After an excellent end to term, we would now like to wish all of our students and their families a fantastic summer holiday. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 6 September 2023.

## Summer Carnival

The rain may have disrupted our plans for Sports Day this year but we ploughed on and opened the doors at Sedgefield Hardwick to invite parents and the wider community in to enjoy our annual Summer Carnival.

The carnival was filled with a variety of stalls, all selling locally produced goods, and activities that the whole family could enjoy. We also had raffles and tombolas, which were full of amazing prizes, and all of this was accompanied by the amazing Sedgefield Community College Band. One of the main parts of the carnival was a classroom being transformed into a Taekwondo Dojang, a martial arts training room full of different skill based activities. Instructors, called Sabumnim, put the children through their paces and taught them how to perform different kicks and even cut through pieces of solid wood with their heels!

Along with these fantastic activities, the children particularly enjoyed the 'Teacher in the Stocks' part of the carnival, which involved some very cold water and sponges being thrown at Mr Taylor and Mr Close. We were told both had a fantastic time in the stocks!

"My favourite part was being able to throw a very wet and cold sponge at Mr Taylor! I hit Mr Taylor but also hit Mr Peat too which was a bonus!" commented Cameron, a pupil at Sedgefield Hardwick.

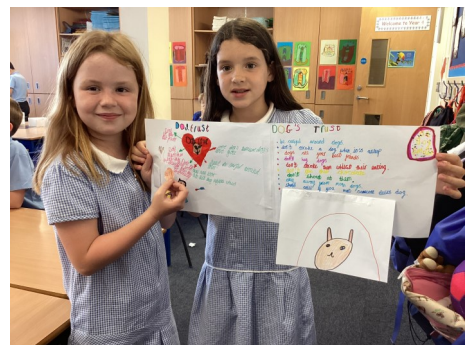


## Safety first

At Sedgefield Primary we always place safety as our number one priority. This term, we have had various external speakers visit to increase pupil awareness on a range of topics. We have explored water safety and safety in the local area. Year 4 took part in a workshop lead by the Dog's Trust. The children learnt how to behave safely around dogs and created their own posters to teach others what they had learnt.



Many of our pupils were keen to share information about their own dogs and pets.



## Colour mania

The annual Colour Run has become a highlight of our school year at Sedgefield Primary. Once again, pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this event.

Our Year 6 pupils supported nursery and reception pupils running joint laps around the track. Overall, a great afternoon was had by all, despite pupils and staff alike going home multi-coloured.

As one pupil quoted, "Don't worry it all comes out in the wash!"





## SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST PROJECT NEWS



### Summer Cycling

This time of year is usually the nicest time for getting out on your bike. The warmer weather makes it much more pleasant to be out in the sun! There are a few things to think about that will make your ride more comfortable:

**Clothing:** You don't have to wear Lycra if you don't want to! Normal clothes are perfectly OK for riding short distances and make it easier to pop to the shops or the café without feeling self-conscious! If you want to wear longer trousers, roll up the right leg to keep it away from the chain and avoid it getting caught or covered in oil. For longer rides, proper cycling clothing can make it more comfortable by wicking sweat away from your skin and, being close-fitting, avoids chafing on longer rides.

**Water:** You will need a drink! Water bottles and cages make it easy to carry water on the bike, but do practise carefully getting the bottle out if you want to drink whilst moving. Top up often or stop at a café or pub. Freezing a part-full bottle the night before a longer ride will keep the water colder for longer.

**Sun-cream and hat:** You will catch the sun and the wind over your skin makes it harder to notice getting sunburn! Use suncream and remember to re-apply. A buff or cycling cap worn under your bike helmet is also a good idea.



Try to plan a longer ride to allow for regular rest and refreshment; it's a great excuse to use local businesses! Remember to have a drink before you feel thirsty. You should also carry a snack in case you run low on energy, which can happen suddenly if you become dehydrated.

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### Active Travel Paradise

I have just returned from a short break in Copenhagen, which is a paradise for walking and cycling! In the city centre, most people walk or cycle, and cars are quite rare and found mostly on the major routes through the city. Side roads are often narrow and parking is hard to find, which encourages people to use active travel options.

There are many public transport options in the city too, with a reliable and convenient bus, tram and underground system that makes it easier for less mobile people to get around. Drivers also have to drive cautiously because of the amount of active travel, so motor vehicle speeds are usually low which makes it safer for everyone to get around. Many large cities on the continent are taking a more active approach to transport; Amsterdam is famous for it but, more recently, Paris has taken steps to increase active travel across a large part of the city. If these places can make a change, surely we can make a few improvements in the Sedgefield area?



*Now this is how you build a bike park!  
I estimate around 60 bikes in the same space  
as 5 cars.*



Big thanks to all our students and helpers - enjoy a break over the summer! Although if anyone does want a hand, contact us at:

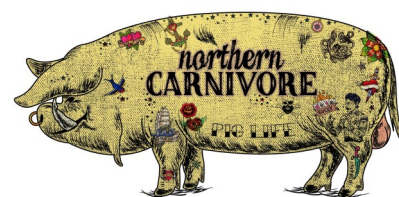
[homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk).

We'll be back, ready to go, in September.



**Sunday 6 August**  
**on the Village Green**  
**8:30am - 12:15pm**

We have an exciting Farmers Market organised for August. Northern Carnivore are joining the Market bringing a fine selection of hand cured and smoky meaty treats using locally sourced high welfare animals, Mick will be there to answer any questions you have about their products.



Our local Mayor, Dave Jasper, will be running a tombola stall, all money raised will go to his chosen charity, Red Sky Foundation that install defibrillators in communities.



We are pleased to welcome Lol and Maxine and their ukulele band who will be performing at the Market. All our regular traders will be there so there are plenty of reasons to come along on to our Market on Sunday 6 August!



### Bat Walk and Survey

We will be carrying out our annual sunset bat survey on Thursday 17 August. As well as providing us with data for our project, the survey results will also contribute to the National Bat Survey by the Bat Conservation Trust.

Bat Conservation Trust



If you are interested in joining us for the walk, please email Melissa for more details and to book a place: [woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk)  
More project details on our Facebook page - [Woodland & Wildlife - Sedgefield](https://www.facebook.com/Woodland&Wildlife-Sedgefield).

## Growing the change we need



Last September, I saw a Facebook post about Seeds2Trees, a project launched by Living Woods to enable people to grow UK native trees from seeds to be used in tree planting schemes across the North East. As a keen gardener, I asked if I could get involved and in November I collected my growing kit - plastic seed trays and netting, all of which will be reused by the next growers - plus my bags of seeds - 75 English Oak acorns, 30 Common Hazelnuts and enough small seeds to grow 15 Silver Birch and 15 Common Alder. Following the instructions, my seeds are now germinating and growing well.

Once they reach 15cm/6" tall they need to be potted on into Tetrapaks, the cardboard drinks containers. As I need well over 100, I wondered where I could find a ready supply.

I approached Marie Cato and her team at Zen Den Wellbeing Coffee Lounge on The Square and asked if they could save some for me. They readily agreed and as they offer lots of different milk options (oat, soya, almond, coconut) so they get through a lot each week. As there are three other Seeds2Trees growers in Sedgfield, I am sharing them around. As Marie says, "It is great to see the cartons being re-used for this lovely project".



I will be sad to see my trees leave but hopefully I will find out where they get planted and I will be able to visit a copse or forest of native trees. If you would like to get involved in the next round of growing, either as an individual, school or other community group, or you would like to donate some funds you can get more information from [living-woods.org.uk/project/seeds2trees/](http://living-woods.org.uk/project/seeds2trees/).  
Sue Dobson

## STEVE'S NATURE DIARY AUGUST 2023

Whilst trying to decide what to write about this month a new book arrived, part of a series that I collect and therefore I don't have to follow the house rule - a new book in means an old book has to go to a charity shop!

The book is all about a particular group of insects which can be found in a variety of habitats including your garden - Shieldbugs. They belong to a diverse order of insects called Hemiptera (True Bugs) a huge group of around 100,000 species which includes aphids, whiteflies, scale insects, leafhoppers, froghoppers, spittlebugs, cicadas, lanternflies, capsids, bedbugs, water scorpions, water boatman, backswimmers and water-skaters. Phew!



I have seen several species in my garden and, when on bug hunts with groups, we use a technique whereby you hold a white tray (or white material) underneath a bush and tap it gently collecting anything that falls off into the tray. It's always a bonus when you find a Shieldbug. They are chunky, glossy, often large and strongly coloured and many have a distinctly shield shape - great to see. They have a clockwork way of moving and will often spend a few minutes on the hand to let you get a closer look. When disturbed some Shieldbugs will give off a mild, oily almond scent, hence the name they are given by some people "stinkbug". They don't bite and generally are not a pest in the garden. There have been around 80 species recorded in the British Isles and they are not too difficult to identify.



Hawthorn Shieldbug by Pudding4brains, Public Domain

The Hawthorn Shieldbug is the Shieldbug species that you are most likely to encounter. This handsome invertebrate can be found wherever suitable shrubby foodplants are available - from garden to woodland. Eggs are laid in spring and, over the summer, the nymphs feed on ripening red berries, particularly hawthorn, but also rowan, whitebeam and cotoneaster. The adults appear from late August and will often wander quite far from their foodplant, occasionally being attracted to lights at

night, when they may turn up in moth traps. The adults go into hibernation in the late autumn, emerging again in the spring to breed. There are five similar green-and-red Shieldbugs. The Gorse Shieldbug is more rounded than the Hawthorn Shieldbug, while the Hairy Shieldbug is covered in short hairs and has a black-and-white-chequered pattern around the edge of the body. The Birch and Juniper Shieldbugs are both similar in shape to the Hawthorn Shieldbug, but are much smaller and have a different pattern. So why not spend some time this summer and see if you can find a Shieldbug in your garden and admire it.

## Another satisfied customer



We have a number of loyal customers at Friendly Fixers. One recently came over to say thanks for repairing an old laptop which had stopped working. This laptop worked with a projector - also relatively old and not compatible with new devices. Fixing the laptop also prolonged the useful life of the projector - two items for the price of one!



**SEDGFIELD YOUTH CLUB**  
SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023 FOR CHILDREN AGED 7+ (SCHOOL YEAR 3+)

<p><b>BAKING &amp; COFFEE MORNING</b></p> <p>Baking: Thursday 10th August 11:00am-2:30pm Coffee Morning: Friday 11th August 10:00am-12:00pm @ Sedgfield Parish Hall Includes healthy snacks and baked goodies!</p>	<p><b>LASER QUEST</b> Wednesday 2nd August 6:25-8:00pm Meet at Parish Hall Includes hot meal at Planet Leisure</p> <p><b>ROCK CLIMBING</b> Wednesday 16th August 10:50am-3:00pm Meet at Parish Hall Includes hot meal at Bingham Forum Wear appropriate trainers</p>
<p><b>GAMES DAY</b> Wednesday 26th July 11:30am-3:00pm @ Sedgfield Parish Hall Includes packed lunch</p> <p><b>DISCO</b> Thursday 17th August 6:00-8:30pm @ Sedgfield Parish Hall Includes hot buffet</p>	<p><b>CORE SESSIONS</b> (Times detailed below) Monday 24th July Monday 31st July Monday 7th August Monday 14th August @ Sedgfield Parish Hall Includes 'Cooking Around The World' activity where members cook their own dinner and learn about different cuisines</p>
<p><b>FUNDED BY</b></p>	
<p><b>NEW MEMBERS WELCOME</b></p> <p>Attendees must fill out a membership form and attend one core session to become eligible for off-site sessions. Attendance for all sessions must be recorded and in advance.</p> <p><b>CORE SESSION TIMINGS:</b> Juniors (y3-5) 6-7pm   50p entry Seniors (y6+) 7-8:30pm   £1 entry £1 entry to all other sessions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">sedgfieldyouthclub2022@outlook.com</p>	



## SEDGEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### Police Operations

Two joint North East police force operations are currently up and running covering our area:

- Operation Walrus (the names are chosen from a random list!) is targeting Rural Crime, which has increased by over 40% in the last year. Favourite items for thieves include GPS systems, used on tractors and other large farm machinery. Sanctions imposed on Russia have made these items difficult to purchase there so they are highly sought after on the black market.
- Operation Galio involves five police forces and is targeting rural poaching, again on the increase.

Extensive police resources are being deployed in both these operations.

Please continue to be vigilant regarding these issues and report any suspicious vehicles or persons to the police. I know that the Farm Watcher Facebook site is a valuable tool in the sharing of relevant information.

### Phone and online scams

Phone and online scams now account for more than 40% of UK recorded crime. In the last year, over 340,000 such scams have resulted in the loss of more than £3.7 billion. 70% of scams originate from outside the UK.

If you receive such a suspicious call, text or email, remember:

1. Take five. Take five minutes to think about it. If you don't know the number, don't answer it, If it's important they'll leave a message. If you do answer a call and it seems suspicious, just hang up and block that number on your phone.
2. Never open a link online which you are unsure about. Ask a friend or relative what they think.
3. Never divulge banking details or passwords on the phone or online. Banks will never request such details in such a way.
4. Report any such suspicious activity to Action Fraud on 0300 1232040 or through the online reporting tool at [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk).

### Facebook

Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page currently has over 620 users. It is a great way to pass on information on suspicious activity, keep up to date with local relevant information, ask questions on security and safety equipment, or neighbourhood issues important to you. A recent post regarding broken glass in a particular area of the village and it's effect on mobility users, prompted me to have a look at the area and report it to the Town Council. A good example of keeping in touch at a local level.

Talking of keeping in touch; as always, please continue to report any incidents of ASB, criminal damage etc. or any suspicious activity to the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency alternatively you can report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

We will not be holding a Neighbourhood Watch meeting in August, due to holiday commitments but we will be back at Ceddesfeld Hall on Thursday 14 September at 7:30 pm and would love to see you there for a chat and an update on keeping Sedgefield safe.

## Section 106 monies

In general terms, Section 106 monies are funds paid to local authorities by developers, on completion of a housing or other development, and are intended to be used to assist in capital infrastructure projects in that area.

Durham County Council are currently holding a consultation regarding the Sedgefield Ward (Sedgefield, Fishburn, Mordon, Bradbury, Thorpe Larches and the surrounding area) and projects under consideration are:

1. Butterwick Road cemetery expansion.
2. Eden Drive and Winterton play areas.
3. The Active Travel Initiative (cycling/walking/highway safety).



## Defibrillator at The Dun Cow

After being diagnosed with a terminal illness, Lesley Anne Baker from Washington dedicated her time to raising funds for community defibrillators. Lesley, who had worked for the North East Ambulance Service, sadly passed away last year but an ex-colleague set up Lesley's Defib Team which continues her work with ongoing support from the Rotary North East One Life Initiative group. When the Sedgefield Village Veterans heard her story, the association raised £400 for the cause. This, along with an additional donation from the team, was allocated to the One Life Initiative for a defibrillator and cabinet for the village. A grant of £300 from the East Durham Rural Corridor AAP then enabled the purchase of the equipment which has been installed outside The Dun Cow Inn.



Phil Hopps from the Rotary NE One Life Initiative said: "Lesley spent the last year of her life helping to raise funds for this potentially life-saving equipment. Through her job with the ambulance service, she was only too aware of the importance of CPR and the availability of a defibrillator in the event of someone experiencing a cardiac arrest. She was a determined person who focused on ensuring more defibrillators were accessible, not only in her home town but also in other parts of the region". Phil thanked everyone who has been involved to see the unit sited at The Dun Cow and following the installation of the cabinet by local electrician Mark Foster, the defibrillator was registered on The Circuit ([thecircuit.uk](http://thecircuit.uk)) and is now available to the local community.

**Remember - in the event of a medical emergency always phone 999 or 112 and seek help. If a defibrillator is required and there is one available nearby, the ambulance service will give the information on where it is and how to access it.**



Have  
your say

The consultation closes on Friday 18 August. Make your views known at [online1.snapsurveys.com/Sedgefield106](http://online1.snapsurveys.com/Sedgefield106) or scan the QR code on the left.

## ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

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### The Wizard of Oz

Sedgefield Players Youth Section (SPYS), played to three packed houses for their production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. With two main casts and a large ensemble, this family favourite brought the rainbow to some gloomy skies. At one point it felt like the tornado was actually in Sedgefield. In their first lead performances Sophie Wilson and Lily Wilkinson brought Dorothy to life supported by Otis Moran, Charlie Lines, Ace Warrant, George Nott, Elliott Taylor and Harris Andrews. The wonderfully wicked Witch of the West was Neo Hook for all three performances. The younger members of the group delighted the audience as munchkins, Emerald City people and of course the flying monkeys. Sarah Atkinson said, "Its been great fun putting this together and has been great to have so many involved. For some it's been their first time on the stage and for others it'll be their last production with the SPYS."



Next up for the Players is the Festival of One Act Plays which is now in its 45th year. Held from 13 to 16 September, groups from Richmond, Scarborough and Durham will compete alongside the Players and SPYS in this Festival. The plays will be adjudicated by Chris Baglin, whom we welcome to Sedgefield for the first time. Ticket information will be released shortly.  
*Sedgefield Players*

### Kynren Spectacular

Four performances of Bishop Auckland's multi-award winning *Kynren* will fall in August, with performances every Saturday until 9 September. As with previous years, no punches are pulled to make the retelling of the story of England as thrilling as ever. With 2,000 years of history condensed into 90 minutes the pace does not let up, and the music, fireworks, swordsmanship, and drama provided by a cast of 1,000 provides an experience you won't find anywhere else.  
[11arches.com/tickets/kynren](http://11arches.com/tickets/kynren)

### Mayor's Musical Evening

Monday 14 August brings us the North East premiere of *Speak Soon*. A musical from Sedgefield's Tim Jasper and Rebecca Demmer, both graduates of Mountview.

Meet Sarah, an 18 year old high school student, who is ready to leave behind what she knows to embark on a journey of possibilities. However, her bubble could pop at any minute and the secrets of her past are threatening to get in her way! This original new musical is suitable only for those aged 16 or over. Tickets are available from STC offices or from David Jasper directly.

### Hardwick Live Returns

The North East's biggest music festival arrives on our doorsteps in August. The line-up is a who's-who of the great and good in the UK music scene over recent decades. There's an emphasis on soul, funk, disco and classic house music on Friday courtesy of Hacienda Classical, Craig Charles and DJ Keith Martin. Saturday brings 21st century pop from The Kooks, Melanie C and Scouting for Girls. Guitar bands dominate on Sunday with Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds and Johnny Marr closing out the final day. It is a family-friendly festival with magic shows, fabulous food, a children's arena, Punch and Judy and a host of other entertainment. It truly is a jewel in the crown of the summer festival scene and no matter where you are in the village, you won't fail to hear it! For tickets, visit [hardwickfestival.ticketline.co.uk](http://hardwickfestival.ticketline.co.uk).

## More Local Events

**Gaia: Durham Cathedral, Durham**  
Following the popularity of his 'Museum of the Moon' installation, Luke Jerram's giant illuminated Earth hangs in the cathedral throughout August. Accompanied by specially commissioned music and activities. Showing until 10 September.  
[durhamcathedral.co.uk/articles/giant-earth-artwork-arrives-in-durham-cathedral](http://durhamcathedral.co.uk/articles/giant-earth-artwork-arrives-in-durham-cathedral)



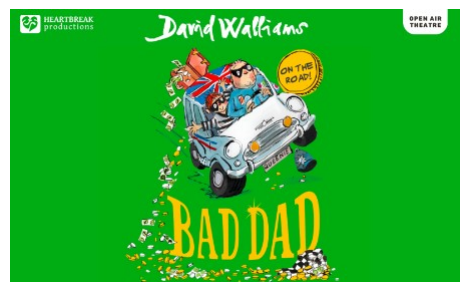
### Alice in Wonderland, Gala Theatre, Durham

A modern reimagining of Lewis Carroll's masterpiece sees an 11 year old Alice at an enchanted fairground. 1 to 12 August  
[galadurham.co.uk/galapost/alice-in-wonderland](http://galadurham.co.uk/galapost/alice-in-wonderland)



### Open Air Theatre: Bad Dad, Raby Castle

David Walliams' family romp is brought to life in the grounds of Raby Castle, Staindrop. 5 August  
[raby.co.uk/events/open-air-theatre-bad-dad](http://raby.co.uk/events/open-air-theatre-bad-dad)



**ABC Minors Summer Cinema, Stockton Globe, Stockton**  
Free screenings of children's favourites for the summer holidays: *The Jungle Book* and *Bedknobs & Broomsticks*. 11 and 13 August 11am and 4pm  
[stocktonglobe.co.uk/whats-on](http://stocktonglobe.co.uk/whats-on)



## SPORTS UPDATE

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As I write this, the England men's cricket team's hopes of regaining the Ashes are in the hands of the weather gods, and the fortunes of teams closer to home have similarly been impacted by the rain. Meanwhile, while the wet stuff might not stop runners from competing, it certainly has an impact on events, especially for those volunteers who have to stand out in it for an extended period of time. As the weather plays havoc with sport locally, nationally and around the world, it puts the spotlight on the stark reality of how climate change is now affecting so many aspects of life that we have taken for granted.

### Cricket

July saw the cricket season enter its second half with Sedgefield CC's teams doing their best - with mixed success - to dodge the recent rain.

The 1st XI have had a strong mid-season and sit just outside the promotion places, while the 2nd XI have strung together a long unbeaten run, but suffered consecutive washouts in July, meaning their mid-table league position is arguably false.

The boys' U17 side secured their divisional league title, with a bit of help in the last round of fixtures as their main rivals Hartlepool suffering a washout. Meanwhile, the rain held off long enough to allow Sedgefield to trounce Wolviston in their match. The team has now made it through to both a cup final and the overall league championship play off final, so it's hoped they can add to the club's silverware haul this season.

There remains plenty of cricket - and other activities - to look forward to in the coming months, with the clubhouse continuing to show all of the major live TV sports events, with the bar open to everyone.

### Athletics

Sedgefield Harriers hosted the club's summer handicap race in July, for the Gerry Kearsley Trophy. Starting and finishing in Bishop Middleham, the event is a multi-terrain two-lap race of around 10km. Runners are given a handicap that is based on their best official 10km time during the previous year. Those with the slowest time start first and then runners are set on their way every minute, based on their handicap. This makes for some exciting racing, as the vast majority of participants finish at around the same time. The Harriers' event sees various prizes awarded, both for those who are first across the line and for the fastest runners.

This year's summer handicap presented an additional challenge to runners and volunteers in the form of torrential rain at times. The overall winner was Laura Hudson of Aycliffe Running Club and the fastest male was her clubmate Richard Trowles. The fastest female was Sadie Abel of Sedgefield Harriers, who set a new course record in the process. The first male and female Sedgefield Harriers were Steve Foreman and Paula Warwick respectively.

As always, the handicap was only possible thanks to a team of volunteers, including the marshals around the course who also had to endure the rain when it arrived. The club is grateful to everyone who supported the event and helped make it happen.



Sadie Abel (right), on her way to setting a new course record in the summer handicap

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

## Charity walk



Despite a forecast of rain all day, I completed the 13 mile trek for the Alzheimer's Society, a loop from Whitby to Robin Hood's Bay and back. To all who have sponsored me already, thank you so much for your generosity - well over £600 pounds has been raised so far. For any who would still like to contribute to this worthwhile cause, my Just Giving page is [justgiving.com/fundraising/alzheimerstreknorthyorkmoors13miles-tamzinlafford](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alzheimerstreknorthyorkmoors13miles-tamzinlafford).

## X21 bus update

It is not looking likely that the direct link to Darlington will be restored in the near future, but there is some hope that the link as far as Newton Aycliffe might be reinstated, from where there are other services to link to Darlington. However, that's by no means certain. The decision was taken by Arriva and the county council can't directly reinstate every service that's been cut.

Unfortunately, the fact that the X21 was so underused between Trimdon and Aycliffe adds to the challenge of reinstating it, as the annual cost of running it is about £150,000.

However, although the numbers are small in the greater scheme of things, the impact on each person is big. On a practical level, the low numbers just add to the challenges of first finding a company that will run the service, and then sustaining funding for it.

It's a really disappointing and frustrating situation, and not one that any of us wants, but it's the stark reality being faced here and all over the county.

I wish that I had more positive news. There isn't any at this stage, but I will continue to push for action, politically and through officers. I've done more lobbying in the last week and have also asked our MP to keep pushing on this where he can. As soon as there is any more news to share, I will do so.

Councillor Chris Lines



Handicap winner Laura Hudson with Stuart Park of Sedgefield Harriers

# CEDESSELD HALL

## Sedgefield Community Association

### Ceddesfeld Hall Beer Festival 2023

SCA was delighted to run this popular, annual event with a wider range of beers and ciders on offer than ever before, all very well received. Thanks to the various breweries for their fantastic ranges, to the local butchers (Bolam's of Sedgefield) and bakers (Robinson's of Wingate), to Sedgefield Bloomers for running the BBQ on Friday evening, and to Lol and Maxine Crallan and Mamma Said, for their lively entertainment. Finally, very special thanks must go to the bar committee for organising the weekend, and to the numerous, fantastic volunteers who helped set up, take down and serve on the bars and BBQ, and of course, to all visitors for coming along. 'Save the Date' for next year – Friday 12 and Saturday 13 July 2024!

### Hopper House Brew Farm – Name the Brew Competition

The winning new brew name is 'Hay Bale Pale Ale', suggested by Rose Hudson. Rose has been informed and can collect her prize of a gallon of ale (or equivalent) at the Tap Room at Hopper House Brew Farm. There were several other great suggestions on the list, which may be chosen for future brews! The team at Hopper House thank all who entered the competition for their enthusiasm and originality.

### Future Events

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

A fun afternoon for families with younger children (to age 12). There will be outdoor tables and chairs and a range of garden games and sports equipment available. The bar will be open. Bring along a family picnic.

#### Tom McConville and Andy Watt – Saturday 9 September – 7.30 pm - £12 (£10 concessions)

SCA is pleased to welcome back Tom McConville with a new guest performer, guitarist, Andy Watt.

Tom is an internationally renowned fiddle player (BBC Folk Musician of the Year 2009), who creates a sound that has jazz, folk, bluegrass, and classical elements, blending traditional music from his hometown of Newcastle, with Irish, American and Scottish influences. His live performances are a roller coaster of musical delights, all presented with his inimitable sense of humour and style.

Andy Watt is one of the finest acoustic guitarists in Britain. He is from a family of great musicians and has guested on many top recordings. Tom and Andy have played together for about 10 years and their concerts are always well attended with audiences being thrilled with the fantastic performances on fiddle, guitar, and vocals.

To reserve a seat, contact Sarah Guest on 01740 622185 or email [info@sedgefieldsca.org.uk](mailto:info@sedgefieldsca.org.uk). Payment will be cash on the door. Numbers are restricted, so please book early.

#### Autumn Quiz Night – Saturday 30th September – 7.30 pm – Pie & Peas - £10

Tickets from Pat, Sarah, Peter Hinde or from behind the bar.

A new platform lift has now been fitted and is ready for use.

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](http://www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk). Follow us [facebook.com/Ceddesfeld](https://www.facebook.com/Ceddesfeld).

## Parish news

From August 2023, services at St. Edmund's, Sedgefield and at St. Mary Magdalene, Trimdon Village will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month rather than the 1st and 3rd, and at St. Michael, Bishop Middleham and St. Catherine's, Fishburn on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, rather than 2nd and 4th, with a service at St. Alban's, Trimdon Grange, on the 1st Sunday of each month. The service times remain the same.

One of the reasons for this change is the size and increasing popularity of the Sedgefield Farmers Market, which takes place on the first Sunday of the month. It often means that the turning circle is full for most of the morning making it difficult for those with mobility issues to be brought to the lychgate by car and then accompanied down the church path without causing congestion. These changes will mean that access to car park for members of the congregation on a Sunday will be eased.



## Mayor's Corner



Firstly, I would like to put on record my thanks to everyone who responded to my appeal for teddy bears and soft animal toys for my upcoming Teddy Tombola. Toys arrived by the sackful and some were even knitted especially for me. They'll be up for grabs at August's Farmers Market.

My consort and I spent a lovely morning, as guests of the mayor, on a guided tour of Hylton Castle in Sunderland, which dates back to 1400. I thoroughly recommend it as somewhere to visit during the summer holiday season.

I thought I would list the events I have in my calendar so far (with lots more to come.)

- 6 Aug Mayor's Charity Stall at Farmers' Market featuring Teddy Tombola.
- 14 Aug 'Speak Soon' a new musical, Parish Hall at 7:30pm. Tickets £10.
- 18 Sep Indian Evening at Le Raaj 7:30pm. Tickets £27.50.
- 29 Sep Jersey Boys Tribute Band in Parish Hall 7:30pm. Tickets £15.
- 1 Oct Mayor's Civic Service in St John Fisher RC Church at 10:45 followed by Sunday Lunch at Little Sicily.
- 13 Oct Mayor's Charity Concert with Cardiac Dodgers in the Parish Hall.
- 20 Oct Mayor's Quiz in Ceddesfeld Hall with pie and peas.
- 30 Oct Mayor's Halloween Cabaret with Sedgefield Players in the Parish Hall.
- 7 Dec Civic Carol Service at 7:00pm in St Edmund's
- 8 Dec Mayor's Christmas Coffee Morning 10:00-11:30am, Parish Hall.
- 31 Dec New Year's Eve Dance with Mamma Said and very special guest in Parish Hall at 8:00pm. Tickets £10.

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David Jasper



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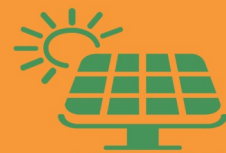
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- Thursday 3** **Female Hormone Deficiency Group**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7pm-8:30pm.
- Friday 4** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-11:30am. All welcome.
- Saturday 5** **Friendly Fixers**, Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, 10:30am-12:30pm.
- Sunday 6** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am to 12:15pm. See page 3 for more information.
- Saturday 12** **Sedgefield Show**, Robert Brown Showfield. See below for more details.
- Monday 14** **Speak Soon**, a new musical by Tim Jasper and Rebecca Demmer, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. Plus a CPR demonstration from Red Sky Foundation (the Mayor's headline charity). Tickets £10 from Sedgefield Town Council.
- Tuesday 22** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 10:30am-12pm. For those living with dementia and their carers.
- Friday 25** **Sedgefield Village Veterans**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am.

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Ian Milne, Sponsorship Secretary



### Sedgefield Show

The 168th Sedgefield Show will be on Saturday 12 August 2023. Gates open at 9:30am and car parking is free.

Marquees open at 12 noon and visitors will be able to enjoy a variety of activities including agricultural classes for horses, ponies, vintage tractors, classic motor vehicles and tractors, small livestock, a Crufts Qualifying dog show, and many new attractions. Bring your pet dog and enter it in the Companion Dog Show (waggiest tail, longest ears, cutest puppy, etc.) The cattle and sheep classes make a return this year, along with the heavy horse category. There will also be several marquees with craft stalls, horticultural displays, home produce and handicrafts. The popular food hall this year will be offering a vast range of local and regional delicacies. In the horticulture marquee visitors can view the prized vegetables, and farm produce along with outstanding floral arrangements.

Live music will be performed from lunchtime and for the rest of the afternoon, renditions from Ukulele Smile Time Band and the popular Mama Said.

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Wednesday 9:30 to 12:30

Thursday 10:00 to 18:00

Friday 13:00 to 19:00

Saturday 9:30 to 12:30

The **Summer Reading Challenge** will run until 9 September. The theme is 'Ready Set Read'. The challenge is to read 6 books over the summer holidays with 3 visits to the library. The children will be given stickers and a chart to complete. There will also be crafts throughout the summer holidays. We will celebrate the Summer Reading Challenge with a visit from the magician, Mr. Windbags, at the end of August.

**Little Movers** every Thursday from 10am, places need to be booked.

**Craft Group**, 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30pm, places need to be booked at the library.

**Book Circle**, 3rd Friday of the month from 2pm.

**Electricals and Battery Recycling**  
If you have an electrical item that no longer works and is no bigger than a microwave, we are collecting.

### Lego Club

Every Friday from 4:30pm to 6pm. Places need to be booked.

### Digital Drop-In

Every Thursday 2pm-3:30pm.

### Sedgefield Baby & Toddler Group

Methodist Church on Mondays from 9:30am to 11am (except Bank Holidays). Suitable for babies, toddlers and preschool children. Please follow us on Facebook for regular updates.

Due to school holidays, only one session will run on **14 August**.

### Making Tracks

Railway Society Club Night every Wednesday evening from 7:30pm to 10pm in the Kell Room at Ceddesfeld Hall. New members welcome, under 13s to be accompanied by an adult.

Sedgefield Area Churches Together

### "Songs of Praise"

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 3 pm,  
St. Edmund's Church

Send your requests for hymns, songs, readings, prose, poems and prayer contributions to the Songs of Praise service, together with your reason why your choice is special to you, to [sedgefieldact@gmail.com](mailto:sedgefieldact@gmail.com) by 21<sup>st</sup> August or hand to an SACT contact at a local church by 20<sup>th</sup> August.

A selection will be included in the service.