

# SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

January 2023 Edition

Deadline for February: Sunday 15 January

## Hardwick Park Bath & Banqueting Houses archaeological investigations 2022

First intended to occur during the following summer after an appeal for volunteers from the Friends of Hardwick in the February 2020 edition of Sedgfield News, the pandemic put paid to that notion.

The project, largely funded by generous grants from both the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Sir James Knott Trust, was eventually undertaken in August 2022. The main objectives were to investigate, within the 18th century park, what remained of the actual bath in the centre of the Bath House, partially excavated in 2004, and the Banqueting House, but also to attract a new generation of people to become active members of the Friends of Hardwick.

By the mid-20th century, both buildings had fallen into a state of considerable decay and were eventually demolished, becoming mere footprints, barely apparent to the modern visitor. In Hardwick's prime the two buildings had been prominent features - one near the park's north-west boundary, the other towards its north-east corner. This project was vital as a first step on the long road to restoring both buildings which, since 2015, has been a prime objective of the Friends.

Without a full archaeological assessment of what remains, however, the next stage of seeking relevant statutory consents could not begin. It was therefore most encouraging to find that the bath remains virtually intact. Its design was a little unexpected since, until it was uncovered, it was thought it may have been tiled. It is in fact of stone, elegant and elliptical.



Elliptical bath in the Bath House by Geoff Hill



A dig team by Geoff Hill

Likewise, we had not expected to investigate all of the Banqueting House but the speed and efficiency with which the 24, mainly local, volunteers worked means that we were able to reveal the entire plan and locate the very deep foundations in several places. We also discovered some of the original, highly elaborate gilded plasterwork and even a lead mould, used by its 18th century creator, the talented Italian stuccoist, Giuseppe Cortese.

The 'delicate' state of the nation's economy mean that it is likely to be some time before work on either building can progress further. Nevertheless, an agreement in principle reached in 2019 for the County Council, Ramside Estates and the Friends of Hardwick to work collaboratively towards achieving our long-term objective still stands.

The findings resulting from the excavations, covered extensively in the Post-Excavation Assessment Report, show the whole archaeological project to have been a real success. The two archaeological practices engaged to run different stages of the process - Archaeo-Environment Ltd. and Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd., ensured a smooth and very professional approach was taken, enabling the volunteers to work co-operatively and most effectively together while increasing their knowledge. It resulted in a contented and cohesive workforce.

The second objective of the exercise has also achieved a positive outcome. It is anticipated that at least half of those who participated in the excavations are now likely to join the Friends, with four, all from Sedgfield, having already agreed to take up vital positions in the organisation. It brings to an end the difficulties we have encountered since the death of John Fitzpatrick over a year ago who had, in more recent years, essentially helped to keep the group together. It means that, having carried out a huge amount of historical research on Hardwick over the first twenty years of their existence, the main thrust of the Friends has now switched more towards supporting the County Council in its continuing maintenance and management of the Park and in assisting with the running of events.

Once the exhibition space in Hardwick's Visitor Centre has been refurbished, some of the more intriguing finds - such as an 18th century brick, fired to include the clearly visible imprint of a large dog - will be displayed. Could it just be that of the faithful beast beside its owner, captured in the full-length portrait of Hardwick's founder, John Burdon, re-discovered in Paris in 2015, having been 'lost' for almost sixty years? *Tony Smith*

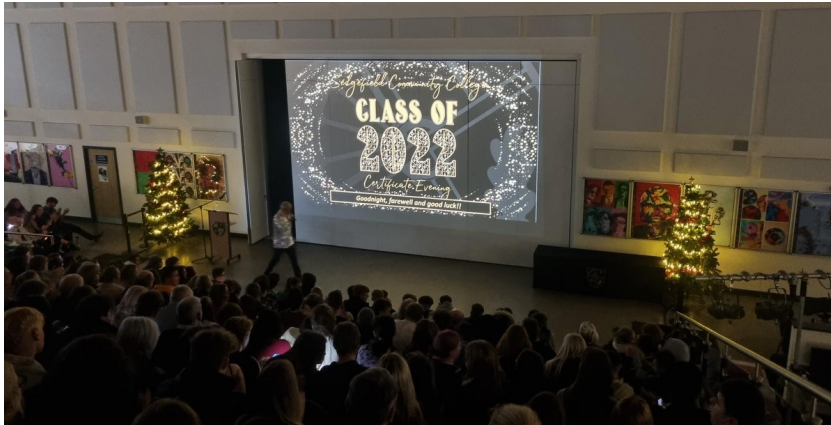


John Burdon and his dog

## Celebrating successes

At the time of writing, Sedgefield Community College is gearing up for the range of activities that take place as we enter the final weeks of the autumn term. We're particularly looking forward to our Christmas concert and its wide range of musical performances and the end of term Christmas celebration assemblies are always a real highlight of the year!

As December started, we were delighted to be able to invite our summer '22 leavers and their families back into school to collect their exam certificates. Due to the pandemic, this was the first time that this event has been possible in recent years and it was a wonderful occasion. As well as recognising the many successes of our young people, it was fantastic to hear all about what they have gone on to do now that they have left our school.



It was an emotional evening with multiple video montages that charted the time of our former students from their very first days at SCC as 11 and 12 year olds on their transition days, right up to spectacular shots of them taking part in their Y11 prom and even collecting their results.

From all of the staff and students at SCC, we would like to wish everyone a very happy festive season and start to the New Year.

## Walking in a Winter Wonderland

**Friday 2 December saw the much-anticipated return of Sedgefield Hardwick's Winter Wonderland. After a two-year hiatus (due to the pandemic) the event made a sparkling return, exciting adults and children alike.**

All week, the children of Sedgefield Hardwick had been hard-working little elves themselves, beaver away in their classrooms to produce items to sell on their stalls. The end results were a brilliant variety of personalised and general items, ranging from hand-painted products like Christmas coasters and Christmas trees to chocolate brownie delicacies and sour-dough decorations. The children then agreed on a price to sell each of their items, set up their stalls and prepared their best 'Del-Boy' impressions!

The school underwent its traditional Christmas makeover, with the hall transforming into a magical elves' workshop. Visitors could enjoy hearty Christmas food from Mrs Claus' Kitchen, socialise and have photos taken in the dedicated photo booth! The KS1 corridor led to the stalls for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, interspersed with some exciting stalls from private sellers and our very own IN2 and PTA! The Reception classroom was inhabited by two very artistic elves offering face painting, whilst children waited eagerly for a meeting with a Very-Special-Someone! Up in KS2, there were more stalls available for our older children and a variety of private sellers, including delicious cakes, and the opportunity for visitors to test their luck in a tombola. Here, two more fantastic workshops were also available for people to enjoy, which included magic painting with watercolours, and the chance to create artistic paper Christmas trees.

All in all, the event was a roaring success, and appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children proved themselves to be very adept salespeople, clearing the vast majority of their stock, and the Christmas spirit has been well and truly ignited at Sedgefield Hardwick.



## Honouring a local hero



Pupils at Sedgefield Primary were delighted to honour Jack Smith when the Gold Medal Paralympian returned to his old primary school on Rectory Row. He was granted a fellow of the school and a plaque now adorns the exterior walls of Sedgefield Primary in his honour. The Gold medal winner met all the pupils in a celebratory assembly and told them to, "follow your dreams".



Jack was paralysed playing rugby in Billingham at the age of 16, just weeks after a cancer diagnosis. He admitted he had been "terrible" when introduced to wheelchair rugby but went on to win a gold medal at Tokyo. He was an inspiration to current pupils through his on-going determination.

"I loved rugby so I went along for my first session and I was terrible - I could barely push my chair the first time I went, so I sat there watching everyone else feeling deflated," Jack, 31, said.

"But I kept going back and back and got better and fell in love with it and realise how wheelchair rugby has given me so much, I've learned how to live with my disability."

Now in remission, Smith said he was looking ahead to the European Championships in Cardiff in May. He informed pupils, "I always try and plan my way out of things, I like structure, I like to contemplate and that's how I live my life and I guess that's what's helped me get through the harder times."



Samson said, "He was amazing" and Sophie said he had inspired her to continue to succeed in sport and particularly with her football. Sophie (aged 10) is a key player for Sedgefield Primary football team and felt inspired and proud that a Gold Medal Paralympian had attended her school.

## SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST PROJECT NEWS



### A very Happy New Year to our traders, volunteers & shoppers!

New Year's Day is the first Sunday so we'll miss January's market, but during this month I'll be handing over the organising to the new Farmers Market team. They will take charge, starting next month, starting on Sunday 5 February. We should all be ready to meet again by then!

I would like to thank everyone involved for their commitment, their friendship and for making my time with Sedgefield Farmers Market so endlessly interesting!

Roger Clubleby



### Homework Help

Homework Help carried on diligently last term (thanks to the hard-working students and helpers!) and enjoyed a break over the Christmas and New Year holidays. We're ready to hit the ground running in 2023, so drop us a line if you would like some help with your studies, or if you can offer an hour a week to share your knowledge and experience with a student.

[homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk) or find us on Facebook at [Homework Help Sedgefield](https://www.facebook.com/Homework-Help-Sedgefield).

### Sew Easy

Places are now available in Monday night and Wednesday afternoon sewing groups.

For more information contact Dorothy Anderson on 07773 286743.



### Friendly Fixers

We are delighted that there has been so much interest in Friendly Fixers - repairs include an air fryer, several vacuum cleaners, an electric keyboard, shirt button holes, a necklace, garden shears and ceramics.

A reminder that we will try to repair items if we can. We don't have storage to take donated items, but we will direct you to places that might be able to make use of them. We want to encourage more repairs so you will be expected to stay with your item while it is being repaired. We don't want to take business from commercial repairers, so if, for example, you need a zip replacing we will direct you to local shops such as Sew Clean in Sedgefield. Thanks to everyone who has supported Friendly Fixers so far - customers, volunteers and Fishburn Youth and Community Centre. Next session: Saturday 7 January 2023, 10:30am-12:30pm



**Don't ditch it, fix it!**

Friendly Fixers is a Repair Café where you can bring your broken, damaged or torn household or personal items for advice or repair – all completely free of charge. Anyone can pop in, even just for a cuppa and a slice of cake. Repairs are free but donations are encouraged if possible to help with the running costs of Friendly Fixers.

- Electrical Appliances
- Electronic Gadgets
- Furniture
- Toys
- Ceramics
- Jewellery
- Clothing & Textiles
- Bicycles
- Clocks
- Garden Equipment
- Tool sharpening and much more!

First Saturday of the month from 10.30am - 12.30pm  
FISHBURN YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE  
TS21 4ED  
All welcome!

Can you help? Get in touch!  
For more information email us at: [repaircafe@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:repaircafe@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk)

Brought to you by volunteers of Sedgefield Development Trust  
[www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk)



### Bicycle & Active Travel

At last, the Consultation on Active Travel in our area is live! Sedgefield Bike and Active Travel has been campaigning for improved infrastructure for Walking and Cycling for two years, and we are delighted to be able to present this opportunity for you to have your say in what priorities you have for getting around our area without using the car.

- Should we have a 20mph limit around the villages?
- Where do we need pedestrian crossings?
- Where should we have parking areas and where should be prioritised for pedestrians?
- Should parking on the pavement be banned to keep paths free for wheelchairs and pushchairs?
- Should we have measures to reduce traffic flow through the villages whilst encouraging people to stay and use the facilities we have?
- Where do we need traffic calming and cycle paths?

This is your big chance to influence policy! Please take five minutes to have your say at [www.durham.gov.uk/article/28432/Getting-around-Sedgefield-and-Fishburn-survey](https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/28432/Getting-around-Sedgefield-and-Fishburn-survey). Paper copies of the consultation are available at outlets around the villages too, if you prefer.

**GETTING AROUND IN SEDGEFIELD AND FISHBURN**

How do you get around Sedgefield, Fishburn and the other villages in our area?

What will make it easier and safer for you to travel here?

Help us decide what priorities to focus on in the future

**YOU CAN GIVE YOUR VIEWS NOW AT:**

[www.durham.gov.uk/article/28432/Getting-around-Sedgefield-and-Fishburn-survey](https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/28432/Getting-around-Sedgefield-and-Fishburn-survey)

Financial challenges and legislation may limit what we can do, but your views will influence future decisions made about projects in this area

Please get involved and complete our survey by 16th January 2023

Sedgefield Town Council, Sedgefield Community Centre, Durham County Council

**ACTIVE TRAVEL - HAVE YOUR SAY**

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

This is to give notice that Sedgefield Development Trust will hold its Annual General Meeting on

**Monday 27 February 2023 at 7:45pm  
in the Oldham Room of Ceddesfeld Hall**

Any special or general resolutions proposed must be with the Company at its registered office, 3a Front Street, Sedgefield TS21 3AT, no later than 12 noon on Monday 13 February.

**This AGM is an open, public meeting. You are welcome to attend.  
SDT is owned and controlled by the community.**

Sedgefield Development Trust is a company limited by guarantee; Company Number:4312745 and is a registered charity; Charity Number: 1100806

### Sedgefield Development Trust Contact Details

3a Front Street, Sedgefield, Co. Durham, TS21 3AT Telephone 07572 502904  
email: [secretary@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:secretary@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk) website: [www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk](http://www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk)

## Citizens Advice

citizens  
advice

Earlier this year, I contacted Citizens Advice in Spennymoor to see if I could volunteer for them. I joined a wonderful group of staff and volunteers and have been amazed at the variety of issues that we are asked about.

So if you need any information or advice about housing, energy costs, debt, benefits, immigration or help understanding or completing forms, please get in touch.

To make it easier an outreach worker now visits Sedgefield (it's not me!). Her next visit is 12 January and she will be in the Fletcher Room Parish Hall between 10am and 1pm. Or you can ring the advice line on 0808 278 7821 or email [outreach@citizensadvicecd.org.uk](mailto:outreach@citizensadvicecd.org.uk).

The service is free and confidential. If you are unsure what to do, don't sit and worry, please get in touch.

Sue Dobson

## When can I get advice?

Access information 24 hours a day at [citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk)

**Citizens Advice at Sedgefield**  
Sedgefield Parish Hall, Front Street, Sedgefield TS21 3AT

Thursday 15th December - 10am to 1pm  
Thursday 12th January - 10am to 1pm  
Thursday 9th February - 10am to 1pm  
Thursday 9th March - 10am to 1pm

Email [outreach@citizensadvicecd.org.uk](mailto:outreach@citizensadvicecd.org.uk)  
Adviceline 0808 278 7821  
Debt Adviceline 0300 323 2000  
Help to Claim Universal Credit 0800 144 8444  
Visit our website at [citizensadvicecd.org.uk](http://citizensadvicecd.org.uk)



County Durham  
Citizens Advice County Durham is a registered charity.  
Registered charity number: 1151790.

## Church repairs success

**The Friends of St Edmund's Church in Sedgefield have thanked group members and the local community for their much-needed support during the past year which, says their chairman, saw 'considerable progress on church-preservation projects despite it being a difficult time for everyone'.**

The tribute was paid at the Friends' annual meeting by chairman Dr Alistair Irvine who reported that restrictions imposed by the Corona virus had not prevented the installation of bronze safety rails on the tower roof and major repairs to the stonework on the South Transept.

Arrangements had also been made

## STEVE'S NATURE DIARY JANUARY 2023

There is nothing better than getting wrapped up and going for a winter walk with the leafless trees, leaf skeletons on the floor and the occasional views of Redwings and Fieldfare as they "leapfrog" each other moving from tree to tree, looking for the final berries of winter. Winter brings a range of different challenges to the UK's wildlife – temperatures are lower, and food is often harder to find. You may wonder what happens to wild animals when the days get shorter and the weather harsher. There are lots of different ways in which animals in the UK cope with our cold, harsh winters. Some, such as swallows and swifts, will migrate south to Africa, searching out hotter climates for the winter months. Others, like foxes and badgers, will grow a thicker coat (just like lots of domestic dog breeds) to help keep them warm.

And some, of course, hibernate! We often think of hibernation as the number one solution – how great would it be to eat as much as possible and then just sleep until it gets warm again? Hibernation is, in reality, far more than just a long, deep sleep in a quiet burrow or cave. There are only three UK mammals that truly hibernate; bats, dormice and hedgehogs, and the process is a little more complex than you might think... it is a prolonged period of inactivity that allows animals to survive when food is scarce and the



Hedgehog

weather is harsh. Typically, the animal will first build up a reserve of body fat by eating as much as possible in the lead up to winter. They will then retreat to somewhere safe, where they will enter a torpid state. This is where almost all of the animal's bodily functions are either completely halted or are slowed down significantly. This reduces the amount of energy the animal's body has to burn to survive. Its body temperature will cool, and its breathing and heart rate will slow down. It would be quite easy to assume that a hibernating animal was dead if you found one! They would be incredibly still, their breathing very shallow and infrequent, and they would be cold to the touch. While such a deep torpid state might seem like it leaves them vulnerable, it actually makes the animal very difficult for predators to detect as they give off less of a scent, hardly move, and make no sound.

Another way in which hibernation differs from normal sleep comes when it is time to wake up. We all know how difficult it can be to get out of bed on cold winter mornings, but hibernating animals often take up to an hour to fully awaken from their torpid state. They may wake up several times during the hibernation period to excrete waste, move locations or, occasionally, have a little snack.

Hedgehogs, bats, and dormice in the UK will know it's time to begin their hibernation based upon three factors: food availability, day length, and temperature. Climate change is, therefore, a huge risk to hibernating animals. Unseasonably warm weather can cause hibernators to enter hibernation later or wake up too early when their fat supplies are running low, but there may still not be enough food available to build them back up again. For more information about how animals survive the winter visit: [teeswildlife.org/2022/11/hibernation-wildlifes-winter-survival-strategy/](https://teeswildlife.org/2022/11/hibernation-wildlifes-winter-survival-strategy/)

for the refurbishing of the clock faces and mechanism as well as the replacement of a main beam in the belfry. Of equal importance, time had been spent on researching and reviewing the group's future conservation projects.

"Though our activities have been limited, they have not been non-existent and we have continued to work hard on the task of maintaining St Edmund's for the greater benefit of the community, the parish and the future", said Dr Irvine who was re-elected chairman.



Artist's impression of the refurbished clock face

## Celebrating 40 years

On 2 January, Julie Ann Humphrey celebrates an amazing 40 years at the Sedgefield branch of Hays Travel. I caught up with her recently and it was clear that she loves her job managing the branch and helping customers find the holiday that is right for them. The highlight of her job is when customers share news about their good holiday experiences, for instance, when the children excitedly report how they learned to swim in the hotel pool.



When Julie Ann started work, airline tickets were often written by hand after finding flight codes in an enormous directory and phoning the airline to secure a reservation. She laughed at the excitement of installing a fax machine before online booking systems were developed.



Hays Travel has grown from just 3 or 4 branches in the early 80s to the UK's largest independent travel agent with over 450 branches. Julie Ann is pleased to find they have managed to retain a friendly, family-like culture. It is an exciting place to work and, for young people interested in the travel industry, she highlighted the apprenticeship programme as a great place to start.

## SEDGEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### Antisocial behaviour

I recently attend a meeting hosted by Sedgefield Community Association. The meeting was convened to discuss recent incidents of antisocial behaviour and damage around Ceddesfeld Hall and our Village Green area. Attendees included Joy Allen, Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, members representing Sedgefield Town Council, Sedgefield in Bloom and concerned residents.

Joy Allen presented a comprehensive update on current and future policing in County Durham, including funding and recruiting issues and although local Councillors and other persons present praised the work of our Sedgefield policing team, it was noted that they are still under strength by one full time dedicated police constable. It was again stressed at the meeting that all incidents of concern should be reported to the police, thereby providing evidence of our need for additional police cover.

Discussions also took place regarding CCTV coverage within Sedgefield and this matter is to be urgently progressed by the relevant bodies, to improve the standard of coverage in the area. The SCA will coordinate ongoing developments.

### NHW CCTV success

I am pleased to report that following the placement of NHW CCTV cameras in certain private dwellings in our area, the incidents of reported anti-social behaviour (ASB) in those areas appears to be on the decline. These cameras are deployed in full accordance with current legislation and at the request of householders suffering ASB. If you think that a camera in your area would be helpful, come along to our next NHW meeting and have a chat about it. We would be happy to help.

### Sedgefield Farm Watch

Incidents of crop damage, theft and poaching continue to be reported by local farmers. Although recent successes were obtained by a Durham Police Rural Crime initiative, continued vigilance is required on this issue. Please be on the lookout for likely looking vehicles, usually travelling at night, covered in mud and containing dogs, and report sightings to the Police. In this way they can produce a timeline of locations for the suspects which may be of evidential value.

Please continue to report incidents of concern to the Police on tel 101 or 999 in an emergency. Issues relating to a Crime can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800555111 and remember any photographic evidence can be e mailed to CPSO at [amyjorgeson@durham.police.uk](mailto:amyjorgeson@durham.police.uk).

If NHW can assist with further information on any of the above issues, please call in to our next meeting. In the meantime we wish you a happy, healthy and safe New Year.



If you're looking for a holiday, the Sedgefield branch is extending the opening hours to 7 days a week—see the website for details at [haystravel.co.uk/sedgefield-haystravel-branch](http://haystravel.co.uk/sedgefield-haystravel-branch) or on Facebook [Hays Travel Sedgefield](https://www.facebook.com/HaysTravelSedgefield).

Julie Ann is a supporter and secretary of the Ellen Timney Foundation which supports sick and underprivileged children in the region.

Sedgefield Library and the Lego Drop-in Club have been in touch. They would like to thank the Ellen Timney Foundation for their help towards setting up the new Drop-in Lego Club, and they report that the first session was quite a success. The children have built houses, pirate ships, monsters, London buses and many, many more things. Long may the success continue.



Julie Ann Humphrey, Katie Burkill and Jane Morgan at Sedgefield Library

## Your LETTERS

### A letter of thanks

The Homebryth House Residents Group would like to thank the many local businesses which kindly donated goods for the in-house raffles and tombola to be drawn at our annual Christmas social event. Special thanks must go to Aubergine Café, No 4 Teashop, Tickety Boo, Sedgefield Co-op and Sainsbury's.

### Well done Eco-warriors

On a dark, cold and wet Thursday afternoon in November, the Eco-warriors from Sedgefield Primary School braved the elements and replanted three tubs on the green, which had recently been vandalised.

Assisted by several volunteer members from Sedgefield in Bloom, the Eco-warriors planted tubs with tulips, lily of the valley and pansies. Well done Eco-warriors. Sedgefield in Bloom are looking forward to working with you in the future.

Marie Etherington - Sedgefield in Bloom

*Opinions expressed in Sedgefield News are not necessarily those of the publisher. We strive to be impartial & independent. We reserve the right to edit copy & will not publish letters of unknown authorship. Please send your contact details with correspondence.*

## ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

email: [sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com](mailto:sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com)

### Raymond Briggs Retrospective at The Bowes Museum

The man behind perennial family favourites such as *Fungus the Bogeyman*, *The Snowman* & *Father Christmas*, Raymond Briggs was one of our best loved writers and illustrators.

From the 1970s until his death in August last year, he produced work that was both charming and thought-provoking, which often challenged readers with troubling themes such as death and nuclear war.



Until 26 February 2023, this new exhibition at the Bowes Museum will showcase some never-before-seen material alongside his beloved characters. Normal admission rates and times apply. Visit [bowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/raymond-briggs-a-retrospective](http://bowesmuseum.org.uk/exhibitions/raymond-briggs-a-retrospective) for details.

### Ancient Egyptians : Secrets of the Afterlife

This collaboration between the British and the Dorman museums brings us this engaging exhibition, suitable for families and kids of all ages.

*Ancient Egyptians: Secrets of the Afterlife* looks at the idea of eternal life; featuring 12 fascinating artefacts. You can have an insight into journey into the afterlife for ancient Egyptians.

From the importance of family and mummification to inscribing curses, complex belief systems and the enduring legacy of ancient Egyptian thought, there is a lot to learn. There is an Egypt play area for children with dressing up, puzzles and games, which makes it perfect for a family visit.

Currently open 10am to 4pm Tuesday to Sunday and entry is completely free!

Visit Facebook [Dorman Museum](https://www.facebook.com/DormanMuseum) for more info.

### Music at the Farmers Market

SLYC and Lirica braved the cold to delight the crowds at December's Farmers Market. Festive shoppers queuing for their sprouts were entertained by SLYC performing music from the movies, such as the beautiful *Believe* from The Polar Express and a catchy little Muppet's Christmas number.



Before the sleet descended, crowds were treated to the delights of Lirica's offering of winter wonders. From the stunning *O Holy Night* to a jazzed-up version of *O Christmas Tree*, Lirica reminded us just how uplifting great live music can be. If you would like to join your local community choir, check out our website [sedgefieldlyricsingers.weebly.com](http://sedgefieldlyricsingers.weebly.com) or follow [SedgefieldLyricSingers](https://www.facebook.com/SedgefieldLyricSingers) on Facebook.

### To The Manor Born 30th Anniversary

Hardwick Hall hosts the return of *To The Manor Born*, the legendary club night, on 28 January. See poster for details or visit:

[hardwickhallhotel.co.uk/events/manor-born-2023](http://hardwickhallhotel.co.uk/events/manor-born-2023)

TO THE MANOR BORN  
30TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY  
SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY 2023 6PM - 2AM  
MAIN ROOM  
GRAEME PARK | TERRY HUNTER | ALLISTER WHITEHEAD  
Grammy Award Nominees  
Scott Bradford | Simon Gibb | Mike Johnson  
Pete Wharrier | David Oliver  
Plus Karl The Bongo  
BACK ROOM  
SOUL & RARE GROOVE  
Manjit & Jonathan  
Plus special guests Bob Jeffries | Mark Robinson  
TICKETS IN ADVANCE £10 ONLINE AT [www.hardwickhallhotel.co.uk](http://www.hardwickhallhotel.co.uk)  
Some prices as 30 year's ago, no guest list  
Hardwick Hall Hotel Sedgefield, Co. Durham, TS21 2EH

### More Local Events

**Sleeping Beauty at Gala, Durham**  
Post-Christmas panto to prolong the festive fun.  
Until 8 January  
[thisisdurham.com/whats-on/sleeping-beauty-at-gala-durham-p1078971](http://thisisdurham.com/whats-on/sleeping-beauty-at-gala-durham-p1078971)

**Queen by Candlelight, Durham**  
Catch West End singers performing the hits of rock legends Queen in our spectacular cathedral.  
19 to 21 January  
[durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/queen-by-candlelight](http://durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/queen-by-candlelight)

**Hey Duggee Live! Darlington**  
First ever live tour for firm family favourite & squirrel supervisor Duggee.  
20 to-22 January  
[www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk/whats-on/Hey-Duggee](http://www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk/whats-on/Hey-Duggee)



**Coppélia | Giselle | Swan Lake | The Nutcracker, Darlington**  
Four spectacular nights of ballet at the Darlington Hippodrome, courtesy of Varna ballet company.  
26 to 29 January  
[www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk/about-us/varna-international-ballet](http://www.darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk/about-us/varna-international-ballet)



**Sara Pascoe: Success Story, Middlesbrough**  
Stand up comedy from hit TV comedienne Sara Pascoe at Middlesbrough Town Hall.  
28 January 7:30pm  
[middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk/event/sara-pascoe-success-story](http://middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk/event/sara-pascoe-success-story)

**Faithful Johannes at the Old Cinema Launderette, Durham**  
Witness Durham's unofficial poet Laureate, the Alan Bennett of Hip-Hop, at the region's quirkiest venue.  
1 February 7pm  
[wegottickets.com/event/562798](http://wegottickets.com/event/562798)

## DIARY & EVENTS

Please send information to [diary.sedgefieldnews@gmail.com](mailto:diary.sedgefieldnews@gmail.com)

### January 2023

- Tuesday 3** **Open Mic Night**, Mordon Village Hall, 7:30pm. £3 per person.
- Wednesday 4** **Sedgefield WI**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:15pm. "Belly dancing" with Glennis, with mince pies and ginger wine to follow. Members' competition is a bell (any size or shape). Visitors are always welcome (£4).
- Friday 6** **Sedgefield and District U3A**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm. Lynn Lamport will relate a little-known tale of the First World War. "The Luck of the Draw", visitors welcome, £3.
- Monday 9** **DIDO**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 1pm until 3:30pm. Welcome to 2023. £5 annual membership fee is due, 07597 116847.
- Thursday 12** **Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30pm.
- Saturday 21** **Mayor's Race Night**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm until 11pm, cash bar, pie & peas. Tickets £12.50 from Town Council Offices.
- Tuesday 24** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club**, AGM, Fletcher Room, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm.
- Friday 27** **Sedgefield Village Veterans**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 8pm-12:15am. With Mamma Said, cash bar, bring food to share and games. Tickets are £10.
- Saturday 28** **Sedgefield Rock and Blues Club**, Miguel Montalban and the Southern Vultures plus support, Sedgefield Parish Hall, doors 7pm.

### Save the date

#### 60s-80s Night with the Cardia Dodgers

**Saturday 4 February** with a cash bar, raffle and games. Tickets (£7.50) are available from the Town Council Offices.

#### Candlemas Ecumenical Taizé Service

**Sunday 5 February**, 6pm at the Sedgefield Methodist Church. Sedgefield Area Churches Together warmly welcomes everyone to come along.

#### Christmas Tree collection

Sedgefield in Bloom volunteers are planning to run the Christmas Tree Collection for the disposal of real trees for Sedgefield residents. For a donation of £5 per tree, the volunteers will collect from your home, saving you both time and the effort of clearing up the needles from your car! The trees will be collected and recycled by Durham County Council. All monies raised from these collections will be used in our future Bloom activities in Sedgefield. Payment can be made by BACS transfer if required. Please contact Alice Hobson for further information by e-mail on [ChairSib@gmail.com](mailto:ChairSib@gmail.com) or any member of the Bloom group. All best wishes for 2023.

*Sedgefield in Bloom*



**MAYOR'S RACE NIGHT**

**Saturday 21st January 2023**

7:30pm - 11:00pm  
Parish Hall,  
Sedgefield

Pie and Peas  
Cash Bar

**£12.50**

#### Cosy Coffee

Cosy Coffee has got off to a good start, and will continue to offer a warm welcome in a warm place after the Christmas and New Year break, from 9th January. The friendly team look forward to meeting faces old and new each Monday between 1pm and 3pm, around a hot drink, delicious cake and simple hot food, available free to all. Drop in, meet friends, make new ones, do a jigsaw, play a game, chat, bring along your crossword or craft project or whatever!

*Sedgefield Area Churches Together*

#### SEDFIELD LIBRARY

Tel: 0300 026 9521

Wednesday 9:30 to 12:30

Thursday 10:00 to 18:00

Friday 13:00 to 19:00

Saturday 9:30 to 12:30

**Little Movers** every Thursday from 10am, places need booking at the library.

**Craft Group**, 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30pm. Places need booking at the library.

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



#### Lego Club Drop In

Every **Friday** from 4:30pm to 6pm, initially for Junior age and older children. Please contact the library for spaces.

#### Sedgefield Baby & Toddler Group

Methodist Church every Monday from 9:30am-11am.

#### Female Hormone Deficiency Support Group

Sedgefield Social Club every Thursday from 7:00-8:30pm.

#### Sedgefield Social Club

Singer every Saturday night.

#### Sedgefield Lyric Singers

Community choir Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30-9pm. Join us for a sing, then some light refreshment afterwards, in the bar. Fridays, term time only. In January: Friday 13, 20, 27.

#### Making Tracks

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

#### Cosy Coffee (and Tea!)

Mondays 1 pm to 3 pm

Sedgefield Methodist Church Hall  
Meet your friends or make new ones!

*A warm welcome in a warm place.*  
Simple, hot food is available free.



*Sedgefield Area Churches Together*

# CEDDSFELD HALL

Sedgefield Community Association



## Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year!

You will find the SCA Ceddesfeld Hall pamphlet for 2023 included with your newsletter. Outlined are the annual community events and regular activities for the various interest and hobby groups which take place at Ceddesfeld Hall throughout the year. SCA are keen to hear from anyone who may wish to start a new group and/or regular activity. The room hire rates are very competitive, and the rooms are spacious and comfortable.

## Burns Supper 2023 – 28 January at 7pm

SCA is delighted to see the return of the traditional Burns Supper. The evening starts with a drink's reception at 7pm followed by a traditional meal of scotch broth, haggis, neeps & tatties, or roast beef, (vegetarian option provided on request), then sweets, cheese board, coffee & mints, whisky or port. There will of course be a traditional address to the Haggis, and a Toast to Immortal Memory and Verses – all for £30! To book your table, please contact any of the numbers below.

## Mediaeval Fayre, Saturday 20th May 2023 – Save the Date!

We had a great day last year, and planning and preparations for 2023 are going well. SCA will soon be writing to its sections, groups, and members as well as to local businesses and organisations who will be asked to support the event by volunteering to help, provide sponsorship or donate gifts and prizes for the special SCA tombola. We had a super selection of new craft stalls last year (jewellery, fashion items/scarfs/foods/jars/pickles/candles/leather goods, wooden and glass crafts) and we would welcome any new stall holders who could offer something at add to the list above, that would appeal to a wide range of visitors. If you, or anyone you know may be interested, please contact Sarah, on the number below, or through the SCA email address. Look out for regular posts on Facebook!

## Sections and Groups – Subscribe to the SCA!

SCA would like to take this opportunity to thank the various sections, health and hobby groups who continue to plan and organise a very varied timetable of special interest and social activities in service of the community. There really is something for everyone!

In January, SCA will begin to collect the annual subscription fees, which have remained static for several years. The fees are £7 for over 60s, £8 for adults and £4 for young people and students. SCA membership provides reduced cost for room hire as well as insurance protection for any group activities and events. Since the SCA is a registered charity, any SCA sections may also use this charitable status, when applying for grant funding. The annual fees are important, because they provide SCA with necessary funds to go towards the running and upkeep of Ceddesfeld Hall, for the community. Within the last 18 months, work has been carried out on the roof, in the attics, on interior decorating and exterior paintwork. A grade II listed building requires a lot of special (expensive) maintenance, care, and attention! Anyone can become a member, as an individual or as part of a group – just ask at the bar or contact any of the numbers below.

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).

## Mayor's Corner

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Mayor's Ecumenical Carol Service in St Edmund's Church and the Mayor's Coffee Morning the very next day. Both events saw full houses. The two primary schools' choirs came together to entertain with some lovely carols and I was delighted that so many people supported the event. Thanks go to the STC staff for organising refreshments afterwards. Similarly, the Parish Hall was buzzing with excited chatter the next morning over coffee and cakes.



My lovely team of helpers do a great job in making these events happen for the benefit of our residents. Huge thanks go to Gill, Chris, Audrey, Karina, Annette, Connie, Judith, Margaret, Marjorie, Penny and Dessa. Both events provided valuable funds for my charities. I would like also to put on record my grateful thanks to Annette Lawson for standing in at short notice as my Consort while my wife, Julie has been indisposed owing to ill health.

For a free Solar PV quote, call  
**07813306806**  
or email  
[marcstanley@solarenergyservicesne.com](mailto:marcstanley@solarenergyservicesne.com)

Dog-walking and pet visits  
[www.woofwalksdurham.co.uk](http://www.woofwalksdurham.co.uk)  
[walkies@woofwalksdurham.co.uk](mailto:walkies@woofwalksdurham.co.uk)  
Or call 07854 459 287  
*If your pets are happy, we are happy!*

**Luxury Motorhome Hire**  
Sleeps six, with six belted seats  
From £100 per day  
Terms apply / C1 license required  
**Call 07787 531755**  
(Fishburn)

**Caravan Storage**  
Safe secure site with electronic gate & security cameras near Sedgefield/ Fishburn. Large plots, hard standings, extra wide roads, good access.  
Exit close to A1/A19  
**Please contact 07974 728 307**

Dates for your diary:

21 January	Race Night
4 February	Cardiac Dodgers
3 March	Mayor's Ball at Hardwick Hall
15 April	Cracking Cabaret
29 April	Murder Mystery Night

Tickets all available from STC Offices any weekday morning. Happy New Year!  
*David Jasper*



## Christmas Engagement ?



Talk to

THE

Specialists

### Classic Wedding Cars of Sedgefield

With over 30 years experience of delivering happy couples to their "Special Day"

Mob: 07721 771113

[f](#): @ClassicWeddingCarsNE

[i](#): classicweddingcarsne

## PH&CO Established 2002

### Accountants & Business Advisers

The Manor House, West End, Sedgefield, TS21 2BW  
Accounts & Taxation Services for Sole Traders, Partnerships & Companies

FREE no obligation consultation

Fixed price contracts. Spread fees via standing order. Business Start Up Advice. Financial Forecasting & Business Planning. Strategic Planning. Company Formations. Payroll Bureau Service. Self Assessment. VAT. Revenue & Customs Investigations. Sage Installation & Training

01740 656212

Email

[info@peterahodgson.co.uk](mailto:info@peterahodgson.co.uk)

[www.peterahodgson.co.uk](http://www.peterahodgson.co.uk)



"Relax, we take care of it all."

## DURHAM FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC

A Family Practice Serving County Durham and Surrounding Areas Since 1997

### SERVICES

Chiropractic | Chinese Acupuncture | Remedial, Sports & Deep Tissue Massage | Shockwave Therapy | Diagnostic Ultrasound.

Very experienced team of practitioners.

Tel: 0191 3757600

Web:

[www.durhamchiropractic.co.uk](http://www.durhamchiropractic.co.uk)

## JONATHON CANNINGS MORTGAGE BROKER

### Local, Independent Mortgage Advice

First time buyers, home movers, landlords or simply looking for a new rate.

07940 734 245

ON BEHALF OF WILL ASSIST MORTGAGES LTD

[www.astrea-aesthetics.co.uk](http://www.astrea-aesthetics.co.uk)

[f](#) AstreaAesthetics  
[i](#) AstreaAesthetics

ANTI-WRINKLE TREATMENTS | DERMAL FILLERS | FAT DISSOLVING | MICRONEEDLING  
LIP AUGMENTATION | CHEMICAL PEELS | B12 | PROFHILO  
FULLY QUALIFIED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

LK

LISA KILNER  
BEAUTY

FACIALS | NAILS | WAXING | MASSAGE

SALON IN SEDGEFIELD

[f](#) [i](#) @LKBEAUTYSEDGEFIELD

☎ 07702 667205 📍 29 Wellgarth Mews, TS21 3NN

# meikles solicitors

HOUSE SALES & PURCHASES

REMORTGAGES

WILLS & PROBATE

POWERS OF ATTORNEY

MENTAL HEALTH

FAMILY & CHILDREN

YOUR LOCAL  
LEGAL EXPERTS

01740 620 255

7 High Street, Sedgefield



## SALON QUALITY HAIRDRESSING

For that Salon Experience in the comfort of your own home.

It's convenient and can be fitted in with your daily routine. Daytime/Evening App'ts.

All aspects of hairdressing for Ladies, Gents & Children, including weekly blow-dry appointments

Call VENITA: 07774 921 986

The Smile You Want, When You Want It!

MANGO DENTAL TECHNOLOGIES

Tailor made dentures

Comfortable

Strong

Great Fit

Control over aesthetics

No waiting list

Smile with confidence, book your free consultation now!

📍 Mango Dental Technologies ☎ 01740 645899

1 Church View [info@mangodental.co.uk](mailto:info@mangodental.co.uk)

Sedgefield [www.mangodental.co.uk](http://www.mangodental.co.uk)

TS21 2AY [f](#) /mangodental [i](#) @Mangodentallab

[i](#) mango\_dental

## learn to drive with Stan's School of Motoring

- friendly, patient and professional
- discount for beginners & block bookings
- theory and practical tuition

Call Paul Stanley on

07789 677 153

[www.stansschoolofmotoring.com](http://www.stansschoolofmotoring.com)

Drive4Life

Michelle  
Quigley

07807 989 037

Learn with a female driving instructor. Call to discuss prices and special deals.

## Toshach's Café

have opened a new place at

19 Conyers Terrace  
Ferryhill, DL17 8AT

Monday to Friday 9 am to 3.30 pm  
Saturday 10 am to 1 pm  
Sunday lunch only 11.30 am to 3 pm  
07912640600

Facebook: Toshach's Cafe at 19

Philip & Lynn look forward to seeing you

## EK BOOKKEEPING

& ADMIN SERVICES

Based at Salters House, Sedgefield

For all your sole trader bookkeeping requirements.

Our services include

General bookkeeping & admin services

Monthly/Yearly Accounts

Self Assessments/VAT Returns

Wendy: 07855 544 858

Email: [ekbook.keeping@gmail.com](mailto:ekbook.keeping@gmail.com)

## Winterton Gas & Plumbing Services

Sedgefield based Servicing Specialist

Boiler Installations & repairs:

Fires: Cookers & Hobs:

Meters: Combustion Performance  
Analysis Landlord Certificates

Call 01740 621331

Mobile 07908614582



523788

## NC Plumbing Services

NO JOB TOO SMALL

From drip to full bathroom re-fit  
Free estimates - All work guaranteed  
Out of hours call out available

Call Neil on 01740 474045

Mobile: 07882233219

Bathrooms, radiators, towel rails, central heating problems, garden taps, washing machines, dishwashers, kitchen sinks ...



## Alderson Property Improvements

- All aspects of carpentry
- Alterations and conversions
- Full house renovations
- Small building projects
- Kitchens Designed & Fitted
- Bathrooms & Bedrooms

01740 621694 or 07742 537 705

jalderson91@yahoo.co.uk

## JPL OIL & GAS SERVICES

- CENTRAL HEATING SERVICE & REPAIR
- INSTALLATION
- GAS BOILER SERVICE
- LANDLORD CHECKS
- GAS FIRE SERVICE



Jonathan Little

T: (01740) 629 321

M: 07795 417 665

E: jpl.oilandgasservices@hotmail.co.uk

f / jploilandgasservices



No. 229560

## Carpenter & Joiner General Builder

N. J. Burchett



Doors, kitchens, stairs, windows.

Specialist in box frames and sash replacements & renovations.

All building and joinery work undertaken.



Call Norman on

01740 622721

07768203505

## G. MCKENNA BUILDING SERVICES LTD.

Builders Barn,

44a West End, Sedgefield

For a professional service with over 35 years service. All your building & home improvement needs

Specialists in extensions, self build, barn conversions, loft conversions and listed building works

All aspects of joinery and internal remodelling

Please contact us for a free quote:

Call 07903 923130 or email gmbuildingservicesltd@gmail.com



## SPRAYCLAD UK

INTRODUCING A BRAND NEW FINISH

- Kitchen Resprays
- UPVC / Window Resprays
- Wood Finishing

T: 01388 600 078

E: hello@sprayclad.uk

W: www.sprayclad.uk



## L M Windows

Windows, Doors, Composite Doors, Bow Conversions, Patio/French doors, Window & door repairs, Fascias, Soffits.

Certass Registered, full insurance backed guarantee and Mtc Registered.

Call Lee on 07720 391002 or

01740 623323

www.lmwindows.co.uk

## Ian D Vickers

Extensions \* Alterations \* Kitchens  
Bathrooms \* Landscaping

## BUILDING SERVICES

47 Winterton Avenue, Sedgefield

07837 897098 / 01740 238731

Email [ianvickers86@gmail.com](mailto:ianvickers86@gmail.com)

CREATIVE JOHN TATE

TILING & PLUMBING



FREE QUOTE

T: 01740 629722

M: 07758 418430

W: CREATIVE-TILING.COM

## Paul Jackson Builders

From Plans to Completion

For ALL Your Building Work

Call for FREE QUOTE

Tel: 01429 883 347

Mobile: 07904 812 028

To advertise on these pages please email [news@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:news@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk)

## JP GROUNDWORKS

for mini-digger hire, driveways or patios in stencil-crete, tarmac, block paving or concrete, dropped kerbs, fencing, garden walls, drainage, turfing, house & garden removals etc.

Ring Jack on

07909 773829

or 01642 034235



## Edgoose-Clubley Computer Services

IT Support for Home and Business

Remote and On-Site Support

Computer Repairs  
Software & Hardware Support  
Wired & Wireless Networking  
Virus Removal  
Data Recovery



Price Match Promise 01740 622 420  
[www.edgoose.co.uk](http://www.edgoose.co.uk)

As Always  
No Fix  
No Fee

## Ferryhill Roofing Contractors

For all types of roofing, including flat roofing, guttering, fascias and soffits. **Free estimates.**

Over 30 years working locally.

Call Trev on

**01388 420 152**  
or **07887 886 558**

## Paul Watson Roofing

Sedgefield Based Local Roofer  
All roofing work undertaken.

Felting, Slating, Tiling, Leadwork,  
Dry Verge and Ridge, Skylights,  
UPVC Fascias, Soffits, Guttering,  
GRP rubber roofing & more.

Over 25 years experience.

All work guaranteed.

Facebook - Paul Watson Roofing

For an honest quote call

**07881 538165**

## PROUDMAN PLASTERING LTD

Lime Plaster/Render  
Specialist

**ALL TYPES OF PLASTERING**

2 coat solid plastering and coving

Clean, professional service.

25+ years experience

Contact for a free estimate:

**07908 144754**

**07949 384922**

or email:

[proudmanplastering@hotmail.com](mailto:proudmanplastering@hotmail.com)

[www.proudmanplastering.co.uk](http://www.proudmanplastering.co.uk)

British Gypsum Certified Plasterer

## LS DECORATORS

For Quality and Service  
All Internal and External  
Work Undertaken

For a free estimate,  
call Liam on

**07508 284 164**

## SOUTH DURHAM REMOVALS



**FULLY INSURED - READY - RELIABLE  
REASONABLE**

 **07407 218516**

[www.southdurhamremovals.co.uk](http://www.southdurhamremovals.co.uk)

## Sedgefield Electrics

**Fully Qualified Electricians  
Domestic and Commercial**

Local, Sedgefield based  
Honest and reliable  
Free quotations and advice

Call **Paul Warnett**

**07857 341 743**

**01740 622 669**

or email:

[sedgefieldelectrics@hotmail.com](mailto:sedgefieldelectrics@hotmail.com)

## Corner Electrics

Need a small job doing?

Quick response to all your needs

**LIGHTS \* FAULTS \* REPAIRS**

**Domestic & Commercial Services**

Call **Jim on 07725 205 172**

or **01740 239 858**

**Satisfaction Guaranteed**

**Alex  
Allcock**

Certified Electrician

07583 847831

[AAllelectricalservices@gmail.com](mailto:AAllelectricalservices@gmail.com)

**For Commercial and Domestic  
Electrical Requirements**

## SHILDON LOCKSMITHS UPVC DOOR DOCTOR

Locks Changed - Lock Repairs  
Mechanism Repair/Replacement  
Door Adjustment - Door Furniture  
Emergency Door Opening  
**90% OF PARTS IN STOCK**

24 Hour Emergency Call Out

**01388 741 114**

**07748 044 808**

[www.shildonlocksmiths.co.uk](http://www.shildonlocksmiths.co.uk)



Based in Sedgefield  
with 1000's of ★★★★★  
satisfied customers

**PROFESSIONAL  
CARPET &  
UPHOLSTERY  
CLEANING**

t: **07903781351**

w: [brightandkind.co.uk](http://brightandkind.co.uk)



## Factory Carpets & Laminates

**Quality flooring at discount prices**

Over 400 rolls of carpet & cushion-floor in  
stock. A selection of laminate flooring with  
fitting service.

Full range of rugs and beds in store:

Free delivery on all purchases

Free estimates & home pattern service

**We can beat any genuine quote!!**

24 Front Street South,  
Trimdon Village, TS29 6LZ

**Phone: 01429 880220**

## EAST DURHAM

**Tree and Garden Services**

Tree removal/reduction. Stump Grinding.  
Hedge removal/reduction. Turfing. Fencing  
Regular grass cutting. Garden maintenance

**Professional advice & service**

All tree works carried out to BS 3998

Call Darryl at **01429 599723**

or **07833978801**

[www.edtgs.co.uk](http://www.edtgs.co.uk)

## south durham gardening services

for all your gardening needs

**free estimates**

**no job too small**

**local, reliable service**

**01740 654 237**

**07929 173 942**

## AW Tree Care

Time Served Royal Horticultural Society  
Arborist

**Tree & Hedge Professionals**

All Aspects of Tree Work

Felling, Dismantling & Pruning

Hedge Cutting

Emergency Call Outs

Site & Garden Clearance

Stump Removal & Grinding

Conservation & Habitat Work

Woodland Management

Tree Inspections and Reports

**Sedgefield Based**

**01740 620216 / 07544 802 052**

[www.awtreecare.co.uk](http://www.awtreecare.co.uk)

Alexander Walker TechArborA., ND Arb.,

SOC Arb **Fully Insured &**

**Professionally trained**

## Gutter Cleaning

Gutters and downpipes cleaned  
using vacuum system.

No ladders. On-board camera.

Soffits, fascias and

conservatories cleaned.

Gutters repaired and renewed.

**07519 376870 (Local)**

## Sedgefield's Premier Cleaning Service

Still happy to help with cleaning your  
house while you relax, with 6 years  
experience. All cleaning products and  
hoover included in the price. Deep  
cleans, One-off cleans, Regular cleans.  
References available, quotes free.

**07887 216 614**

[mk.pipina1@gmail.com](mailto:mk.pipina1@gmail.com)

## SPORTS UPDATE

Email [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com)

We've reached the end of another year and grass roots sport in Sedgefield has been as busy as ever, providing the News with some brilliant stories, from all ages and levels. It is a very rare occasion that I have to scabble around for material for the sports update – more often than not, the challenge is to try and fit in everything. So, thank you to everyone who has contributed and please keep up the good work in 2023!

### Athletics

An annual highlight of the winter athletics calendar is the North Eastern Counties Cross Country Championships. Last year, the event was hosted by Sedgefield Harriers, and in 2022 it moved north to Temple Park in South Shields. The venue is familiar to many cross country runners and the course has been used a lot over the years, but there was a twist this time, or more accurately a reverse, as races were held in the opposite direction. The cold snap had kicked in by the day of the championships, and participants faced hard, icy conditions underfoot, instead of the traditional mud.

Sedgefield Harriers were in action in junior and senior races, starting with the U11 events, at which Tilli Lewis and Samuel Lines both made their cross country debuts, putting in excellent performances. Tilli was just outside the top 10 in the girls' race. This theme continued in the U17 men's competition, when Rory Letts put an impressively paced run to finish 21st.

There were nine Sedgefield Harriers in the senior men's race - Chris Lines (97th), Justin Cox (115th), Ben Smale (127th), Gary Thwaites (139th), David Walker (145th), Declan Munnely (147th), Peter Milburn (173rd), Peter Summerbell (188th), and Andrew Featherstone (246th).

The Sedgefield Harriers performance of the day came from Sadie Abel in the senior women's race. Sadie finished 28th overall, mixing it up with some of the top club athletes from around the region. She was followed home by Emma Featherstone (84th), Georgina Letts (138th) and Sue Dobson (147th).



Sadie Abel strides out at the 2022 North Eastern Counties Cross Country Championships - photo by Peter Milburn

The cross country season will continue in January with the Sherman Cup/ Davison Shield (back at Temple Park again), and then the final two fixtures of the North East Harrier League in February and March. After securing promotion last season, the Harriers' senior men are fighting to consolidate their place in Division 2 and currently sit in eighth place, a couple of places above the relegation zone, but only a few points below the teams in sixth and seventh. It's shaping up to be an exciting end to the season.



The Sedgefield Harriers senior men's team at the 2022 North Eastern Counties Cross Country Championships

### Squash



The Durham and Cleveland County Championships were held at the end of November at Norton Squash Club. Sedgefield fielded several players in the competition, with two reaching finals. Nick Hill competed in the final of the B grade and Craig Muller reached the final of the B grade plate event. Nick lost a close match 3-1, while Craig won 3-2 after being 0-2 down, in a nail biting battle that could have gone either way.

All Sedgefield teams have been involved in the County Closed Handicap Cup competition throughout December. Currently the 2nd, 4th and 5th teams are through to the second round. The league and cup fixtures will continue in the new year, and there will be more news of those in future updates.

Currently, Sedgefield Squash Club's first internal silverware for 2023 is up for grabs, with players involved in the Individual Handicap competition, which will conclude at the end of February.

To those of you who may be looking for some exercise after the festive period, Sedgefield Squash Club is a friendly local club where you can enjoy a game. If you are interested in playing or getting involved, you can contact the club on [info@sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk](mailto:info@sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk).

### Cricket



Membership renewals will be issued by Sedgefield Cricket Club at the beginning of January, so existing members are asked to keep an eye out for an email. The renewal email will contain a link to the membership website to allow people to pay online, which the club prefers, as it drastically reduces the administration required to process everything. If you do that, please also retain your membership card as it will be updated following receipt of 2023 subs. For all cricket club membership enquiries, please send an email to [sccmemberships@outlook.com](mailto:sccmemberships@outlook.com).



That's all for this month, and for 2022. As always, if you have any sports news, send it to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com).