

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

July 2023 edition

Deadline for August: Friday 14 July

Shortlisted for world's best school

Sedgfield Hardwick has been announced as one of the world's top 10 most innovative schools!

This month, Sedgfield Hardwick was a hive of excitement following some incredible news. At the inaugural Innovation Festival, which is an event to be held annually by the schools within the Laidlaw Schools Trust, Sedgfield Hardwick was named the UK's top school for Innovation by the World's Best School Prizes and is currently on a shortlist of the top ten schools worldwide. Headteacher Paul Taylor said, "As part of Laidlaw Schools Trust (LST), innovation is at the heart of everything we do. An innovative approach to education nurtures a culture of curiosity, exploration, and problem-solving, equipping children with essential skills for their personal, academic, and professional growth." Sally Newton, Director of Education for LST, commented, "Winning this award would mean a huge amount, not least in providing a platform to influence schools worldwide in a much-needed change to pedagogical approaches."



Centenary Shield ESFA U18's

17 year old George Wilkinson from Sedgfield was part of England's successful U18 team in the recent English Schools' Football Association Centenary Shield campaign, contested in matches between the home nations and the Republic of Ireland.



George Wilkinson in action



During the festival, children, from all primary schools within the Trust as well as pupils from Sedgfield Primary, participated in seven challenges in different innovation stations. The seven different innovation stations were uniquely linked to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. This gave the pupils a fantastic opportunity to learn about critical global challenges, such as climate change and poverty, while exploring innovative solutions to tackle them.

One of the stations asked the children to create a water filtration system while another station involved building solar powered robots to find ways to reduce carbon emissions from vehicles. The children were assisted by current Year 9 pupils from Sedgfield Community College, who were all Sedgfield Hardwick Alumni. Many came to help the school and the Trust celebrate. The Mayor of Sedgfield and his consort were on hand to enjoy the day along with members of local community groups. The children were also visited by Britain's Got Talent's very own Titan the Robot, who proved to be a very popular guest and helped to create an unforgettable experience for all in attendance. "The stations were brilliant as it opened our minds to worldwide problems," commented Jessie, a Year 5 pupil. "We are immensely proud of our school and what we have achieved. We hope to now achieve to be named number one in the world", stated Cameron and Eliza.

The first match saw George and the team fly out to Athlone Town FC in Ireland for a few days, where England got off to a good start, winning 3-1. For the next game, England travelled to Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld, Scotland, and again beat the home team 3-1. The team followed this up with a tight 1-0 victory over Northern Ireland at Billericay Town FC. The final match against Wales at Hednesford Town FC was a nail-biting decider. The two opponents went into the game completely level in the tournament and the 1-1 result meant that the shield was shared between England and Wales. For the last game, the England team had the privilege of staying at the national sports complex in Lilleshall, Newport, which provides world class sporting facilities to some of the country's leading sportsmen and women.

The whole experience was amazing for George and his team mates, from receiving an England cap, singing his heart out to the national anthem at the start of the match, signing autographs for school children, staying in hotels, and travelling to various parts of the country. It was a special time that George won't forget.

Something wicked this way comes

Shortly before half-term, we were delighted to welcome the Coram Shakespeare Theatre Company to the school in order to work with a group of our Year 7 students on a performance of Macbeth. The unique nature of the performance saw the students being introduced to the play, devising their own interpretation of key scenes, before delivering a performance to an actual audience – all within the space of one day!



It was fantastic to see how our students blossomed through the day, visibly growing in confidence and enjoying the range of experiences the workshop offered. The day culminated in the performance to parents and school staff, where initial nervous faces shone with pride as they graced the stage with confidence and enthusiasm in abundance.

Our audience of parents and staff members were "wowed" with our students' incredible knowledge and dramatic interpretation of Shakespeare's play, honed in just a few hours. Shakespeare was certainly made accessible and enjoyable to our students through this amazing experience, and the practical approach to the specific scenes demystified the language of the Bard, and students were quoting key lines with ease. This really was an excellent experience and one our students will remember for years to come.

Later this term, we look forward to inviting a different theatre group into school to work with other students on their own Shakespearean performance!

Sedgefield Local History Society to the rescue

During a recent extensive tour of the UK, Canadian visitors Frank and Michelle Arrowsmith were delighted to visit the former Sedgefield home of a 19th century ancestor. Just off the A689, at the end of the old cemetery road, Donnewell is now home to Joyce and Peter Littlefair, who in recent years diversified from farming into running a caravan site and dog exercise area. Generations of Littlefairs farmed at Donnewell for almost 100 years. They gave a warm welcome to Frank and Michelle and were able to fill in further details about the life and times of their forebears. Born in 1803, married in Sedgefield in 1832, the 1841 census shows John Arrowsmith living at Donnewell with his wife Elizabeth, five children and several servants. They appear to have been relatively wealthy, providing jumps in their extensive grounds where neighbours of similar social standing could bring their horses to exercise.

At some point, John, now Captain Arrowsmith joined the Durham militia. He died in 1847 and is buried with a very impressive headstone in St Oswald's churchyard in Durham. Presumably, the Arrowsmiths left Donnewell sometime between 1841 and 1861, as the 1861 census shows widow Elizabeth and her family living at 51 Old Elvet in the parish of St Oswald. Having done extensive family history research, their Canadian descendants were pleased to be able to visit both the Durham house and John Arrowsmith's grave.

They were very grateful to the Littlefairs and to Norma and Haydn Neal of Sedgefield Local History Society, who enjoyed a full day in their company.



Visiting Donnewell

Heritage trail

This term we welcomed local author and member of Sedgefield History Society, Norma Neal into school. The Year 4 children were very keen to learn about the history of Sedgefield. Guided by Norma, they followed Sedgefield Heritage Trail, visited St. Edmund's Church and investigated our school building to search for clues about its past. Many interesting artefacts were uncovered, which the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring.



During English lessons, Norma shared chapters of her book *The Magic Mobile* with Year 4 and passed on her knowledge of the local area. She was so impressed by the children's interest, enthusiasm and writing skills that she gifted them each a signed copy of her novel, which was gratefully received. With huge thanks to Norma Neal, Brian Mutch and Sedgefield Local History Society for the considerable time and effort that has gone into making such a memorable summer term for Year 4 at Sedgefield Primary School.

Sedgefield Show

The 168th Sedgefield Show will be on Saturday 12 August 2023 with gates opening at 9:30am. Tickets will be available on the door only. Prices:



Adults	£9
Family (2 adults, up to 3 kids)	£20
Children and concessions	£6
Under 5s	Free
Car park	Free

Why not enter this year? All section schedules available at sedgefieldshow.lite.events from equine and cattle to dogs and handicrafts - there's something for everyone.

Any problems, contact Helen at info@sedgefieldshow.co.uk.

SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST PROJECT NEWS

WOODLAND & WILDLIFE

Summer's Delights

The Woodland & Wildlife site is positively blooming at this time of year.

There's an abundance of wildflowers; the newly planted



trees are thriving; the birds are busy raising their young; insects are buzzing around pollinating; and the few shy mammals we have on site are making themselves at home - interestingly we have had recent sightings of roe deer and stoats.

One of our volunteers, Fred, has completed his annual bird breeding census. From his findings, it appears there is a healthy variety and number of birds on the site. His full report will be available later in the year, but highlights are song thrush, skylark, yellow hammer and kestrels. There are not as many butterflies and day flying moths on site as previous years, but we are delighted to report that the Dinky Skipper is back with us!

Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who continues to support us with their Co-op membership. If you would like to know more about the project or volunteer with us, please contact Melissa –

woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk or join our Facebook page -

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Homework Help will take a break over the school holidays (unless any student would particularly like to steal a march on next term). Thanks for all the students and helpers for diligent work this academic year. We'll be back next term - feel free, as ever, to contact

homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk.

Days In - Days Out (DIDO)

DIDO is off on a trip to Whitley Bay and Tynemouth on 10 July. We're expecting to fill the bus (49) and keeping our fingers crossed for sunshine.

SEDGEFIELD FARMERS MARKET

On the Green, First Sunday Morning Every Month.

**Sunday 2 July
on the Village Green
8:30am - 12:15pm**

We have a lot going on Sunday 2 July so come along and enjoy the Market. Moody Brew, who sell non-alcoholic drinks, joined the Market last month and are looking forward to returning in July.



We will also have a stall selling our local honey produced by The Bees at Hardwick.



The Community Stall this month is Sedgefield Hardwick Primary PTA where they will have preloved uniform and Summer Carnival raffle tickets for sale.



Music on the day will be from the local band Nest, they will be playing from 10am.

Jane Ramsay has joined our friendly volunteer team and amongst other things is managing the social media for the Market so follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with all the news. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Market email us at

farmers@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk.

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What would you like to read about in the Sedgefield News?

Have you a story to tell about your local group that you would like to share with community?

Drop us a line at

news@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk.

Sparks fly at the Repair Cafe



We had another busy Friendly Fixers session in June, with a variety of electricals repaired and returned to their owners.

A vacuum cleaner, toaster and paper shredder were heading back home instead of to landfill, and a clock which had been entrusted to us last time was returned in full working order and with a new mechanism.

Several trousers and tops were hemmed and repaired.

A more seasonal fix was provided, with a sharpening service which saw brisk business, and restored the blades on shears, secateurs and an axe.



Next session: Saturday 1 July, 10:30am to 12:30pm at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre.

Christian Aid Week Appeal 2023



We are delighted to report the totals raised at the various events in support of the Christian Aid Week appeal this year:

Good Friday	£173
Procession of Witness	
Coronation Service at St Edmunds	£153
Vox Populi concert at St. Edmunds	£100
Coffee Morning at Methodist Church	£1,058
Gift aid vouchers	£170
Total	£1,654

Thank you to everyone for your support and also to those donated online.

Margaret and David Glass

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Projects in Kenya

Hello. My name is Sharon Brown and last October I travelled to Kenya as part of a group of volunteers to help at a school and many other community projects.

It was both an emotional and rewarding trip where amongst many other things we helped with building work at Cherish school, bought new school gates, tables, chairs and school equipment, provided food and toiletry parcels to every child and food hampers to every family and gave out maternity packs to over 60 new mums in the local hospital. In addition we are continuing to sponsor a 9 year old boy who was living alone on the street to attend a local boarding school.



It was an amazingly humbling experience and I am heading out again this October.

The trip itself is self funded but to raise funds to take with me for more of the above I am having a bag collection. I was wondering if anyone was able to donate any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, bedding, towels or curtains. I am happy to collect from your home or they can be dropped at Hopper House Brew Farm (my number is 07876 547446 to arrange collection.)

Also last year I posted online for any baby clothes that had been outgrown and I was amazed at the kindness of people in our little town and filled a suitcase which I would love to do again.

I would also like to thank the many ladies of the village who have already donated bras and knitting. Thank you so much in advance. Any money raised from the bag collection will go directly to those in need and can really change lives. If there are any groups or schools in the village who would like to hear more about my trip I am happy to come and talk at a meeting.

Sharon Brown



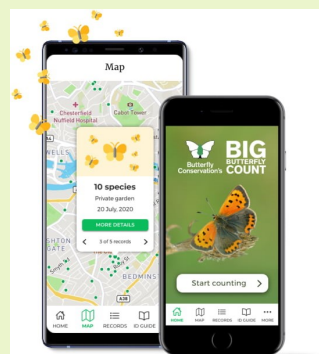
STEVE'S NATURE DIARY JULY 2023

As I write this, at last we have some hot and sunny weather. Last week the northeast was covered in a blanket of cloud and whilst the rest of the country was sweltering, it was a chilly 12 degrees with a cool breeze. As a result of this cooler weather, I hadn't seen many butterflies, but that all changed this week when I visited two of our local nature reserves: Thrislington and Bishop Middleham and saw a few. Meanwhile in the garden they are still few and far between.

Every year, Butterfly Conservation organise a Big Butterfly Count, which is a UK-wide survey aimed at helping them to assess the health of our environment simply by counting the amount and type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) people see. The results from last year have been released. Results were mixed but overall, the trend for butterflies across the UK remains a declining one, with the results of the Big Butterfly Count 2022 showing an average of just under 9 butterflies seen per count, which is once again an all-time low in the thirteen years since the citizen science project began. Species that saw a worrying decline from last year include some well-known favourites, such as Red Admiral, Small White and Meadow Brown. Almost 100,000 Butterfly Counts were carried out during the event, with participants spending a combined total of over two and a half years counting butterflies in their gardens, local parks and in the countryside.

For some species numbers were up including Gatekeeper, Common Blue, Holy Blue and Comma. Some of this can be explained by an increase in range for these butterflies – a result of climate change – accounting for many of the sightings of these species in the north of the UK.

The vast majority of Big Butterfly Counts are done in gardens, which makes this data especially valuable because this type of habitat is under-represented in many other counts. It is possible for people to help - you can create habitats for butterflies such as the holly blue and comma in gardens, by cultivating holly and flowering ivy for the former and growing hops, elms and nettles for the latter. Gardens that are wildlife friendly can provide vital habitats for these insects, allowing them space to feed, breed and shelter.



The Big Butterfly Count is the largest citizen-science project of its kind and relies on volunteers spending 15 minutes outside each summer, counting the number and type of butterflies they see. Taking part each year helps scientists to gather important data on how butterflies and moths are coping with changing climate, changing weather, and habitat loss. This year's Big Butterfly Count will take place from Friday 14 July – Sunday 6 August 2023. For more details visit bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org.

Cuts to Arriva bus services in Sedgefield and Fishburn

You may have heard that Arriva plans to cut more bus services in County Durham. Specifically, from 9 July, the X21 will no longer run between Sedgefield, Newton Aycliffe and Darlington, meaning that there will be no direct service between the three communities.

Our local councillor, Chris Lines, reports that he has written to officers in the Integrated Passenger Transport team and to Cllr Elizabeth Scott, who is the relevant portfolio holder in the DCC Cabinet. He has highlighted that:

- This development is disastrous for people of all ages and backgrounds in the ward.
- There has been a lot of rhetoric from the national Government in recent times about commitments to bus service improvements. This news is a signal that the opposite is happening.
- There is a lot of good work underway on 'Active Travel' initiatives in Sedgefield and the wider county to improve footpaths and cycle routes and encourage people to walk and ride. These projects will be undermined by reductions in bus services that push more residents towards using private cars.

DCC's Integrated Passenger Team is exploring options for at least continuing/resuming a service between Sedgefield and Newton Aycliffe (from which there are several services to Darlington). Both Carmel School and Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College run bus services for students, but for everyone else, the loss of the X21 is a big blow.

SEDGEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Farmers Market stall

On Sunday 4 June, Sedgefield NHW was pleased to occupy the Charity Stall for the morning at the Sedgefield Farmers Market. Many thanks to the Market organisers and helpers for all their assistance. Despite the cool temperature, it was a fruitful morning and we had quite a bit of interest in our safety and security equipment available for sale and to order. Advice was given on a range of topics and it was good to meet so many enquiring residents.

ASB diary

ourwatch.org.uk is the website of the National Neighbourhood Watch. In partnership with local authorities, they have launched an Antisocial Behaviour Diary. If you are suffering from what you consider to be ASB, you will be able to visit the site, gain advice and guidance and if necessary, print off an antisocial behaviour diary. This is a 12 day record of the incidents which you simply complete on a daily basis and submit to the local authority, giving details of location, type and frequency of the disturbance and how it affects you personally. As with reporting to the police, the more the disturbance is reported, the greater the likelihood of future action being taken to remedy the situation.

NHW Meeting 8 June

Many thanks to all attendees of our last meeting. PCSO Amy Jorgeson joined in the discussions on a number of topics raised by concerned residents, which included;

- Two new Special Constable's being allocated to Sedgefield. More uniform patrols on our streets is good news and they will be very welcome.
- Continuing action against illegal sale and use of vapes. A recent walk down the footpath between Sedgefield Post Office and the Co-op car park revealed a host of empty packaging and discarded vape canisters, not only litter but also a health hazard.
- Proposed use of lamppost cameras. Wireless cameras which can be located and moved wherever there is a need to identify ASB and other crime issues. This type of equipment has been used in other areas and further enquiries and discussions will follow. The use of drones was also considered but the prohibitive cost of the equipment together with training, licensing and restrictions on their use are all topics for future consideration. It was noted however, that drones are currently used by all the emergency services and have been proven to be a useful surveillance tool.

Crime and community survey

This recent survey provided evidence to suggest that residents who are members of their local NHW feel more assured of their safety, better informed, less isolated, more trusting of their fellow residents and generally happier in their community. So "Join us" - see ourwatch.org.uk for details.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 13 July in Ceddesfeld Hall at 7:30 pm. We have been promised a police presence again and our ever increasing stock of safety/security equipment, including our Holiday Boxes, will be displayed. We will not hold a meeting in August due to holiday commitments.

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



Thank you

Thank you to the kind couple who found my handbag and returned it safely to my daughter, we didn't manage to get your names but I would just like to say once again thank you for your kindness.

Mary Janet Bull

Sedgefield in Bloom

A joint decision was made between Sedgefield Town Council and the Bloom group not to enter into Northumbria in Bloom for 2023...but fear not both groups will work hard to maintain the same high standard of floral displays for our beautiful little town as previous years. In fact we have some exciting new projects in the pipeline. As always, thank you all for your continuing support and the great comments we receive.

Marie Etherington



Your LETTERS

Facilities for teenagers

Hi editor and fellow villagers. During my various exercises through the NETPark site, it is noticeable that the NETPark cafe is empty and apparently shut down.

Could this be an ideal venue to create a much needed drop in facility for the local teenagers? It looks perfect and is a great location and easily accessible for all teenagers whether it was a walk there or transport from their parents. Could the Town Council or even Durham County Council help to fund the set up and to start this project up?

I am sure the local councillors who do so much for the whole community including teenagers could help to be onsite in a volunteering role, plus there will be others in the village who would give up a few hours on an evening. Once up and running it would be a great place for sporting, dance, etc. clubs to run from.

The even greater benefit of a venue like this it would give the teenagers somewhere to meet and socialise without getting moved on by the local police every weekend during the summer, and let the police do some more valuable and beneficial work for our community.

Look forward to receiving some feedback from fellow villagers, volunteers and the local council.

Marc Dickerson

Bloomers' Lament

I really love planting flowers
And even the pruning and weeding
Watering can take hours
As can staking and feeding
The soil is poor and dry
Taking compost by the sack
But the results can be amazing
Making it worth my aching back
I hope many folk will be gazing
At the flowers along the Church Wall
BUT

There are some lads and lasses
Who take delight in trashing
Who leave cans, litter and glasses
And don't care what they are
smashing

They break off the heads of the
flowers
(Iris, phlox, foxglove and paeony)
Making it worthless all of the hours
I spent nurturing them
WHY?

Name and address supplied

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ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

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The Wizard of Oz

Playing to a full house for three nights, the Sedgefield Players had a very successful run of 'Little Women'. Despite the heat and costume changes and bloomers, Lucy Atkinson, Amy Henery, Kelsey White and Emily Legender were amazing as the four sisters. With great audience feedback, 'Absolutely fantastic, I loved everything and it was very emotional.' said one. "The group have all enjoyed putting on this production", said Sarah Atkinson, director, "and it's also provided the chance for some of our SPYS to take part, especially Charlie Lines who took on the part of Laurie". However, there is no rest. It's the SPYS next for their production of The Wizard of Oz. This is being performed in the Parish Hall on 14 July at 7pm and on 15 July at 2pm and 7pm. Tickets can be obtained from ticketsource.co.uk/sedgefield-players or from sedgefieldplayers.co.uk. They are also on sale in Tickety Boo.



This popular piece sees Dorothy travel the yellow brick road to the land of Oz, meeting a variety of people, animals and witches along the way. As there are so many SPYS, some of the roles have been double cast to allow more members to have speaking roles. The younger members play the munchkins, winged monkeys and ensemble roles. Lily Wilkinson and Sophie Richards will share the role of Dorothy, both taking lead parts for the first time. Neo Hook also takes her first leading role as the Wicked Witch of the West, alongside Emily Legender. The Great Oz is being played by Millie Malloy and Alex Guy. The Tin Man is being played by Otis Moran and Harris Andrews, the Lion by George Nott and Elliot Taylor and the Scarecrow by Charlie Lines and Alex Warrant.
Sedgefield Players

Chloé Piano Trio

The highly decorated chamber music ensemble Chloé Piano Trio formed in 2017 of Dutch & Romanian musicians studying at the Royal College of Music. They are current holders of the Royal Philharmonic Society Henderson Prize for Chamber Ensemble. A violinist, cellist and pianist, their repertoire extends from baroque & classical up to recent releases, and they regularly tour internationally, soon to release an album of pieces from female composers.



They perform at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church on 14 July. Tickets are £16 in advance (available from Brotherton's Music Shop, Bishop Auckland) or £18 at the door bvemv.orpheusweb.co.uk/BAMSWeb/bams.html.

Durham Fringe Festival

As part of Durham Fringe, Elysium Theatre Company will perform two of Shakespeare's most popular plays Macbeth and A Midsummer Night's Dream. Stagings will take place not only within Durham city but at venues including Bishop Auckland Town Hall and Ushaw Historic House and Gardens.



The wider Fringe Festival encompasses spoken word, comedy, music and magic at a selection of venues across the city and beyond, including Palace Green itself, cafes, bars & nightclubs. Visit durhamfringe.co.uk for full details.

More Local Events

Sin: Exhibition organised by the National Gallery, London with The Auckland Project, Bishop Auckland
Examination through art of the concept of sinfulness, through loan works from the National Gallery, Tracy Emin, and Ron Mueck
From 17 June to 1 October
aucklandproject.org/whats-on/sin-exhibition

Spennymoor Mural Festival, Spennymoor

Centred on the Bob Abley Gallery and locations across the town 2 to 9 July
www.durhamspraypaints.com/spennymoor

Durham Brass, Durham City

Hugely popular, varied and colourful celebration of brass music across Durham city
9 to 16 July
brassfestival.co.uk/

Open Air Theatre: Sense and Sensibility, Raby Castle

Heartbreak Productions bring Jane Austen's classic novel to life in the beautiful setting of Raby Castle
22 July £16
raby.co.uk/events/open-air-theatre-sense-and-sensibility/

Kynren - Epic Tale of England, Bishop Auckland

Annual restaging of some of the highlights of the last 2000 years of our history. Visually spectacular, thrilling and educational too.
29 July to 9 September £26
11arches.com/kynren

Chance Drama
Production Of

RONALD DAHL
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book By Dennis Kelly Directed By Robyn Collins Music & Lyrics By Tim Minchin

Thursday 20 July - 7PM
Friday 21 July - 7PM
Saturday 22 July - 2PM
Saturday 22 July - 7PM

Ferryhill Sport & Education Centre, Ferryhill, DL17 8TB

Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/chance-drama
Adult: £10 | Child: £6

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk

SPORTS UPDATE

Email chrisjlines@aol.com

After a much disrupted start to the season, the action at Sedgefield Cricket Club is now relentless, and there's already some significant success to report! Meanwhile, by the time you read this, the men's and women's Ashes series will be well underway, which could be the highlight of many people's summer of sport, partly depending on how the contests play out of course! Back in Sedgefield...

Cricket

Tuesday 13 June was anything but unlucky for Sedgefield Cricket Club as the 1st XI produced a dominant display to win the final of the Brunton Cup, against Guisborough. After winning the toss and choosing to bat, Sedgefield posted 161-3 from their 20 overs, with Luke Henderson (62) and Sam North (41 not out) the biggest contributors.

It was then the turn of 16-year-old Freddie Lower to produce a superb bowling spell of five wickets for 19 runs in just four overs to reduce Guisborough from 48-0 to 74-5. Despite some late hitting from the opposition, older brother Harrison Lower then took two late wickets to leave Sedgefield victorious by 14 runs.

It is great to see this young team - containing 10 players who've come through the junior ranks - winning silverware. This will undoubtedly encourage all of the club's youngsters to continue enjoying their development at Sedgefield. As the season nears halfway, Sedgefield is hopeful of more success to come.



Sedgefield Cricket Club - winners of the 2023 Brunton Cup

Football



The trophy winning Fishburn Community FC U11s team

Congratulations to the Fishburn Community FC U11s team who recently won a tournament organised by Coxhoe United FC at the Sir Bobby Robson Sports Centre in Ushaw Moor, featuring teams from around County Durham. The event started with a round-robin league stage, with Fishburn winning three and drawing one game, which took them through to a semi-final against Coxhoe. After falling behind to two early goals, Fishburn fought back to edge the game 3-2 with a late winner. In the final, Fishburn faced Brandon, who they drew with in the group stage. This time around, Fishburn were on the front foot from the start and secured a 3-1 victory to claim their trophy. It was a great finale to the season for the team, who are now officially Fishburn Community FC U12s.

Boccia

Sedgefield boccia star Lee Maddison has set up a North East hub for the sport, which will be holding an open day on Sunday 16 July, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The event will take place at Queen's Campus Sport in Stockton (TS17 6BH), and anyone is welcome to drop in and find out more about boccia, join in for a few games, and watch some of the hub's players compete in a match. Everyone will be welcome.

Squash



Sedgefield Squash Club held its annual presentation night in May in the Parish Hall. The celebration night brought together players young and old, along with a host of family and friends, to review and celebrate the season's achievements. As always, the night started off with volley or drop bingo, a fun way to get everyone participating and raising funds toward helping pay for the evening. Players and guests were treated to an individual cup cake decorated with the club logo, supplied by one of Sedgefield's local businesses, Fusion Cake Haus. The bar was run by Tony Guest from the SCA, and thanks go to him and his team for a great job.

To end the evening after all the awards had been given out, everyone gave a hearty rendition of God Save the King followed by Auld Lang Syne, a fitting way to end a very successful season for the club. Sedgefield Squash Club Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to organise the event and donate raffle prizes, along with sealed bid items for the auction.

Back on the squash courts, the fun summer ladder is well under way. This runs through until the end of August and is open to all club members.

The club continues to move forward with refurbishment work planned later in the summer to maintain and improve courts and facilities. The long term 'Project 2022' is moving forward with a grant secured for the extension to the current building.

Anyone interested in playing or volunteering can contact the club at info@sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk.



COMMUNITY BOCCIA DAY

Sunday 16th July - 10:00 - 14:00

Drop into our community open day anytime to learn about the sport. Boccia, join in on some fun games and see some of the performance hub players compete in a match.

INCLUSIVE EVENT FOR ALL



WHERE:
Queen's Campus Sport
Stockton
TS17 6BH








OPEN DAY

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

CEDDSFELD HALL

Sedgefield Community Association Sedgefield Mediaeval Fayre 2023

What a fantastic day, made even more enjoyable by the gorgeous warm sunshine! 'Thank you', to the local businesses and shops, for their generous sponsorship and fabulous donations towards the SCA tombola; to the children and staff of Sedgefield Primary, Sedgefield Hardwick Primary and Fishburn Chi Taekwondo group, for their enthusiasm, creativity and vitality; to the various clubs and organisations (SDT, Bloomers, Scouts, SNW, STC, Manor House, St Edmund's Church, SCA friends and members) who gave their enthusiasm, time and energy, in the set up and take down and in ensuring the day ran smoothly; to the various hobby and craft stall holders, specialist attractions and showmen; to Crimestoppers and Durham Police and Crime Commissioner Joy Allen; to Lesley and Neil Edmenson (Mess Charcuterie) and family, for their delicious, home cooked Mediaeval Fayre Menu, and also for their generous, charitable donation in support of the fayre and to the Hope Foundation School in Malawi; to SCA Trustees, Mediaeval Fayre Committee, bar helpers; and finally, to everyone who came along to support this community event.



Upcoming events

Ceddesfeld Hall Beer Festival – Friday 7 July, 7pm and Saturday 8 July, 6pm

SCA is delighted to continue to run this very popular event. There will be a wide (16 beers) selection of new and established ales (£2 each for a half pint) which will include the ever-popular Jaipur and 3 ciders; the community bar will also be open. There will be a BBQ for burgers and hot sausage buns, both nights. The entertainment on Saturday night (starting at 7:30pm) is provided by popular local band, Mamma Said. Anyone willing to help serve on the festival bar, collecting/washing glasses, or helping with the BBQ, please contact Tony on 01740 622185 or email info@sedgefieldsca.org.uk.

Family Fun Afternoon – Sunday 20 August, 1pm to 4pm

An afternoon for families with younger children (up to 12yrs). There will be a range of garden games and sports equipment available for children to play with and the bar will be open. Bring along a family picnic.

General Update

Ceddesfeld Hall is increasingly busy with regular activity and hobby groups and new room bookings, as well as some private functions. Work on the installation of a long-awaited new platform lift is scheduled to begin on 19 June. Improved, wider ranging CCTV cameras have been added to the existing system, to monitor activity around the exterior front, side and back of the building. A defibrillator has been installed. SCA held its AGM on 15 June.

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

Walk for Alzheimer's

I'll be walking a half-marathon on 22 July to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society, which funds research into the cause, cure, care and prevention of dementia and whose support of people affected by it is so valuable.



If you would like to sponsor me or donate to this cause, please visit [justgiving.com/fundraising/alzheimerstreknorthyorkmoors13miles-tamzinlafford](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alzheimerstreknorthyorkmoors13miles-tamzinlafford). Thank you so much for your kind generosity!
Tamzin Lafford



Mayor's Corner



One month in to my new term of office has elapsed, most of which has been spent in planning events for the rest of the year. Last month I mentioned that The Red Sky Foundation was my headline charity.



I have been allocated 5 defibrillators already to place around the village. You will have seen one outside the Impeccable Pig. The Rugby Club and St Edmund's Church are in line for 2 of them and I am looking for suitable homes for the last 2 and guardians to be responsible for their upkeep.

In addition to the events listed last month, I now have 3 more to add: a Mayor's Coffee Morning on July 7 from 10-11.30 in the Parish Hall (just £2 for coffee and cake), an Indian Evening at Le Raaj on Monday 18 September at 7:30pm with a quiz and a raffle to add to the fun and my Civic Service in St John Fisher Church at 10:45 on Sunday 1 October followed by lunch at Little Sicily, to which all are welcome. Book your place and menu choices with Jane in the STC offices any weekday morning.

Lots of invitations to events in the North East are coming through now so my consort Annette and I will be getting to know a new set of dignitaries and showing them just what Sedgefield has to offer.

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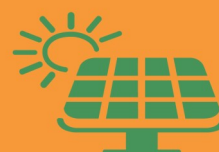
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- Sunday 2** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am to 12:15pm. See page 3 for more information.
- Monday 3** **Sedgefield Local History Society**, guided walk around Thorpe Thewles. Time to be confirmed.
- Wednesday 5** **Sedgefield Women's Institute**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:15pm. "Let's Talk Rubbish" with a County Durham Recycling Officer. Members competition is a decorated bottle. Visitors are always welcome, £4 (includes refreshments).
- Thursday 6** **Female Hormone Deficiency Group**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7pm-8:30pm.
- Friday 7** **Sedgefield and District U3A**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm. Annual General Meeting and cream tea.
- Mayor's Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-11:30am. Stalls, raffle, Name The Bear, £2 entry includes coffee and cake. All proceeds to Mayor's charities.
- Beer Festival**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7pm. 16 Real ales and 3 ciders, BBQ. Free entry.
- Saturday 8** **Beer Festival**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7pm. 16 Real ales and 3 ciders, BBQ, entertainment by Mamma Said. Free entry.
- Thursday 13** **Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30pm. A member of the local police team will attend and answer any issues of concern and provide an update on local crime and safety matters.
- Friday 14** **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**, Sedgefield Players, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm. Tickets £8.50 from Tickety Boo, www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk or 07957 104434.
- Saturday 15** **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**, Sedgefield Players, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm and 7pm.
- Tuesday 18** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. Workshop by Val Guest titled "Bend it like Birch", £20, all materials provided. Please pre-book by calling Val on 01325 722373, Pauline on 07769 973104 or a committee member. This will be followed by a sharing faith supper. Tea/coffee provided. All welcome, you do not need to attend the workshop.
- Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 10:30am -12pm. For those living with dementia and their carers.
- Wednesday 26** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club**, Garden Party Summer Sizzle at Val Guest's home. Tickets £8 from Val or a committee member. Flower demonstrations and afternoon tea included. All welcome to join us.
- Friday 28** **Sedgefield Village Veterans**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am.

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