

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

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Citizen of the Year



Congratulations to Wendy Rowley who was awarded 2022 Citizen of the Year at Sedgfield's Annual Town Meeting.



The very well deserved award recognises Wendy's wonderful work at the Pop In Club over more than 14 years. It was great that some of the residents who value Pop In so much were in the Parish Hall to witness the presentation, along with many of Wendy's family.

Announcing Wendy as the winner, Roger Clubley told the audience how she thrives at hosting celebrations and how she has enhanced the Pop In format to include afternoon teas with singers and entertainment.



Councillor Mel Carr (STC), Wendy Rowley, Dave Jasper (Sedgfield Mayor) and Roger Clubley (Sedgfield Development Trust)

Wendy has always put her members first; during COVID, when the Pop In had to close for a long period during lockdown, she rang every member for a chat. When reopening, she ensured that COVID measures were met or exceeded so her members could return safely.

Wendy has wonderful volunteers too who have helped her make the Pop In the success that it is today, but it is undoubtedly the dedication, empathy, vision and drive of Wendy Rowley that ensures the "Pop In's" success and why Wendy Rowley is "Sedgfield's Citizen of the Year".

Coronation Celebrations

The Coronation of King Charles III was a great day to highlight the work of community groups and volunteers!

A special church service at St Edmund's Church (Churches Together) was well attended and a varied programme of musical entertainment, children's crown making activities, and various local community stalls (Bloomers, WI, SDT, Veterans, Sedgfield Youth Club, Sedgfield Show, Sedgfield Players, SCA), brought out lots of visitors to Ceddesfeld Hall throughout the day, despite the rain!



Many thanks must go to Sedgfield Youth Choir, Pittington Brass Band, Lirica, The Push Button Band, The Holkey Folkies, Whisky and Wine, Mamma Said and Sedgfield Ukulele Smile Time Band, for their wonderful musical entertainment; to Jill and the team from Aubergine Café for their delicious refreshments; to DCC Councillors David Brown and Chris Lines for their support, to Sedgfield Flower Club for their lovely table decorations; Sedgfield Sewing Group for the bunting, to the bar helpers and not least to the many, many hard working volunteers who came to help with setting up the event on Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon (putting up and taking down the marquee), helping on the day, taking it all down at 5pm. It really was a fantastic, shared community effort. Well done to all!



Pedal Power @ Sedgefield Primary



Year 5 at Sedgefield Primary have thoroughly enjoyed participating in an intense active week of Bikeability Training this term.

On the road bike safety was the key focus for an entire week of school. Our pupils thoroughly engaged in this well organised programme, which has given them lifelong skills.

Suzannah, aged 9, informed our school reporters "It was a great experience. I was very nervous about learning hand signals but the teacher guided me. Now I have this skill to use safely on the roads around Sedgefield."



Sedgefield Primary have had a wide range of events over the past few weeks, for example, the Coronation Celebration picnic in the school hall and whole school ice cream van visit. We were also very lucky to have a magician visit who thoroughly entertained the whole school. Lucky teachers and teaching assistants were selected to participate in his show. This was much to the children's amusement! Our school magician for the day was also a highly skilled mind reader!

In the summer term, we look forward to more excitement including Hardwick Park visits, athletics competitions, a Beamish visit, the whole school Colour Run and our Year 6 Leaver's Performance.

Take a break

Over the last month, we have seen some exciting developments for our break and lunch times at Sedgefield Hardwick. We have begun working with OPAL to try and make our outdoor play as engaging and inclusive as it possibly can be. Over the winter in particular, we began to feel that there wasn't as much to do at break times as we would like; there was lots of space for ball games like football, but we didn't really have the high quality equipment we needed to play other games!



Thankfully, Mr Taylor, Mr Close and the school were also aware of this, and we began to look at ways in which we could improve what we have! With OPAL's help, we now have a much wider variation of activities to take part in, including a relaxation area (complete with a cool new hammock!), a dressing up area, den-building, as well as reading or art zones! Even more excitingly, it doesn't end there! We have many more plans and activities that we would like to add to our new playground offer, so stay tuned for what we unroll next!

Forest school



One of the most exciting activities at Sedgefield Community College this month has involved a group of Year 7 students taking part in Forest School at Hardwick Park. This has taken place for one afternoon each week over six weeks. Many activities involve teamworking such as building a hammock and building dens. Each student designed their own identity badge and agreed a group name to show a sense of belonging. We have been out in the sunshine and rain, but all have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It has been fantastic to give the students an opportunity to learn beyond the classroom. Through the activities undertaken the students have developed valuable skills including confidence, social and communication skills, knowledge and understanding. We would like to thank the staff at Hardwick Park for their fantastic programme.



A very different activity that has now started at our school is the formal exam season for our Y11 students. Writing this after the first week of these exams, we're delighted at the maturity and application that all of our students are demonstrating. Well done to them all and a huge thank you to all of our families who are providing their children with such tremendous support.

Our local MP visits

The children of St William's Catholic Academy in Trimdon Village welcomed a special visitor to their school, Paul Howell, Member of Parliament for Sedgefield constituency.



During his visit, Paul met staff and children, and spoke to the whole school community about democracy, the House of Commons, his career and British values. The children asked some great questions and were incredibly attentive to his answers.

Mr Howell also found time to judge the school's recent 'Coronation decorate a door' competition and to open our new bike shelter which had been purchased following a fundraising effort by representatives of the School Council. He finished his time with at school with a further in-depth question and answer session with the School Council.



SEDGEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Watch meeting in May

Many thanks to all who came to our May meeting, including our regular attendees, Cllr. Mavis Wayman and Cllr. Alan Blakemore, who were able to answer many questions on local issues raised during a lively debate.

One topic of concern discussed was the lack of a safe pedestrian crossing point at the southern end of the Winterton Estate at the Bolams roundabout. Many adults and children have to negotiate this crossing on their way to the village schools when the local traffic is particularly busy.

This issue may be highlighted when the results of the DCC Active Travel Survey are released by County Hall. I know that the provision of extra traffic calming measures in Sedgefield was a question asked in the survey and the results are eagerly awaited.

Another matter raised was Antisocial Behaviour and litter problems in the playing field area behind Hornby Avenue, Sedgefield. We were told that this area is owned and maintained by Sedgefield Town Council and the issue of litter bins has been discussed previously. Our local police are aware of problems at that location at certain times and we are assured that patrols do regularly visit the area.

Local CCTV coverage was also mentioned, as it is at almost all of our meetings, and again we still await the results of a review into the coverage, monitoring and efficiency of our Town CCTV.

Holiday security

As holiday time approaches, take a few minutes to think about the security of the property you are leaving behind.

Always leave a spare house key with a neighbour, relative or friend and ask them to check the house a couple of times. A parcel may have been left on the doorstep or post left sticking out of the letter box.

Leave your holiday contact details with someone you know.

We can lend you one of our NHW Holiday Boxes for the duration of your break. These contain useful security items, including light timers, personal alarms, window stickers, shed or window alarms, TV simulators and more. Why not come along to our next meeting and have a look?

Charity fraud

An ongoing national problem is the increase in charity fraud. If you have doubts about a charity request you receive, either by text, online or by means of a charity bag drop, check it out at www.gov.uk/find-charity-information. You can check out the charity and their registration number to ensure that your donations are going to a worthy cause and not to a fraudster.

Any Fraud issue can be reported and discussed with Action Fraud on 0300 1232040. Suspicious emails should be forwarded to report@phishing.gov.uk Dodgy texts can be sent on to 7726, where your provider will investigate their origin and take the appropriate action.

Next meeting

Our next NHW meeting is listed in the Sedgefield News Diary and Events. We have been promised that a member of our local police team will attend to update us on local crime and safety matters.

Please remember to keep reporting any relevant incidents to the Police on 101 or, in the case of an emergency, on 999. If you're unsure of a location when reporting an incident, the free "[what3words](#)" app is an excellent location tool for pinpointing an exact position to the emergency services.

WOODLAND & WILDLIFE

Naming the site

A huge thank you to everyone who has put forward name suggestions for the Woodland & Wildlife site - we've had a big response. It's been so interesting reading the suggestions and the reasons behind those suggestions, it's going to be a hard to decide! We'll keep you posted on that tricky decision!



A project of Sedgefield Development Trust

To all students, whether participants in Homework Help or not: keep up the good work, you're nearly there! We're here if you need a hand homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk.



SEDGEFIELD FARMERS MARKET

On the Green, First Sunday Morning Every Month.

Sunday 4 June
on the Village Green
8:30am - 12:30pm

Please come along and support your local market, we have a wide range of traders and you can grab a coffee whilst meeting up with friends.



Our community stall is Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch and they would be happy to chat to you about security and local issues.

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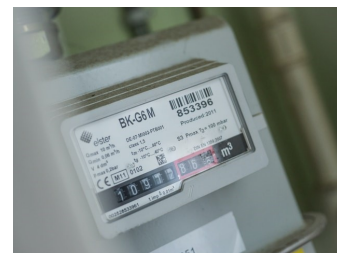
Have you a story to tell about your local group that you would like to share with community?

Drop us a line at

news@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk.

Energy Switch is back

It is almost two years since the last auction was held when Sedgefield residents will have had an opportunity to secure market leading energy tariffs. Whilst the energy market is still relatively uncertain we have been informed that a number of energy suppliers have sufficient confidence to be offering fixed price tariffs again.



Residents who have been a part of the scheme previously will receive communication from Sedgefield Energy Switch before 5 June with information of what you will need to do to be included in the upcoming auction.

Residents who have not participated in the scheme previously but would like to take part should go to sedgefieldweb.co.uk and navigate to SDT Projects then Energy Switch and follow the registration instructions. If you need help or haven't access to online facilities you can call the helpline 07843 229357.

The important dates for this auction period are:

Registration opens 24 May
Registration closes 21 June
Personal offers sent from 4 July
Accept offers by 31 July

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Your LETTERS

King's Coronation Dance

Getting ready for our guests to arrive for the dance.



And here they are enjoying themselves.



Many thanks to all who supported us by attending this lovely evening.
Marie Etherington, Sedgefield in Bloom

Vox Populi

On Saturday 13 May, Sedgefield Area Churches Together (SACT) had the pleasure of hosting a concert for Vox Populi, a professional vocal sextet, with graduates from Durham and Newcastle Universities.

The audience was presented with an exceptionally polished performance of some glorious English Choral music ranging from 16th century to the modern day. On behalf of Vox Populi and SACT, I would like to thank the 100 strong audience for your brilliant support and generosity, through the retiring collection.

Jo Dunn

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STEVE'S NATURE DIARY JUNE 2023

By the time you read this, you will just have time to sign up for the Wildlife Trusts' big nature challenge – 30 Days Wild. The idea is to let nature inspire you during our wildest month. It invites people of all ages to connect with nature every single day during the month of June. This year there's a new twist: 30 Days Wild will take you on a week-by-week adventure moving through five different themes:

- 1 tune into the senses
- 2 movement and play
- 3 learning and discovery
- 4 helping nature
- 5 emotional connection to nature



These themes will help guide you, your family and friends through the challenge helping you reach that 30 day target, whether tuning into the sound of bird life, moving through your local woods by moonlight, building a den, discovering an unexplored country lane or local park, making time to build a bug hotel or owl box or starting a diary of your day-to-day wildlife sightings.

New 30 Days Wild activity packs include a wild bee poster along with seeds and other materials to inspire you to do something wild every single day. 30 Days Wild is funded thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery and has grown a huge and dedicated fan base – over two million people have taken part over the last 9 years. Last year over 500,000 people took part in the challenge including 114,245 households, 11,740 schools, 898 care homes and 1,384 businesses. Popular activities include wildlife-watching, eating outdoors, planting wildflower seeds and listening to birdsong. Other favourite pastimes included bug-hunting, fruit-picking, growing plants and flowers, exploring a nature reserve, creating a mini pond or going on a beach or river walk.

We all know how much happier and healthier we feel when connecting with nature – and there is research to prove it – so save the date! During June my walks in and around Durham and the Tees Valley become part of my 30 Days Wild. I have an excuse (not that I really need one) to visit new places, discover and identify plants and insects or just blow a dandelion clock, splash in a puddle, lie back and watch the clouds or go on twitch to see a new bird. You can sign up and download your digital pack at www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild and start to do your random acts of wildness and don't forget to tell your friends and family.

To help motivate you on this journey, the Wildlife Trusts have enlisted the help of David Oakes and Sophie Pavelle for the Big Wild Weekend on 18 June. David Oakes says

"Come and join me and the glorious Sophie Pavelle on the Big Wild Weekend. If you love nature, join us via YouTube on Sunday evening, for fun and games with the Wildlife Trusts Big Wild Quiz. Come along to be top of the pollinators or just tune in to be entertained by the incredible and fascinating world of bison, beavers, bees, beetles and bats! Other wildlife species are available. I can't wait to see you then."

Tees Valley and Durham Wildlife Trusts will also have activities on the Big Wild Weekend including a Bioblitz event at Scaling Dam on 16 and 17 June. More details can be found on their websites.



Vox Populi at St Edmunds. Photograph courtesy of Jenny Haworth

BUSINESS UPDATE

Street revival

With the power of the internet forcing many local businesses to close down, high streets are having to adapt to survive. Sedgefield is the perfect example of a thriving high street.

It wasn't that long ago when the high street looked dead. The street was full of 'for sale' signs and many of the pubs were closed down. It was beginning to look tired. A resurgence of money and people willing to invest in our village has meant that Sedgefield has a real buzz about it.



Deli-board from Mess Charcuterie

The sunny weather is bringing people out. With choices from new local eateries such as Mess, Little Sicily and Zen Den to old established favourites such as the Dun Cow and Number 4. You can even pop to Lost Robot or Needful Things to stock up for an evening with friends in the garden. Never has it been more important to keep the revival going. By supporting local businesses we all have a part to play in keeping our high street busy and vibrant.



And of course with the hard work of volunteers such as the Sedgefield Bloomers and the Ploggers who keep our village beautiful, we really should be proud of our village. Really, there's no reason to leave!

Faraday protection

There was an article in the May edition concerning some Range Rovers that were stolen in Sedgefield and the advice given was to obtain a Faraday pouch for your keys.

One of the Range Rovers stolen was off my drive on Spring Lane; the keys were in a Faraday pouch. The pouches are not very good at blocking the signal emitted by the key. Instead the keys should be put in a Faraday box, I have tested this and even with the box being placed on the door handle it still won't unlock.

I would also recommend a Stoplock Pro Elite Steering Wheel Immobiliser.
Wayne Osborne

Using science and nature to end sewer misery

Sedgefield based environmental gel innovator Intelligent Gels in partnership with Durham University, Northumbrian Water and technology innovation catalyst CPI is one of 16 initiatives being awarded a share of £40m in Ofwat's latest innovation competition – the Water Breakthrough Challenge.



The innovation journey started by looking at novel ways to tackle pollution events that are due to tree roots and the blockages they cause. The company has scientifically proven that their gel can repel tree roots away from the sewer network, with a coating that doesn't affect tree growth. The innovative Root Defender coating can be applied to the existing network affected by the invasion of tree roots, thus providing a long-term solution to reducing pollution events.



"Tree root intrusion is endemic across all wastewater networks, affecting homes and businesses. The funding will allow us to complete our innovation journey and deliver a new product to the market. With a real world solution, we are tackling a worldwide problem meaning, protection for everyone, everywhere, ending sewer misery." – Matt Wilson, Managing Director, Intelligent Gels.

Zen Den for wellbeing

On The Square, a new café has quietly opened called Zen Den Wellbeing Coffee Lounge. The space has been transformed into a warm, cosy and peaceful dog-friendly space.



Serving croissants, bagels, crepes and waffles along with cakes and pastries. There's something for everyone as the menu includes gluten free, vegan and vegetarian options.



One reviewer summarised the café as "a little gem. Great coffee, delicious sandwiches, fabulous cakes and treats. The owners and staff are so friendly and welcoming. We will definitely be back soon."

Westies take a walk



Cleveland Westie Walkers held a Westie/Cairn/Scottie dog walk around Hardwick Park where 25 Westies enjoyed their meet-up.

ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

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More success for Players

Once again the Sedgefield Players proved their worth at the All England Northern Semi Final in Liverpool. The group had two entries, which no other group has ever done. Both 'Ladies of the Sea' and 'Try It Again' had been performed at qualifying festivals in Stanley and Nidderdale and were up against groups from Nantwich, Saltburn and Liverpool. Although we didn't win, Tom Guest was awarded Best Actor and the Ladies of the Sea – Sarah Legender, Meg Edgoose-Clubley, Lucy Atkinson and Kelsey White were awarded the Adjudicators Award for their wonderful singing. The Nantwich Players will now go forward to the All England Final in June. During May, the Players also provided the entertainment for the Mayor's Charity Event – a cowboy themed Murder Mystery Evening, which provided loads of laughs, red herrings and mystery gunmen. The group also supported Sedgefield Allsorts WI with their Murder Mystery evening.



The Players are now well into rehearsals for Little Women to be performed from 8-10 June 2023 in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm. To buy tickets easily, please visit www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk and follow the "Buy tickets" link. Rehearsals are also underway for the Wizard of Oz in July and tickets are now available to buy. Preparations are also underway for the Sedgefield Festival of One Act Plays in September – more information to follow.
Sedgefield Players

I Sing Because I'm Happy

Some of us sing because we are happy; some of us are happy because we sing. Now, your three Sedgefield choirs are singing together in the hope that you will be happy too. Sedgefield Lyric Singers, Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir (SLYC) and Lirica, present an uplifting Summer Concert: I Sing because I'm Happy, on Friday 30 June and Saturday 1 July in Sedgefield Parish Hall, starting at 7:30pm.



With many rock and pop favourites, film, folk, jazz and gospel, there is something here to make even the most sombre of listeners sing out with a smile.

Tickets, £7 and £5 for U16s, available from: Tickety-Boo; members of the choirs; or by calling 01740 621196.

So, don't delay, book your tickets early to avoid disappointment and join us for a rhapsodic evening of music and song.



More Local Events

Workshops at Loft to Loved, Sedgefield

Ever popular hands-on workshops hosted in the heart of Sedgefield. Forthcoming workshops include needle-felting, wire & sea glass sculpting, and ugly pot-making! Dates and prices vary fromlofttoloved.co.uk/collections/workshops-1

Sin: Exhibition organised by the National Gallery, London with The Auckland Project, Bishop Auckland

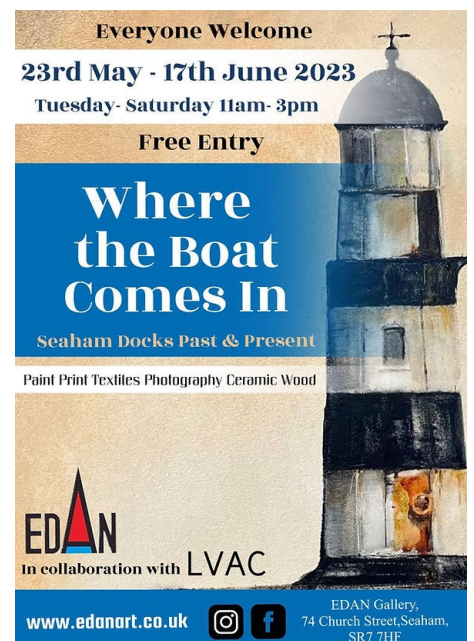
Examination through art of the concept of sinfulness, through loan works from the National Gallery, Tracy Emin, and Ron Mueck From 17 June to 1 October, £14 <https://aucklandproject.org/whats-on/sin-exhibition>

Stone Valley Festival 2023, Ushaw Historic House, Ushaw Moor

Mod, Ska & Northern Soul in the grounds of Ushaw Historic House, featuring the Beat and the Undertones among many more 23-25 June www.stonevalleyfestival.co.uk/stone-valley-north-home/

Deliver Us From Evil by J D Robins - City Theatre, Durham

Mysterious events befall the new rector of Wychcombe Magna in this sinister thriller. 25 June to 1 July Tickets £8.50 from Gala Durham 03000 266 600 galadurham.co.uk



SPORTS UPDATE

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The cricket is underway – hurrah! There's some early season news this month, while you can also read about the end of Sedgefield District RUFC's season. Yes, whatever the time of year or the weather, there's always plenty of grass roots sport happening in our community.

Cricket

As reported last month, the wet early spring weather played havoc with the start of the local cricket season. The abandonment of fixtures makes those matches played all the more important and so the strong start that Sedgefield Cricket Club's senior teams have made is very encouraging. The 1st XI and 3rd XI sat atop their divisions as at 17th May, and the newly promoted 2nd XI had only lost one match.

The club's junior section continues to be the envy of many perceived 'bigger' local clubs, and this season two additional teams are being operated - at U11 and U12 level - meaning that at the moment there is rarely a calendar date when no Sedgefield cricket team is playing, so there are plenty of opportunities to pop along and enjoy the action.

With the help of money from the East Durham Rural Corridor Wind Farm Fund, the club is installing some new spectator seating around the perimeter, with plans to purchase more seats in the near future. Meanwhile, during the season, the bar opens every weekday evening and all day on Saturdays and Sundays, offering refreshments and televised sport in the clubhouse to complement live cricket outside. Howzat for an appealing package?

Rugby Union

Sedgefield District RUFC have completed a successful season, finishing in ninth place in Durham & Northumberland Division 2. The season was celebrated recently at the annual awards dinner at Hardwick Hall Hotel. Those recognised included Peter Gray (Ted Wood Award), Ian Storey (most improved player), Nathan Waterhouse (young player), Will Johnson (coaches' player), Tom Ducker (player of the year) and Mitch Corney (players' player of the year). The club is always looking for new players of all abilities, whether you are searching for a new playing environment, returning to rugby, or are new to the game. You can get in touch via the club's online and social media channels:

Facebook - [Sedgefield District Ruffc](#)

Twitter - [@SedgefieldRFC](#)

Instagram - [@sedgefieldrugby](#)

Website - pitchero.com/clubs/sedgefelddistrictrufc



Sedgefield Youth FC U15 squad and management

Athletics



Hundreds of runners descended on Hardwick Park for Sedgefield Harriers' popular Neptune Relays event in late April. The four-leg relays attracted runners of all ages from around the North East, many of them representing the region's leading athletics clubs – over 80 teams took part. Each race followed a 1.7 mile route around the park, starting and finishing in the field below the Temple to Minerva. Before the main event started, some of the junior Sedgefield Harriers, aged 5-11, tackled a handicap race on part of the course.



First leg runners set off at Sedgefield Harriers' Neptune Relays event

The senior men's event was won by Elvet Striders in a time of 35 minutes and 42 seconds, with Durham City Harriers claiming second place in 36:53, and Crook & District AC third (38:09). Sedgefield claimed tenth place. Crook & District AC won the women's event in 42:26, followed by Stockton Striders (43:22) and Sedgefield (46:12). The V50 men's race was won by Crook & District AC (40:34) – Sedgefield finished second, while Elswick Harriers won the V45 women's race in 44:17, with Sedgefield in fourth. Durham City Harriers won the junior girls race (44:41), while the non-club category was won by Aycliffe Tri Club and Hunwick Harriers claimed the mixed team title. Winners and runners up in the various categories received the traditional Neptune Relays prizes of bags of fruit.

Hosting the Neptune Relays was only possible thanks to the usual army of volunteers recruited by Sedgefield Harriers and the club is grateful to everyone who contributed, and to the team at Hardwick Park for accommodating the event.

Youth Football

Congratulations to Sedgefield Youth FC's U15s team, who topped their division of the Russell Forster Youth League this season. Of their 20 games, they won 16 and only lost once, finishing seven points clear of second placed Blaydon FC. Along the way, the team only conceded 17 goals, 11 fewer than any other in the division.

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

CEDDESFELD HALL

Sedgefield Community Association

There will be a full write up about the Mediaeval Fayre in next month's article, but SCA would like to take this opportunity to very sincerely thank the fantastic local companies and businesses who have very generously sponsored the many attractions and donated tombola prizes for this year's event. Their support is important and much appreciated.

Update on the lift!

Installation of a new platform lift is scheduled to commence on 19 June. Work should take about a week. The hall will be open as usual for the duration.

Dates for your Diary!

SCA AGM - Come along and get involved - SCA Annual AGM will be held at Ceddesfeld Hall on Thursday 15 June at 8pm – SCA members and non-members welcome.

Ceddesfeld Beer Festival, 7 & 8 July. Look out for information nearer the time, on the website, social media, and posters around town. Any willing volunteers to set up, take down, serve, collect glasses etc, please contact Tony via email: info@sedgefieldsca.org.uk.

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).

Pathway upgrade

A pathway between Sedgefield and Hardwick Park has been widened and resurfaced to make it suitable for cyclists, pedestrians who are pushing buggies, and people using mobility aids. The upgraded path allows everyone to reach Hardwick Park via an underpass, so that they don't have to cross a busy A road.



Emma McLoughlin (East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership – EDRC AAP), Cllr Mel Carr, (Sedgefield Town Council), Jane Bellis (EDRC AAP), Cllr David Brown (Durham County Council – DCC), Cllr Chris Lines (DCC).

The path is part of a wider 'Active Travel' initiative in the Sedgefield ward that involves Durham County Council, Sedgefield Town Council, Sedgefield Development Trust's Bicycle and Active Travel group, and Fishburn Parish Council. Other Active Travel projects in the area are due to begin soon, including the installation of new bike racks in the centre of Sedgefield. Cllr Chris Lines comments: "This is a significant moment and it demonstrates what can be achieved by effective collaboration. There was a collective will to make this happen and working together, we were able to raise the required funds from a range of sources."

"On its own, the path improvement is a really positive development, but it has to be just the beginning. All of the partners in the Active Travel project are determined to deliver much more. Our aim is to introduce many changes in the Sedgefield ward that make it easier and safer to walk and cycle here."

The pathway that is being upgraded follows a route from the western end of Station Road in Sedgefield (near the cricket club) to a pedestrian underpass to Hardwick Park beneath the A177.



Mayor's Corner



I am delighted to have been asked to carry on as Sedgefield's Mayor for a further term of one year. I have enjoyed tremendous support from my small but dedicated team of helpers and I am sure I will be able to rely upon them to assist me once more. I have recently become a grandfather so Annette Lawson will be taking over the position of Consort from my wife, Julie, who will be involved with childcare.



Annette Lawson and David Jasper

My headline charity will be the Red Sky Foundation, a NE charity which raises money to put defibrillators locally, wherever they are needed, as well as raising funds for our local community groups.

There are a few dates booked in already, which you may like to note in your diaries.

20 October	Mayor's Quiz, Ceddesfeld Hall
27 October	Fireworks Display, Ceddesfeld Hall
31 December	New Year's Eve Dance, Parish Hall
1 March 2024	Mayor's Civic Ball, Hardwick Hall Hotel

Here's to another super year of events and fundraising and I will look forward to meeting many more villagers during the coming year.

David Jasper

Corrections

Apologies to Gideon, Rob and Mikey whose photo was incorrectly captioned in the May edition.



Gideon Welsh, Rob Pearce, Mikey Wilson



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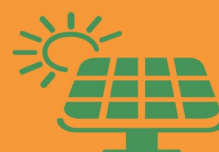
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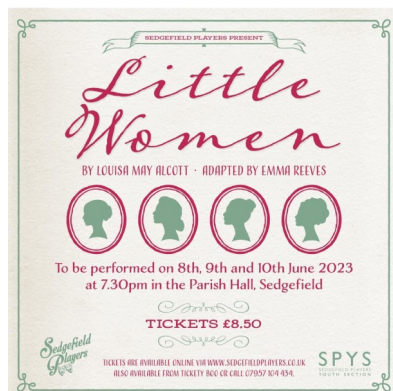
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- Friday 2** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-12pm. Everyone welcome.
- Sedgefield and District U3A**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm. Jeremy Hutchinson will speak about Kipling Hall and it's families. Visitors welcome, £3.
- Sunday 4** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am - 12:30pm.
- Monday 5** **Sedgefield Local History Society**, visit to Escomb Church.
- Wednesday 7** **Sedgefield Women's Institute**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:15pm. A celebration of the King's coronation, with gin tasting with "Pit Wheel", followed by a catered buffet. Members competition is a pretty wine glass. Visitors are always welcome, £4 (includes refreshments).
- Thursday 8** **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.
- Monday 12** **DIDO**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 1pm. It's tropical party time, so get your grass skirts on and start practising the limbo. Quiz and bingo. Contact Brenda (07597 116847) for details.
- Friday 16** **Sedgefield Women's Institute**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-11:30am. Homemade cakes and a raffle.
- Saturday 17** **Rotary Newton Aycliffe and Shildon Model Railway Club**, Model Railway Exhibition, Bishop Middleham Village Hall, 10am. Entry £4 (free admission for accompanied children and wheelchair users).
- Tuesday 20** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. Patti Dawson demonstrates "Fabrications". Members - no charge, non-members £5.
- Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 10:30am -12pm. For those living with dementia and their carers.
- Friday 23** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club**, Garden Party, Ceddesfeld Hall, 2pm-4pm. Tickets (£8) from Val (07721 767408), Elaine (07958 954058) or at the Flower Club. To include a short demonstration by Val Guest and a raffle.
- Saturday 24** **Sedgefield Rock and Blues Club**, The Milk Men + DVD. Tickets from sedgefieldblues.com/gigs
- Thursday 29** **Sedgefield Town Council**, coach trip to Keswick. Coach leaves Sedgefield Parish Hall at 9am and departs from Keswick around 4:30pm. Tickets (£14.50, cash only) from Sedgefield Town Council Offices.
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