

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

October 2022 Edition

Deadline for November - Saturday 15 October

Restoring the Durham Carrs

The Durham Carrs were a relic from the last ice age - a complex of wetlands fed by the River Skerne as it descended from the limestone escarpment in the east of County Durham, and flowed south. The term 'carr' means an area of bog or fen in which scrub, especially willow, has become established, so in recent centuries the landscape of the Durham Carrs was not open water, but a mosaic of habitats that would have been home to a wide range of species.

Some believe the Romans used rafts on the wetlands to carry heavy goods and supplies to service camps and forts. It stretched north from just near Aycliffe up to Bishop Middleham and included Ricknall Carrs, Mordon Carrs, Bradbury Carrs, Nunstainton Carrs, the carrs just beside the west of Hardwick Country Park and others.

Those habitats, and the species they supported, are now almost entirely gone. They were drained for agriculture and the East Coast Mainline and later the A1(M) were driven across them. Many bird, mammal, plant, insect, and other species were displaced from what was a very diverse ecosystem. We now know that it was also a major sink for atmospheric carbon. Today, the landscape has become difficult for modern agriculture due to frequent flooding and rising groundwater levels following the end of coal mining.



Ricknall Carrs



Otters were one of the species displaced

Durham Wildlife Trust has a vision for a Great North Fen. Restored landscapes where nature can recover and wetland habitats will sequester and store carbon. The Discover Bright Water Landscape Partnership began the first phase of the restoration of the Carrs, securing land at Bishop's Fen to the south of Bishop Middleham. Additional land has recently been acquired at Ricknall Carrs, near Newton Aycliffe.

Durham Wildlife Trust are now seeking your support to complete the initial restoration of the Durham Carrs. They have been given the opportunity to purchase an additional area of land. To be able to submit a grant application for £200,000 to buy additional land, the Trust first needs to raise £20,000 and need your support to do that.

To find out more visit durhamwt.com/restoring-durham-carrs.

There is a walking route, starting at Hardwick Park, that takes in Bishop's Fen. Pick up this leaflet in Hardwick Park or download the guide at discoverbrightwater.com/hardwick-park-bishops-fen-walk/.



Church Tower trips resume in Sedgefield

For the first time in more than five years, visitors to Sedgefield will soon be able to enjoy outstanding views of the Durham countryside from the lofty tower roof of St Edmund's ancient church.

Trips to the roof of the church tower, the second highest in County Durham, had to be cancelled for health and safety reasons but safety bars have now been installed in the castellations so that rooftop tours can be resumed.



First visitors to climb the 134 steps to the rooftop were the Paziienza family from Italy who were visiting a relative, Mrs Brenda Moore, in Sedgefield. Pictured (l-r) are her grandson Thomas, Brian Mutch, grand-daughter Emma and daughter Claire.

The Friends of St Edmund's, who have funded the work, admit they have been frustrated by the delay in sourcing the approved metal for the bronze bars.

"We know that many people have been disappointed at being unable to enjoy the panoramic views from the top of the tower. On a good day, you can see for miles", said Brian Mutch, membership secretary of the Friends and emeritus warden.

Initially, rooftop trips will be restricted to pre-arranged private parties. All donations will be given to St Edmund's Church.

Further information is available from Brian on 01740 622302 or via b.mutch@btconnect.com.

Best Ever GCSE Results

Students, families, and staff at Sedgefield Community College celebrated its best ever set of GCSE results in end of Y11 exams this summer. There were exceptional performances from many students with lots achieving the highest grades across all subjects. As well as this, there were many instances of students overcoming enormous obstacles to achieve grades that they can be very proud of. 80.5% of students achieved 5 standard passes (grade 4+) including English and Maths - a 4.3% improvement from 2019. As well as this, 63.2% of students achieved 5 strong passes (grade 5+) including English and Maths - a huge improvement of more than 10% from 2019.



Paul Fleming, Headteacher, commented: "After all of the challenges that our Year 11 students have faced, we're delighted that they have achieved such impressive results. They have shown terrific resilience and they deserve all of their success. Of course, these tremendous exam results have only been possible due to the commitment and expertise of our fantastic staff and the unwavering support of parents, carers and our governing body. Congratulations to our students and we wish them all every success in the future."

The achievement of the Y11 students follows on from the school's Ofsted inspection in May 2022 where the report confirmed that Sedgefield continues to be an 'outstanding' school.

Whole School Collaborative Charity Support



The whole school was excited to support the fantastic charity of Help the Guide Dogs. Mr Eltringham our Year 2 teacher achieved this support by running the entire Great North Run in a large Guide Dog suit despite the warm weather.



Staff, parents and pupils supported this truly worthy cause by raising over £600. The recent television advertisement was the inspiration for Mr Eltringham's chosen charity. It shows a young girl accessing primary school through the support of a guide dog. His son Noah also requested his Dad support the charity properly by running in the full guide dog suit! Being a supportive parent Mr Eltringham was keen to follow his son's wishes.

For his dedication and blisters Mr Eltringham wore sliders at school this week. This was much to the children's amusement. Sedgefield Primary were, happy to allow this alternative footwear, due to his commitment to such an amazing cause! Thank you to all our school family members who supported the amazing charity of The Great North Run in their various ways.

Packed lunch boxes



Year 2 were bursting with excitement when they found out all about their new Healthy Eating, Healthy Living Learning Enquiry. The children are looking forward to working closely with Sedgefield Co-op to create a healthy packed lunch box that they could sell in their store. As well as this, the children are excited to meet other Year 2 children from Sedgefield Primary school to carry out market research. Sienna from Year Two said "I'm so excited to work with the Co-op because it is in our village. I love going to the Co-op with my family!"



Pupils will work very hard to ensure that their packed lunch boxes are beautifully presented using skills instilled in their DT lessons. Alistair, who is also in Year Two, explained, "I cannot wait to learn how to prepare different types of fruit and vegetables. I've never chopped vegetables before, so it will be great to learn some new skills. I could use my new skills in the kitchen at home with my mum!"



A Co-op employee will visit Year 2 to have a look at our packed lunch boxes and watch the children present sales pitches. Elliot, from Year Two, said, "I hope the Co-op like our packed lunch boxes because that would mean a lot to me after spending lots of time learning lots of new things." We look forward to sharing more exciting learning enquiries with you all on [facebook.com/SedgefieldHardwick](https://www.facebook.com/SedgefieldHardwick).

Apologies to parents and pupils for the error in last month's edition of the Sedgefield News on your back to school date last month. Hoping you enjoyed your extra days off school and that there was not too much confusion. Editor.

SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST *PROJECT NEWS*

WOODLAND & WILDLIFE

Going Batty!

In August, the volunteers had a lovely evening carrying out a bat survey around the Woodland & Wildlife site at NETPark.

Despite the cooler and damp weather we had success! We saw 3 common pipistrelles and heard 1 unidentified bat. It's important to carry out these surveys so we can understand how our work on the site is affecting the wildlife. The results were also submitted to the Bat Conservation Trust's sunset survey. Many thanks to everyone who came along, chatted and shared their knowledge.

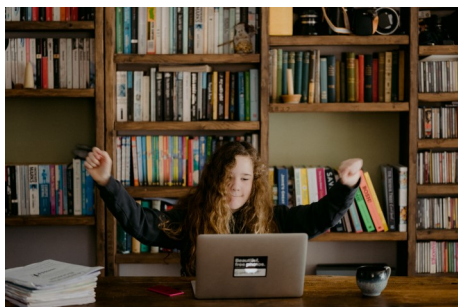


If you would like to know more or volunteer with us please contact Melissa at woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk or join our Facebook page - [Woodland & Wildlife - Sedgfield](#).



Homework Help

What can we say? The name says it all. We are in action this term; from mid-October we will trial drop-in sessions at the library on Thursdays between 4:30pm and 5:30pm, initially. If you would like help with homework/school work or can offer to share your understanding with students, please e-mail homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk or find us on [facebook.com/homeworkhelpsedgfield](https://www.facebook.com/homeworkhelpsedgfield).



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

Friendly Fixers will hold their first public session at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre on Saturday 1 October from 10:30 to 12:30. Members of the public are invited to bring garden equipment and tools, furniture, jewellery, garments, soft furnishings, and ceramics for repair.



SEDGEFIELD FARMERS MARKET

On the Green, First Sunday Morning Every Month.

October Farmers Market

Sunday 2 October
On the Village Green
8:30 - 12:30

October is always a busy month for traders and customers alike. Barefoot Kitchen returns with fruit for sale as well as their juicer. If you bring your own apples and containers you can take away delicious home-grown juice!



The Mayor, David Jasper, is on the charity stall.



If you'd like to get involved to help keep our market running smoothly then please call 07803 269956.

**Citizens Advice at
SEDGEFIELD PARISH
HALL, 19 Front Street,
Sedgfield, TS21 3AT is open
10am - 1pm on the following
dates in 2022.**

August - 25th
September - 22nd
October - 20th
November - 17th
December - 15th

Call 07458 019304 to leave a voicemail or email outreach@citizensadvicecd.org.uk and we'll get back in touch.



Sedgfield Development Trust Contact Details

3a Front Street, Sedgfield, Co. Durham, TS21 3AT. Telephone 07572 502904
email: secretary@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk website: www.sedgfieldweb.co.uk

Wildflowers at Winterton

Durham County Council is in the process of changing the management of selected areas of its green spaces to encourage biodiversity, improve health and wellbeing of residents, and reduce carbon emissions.

One of the areas chosen for ecological enhancement this year is Winterton Avenue in Sedgefield, where part of a large grassed area is to be seeded with perennial wildflowers.

In order to facilitate the wildflower seeding, the initial ground preparation requires the existing grass to be sprayed off to kill any invasive weeds before cultivation and then seeding with a perennial seed mix. The sward will then be managed by late summer mowing, with the cuttings collected and placed in a suitable area on the site to compost.

This management will ensure that the area provides attractive wildflowers over the spring and summer, and looks neat over the winter as the dead stems are removed. It will then grow and flower again the following spring.

The wildflowers will be located on the upper section of the green (the area surrounded by the yellow line in the image below) and a large area in front of the houses is retained as amenity grassland and will be managed as it is currently. People are free to walk among the wildflowers and enjoy them and the insects that they attract. The wildflower seeding simply changes the sward composition to enhance biodiversity and the council is undertaking works like this on many sites around the county.

This project to enhance biodiversity contributes to actions that are addressing the ecological emergency that the council declared earlier this year, and will reduce the organisation's carbon footprint.



Winterton 1 Sedgefield 0.43ha
Wildflower seeding and management

STEVE'S NATURE DIARY OCTOBER 2022

As I write this, whilst listening to the weather on the radio, "evenings getting cooler and possibility of ground frost", autumn is well under way. I look round the garden and there aren't many flowers left, a few purple spikes of Buddleia, pink and red Sedum flowers and fading blooms of Geraniums. These flowers will provide a nectar source for a number of late butterflies and bees, but there is one plant that is only just revealing its flowers, opening up for business long after the others have closed their doors.

Ivy is unusual among our native plants in that it flowers in autumn and produces its black berries in spring. When ivy comes into bloom you see it flowering with bobbly explosions of pale green. For our insects, it offers welcome nourishment for those that like staying out late in the year. You will see a mix of characters queuing up for one last meal before they head off to sleep for the winter. Beautiful butterflies dine alongside wasps; Queen Bumblebees jostle with lowly Hoverflies and our ivy bushes literally buzz with life, it acts as an entomological service station in autumn. Many of the visitors will be shining chocolate-orange hoverflies know as droneflies. They spend the early part of their life in wet manure heaps or stagnant mud as rat-tailed maggots, named because of their long siphons which they poke up to the surface to breathe. They spend the winter as adult flies and ivy nectar will help to see them through the winter.



The importance of ivy to the wildlife of our towns cannot be understated. Aside from this vital late season nectar supply the evergreen leaves also feed caterpillars - including those of the Holly Blue butterfly and the elegant Swallow-tailed moth. These leathery leaves also provide a hibernating site for Brimstone and Comma butterflies. On cold winter evenings you can hear chirps and the chatter of an invisible starling and sparrow choir roosting in its waterproof warmth. Its black berries keep visiting winter thrushes fuelled and, in the spring, it is a nesting site for robins and wrens. Ivy covers a blank brick wall with a piece of living graffiti. It's a nature reserve that has spread itself across our villages, towns and cities.

But despite all the life it supports, ivy has a bad reputation in some circles, its roots sucking the life from the trees it surrounds. This isn't true; ivy manufactures its own nourishment just like any other honest plant. And we can't forget an important service that ivy provides for us humans. For centuries ivy has protected us from house goblins. Bringing ivy into your home as a decoration at Christmas (the time when goblins are apparently at their most pesky) will ensure that your festive season passes without a burnt turkey or a blown fairy light!

Bloomers thank you

Many thanks to Sedgefield Development Trust for allowing us to use the Charity Stall at the Farmers Market in September.



Despite the dismal weather we had a good day and were supported by locals and visitors to the Village alike.

Alice Hobson, - Chair Sedgefield in Bloom

HM Queen Elizabeth II



We are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty The Queen. She faithfully served the nation as our Sovereign during her long, happy and glorious reign. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to The Royal Family.

Many floral tributes were left on the Village Green and we were informed that they have been removed sympathetically by Town Council gardening staff.



Flowers and other compostable material have been composted. This compost will be used in the future to plant a suitable tree on Town Council owned land, known as 'The Queen's Tree' with appropriate memorial plaque displayed on behalf of the residents of the Parish.

Any written notes/cards have been gathered and forwarded to Durham Records Office to go alongside similar items gathered from around the County.

Any candles have been given to Durham County Council, alongside candles from other areas, and will be melted to form one large candle to be displayed at Durham Cathedral.

SACT thanks you

Sedgefield Area Churches Together

Lots of people enjoyed a friendly chat over coffee and cakes at the coffee morning held by Sedgefield Area Churches Together in the Methodist church on 10 September - it was standing room only, at times! Donations came to about £200, split between Feeding Families and future SACT events - thank you all for coming along and being friendly and for your generosity!

Tamzin Lafford, SACT Secretary

Annual Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held at St. Edmund's Church on Sunday 30th October at 4.00pm.

At this service we will remember and pray for those who have died, whether in the past year or beyond. Candles will be lit in memory of the departed. Everyone is welcome to attend this short, reflective service. If you would like a departed loved one to be remembered in prayer there are a number of ways in which names can be mentioned:

1. There will be a list at the back of St Edmund's Church, on the large table
2. E-mail Michael King mkassoc@yahoo.co.uk
3. Call 01740 620910 (there is an answerphone)
4. Text: 07870 52155

Please provide names using any of the above by **Friday 28 October**.

Autumn/Winter Vaccination Programme

We are now well underway delivering covid vaccines to our housebound patients and with our aligned care home patients scheduled to have their boosters on the 22 and 23 September, we can start to focus on scheduling clinics for both Covid and flu over the coming weeks. All patients aged 65 years and over are eligible for a flu and Covid vaccine, this includes patients who have not received a first or second dose Covid vaccination. We will be hosting clinics across weekends at both Sedgefield and Trimdon surgeries during September and October, please go to the surgery website for confirmed dates at skernemedical.nhs.uk or check our Facebook account for up to date information.

SEDGEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT FEARLESS ?



Fearless is the new youth service from Crimestoppers aimed at 11-17 year olds. It helps empower young people to make positive informed decisions about reporting crime. fearless.org features an A-Z of crime to educate in a non judgemental way and, uniquely, young people can use the site to pass on information about crime they've witnessed completely anonymously and safely. Visit the website to find out more.

ACTION FRAUD

Another month, another scam. We are urging the public to be aware of scam emails claiming to be from Ofgem and offering rebates on energy bills. With energy prices set to rise again in October, the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has received more than 1,500 reports of scam emails, bearing the Ofgem logo, claiming that the recipient is due an energy rebate payment as part of a Government scheme and providing links to follow to apply for the rebate. These links lead to malicious websites designed to steal personal and financial information. Check the email carefully. If you have any doubts, take 5 minutes to think before giving out any information, or contact your energy provider direct using their official website. If you are not sure about any email, forward it to report@phishing.gov.org.uk or call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

SEDGEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

For more advice and information, or to let us know of any local concerns you may have, why not call in to our next Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch meeting in Ceddesfeld Hall. Dates are listed in the Diary & Events page. You can also contact us by posting an issue on our Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch Facebook page. The more information we have, the more we can do about it. You may think your issue is trivial but if several people report the same issue, then it's a problem to be sorted.

To report anything suspicious in your area to the Police call Durham Constabulary on 101 or 999 in an emergency. All information received will be recorded and enquiries will be made. Confidential email address: amy.jorgeson@durham.police.uk.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is hereby given that Mrs Lesley Edmenson has applied to Durham County Council in respect of the premises known as

6 North End, Sedgefield, Stockton on Tees TS21 3BS

For the grant of a Premises Licence to permit the following licensable activities:-

Sale by retail of alcohol (On sales only)
Monday – Wednesday 17:00 – 23:00,
Thursday – Saturday 12:00 – 23:00,
Sunday 12:00 – 21:00.
New Year's Eve to 23:45pm

A record of this application may be inspected at the Council's offices at Annand House, John Street North, Meadowfield, Durham. DH7 8RS by appointment, on weekdays between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm.

Any representations about this application must be made in writing by Insert date 28 days after application submitted and sent to:-

Durham County Council, Licensing Services, PO Box 617, Durham.
DH1 9HZ alternatively email: licensing@durham.gov.uk

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is unlimited.

ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

email: sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com

Join Your Choir!

Sedgefield Lyric Singers are back rehearsing after their summer break. Why not join us as we begin our winter programme and give singing with a choir a try? It's good fun and great for your physical and mental wellbeing too. You don't have to be able to read music, just be willing to give it a go - rehearsing and learning are all part of the fun.

Check us out on Facebook, have a look at our website, or drop into Ceddesfeld Hall on Fridays at 7:30pm. You will find us in the bar afterwards if you'd rather to chat to us then, or see our poster for more contact options.

Join Your Choir!

Ceddesfeld Hall
Sedgefield
Fridays
(during term time)
7.30pm - 9.00pm

SEDGEFIELD LYRIC SINGERS

Sedgefield Lyric Singers is a friendly and welcoming community choir. We sing lots of different styles including musicals, rock & pop, classical, folk and jazz music. If you are interested in singing, we'd love to have you join us.

You don't have to be able to read music - learning and rehearsing is part of the fun!

For more information call Rob on 01740 621956, Avril on 01740 622512, or email avrilhannon@btinternet.com

sedgefieldlyricsingers.weebly.com
SedgefieldLyricSingers

We hope to hear from you soon
Some fantastic concerts are already scheduled for October and December; save the date for 8 October, 7:30pm when Lirica will perform at Ceddesfeld Hall. Tickets £6 from Tickety Boo or choir members.

Lirica

CONCERT

STAND BY ME

8th Oct 2022

7:30pm

Ceddesfeld Hall,
Sedgefield

Tickets £6 from Tickety Boo or choir members

Looking beyond to December 9 & 10, Sedgefield Lyric Singers and SLYC will perform together with Lirica at the Parish Hall tickets and times will be published soon.

More Local Events

A Doll's House

Ibsen's searing examination of domestic life comes to the Assembly Rooms in Durham courtesy of Elysium Theatre Co.
5 - 8th October 7:30pm
elysiumtc.co.uk/2022/01/26/dolls-house

Durham Book Festival: Various Locations

An annual highlight of our cultural calendar, the festival returns with live and remote lectures, readings, newly commissioned works from North East writers & generally far too much else to cover in full.
October 13 - 16
durhambookfestival.com/programme

Dracula Theatre

Get into the Halloween spirit with this fabulous award-winning one-man show at the Bowes Museum.
21 October
thebowesmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/dracula

Mayor's Fabulous Fashion Show, Parish Hall, Sedgefield

A fashion show with a raffle plus refreshments, all in a good cause
27 October, Parish Hall, 7:30pm.
Tickets £5 from Town Council Offices.

Betty's Boudoir
See Major Cities

MAYOR'S FABULOUS FASHION SHOW

Thursday 27th
October at
7:30pm in the
Parish Hall.
Tickets £5 from
Council Offices.

PERIDOT

Prosecco Bar

SUE SNOWDON'S
CRAFTS, CAKES
AND JAMS

R A F F L E

Halloween at Ushaw: Illuminated Trail

Presenting three tiers of fear makes this suitable for all the family, a spooky trail with theatrical elements at Ushaw historic house.
October 28 - 31 from 4:30pm
(bookings in advance, space limited)
ushaw.org/whatson/halloween-at-ushaw-illuminated-trail

Terry Deary's True Ghost Stories

North East writer and teacher Terry Deary has won millions of devoted fans with his *Horrible Histories* series. Since launching in 1993 and swiftly establishing itself a hit not only among children, but with parents, and educators as well, the blend of humour, knowledge and shock factor in the books has led the series from strength to strength, and spawned a long running TV series, a regular magazine, movies, and live shows too. There was even a spin-off aimed especially at adult fans of the franchise.

Like *Horrible Histories*, Terry Deary's



True Ghost Stories has transferred from page to stage and this Halloween the show comes to Bishop Auckland Town Hall. If you are familiar with the HH format you can expect the same blend of fact and fun, spills and chills to thrill mums and dads as well as big kids (recommended age is 8+)
24 October 2pm & 6pm
bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/bishoppost/terry-dearys-true-ghost-stories

50s & 60s Night

Save the date for Friday 18 November when the evergreen *Moondogs* perform at Sedgefield Parish Hall. Tickets priced at £12.

50s & 60s
TRIBUTE NIGHT

Mayor's Charity Night in Sedgefield Parish Hall
Tickets from Sedgefield Town Council Offices
Tickets just £12.00 Cash Bar, Raffle, Games

THE MOONDOGS

Beatles - Animals - The Who - The Kinks - Little Richard - Everly Brothers
Chuck Berry - Elvis - Searchers - Hollies - Swinging Blue Jeans, etc.

Friday 18th November
7:30pm until 11:00pm

DIARY & EVENTS

Please send information to diary.sedgefieldnews@gmail.com

October 2022

- Saturday 1** **Friendly Fixers Repair Café**, Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, 10:30am-12:30pm. We offer a range of repairs including furniture, ceramics, garment and electrical.
- Sunday 2** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am-12:30pm, featuring the Mayor's Charity Stall.
- Monday 3** **Sedgefield Local History Society**, Ceddesfeld Hall at 7:45pm. Colliery Healthcare in the 19th century by Marion Morrison. Please contact Suzanne Hopper for details, 01429 882250.
- Wednesday 5** **Sedgefield WI**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:15pm. Helen Masterman—"Tales from a midwife". Visitors welcome (£4).
- Friday 7** **Sedgefield & District U3A**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm. Dr. Pete Edwards of Durham University will talk about the latest developments in space exploration. Visitors welcome, £3.
- Saturday 8** **Lirica Concert**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30pm. Tickets £6 from Tickety Boo or Council Offices.
- Monday 10** **DIDO**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 1:00-3:30pm. Fun and games. Call 0101740 629574 for details.
- Wednesday 12** **Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30pm.
- Friday 14** **Sedgefield in Bloom** coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10:00-11:30am. Halloween themed.
- Sunday 16** **Mayor's Civil Service**, St. John Fisher Church at 10:45am.
- Tuesday 18** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. Flower demonstration by Carys Harrison titled "Have passport, am I still travelling?". All welcome, £5 for non-members.
- Thursday 20** **Citizens Advice**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-1pm.
- Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Fire Station, 10:30am-12pm. For those living with dementia and their carers.
- Friday 21** **Mayor's Quiz**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30-10:30pm. All proceeds to the Mayor's charity account. Tickets (£8.50) available from Council Offices, 01740 621273.
- Saturday 22** **SCA Literary Dinner**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7pm. Drinks reception and 3 course meal, special guest is the poet Tony Gadd. Tickets (£22), contact Pat 01740 620607.
- Sedgefield Rock and Blues Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, doors 6:45pm, first act 8:15pm. Laurence Jones + Gary Grainger. Tickets from www.sedgefieldblues.com.
- Thursday 27** **Mayor's Fashion Show by Betty's Boudoir**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. Raffle and various stalls on the night. Tickets (£5) available from Council Office.
- Friday 28** **Sedgefield Village Veterans**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, from 10am
- Halloween Howler and Fireworks Display**, Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds from 5:45pm with display starting at 6:30pm. Tickets (£2 for adults, £1.50 for children) from Council Offices or Ceddesfeld Hall bar.
- Saturday 29** **Halloween Charity Dance**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30-11:00pm. Line dancing, country and rock n' roll. Pie and peas / vegetarian option available but please bring your own drinks. Tickets (£12) from Gloria (01740 622447) or Angela (01740 621287). All proceeds to Prostate Cancer UK.
- Sunday 30** **Annual Memorial Service**, St. Edmund's Church, 4pm. At this service we will remember and pray for those who have died, whether in the past year or beyond. See Page 5 for more information.

SEDGEFIELD LIBRARY

Tel: 0300 026 9521

The library is back to normal opening hours:

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.

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

Lego Needed

Sedgefield Library is starting a Lego drop-in group but needs more Lego! If you have any spare or unwanted Lego please donate at the library.

Sedgefield Baby & Toddler Group

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

Sedgefield Social Club

Singer every Saturday night



HALLOWEEN CHARITY DANCE

Sedgefield Parish Hall
Saturday 29th October 2022
7.30 - 11.00pm

Proceeds to
Prostate Cancer UK



Line-dancing, Country and Rock and Roll.
Pies and Peas / Vegetarian option available.
Bring your own Drinks!
£12.00

Please contact: Gloria on 01740 622447 or Angela on 01740 621287

SEDGEFIELD ROCK & BLUES CLUB
KEEPING LIVE MUSIC LIVE



SATURDAY
22ND OCTOBER

LAURENCE JONES + GARY GRAINGER

WWW.SEDGEFIELDBLUES.COM
SEDGEFIELD PARISH HALL



CEDDSFELD HALL

Sedgefield Community Association

Ceddesfeld Hall has a community bar (snug and lounge) which is open every Monday to Friday from 7:30pm. There is good range of wines, spirits, beers (including real ale) and soft drinks on offer; all very reasonably priced. A pint of beer is currently £2.80 and a glass of wine is £2.50. There is local, speciality gin, and there was recently a selection of German beers and wines, sold during the recent Bierfest, in celebration of Sedgefield's long-standing twinning with Hamminkeln. The bar is run by volunteers, which means that overheads are minimal, and the low prices can be sustained. New bar helpers and volunteers are very welcome and anyone wishing to get involved, please contact Tony on 01740 622185 or email SCA.

SCA is very much looking forward to the October Dinner on Saturday 22 October. In recent years, the dinner has followed a literary theme, celebrating local wordsmiths, authors, poets and musicians. SCA is delighted to welcome Tony Gadd who will perform at this year's event. Tony is a unique voice, a poet, speaker, photographer and pebble enthusiast. When not performing, Tony is writing or promoting poetry through poetry evenings and seminars such as the Gong Fu Poets evenings at Ushaw Estate in Durham. The evening starts with a drinks reception and is followed with a 3 course meal for £22. Contact Pat on 01740 620607.

See the Diary & Events page for October's programme.

Save the date

26 November - STC Snow party and Christmas Craft Fayre (main hall)

3 December - Tom McConville & Michael Biggins Concert. Tom is an award-winning fiddle player and singer who is internationally renowned for his fiery, heart-stopping performances. A true roller coaster of musical delights and not to be missed! More details to follow.

16 December - Mulled Wine following the 'Carols on the Green'

16 December - Christmas Kanika Pila with Sedgefield Smile Time Ukulele Band

24 December - Christmas Eve Quiz

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Alda Houghton nimmt den Siegerpokal mit auf die Insel

A group of Harriers had planned to return to Sedgefield's twin town for the first time since 2019, however, the annual Hamminkeln Citylauf was cancelled due to difficulties getting this back off the ground post-Covid. A few die-hards, Jonathan and Susan Wallace, and Phil and Alda Houghton, went across to catch up with friends made on previous visits and, as ever, our hosts pulled out all the stops to offer us an action and fun filled weekend.



Firstly, they decided that a "runners exchange" (consisting of both runners and non-runners) needed at least some running so Rolf Lindau organised our entry into the Schöppingen Volkslauf 5km which also offered a 5km walk for those who preferred walking. For me (Alda), the icing on that cake was that, although I'm not a fast runner at all, I came away with a "first lady" trophy and local newspaper headline ("Alda Houghton nimmt den Siegerpokal mit auf die Insel") – I was made up!

After freshening up, our hosts Doris and Friedel Piel, Andrea Pfister and Thomas Bettger took us to an evening of beer and sausages hosted by our old friends from Hamminkeln SV, many of whom have previously also been to Sedgefield.

On Saturday, we had a long bike ride along the Rhine, with a stop for amazing cake and coffee and finishing in Wesel for a Crazy Golf competition.

On Sunday, Susan and Jonathan joined Andrea and Thomas in Duisburg where Thomas attempted

Mayor's Corner



The Summer holiday is fast disappearing over the horizon. Judging was to the fore in August with Northumbria In Bloom judges at the (now sadly closed) Hive. At Sedgefield Show, the fancy dress on horseback class proved very difficult for me to decide a winner.

Fortunately, there were 6 prizes to award out of the 20 or so entries which made it a little easier.

Two concerts were attended; Micky Rich at Newton Aycliffe and later an Elvis tribute act in Ferryhill. The Youth Club invited us to their Coffee Morning and I popped along to the SCA Family Fun Afternoon.

The Fashion Show in Seaham provided me with some ideas for my own Show on October 27th, which Lily from Betty's Boudoir will run for me.

My coffee morning saw the Parish Hall full to capacity with a number of Mayors and many happy residents enjoying a good old chat over cakes and scones. Sainsbury's Manageress Nic came up trumps providing half a trolley load of goodies for me. I had a lovely army of ladies who ran the kitchen for me and Gill single-handedly organised the raffle. I must mention Pat from Winterton who donated all the apples from her tree for me to sell. I feel I am growing into the role of Mayor as the weeks go by, with lots of help from friends and family but especially from Sedgefield Players.

David Jasper

(and succeeded!) to complete the Half Iron Man in less than 5 hours, and then flew home. Alda, Phil, Friedel, Andreas and Wibke Piel had been challenged to a darts competition by Hermann Terhorst, Volker, Jürgen and their brand-new darts club Ally Polly which Hermann had set up after having been introduced to darts on a visit to Sedgefield! This time Ally Polly "outdarts" Sedgefield by a mile but the gauntlet has been thrown down. There will be a rematch when Ally Polly visits Sedgefield next year!

On Monday, Phil and Alda met with Hamminkeln's Mayor Herr Romanski to talk about the future of twinning between our two towns, before Phil and Alda also had to travel home.

Our weekend in Hamminkeln was as wonderful as ever, with a very warm welcome from friends old and new. Of course we'll be back next year and we look forward to welcoming them all to Sedgefield as well!

And if anyone would like to join us in rising to the darts challenge that's been set for us in any way, shape or form, please let us know – we'll need all the help we can get!

Alda Houghton



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Athletics

As always, a big contingent of runners from Sedgefield made the journey to Tyneside for the Great North Run. This year, the world's biggest half marathon was able to return to its traditional route, after the cancellation in 2020 and last year's 'out-and-back'. Inevitably, the occasion was somewhat more subdued than usual, and the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was marked appropriately and elegantly (in my humble opinion) at the start of the event.

Once the race began, the running was as good as ever, with some notable performances by participants from Sedgefield. Of the 23 Sedgefield Harriers who ran, David Bentley was first over the line in an extremely impressive time of 74 minutes and 15 seconds, which secured him 99th position overall! The first female Harrier over the line was Georgina Letts in 2:07:23 – a great performance on her Great North Run debut. Other Harriers who took part included John Tomlinson, who I believe has completed every single Great North Run, and Ean Parsons, who has completed all but the very first.

Of course, there were a lot of others from Sedgefield who also took part in the Great North Run, including many who raised money for good causes. Bravo to all of you!

The week after the Great North Run, Sedgefield Harriers hosted its popular Sedgefield Serpentine race, a trail race of around 10km that started and finished in East Park next to the cricket club, and took runners on an undulating route on paths between Hardwick Park and Bishop Middleham. There were 125 runners on the day. The overall race winner was Steve Rankin of Sunderland Harriers in 37:16, followed by Lee Thompson of Crook AC in 38:45, and James Oldfield of Sedgefield Harriers in 39:01. The first lady was Monikar Molnar of Blackhill Bounders in 47:48, with Jocelyn Wilkinson of Run Peterlee second in 48:40 (Run Peterlee), and Lisa Darby of Sedgefield Harriers third in 51:02.

The club is grateful to Lost Robot for sponsoring the free gift to every runner, to Up and Running for providing the prizes, and to the many volunteers on the day who went above and beyond to make sure that the event went smoothly. Many participants and chief event organisers Steve and Tracy Foreman stayed to enjoy some rehydration at the cricket club's beer festival after the race.

Cricket

At the end of the 2022 season, Sedgefield Cricket Club's dilemma is where to put all of the trophies! It has been a remarkable year, and probably the best the club has ever experienced. In senior cricket, the 2nd XI capped a fine, unbeaten season by winning their league championship. Helped by Justin Preston's first and second career centuries, the team also contained many juniors who won multiple trophies in their age group teams.

The all-conquering boys' U17 team somehow managed to surpass their 2021 quadruple, by this year winning the grand slam of all five competitions. It was a superb effort, especially as in several finals they had to hold their nerve in extremely tense matches.

Next on the list is the boys' U15 side who, on a day to remember on 11 September, managed to win both the league championship play-off final at Norton in the morning, before travelling up the A19 to Whitburn to emerge victorious in a champions cup for all of the leagues in the Durham area.



The triumphant Sedgefield Cricket Club 2nd XI

Meanwhile, the girls' U11 team also won their league, which is great testament to the hard work that the club has put into girls' cricket in recent years.

But the success didn't end there. The boys' U11 side won a cup final, and back in the seniors, records were made. When Matty Porter smashed 150 runs for the 3rd XI earlier in the season, it was thought to be a club record. But the archive delvers were spared having to make absolutely sure, because at Bishop Auckland on 21st August, Darren Bill hit an astonishing unbeaten 202 runs in 99

Duathlon

STOP PRESS. Earlier this year, I reported on the progress of talented young Sedgefield duathlete Ellie Spink, who secured a brilliant fourth place in the U20 age category at the Duathlon World Championships in Romania. Ellie has just followed that up by competing in European Championships in Bilboa on 17 September, and came home with a silver medal! Congratulations to Ellie – I'll report on this in more detail next month.



Ellie Spink with their silver medal

balls, with no fewer than 29 fours and nine sixes. That was definitely a record.

With the 1st XI finishing in the top half of a league where several clubs field semi-professional players, everyone is delighted at the continued progress on the field. It promises to be an entertaining presentation evening at Sedgefield Cricket Club on 1 October!

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