

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

September 2022 Edition

Deadline for October - Thursday 15 September

Twinning celebrates 40 years

The more observant of you may have seen, on your way into Sedgfield, that our welcome signs feature the words "Twinned with Hamminkeln". If you've ever been curious about that, then read on!

Twinning arrangements between the two towns were agreed 40 years ago by the then Sedgfield Borough Council to improve relations and further cultural understanding between our region and that of Hamminkeln, a similarly sized town in the region of North Rhine-Westphalia in Germany.

The Twinning Association, a voluntary group under the umbrella of the Sedgfield Community Association was formed and has been engaged in cultural exchanges for all of those 40 years. The usual pattern has been that a German delegation has been hosted in Sedgfield one year and a Sedgfield delegation has been hosted in Hamminkeln the next. This continued until very recently when the pandemic put paid to travel plans.

Many strong friendships have grown up around the Twinning exchange and various groups have contributed to or made their own exchanges, for example the Scouts who were often involved in the early years and the Sedgfield Harriers have recently made successful exchanges.



Twin running clubs at Prebends Bridge, Durham

The Association is open to facilitating exchanges for other groups who may be interested in the opportunities Twinning can offer, be it business, sporting or recreational. Please get in touch with secretary Philip Houghton secretary@sedgfieldtwinning.org.uk.

Finally, in celebration of the Twinning Association's 40th anniversary, a special "German Bierfest" event is being held at Ceddesfeld Hall on 24 September. The event is open to everyone, although numbers are limited, so be sure to book early. Details on page 8.



Twinnings at Kloster-Kraul



Back to school dates

Sedgfield Community College



Wednesday 7 September
Don't forget the earlier start time of 8:45!

Sedgfield Hardwick



Monday 5 September

Sedgfield Primary



Tuesday 6 September

Citizens Advice at SEDGEFIELD PARISH HALL

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.

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Awards and accreditations

Les Joss Memorial Mathematics Award 2022



Every year the college presents a mathematics award in memory of the late Mr Les Joss, who was a mathematics teacher and a governor at Sedgefield Community College for a number of years.

This award is always presented to a student who has proved themselves to be an outstanding mathematician, demonstrating not only excellent mathematical skills but also perseverance and resilience.

This year, the award was presented to Owen McElhoney, a Year 10 student who has consistently impressed with his approach to his studies in mathematics. Well done Owen!

World Class School Status

Sedgefield Community College was initially accredited as a World Class School in December 2019. Over the past few months, six of our amazing students have represented the school and led us to success in our re-accreditation attempt. The students visited Houlton School in Warwickshire in March, where they liaised with students from other schools across the country to create tree hangings and sculptures. The students then created online portfolios of evidence to demonstrate they are World Class. All of the portfolios were outstanding - notably, Sophie, Year 9, who had her portfolio judged to be the best in the country in the Leaders category!

Our six World Class students travelled to London in early July to attend the World Class Schools Symposium to receive our re-accreditation. The Symposium had the theme 'How can World Class students use social media as a force for good?'; students participated in a range of workshops with guest speakers ranging from authors and psychologists to representatives from global companies such as Netflix and Snapchat. Alongside their attendance at the Symposium, students made the most of their time in London by visiting the Natural History Museum and enjoying a performance of Matilda in the West End.

We were delighted to hear that we have maintained our World Class status and feel very proud of our students - it is a well-deserved success!



Eleanor, Sophie, Oskar, Agatha, Alan and Erin

Sedgefield Primary

Summer Activities



A group of budding news reporters; Carys, Elsa, Adi, Jack and Violet interviewed pupils to discover what activities they liked to take part in during the summer holidays at Sedgefield.

Hardwick Park proved the most popular local place for our pupils to visit with their families. They enjoy the mini trails around the fantastic nature park. Elsie, aged 6, says feeding the ducks is a favourite activity. Some of our Key Stage 2 pupils enjoy running in Hardwick Park and take part in the parkruns.

Carys and Elsa found football was a popular activity with pupils of all ages. Cricket was a further holiday highlight with Sedgefield Cricket Club offering fantastic summer schools. Ollie, aged 6, said visiting the unique shop Tickety Boo was a further favourite holiday activity.

Excellent behaviour equals inflatable fun and new outdoor equipment



Pupil vs teacher - Layla wins

A whole school end of year treat was organised for all pupils on our penultimate day of term. Pupils have worked extremely hard this year. The school wished to thank the pupils for their continuous dedication. Three enormous inflatables were hired and placed on the school field all day for the entire school to enjoy - they consisted of a 40-foot obstacle course, giant slide and bouncy castle.

Welcome back

It's September, a new academic year and everybody at Sedgefield Hardwick is excited and raring to go! We are pleased to welcome two new teachers to our staff team this year; Miss Fox, who is going to be teaching in Reception, and Miss Copeland, who will be teaching in Year 3. It will be lovely to welcome back all of our children and hear the tales of the many wonderful events that have taken place over the summer!



The year promises to be an exciting one at school, with Sedgefield Hardwick joining Laidlaw Schools Trust. This will enable us to work even more closely with Sedgefield Community College, who are already part of the Trust, to provide stability and consistency for the children in our care as they progress through their educational journey. We can't wait to keep you posted with all of our events and experiences - stay tuned!

Zac, aged 10 commented that, "It was the best day of the school year and I even got to practice some of my parkour skills". Some lucky pupils even got to race their teachers on the equipment!

Our dedicated PTFA wished to also thank our pupils for their outstanding achievement and showing resilience throughout this year. They are so proud of our pupils and have raised funds to support the increasing costs of school trips throughout the year to places such as The Centre for Life and Beamish. During these visits the exemplary behaviour of our pupils has been recognised by members of the community, who have commented on pupils' excellent manners and consideration shown throughout all school visits.

The PTFA have raised the outstanding amount of £7,500 for exciting outdoor equipment for the whole school to enjoy. Pupils look forward to using this new equipment and are so grateful to the PTFA for their continuous support.



SEDGEFIELD FARMERS MARKET

On the Green, First Sunday Morning Every Month.

August Farmers Market

Sunday 4 September
8:30 - 12:30

Juice your own apples!

Barefoot Kitchen is a Middlesbrough based charity set up to help men with their mental health. Their orchard boasts 154 varieties of apple trees, as well as a fair number of pear and plum trees!



Throughout this autumn they will be here 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!



We're happy to say the Hokey Folkies will be in the music tent this month and Sedgefield in Bloom on the charity stall. We're actually looking for a volunteer to organise the free charity stall & summer music rota. It involves just a few emails each month so is not hugely demanding, but it can be interesting. Call 07803 269956 if you'd like to help.

If you would like to help shape the future of our market

JOIN THE TEAM!

Talk to Roger at the SDT tent during the market, or call

07803 269 956

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email: secretary@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk website: www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk

SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST PROJECT NEWS



A project of Sedgefield Development Trust

Homework Help is back after the summer holidays – please do get in touch if you'd like help with homework, or can offer help.

Most helpers are not teacher-trained; just willing to share our understanding to help students with theirs. This isn't tutoring and the homework is not done for the students; it is just what the label says: help with homework – so that students may gain further understanding and confidence, and have the opportunity to ask questions outside the classroom. The seeds were sown when I got involved in a similar project where I lived previously. Seeing how it helped some students sort out confusions and fill in gaps, while giving others a space to work quietly by themselves, was inspiring. The "Ah!" moments when a student realised that maths wasn't capricious magic but controllable, methodical logic, were special. Sedgefield Development Trust provided the platform and practical support. Some talented volunteers responded to a call in Sedgefield News and we began with sessions on Thursday evenings in the library, the ever-helpful and welcoming team rearranging tables and booking PCs to accommodate us as we grew to a pre-pandemic peak. When lock-down struck, those who could moved to online video conferencing, and this is likely to continue in the mix now that the library is again open on Thursday and Friday evenings.



Homework Help has now been running for nearly 5 years. In that time, over a dozen volunteers have helped over 20 students, ranging from Year 5 to A-level and beyond. Several students have continued with us as they have progressed through school. While the highest demands are for Maths and English, we have also covered sciences, languages and humanities and helped students to prepare university applications. We look for helpers in any area where there is a request we cannot already cover, and, so far, new helpers have always stepped up to the plate – thank you! We currently need helpers for economics and sociology at A-Level please. So, if you are able to help with those – or any topic – please contact us.

You can reach Homework Help via homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk, or find us on Facebook. All helpers are DBS checked.

T Lafford

Repair Café update



Thanks to everyone who has supported the collection of hand tools, electrical tools and sewing equipment, to help set up the Repair Cafe. We are hoping to hold our first repair session, with our new name of 'Friendly Fixers', on Saturday 1 October at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre from 10am to 11:45am.

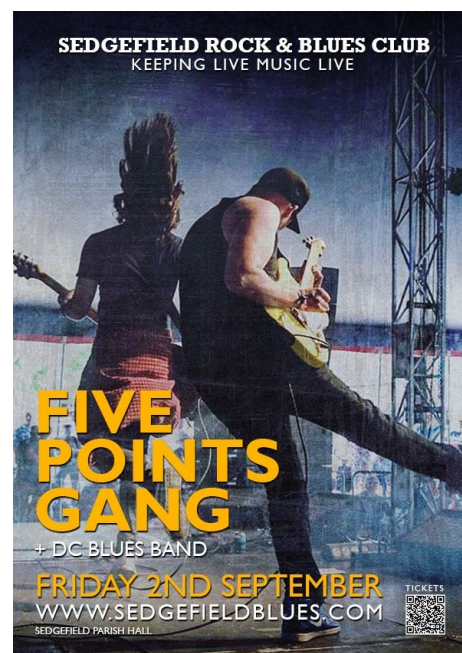
The last collection of tools and equipment will be held at Sedgefield Farmers Market, on Sun 4th Sept, at the SDT stall from 9am to 11.30am.

Sew Easy



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

For more information contact Dorothy Anderson on 07773 286743.



Sedgefield u3a

Sedgefield and District u3a start their new year of monthly meetings and Interest Group activities in the Parish Hall on Friday 2 September at 2pm when Nicola Jones will tell us all about the 'Life and Times of a Mumpreneur'.

On 7 October, one of our favourite speakers, Dr Pete Edwards from Durham University, will give us our annual update on all things 'Space', probably including photographs and data from the new James Webb telescope. This will be followed in November by a visit from Dr David Mason, DCC Chief Archaeologist who will bring us up-to-date with what's happening in the East Park as they continue to follow and investigate the Romans in Sedgefield.

At 10:30am on Thursday 22 September, and to celebrate u3a Day, we will be hosting a coffee morning in the Parish Hall's Fletcher Room, with an exhibition showcasing our various Interest Group activities. If you would like to join us in making the most of retirement do come along and chat with our members and find out about the various opportunities we offer or could start with your own interest(s). In the meantime do have a look at our comprehensive website or visit us on 2 September. We look forward to meeting you soon!

Chris Balfour



STEVE'S NATURE DIARY SEPTEMBER 2022

A recent Facebook post from Buglife highlighted the fact that at this time of the year we see lots of stories in the media demonising certain species of insects and an article in WildTees, the Tees Valley Wildlife Trusts' magazine entitled "What is the use of wasps", got me thinking how the media can influence people's opinion.



Crane fly (*neurovelho*, CC BY-SA 3.0)

The anti bug media season starts with the ant "invasion" in July then anti wasp articles in August and September we have the horror of craneflies (aka the Daddy Longlegs) and as we approach October the scary spider stories. The media have found that emotive stories about invertebrates sell papers and gain website visits. They are willing to produce stories that ignore science, evidence and the bigger environmental picture; all to exploit the fears of individuals. In reality, we are in the midst of a biodiversity crisis. Insects and other invertebrates are declining faster than many other types of wildlife. We need to act now to stop invertebrate declines. However, the scale and quality of that action is still limited by general lack of understanding and awareness. If society's attitudes are dominated by prejudice and ignorance, rather than enlightenment and knowledge, then we will fail to achieve a happy coexistence with nature. You can find more information at www.buglife.org.uk/campaigns/no-insectinction. All you really need to know about craneflies is, they harm no one and most definitely AREN'T venomous!

And wasps! Well, they do have a bad reputation which I think is undeserved. There are a staggering 9000+ species of wasp in the UK. The vast majority of these are small and solitary insects that largely go unnoticed by us. Then there are hundreds of wasps that don't even sting. I know that when most people think of a wasp you think of the larger black and yellow versions, we have 8 species of these social wasps in the UK. They live in colonies and construct magnificent nests out of chewed up wood pulp. Wasps fill a number of niches in the ecosystem. Our social wasp, for example, are predators, hunting insects and spiders, they chop them up and feed them to their larvae. It has been estimated that social wasps account for 14 million kilograms of invertebrate prey across the summer—that's what I call natural pest management. The larva will reward the worker wasp with a sugary solution when the colony is young, but in August when most of the larva have left the nest, the males must get their sugar from somewhere else. Yes, that's correct, that is when they start to invade our space and our sugary drinks. So, remember craneflies are harmless and wasps eat lots of pests!



Social wasp (*Trounce*, CC BY 3.0)

WINGS AND WHEELS
Fishburn Airfield
September 17th-18th
12pm-8pm

REENACTORS CLASSIC VEHICLES
STAGE LIVE MUSIC
BAR STREET ARTISTS
ARTISAN FOOD
and CRAFT STALLS
and more!!

entry 2.00 car parking
under 10s 3.00
FREE!

FUNDAFEST
Finchale Group
It's all possible

Everyone is warmly welcome

Reflective, meditative
Taizé-style ecumenical
service near Michaelmas

Followed by refreshments
Sunday 25th September, 6:30 pm
St. Michael's Church,
Bishop Middleham

Sedgefield Area Churches Together

Sedgefield Charities:

Education grants for students

The Sedgefield Charities' Trustees make awards each year to help students from lower income families who are taking up full time education beyond A-level or its equivalent. Students of any age may apply.

Applicants must live in **Bishop Middleham, Bradbury, Cornforth, Fishburn, Mordon, Sedgefield or Trimdon.**

For further information and an application form please contact the Clerk:

Anne Gladwin

Post: 46 Whitehouse Drive, Sedgefield, TS21 3BU.

Telephone: 01740 620811

e-mail: sedgefieldcharities@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is 30 September 2022.

Vaccine boosters

Skerne Medical Group will be providing autumn Covid boosters for eligible patients on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 September at both our Sedgefield and Trimdon Colliery sites. Invitations will be sent to eligible patient cohorts to book their slot, starting with the most vulnerable groups. There will be walk-in options for other eligible patients on Monday 5 and Monday 19 September at Trimdon Colliery, and on Thursday 15 and 29 September at Sedgefield during our evening surgery sessions from 6pm to 8pm on these dates.

Flu vaccines will become available from the week commencing 26 September and details about this will be posted on the practice website www.Skernemedical.nhs.uk and our Facebook. Once the most vulnerable patients have received their flu vaccine, we expect to be able to offer flu/covid vaccines to the healthy 50-64 year cohort from mid October onwards.

Please come and get vaccinated if you are eligible.

Dr Hearmon

Your LETTERS

Travel improvements

Great news that Sedgefield residents are going to be consulted on sustainable travel improvements. Hopefully this consultation will result in some action to improve accessibility and safety, after decades of neglect. The number of vehicles passing through Sedgefield, and their speed, has become increasingly unsafe and unsustainable. This is damaging to our environment/air quality so leaving things as they are no longer seems a reasonable option. It must be possible to avoid inconvenience to those who need to access the town by vehicle while also significantly improving life for those who walk, cycle or use a pushchair, wheel chair or mobility aid. So please take time to complete the consultation and, if you can, choose improvements you would like to see; and are now so common in other towns. Things like wider pavements, more frequent pedestrian crossings, 20 mph limits on school access roads and high streets, vehicle speed calming ramps at crossing points and junctions, safe cycle parking that does not hinder pedestrians, pedestrianised high streets and even cycle/pedestrian paths connecting neighbouring communities. Given that Sedgefield has a bypass for through traffic, surely life for residents would be so much better, and safer, if many of these improvements were in place in our town? We might then start to catch up with the benefits enjoyed by residents in so many other towns.

Duncan Woods

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A successful rescue

In support of our local tradespeople – a big thank you for rescuing a damsel in distress!!!

As you probably already know I am very keen to support our local tradespeople if at all possible. Last month, I needed help when a very dear friend who is nearing 90 years of age, locked herself out of her home. A very well meaning neighbour had been attacking the lock for several hours with a drill, but to no avail. Looking through an old copy of the Sedgefield News, which I keep close to my telephone, I came across 'Theakston Locksmiths' advert' and I was delighted by the response. Paul was calm and collected throughout, he was soon on-site and had the door open in minutes. I cannot thank him enough for his quick response. I would have no hesitation in recommending him to anyone in need of a locksmith. The unfortunate reality is that the well meaning neighbour sadly made matters worse, so the moral of the story is please don't try this at home!!!!

Call the professionals. Support our local tradespeople if at all possible.

Gloria Willis

Sedgefield in Bloom

In August, we welcomed two lovely ladies from Northumbria in Bloom to officially judge Sedgefield for 2022. The sun shone for the occasion and we are keeping our fingers crossed for the results, which will be announced at the end of September. We hope that you agree that our village is looking very beautiful.



SEDGEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Action Fraud

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB), is warning the public about the continued increase in reports about scams where victims are targeted on WhatsApp by criminals pretending to be someone they know - typically their children. Between February and June of this year there have been a total of 1,235 reports made to Action Fraud linked to this scam, with reported losses exceeding £1.5 million.

Criminals will usually begin the conversation with "Hello Mum" or "Hello Dad" and will say that they are texting from a new mobile number as their phone was lost or damaged. They will then ask for money to purchase a new one, or claim that they need money to pay an urgent bill.

The criminal will provide bank details to make the payment, sometimes coming back with further demands for money.

Protecting yourself is simple: STOP. THINK. CALL. If you receive such a message from a family member or friend, always call the person to confirm their identity. You can report scam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select "REPORT" and then follow the instructions.

A moments thought could save you a lot of heartache, stress and cash.

Neighbourhood Watch Presentation

If anyone running an organisation in Sedgefield would like someone from Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch to come along to one of your meetings and give a quick 10 minute presentation on security items we have, please contact us on our new Facebook page or better still pop in to our next monthly meeting. These are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm in Ceddesfeld Hall, the next meeting being on the 14 September. Usual attendees include police representatives, members of the Town Council and numerous local residents interested in keeping Sedgefield a safe place in which to live. Another attraction is the SCT Bar which will be open! Come along for a chat, we would love to see you.

Don't forget; to report any incidents or scams relating to Fraud, contact the NFIB Reporting Centre on 0300 1232040.

To report anything suspicious contact the Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency or pass any details anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111.

ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

email: sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com

Local Folk Festivals

Our much-loved festival returns in September at limited capacity. With many venues capped at 70 audience members do book early to avoid disappointment. See Page 8 for more details.



The 15th Annual SEDGEFIELD FOLK FESTIVAL
2-4 SEPTEMBER 2022

FRIDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2022

MORE-UKES, MAXINE & LOL CRALLAN, SEDGEFIELD UKULELE SMILE TIME
Ceddesfeld Main Hall / 7.30pm - 11pm / £8.00 Ad.
For tickets contact Maxine Crallan on 0778 528 1471
Please note due to Covid restrictions this event is limited to 70 tickets.

SINGAROUND WITH POT & GLASS FOLK CLUB
Sedgefield Social Club (Upstairs) / 7.30pm - 11pm / FREE
Limited capacity - please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

CONCERT TICKETS
Due to venue restrictions beyond our control, tickets for all concerts this year are very limited.
Tickets for both Parish Hall and Ceddesfeld Hall concerts can be reserved by calling 01740 621 347.

OPENING LIVE
HALEY SISTERS
CHRIS BANNISTER
BERNARD WRIGLEY & PETE IVATTS
AND MANY MORE LOCAL MUSICIANS!

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2022

AFTERNOON CONCERT AT CEDDESFELD HALL WITH BERNARD WRIGLEY & PETE IVATTS
Ceddesfeld Main Hall / 1.30pm - 3.30pm / £10 Ad.
Please note due to Covid restrictions this event is limited to 70 tickets.

OPEN MIKE NIGHT AT CEDDESFELD HALL WITH THE OLD AGE TRAVELLERS
Ceddesfeld Main Hall / 7.30pm - 11pm / FREE
Please note due to Covid restrictions this event is limited to 70 people.

EVENING CONCERT AT THE PARISH HALL
HALEY SISTERS, CHRIS BANNISTER, JOHN WRIGHTSON BAND & JOHN WEIGHELL
Sedgefield Parish Hall / 7pm - 11pm / £17.00 Ad.
Please note due to Covid restrictions this event is limited to 100 tickets.

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2022

SINGAROUND WITH JOHN WRIGHTSON BAND
Ceddesfeld Main Hall / 11am - 3pm / FREE
Please note due to Covid restrictions this event is limited to 70 people.

Later in the month comes another treat for folk fans, with the 3-day Hartlepool Folk Festival commencing 30 September. The festival began in 2015, and centred today on the Borough Hall. After a two-year hiatus the full festival is back, alongside this year a family festival centred on outdoor events, puppeteer performances, crafting, singing, dancing and circus entertainment. The ticketed acts include folk with international flavours from Ireland, Jamaica, and the Middle East, a tribute to English folk legend Norma Waterson, an intriguing retelling of the 'Babbacombe' Lee case made famous by Fairport Convention, and literally dozens of other performers. A full programme of events can be found here hartlepoolfolkfest.co.uk.



HARTLEPOOL FOLK FESTIVAL
30 SEPT - 2 OCT 2022

EDWARD H - FLOOK - URBAN FOLK QUARTET - DAORÍ FARRELL - MELROSE QUARTET - RÍOCHNACH CONNOLLY - BANTER - BRYONY GRIFFITH & ALICE JONES
SAM CARTER - ENGLISH FIDDLE ENSEMBLE - JACKIE OATES - NICK HART - RACHEL HAMER - CHRIS SHERBURN & DENNY BARTLEY - KEN WILSON & JIM MCFARLAND
THOMAS MCCARTHY - TOM MOORE & ARCHIE MOSS - ROISIN WHITE - COHEN
BRAITHWAITE-KILCOYNE - TAFFY THOMAS - URSULA HOLDEN GILL - AOIFE SCOTT
JAMES DELARRE - MADDIE MORRIS - SAM BAXTER - THE SHACKLETON TRIO

SPECIAL EVENTS

BABBACOMBE LEE - STARS IN MY CROWN: A TRIBUTE TO NORMA WATERSON - JAZZ HANDS CABARET - JIM MORAY'S NEVER MIND THE BANDOOGS - TAFFY THOMAS: THE STORYTELLER'S SUPPER - WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SEATON SNOOK?

More Local Events

BAMS Mithras Trio

Bishop Auckland Music Society hosts *Mithras Trio* at the Methodist Church.

Friday 2 September 2022, 7:30pm in Bishop Auckland Methodist Church.
bvemv.orpheusweb.co.uk/BAMSWeb/bams.html

Last Train Home

One-day festival of music & comedy at venues within Darlington on Saturday 3 September.
tracksdarlington.co.uk



LAST TRAIN HOME
MUSIC & COMEDY FESTIVAL
FIRST WAVE ANNOUNCEMENT

THE LOVELY EGGS

SUNFLOWER THIEVES LUKE ROYALTY WYLDST NEL UNLIT
HILARITY BITES COMEDY CLUB ME LOST ME NOMPARRISON
THE HILLS NORTHERING SARAH JOHNSON JOE RAMSEY
CALLUM PITT YABBA COMMON COURTESY

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD IN DARLINGTON - TICKETS £15 ADV / £20 STD
THE FORUM MUSIC CENTRE - THE HULLABALLOO THEATRE - ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
MORE INFO / GET TICKETS AT TRACKSDARLINGTON.CO.UK

Kynren - An Epic Tale of England - Bishop Auckland

A mighty potted history of England's past re-enacted in a stunning setting Every Saturday from 6 August to 10 September 2022.

www.11arches.com/kynren

EJK Collective - The Witham Art Gallery, Barnard Castle

Exhibition of 3 landscape artists working in a diverse array of different styles 31 Aug - 1 Oct 2022.
thewitham.org.uk/exhibition/ejk-collective

Bottled Ocean - Captain Cook Birthplace Museum, Marton

Plastic bottle seascape installation from international artist George Nuku until 6 Nov 2022.
enjoyteesvalley.com/event/bottled-ocean

National Reading Group Day

Local author Jessica Redland discusses her 17 published novels at Norton Library on 13 Sep 2022 from 6-7pm, £3 ticket includes a cake! More information on Facebook 'Stockton-on-Tees Libraries' or call 01642 528130.

Blood Brothers at Sunderland Empire

Willy Russell's hit musical *Blood Brothers* returns to the North East in September, and it's musical director is Sedgefield's Tim Jasper. Following Tim's success in *Jersey Boys*, covered previously in these pages, Tim will oversee performances at Sunderland Empire from 20 to 24 September.

Since debuting on Shaftesbury Avenue in 1983 *Blood Brothers* is one of only 3 West End musicals to have notched up over 10,000 performances. In that time, the role of Mrs Johnstone has variously been filled by Barbara Dickson, who was awarded Best Actress in a Musical in 1983, Kiki Dee, Helen Reddy, Petula Clark and Carole King. The timeless nature vs nurture tale has won critical plaudits and devoted fans for decades and continues to go from strength to strength, not only touring nationally but internationally too. Join us in wishing Tim every success for the Sunderland run or, better yet, attend in person with a ticket from:

www.atgtickets.com/shows/blood-brothers/sunderland-empire

Mayor's Corner

My Grand Bring and Buy sale last month was very well attended and lots of bargains were sold, realising £182.10 for my charities. Grateful thanks go to my hard-working army of helpers, (some pictured below), to all those who donated goods and all who came along. Thank you. Don't miss my coffee morning on September 2 from 10am to 11:30am in the Parish Hall.

Coming up on Friday 21 October will be firm favourite, the Mayor's Quiz in Ceddesfeld Hall. Pie and peas will be served that night too.

The Moondogs (50s/60s tribute band) will be back by popular demand on Friday 18 November from 7:30pm to 11pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets from the Council Offices are just £10 each.

David Jasper



DIARY & EVENTS

Please send information to diary.sedgefieldnews@gmail.com

September 2022

- Friday 2** **Mayor's Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10-11.30am. £2 for coffee and biscuits. Cakes and scones on sale.
- Sedgefield & District U3A**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm. "The Life and Times of a Mumpreneur". Visitors welcome, £3.
- Sunday 4** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am-12:30pm.
- Monday 5** **Sedgefield Local History Society**, Ceddesfeld Hall at 7:45pm. History of Mining in the Northeast by Peter Sagar.
- Wednesday 7** **Sedgefield WI**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:15pm. Keith Thompson talks about "Baxters" of the tasty soup fame. Please bring soup bowl and spoon! Members competition: decorative Scottish item (e.g. brooch). Bring and Buy Harvest stall. Visitors are most welcome, £4.
- Thursday 8** **Sedgefield Show Planning Committee**, Sedgefield Social Club, 7:30pm. New people welcome. Email Ian Mason at ian@sedgefieldshow.co.uk.
- Friday 9** **Sedgefield WI**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10-11:30am. Everyone welcome.
- Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club**, Live music night with "In the Bag". Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm-10:30pm. Tickets £12 including pie and peas supper. Bring your own drinks. Tickets from Elaine 01740 629761 or Sandra 07533 752870.
- Sedgefield Social Club**, quiz, 8pm
- Saturday 10** **Sedgefield Area Churches Together**, coffee (or tea!), cake and friendly chat. Sedgefield Methodist Church, 10-11:30am.
- Monday 12** **DIDO**, trip to Skipton, meet at Sedgefield Parish Hall at 9:15am. Coach leaves at 9:30am. Call 07597 116847 or 01740 629574 for details.
- Wednesday 14** **Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30pm.
- Thursday 15** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Fire Station, 10:30am-12pm. For those living with dementia and their carers.
- Friday 16** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club**, Coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10-11:30am. £2 for coffee/tea and scone or cake. Includes raffle, cake stall and sales table.
- Tuesday 20** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. Flower demonstration by Lynda Fraser titled "Reflections". All welcome, £5 for non-members.
- Thursday 22** **Citizens Advice**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-1pm.
- Sedgefield & District U3A**, Fletcher Room, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10:30am-12pm. Come along and see what U3A has to offer. Have a coffee and chat and discover a variety of interest groups available to members.
- Saturday 24** **Sedgefield Twinning Association Bier Festival**, Ceddesfeld Hall. Tickets (£7.50) available at sedgefieldtwinning.org.uk or from Judith Edgoose 01740 620244.
- Sunday 25** **Sedgefield Area Churches Together**, reflective, meditative Taize-style ecumenical service near Michaelmas. Followed by refreshments. St. Michael's Church, Bishop Middleham, 6:30pm.
- Tuesday 27** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club**, first flower arranging class of the autumn/winter course with Val Guest. 10am-12pm in the Fletcher Room, Sedgefield Parish Hall. All levels of ability welcome. First class to depict changes of season, autumn leaves, berries, and seed heads. No flowers required! For information, call 07721 767408.
- Friday 30** **Sedgefield Village Veterans**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, from 10am

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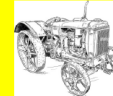
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Tickets are available via the Twinning website at sedgefieldtwinning.org.uk, from Tickety Boo or from Judith Edgoose (01740 620244). Please look on STA and SCA website & Facebook page for more information.

Sedgefield Folk Festival

Last chance tickets!

Several events are free, but there are only a few days left to purchase tickets for Friday's Ukulele Kanikapila and Saturday's concerts, so don't be disappointed!

Friday 2 September

Ceddesfeld Hall. More Ukes, Maxine & Lol Crallan & Sedgefield Ukulele Smile Time, 7:30pm to 11pm. A splendid evening of popular songs and music. Tickets £6 from Lol & Maxine on 07785 281471.

Ceddesfeld Hall – Music Play Around (any instrument/all abilities – dots will be available), led by Su Childs & Raggle Taggle, Oldham Room, 8pm to 10:30pm. Free.

Saturday 3 September

Ceddesfeld Hall. Afternoon Concert, featuring Bernard Wrigley, Lirica, Pete Ivatts -1:30pm to 3:30pm. Tickets £10 can be reserved by calling Joan on 01740 721347.

Sedgefield Parish Hall. Evening Concert featuring The Hayley Sisters, Chris Bannister, John Wrightson Band and John Weighell 7pm to 11pm. Tickets £17 must be reserved by calling Joan Edmundson on 01740 621347.

Ceddesfeld Hall. Open Mic Night featuring The Old Age Travellers (as well as much more local talent) 7:30pm to 11pm. Free. Raffle with proceeds going to Sedgefield Folk Festival. Contact Sarah on 01740 622185 or email info@sedgefieldsca.org.uk.

Ceddesfeld Hall – Music Play Around (any instrument/all abilities – dots will be available), led by Su Childs & Raggle Taggle, Oldham Room 8pm to 10:30pm. Free.

Sunday 4 September at Ceddesfeld Hall – Sing Around with the John Wrightson Band. Free Buffet. 11am to 3pm.

Dates for your Diary - Autumn Events & Activities at Ceddesfeld Hall

October

Lirica Concert on 8 October at 7:30pm. Tickets £6 from Tickety Boo or choir members.

Mayor's Quiz on Friday 21 October at 7:30pm. Tickets £8.50 from STC offices.

SCA Literary Dinner on Saturday 22 October at 7pm. Drinks reception and 3 course meal £22. Contact Pat on 01740 620607.

STC – Fireworks and Halloween Howler on 28 October at 6:30pm in Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds. Admission into grounds 5:45pm to 6:20pm. Adult £2.50, child under 16 £1.50 - tickets from STC offices (9am to 1pm) and Ceddesfeld Hall bar (7:30pm to 10:30pm)

November

Saturday 26 November - STC Snow Party and Christmas Craft Fayre

December

Tom McConville & Michael Biggins Concert – Saturday 3 December 7:30pm to 11pm. 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!

Mulled Wine following the Churcher Together 'Carols on the Green' – Friday 16 December at 7pm in the bar & lounge

Christmas Kanika Pila with Sedgefield Smile Time Ukulele Band – Friday 16 December at 7pm .

Christmas Eve Quiz 24 December at 8pm.

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).

DurhamEnable

A supported employment service is making strides in South Durham to help find work for residents with disabilities and other long term health conditions.

DurhamEnable is a council service started to help adults in County Durham who have faced barriers into employment due to disability, autism, mental health, or other conditions find long-term, sustainable work.

Shaun Ridley, 37, from Bishop Auckland started his first job last year after receiving support from DurhamEnable.



Shaun at a jobs fair

Team Leader Julie Patterson worked with Mr Ridley as his Job Coach and helped him make a plan to get a job that would work for him.

Mr Ridley said: "Julie helped me prepare for work with confidence building, the application process, interview prep, and travel training."

He added: "It's been life changing. I feel independent, and I feel that I have a voice. I've really benefited from the support I've had from DurhamEnable. They've helped me to do stuff that I thought that I wouldn't be able to do."

Dan Hellem, 25, from Newton Aycliffe received support from DurhamEnable shortly before starting a new job as a Kitchen Assistant for The Veteran's Hub. DurhamEnable Job Coach Carole Hughes was able to ensure Mr Hellem settled into work and, despite never having worked in a culinary role before, Mr Hellem "took to it like a duck to water."

He said: "Confidence is definitely key. Growing up I've expected nothing, but that was down to me to change it, and I have, and since doing so there's been things that have happened that I'm proud of." DurhamEnable works across the county and is looking for more people to support in and around Sedgefield.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from support from DurhamEnable, you can find out more by emailing durhamenable@durham.gov.uk, or phoning on 03000 269899.

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I often highlight the role of volunteers in the sports update. Without them, grass roots sport simply wouldn't happen, denying people of all ages the chance to compete, or simply participate. Once again, volunteers are at the heart of the main stories below, including a great example from the recent Commonwealth Games, where another Sedgefield alumnus was also on duty. Having studied in Birmingham and got stuck into all sorts of positive extra-curricular activities, including a continuation of his football refereeing career, Joseph Dredge secured a volunteering role at the games and got involved in various sports, making the most of the opportunity to contribute to a major event. I've had no word yet on whether he was working at the closing ceremony and turned the wheel that saw Ozzy Osbourne rise up to the stage for the finale.

Wheelchair rugby

Sedgefield's Paralympics gold medal winner Jack Smith returned to the club where his career began recently, to help it mark a milestone and encourage more people to try the sport. The North East Bulls Wheelchair Rugby Club celebrated its 20th anniversary with a special tournament in Sedgefield and Jack took part. Five teams from around the UK battled it out over two days at Sedgefield Community College - the North East Bulls, Yorkshire Lions, Glasgow Wheelchair Rugby Club, Rygbi Gogledd Cymru (Wales) and West Coast Burn (Southport). Jack, who won a Paralympic gold medal with Team GB in Tokyo last year, played for the North East Bulls, alongside Shaun Lacey and Gareth Herridge, who are both original members of the team. The hope is that the event will raise the profile of wheelchair rugby and attract new players and fans to the sport.



Competition was fierce at the North East Bulls 20th anniversary tournament

Jack commented after the event: "I like to come back and play for the North East Bulls as much as I can. It's a very sociable club, and a great environment to be in for anyone who wants to be part of wheelchair rugby. Of course, it's where my career in the sport started 14 years ago and I'll always be grateful for that. I guess that I'm a decent example of what can be achieved from that grass roots introduction.

"It's a significant achievement for the Bulls to have reached this 20th anniversary and things have come on a long way since the club started, in terms of equipment, coaching support, managing disabilities and other aspects. However, to continue for another 20 years, we really need to see more players coming into wheelchair rugby from the area. Anyone who is curious should try the sport.

"The club is really welcoming and has equipment such as the right chairs for players to use, so there's nothing to stop people coming along to find out more. You can find NE Bulls on Facebook and other social media and Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby has loads of information on its website. I really recommend having a go. It's been life changing for me."

Find out more about the North East Bulls on [Facebook "BullsWRC"](#) and other social media. Visit the Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby website at gbwr.org.uk.



Paralympic gold medal winner Jack Smith

Athletics

As reported last month, Sedgefield Harriers is ready to host its next big event, the annual Sedgefield Serpentine on Sunday 18th September. The popular multi-terrain event follows a scenic route of about 10km on paths and trails around Hardwick Park and Bishop Middleham, starting and finishing in East Park next to the cricket club. There are prizes up for grabs in multiple categories and the event is open to runners of all abilities. As an added bonus this year, the cricket club's beer festival will be taking place on the same day, providing an ideal opportunity for runners to 'rehydrate' after their exertions. Places at the Sedgefield Serpentine can be booked online through event supporter Muddy Roads at <https://www.muddyroads.co.uk/event/sedgefield-serpentine-10km-2022>.

Squash

The Commonwealth Games were a fantastic showcase for squash, which is important for the sport as it is not included in the Olympics. Sedgefield Squash Club chairman Gordon Peden had the privilege of working as a volunteer in the Squash Activation Zone at the University of Birmingham, where the live events were being held. This proved immensely popular with the people visiting the park, with Gordon engaging with over 600 willing squash players, including the added challenge of playing Perry, the games mascot. The home nations enjoyed great success, walking away with gold, silver and bronze medals in various events.

A huge 'well done' goes to the Sedgefield team for delivering the first Squash Stars programme. This enables young children to participate in the sport, and is a national initiative led England Squash. Sedgefield Squash Club is now fully signed up with a second group of youngsters, enabling it to fulfil its ambition of establishing a pathway for future stars. With the season about to start, the club is gearing up for the Durham and Cleveland Squash Rackets Association team matches, internal leagues, and members just wanting to play and enjoy their squash on a regular basis.

Anyone interested in getting involved or joining Sedgefield Squash Club can get in touch via info@sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk.

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