

# SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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## David Attenborough's 100 years on Planet Earth



Sedgefield will join the nation in celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday this May.

The BBC has already announced a week of special programming beginning on 8 May, featuring a selection of classic and new shows that honour Sir David's extraordinary career and his century of contributions to understanding and protecting the planet.

Here in Sedgefield, residents have the chance to take part in two special nature events.

### Wildlife Trust Leads Birthday Walk Through Bishop's Fen

On the morning of 8 May, Durham Wildlife Trust will host a special guided walk from Hardwick Park to Bishop's Fen Nature Reserve. Led by Jim Cokill and Mark Dinning, the tour will give participants a rare opportunity to see nature restoration in action.



**Durham  
Wildlife Trust**  
From Tees to Tyne

During the 2 to 2.5-hour walk, visitors will learn how the Brightwater Project helped bring the Trust's vision for a Great North Fen to life and how ongoing work aims to revive the once-vast wetlands of the Durham Carrs—benefiting both wildlife and local communities.

The group will meet at 9.30am at Hardwick Park. Due to uneven terrain, the walk is not suitable for those with mobility issues.

More details and free booking are available at [www.durhamwt.com/events](http://www.durhamwt.com/events).

### Dawn Chorus Walk

For early risers, a celebration will take place on Sunday 10 May, when local nature lover Fred Milton leads a special dawn(ish!) chorus walk at 6.30am. Participants will welcome the morning with birdsong before gathering for a shared breakfast—croissants included.



Organisers are asking anyone wishing to attend to email the project team at [woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk) so they can keep attendees updated and make sure there's enough food to go around.

## New men's group launches

A new men's group for Sedgefield and the surrounding area has just been announced. Sedgefield Area Men's Group (SAMs) aims to offer a friendly social network for men who may be feeling isolated or lonely, and who would enjoy the chance to meet others for activities and conversation.

The project has been adopted by Sedgefield Development Trust, which will provide valuable support and encouragement as it gets underway.

The group will launch on Tuesday 21 April at Sedgefield Cricket Club, starting at 6.15pm.

Project lead Graham Price said:

"We're inviting anyone who might be interested—whether as a participant, a group leader, or in any other role—to come along, share what they'd like from the group, and tell us how they might get involved. The launch evening will also include some relaxed social activities, such as darts and dominoes, to help make it a fun and friendly event."

For more information, you can contact Graham by email at [sams@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:sams@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk) or by phone on 07501 467487.



**Sedgefield in Bloom**

**Spring Coffee Morning**

Come along, join us and meet your friends for our popular coffee morning

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Parish Hall at 10am**

Lucky door prize, cakes, tombola, raffle and more

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Young Detectives Restore Wonderland!

Sedgefield Hardwick Primary Academy once again dazzled the school community with a memorable performance for World Book Day, transforming the school into a vibrant Wonderland inspired by Alice in Wonderland: The Rose Garden Mystery.

Staff arrived in full costume—bringing Alice, the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat, and an entire ensemble of Wonderland residents to life—creating a unique atmosphere from the very start of the school day.

The adventure began when Alice discovered that the Queen of Hearts had stolen her magical storybook, tearing the pages into tiny pieces and scattering them throughout the rose garden. Without the storybook, Wonderland's characters were beginning to forget who they were, and the world around them was falling into confusion. With help from her Wonderland friends, Alice turned to the children of Sedgefield Hardwick to solve the mystery and restore order.



In one of the day's highlights, pupils were tasked with sneaking quietly past the sleeping Queen and her dozing guards, tiptoeing onto the Wonderland stage to hunt for torn fragments of the storybook. Their teamwork, courage, and problem-solving skills were put to the test as they searched for hidden pages, pieced clues together, and worked out how to rebuild the story that would save Wonderland.

The performance culminated in great excitement when the children successfully reassembled the storybook, prompting a spectacular finale in which the Queen of Hearts received her well-deserved comeuppance. As the Card Guards revolted, a burst of colourful red paint (tomato soup!) showered the Queen, symbolising her dramatic defeat and the restoration of reading across Wonderland!

### Students Shine in New Roles

Creating opportunities for our students to take on a range of leadership roles across the school is one of the ways that we can foster a strong sense of belonging to Sedgefield Community College (SCC). In addition to existing student leadership roles that have been in place for many years, there have been a number of new leadership roles created this year.

We have a group of Y10 Prefects who took up their roles before Christmas and in recent weeks we're delighted to have appointed our first group of Wellbeing Warriors. Our Wellbeing Warriors will play a key role in supporting a range of activities that are all designed to support every child to feel happy, safe and supported in school. All of our Y10 Prefects and Wellbeing Warriors applied and were then interviewed for these positions and we have been delighted with the quality of their applications and ability to answer questions on interview.



Among the other student leadership roles that are in place, I should mention the excellent work of our Team of Sport Leaders who support a range of events, including the recent primary dodge-ball tournament that was hosted at SCC.

Supporting our students to develop cross-curricular skills that will help them in school and then for the rest of their lives is incredibly important. Through these leadership roles, students are developing their ability to show skills including speaking, teamwork and leadership itself. Well done to all of SCC's student leaders!



**HARDWICK GRANGE EASTER FUN DAY**

**SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 11AM**

JOIN US AT THE SALES OFFICE FOR A FUN FILLED MORNING TO CELEBRATE EASTER AND MEET FELLOW RESIDENTS:

- EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT WITH A PRIZE FOR EVERY CHILD
- CHILDREN'S EASTER BONNET COMPETITION
- BAKE SALE AND HOT & COLD REFRESHMENTS
- EASTER RAFFLE WITH PRIZES GALORE!

IN AID OF: **WOODLAND & WILDLIFE** **B** Butterwick Hospice Care

## SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST *PROJECTS*



**FARMERS MARKET**  
**Sunday 5 April**  
**8:30am to 12 noon**  
**Sedgefield Village Green**



Could anyone help Homework Help students with maths or science at around GCSE level? You don't have to be a trained teacher, just competent to help a student understand their homework. If you could offer an hour a week, please contact [homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk). Thanks.

## Friendly Fixers



**FRIENDLY FIXERS**  
**Saturday 4 April**  
**10:30am to 12:30pm**  
**Fishburn Youth & Community Centre**

Contact us at [repaircafe@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](mailto:repaircafe@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk) or join our Facebook page - [Friendly Fixers - Repair Café](#).



See the front cover for details of our upcoming Dawn Chorus Walk.

On a less happy note, recently the volunteers working at Skerne Wood@NETPark have noticed an increase in incidents of damage. A number of branches and whole trees have been cut down and the land is being altered by members of the public not connected to the project. The aim of the Woodland & Wildlife project is to provide a home for wildlife and also to provide a space for the community. We understand the reason the damage is happening, but we are appealing to users of the area to respect the woodland, so that access isn't limited and wildlife can thrive.

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

## Thank you, goodbye and welcome

It is a special moment in the life of Sedgefield Primary School, as we say both thank you and farewell, while also offering a warm welcome to the future.



First, we say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Andrea Cox, who retires after many years of dedicated service as Head Teacher. For nearly two decades she has led Sedgefield Primary with commitment, care, and a deep belief in every child who walks through the school gates. Her leadership has shaped the school community, supported staff, and inspired countless pupils to do their very best. The positive impact she has had on the school will be felt for many years to come. We wish her a very happy and well-deserved retirement, filled with new adventures, relaxation, and plenty of time to enjoy the things she loves, such as painting animals, spending time with her horses and her beloved pet dog.



*Fond farewell to Mrs Andrea Cox, retiring Head Teacher*

We also say goodbye and thank you to our wonderful Reception teacher, Mrs Elsa Smith who takes up a part-time post, teaching college students after an incredible 31 years of teaching our youngest pupils. For over three decades she has welcomed generations of families into their very first school experience. Some of our parents today even remember being in her class themselves, before bringing their own children through the same classroom door. Her care, patience, and dedication have helped hundreds of children take their very first steps in learning and confidence.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Leanne Collings as our new Head Teacher. We look forward to the enthusiasm, ideas, and leadership qualities she will add to the established school leadership team working alongside Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Sam Smith. It is a warm welcome to Mrs Collings to begin this new chapter with our school community. With the strong foundations already in place, we are excited for the future of Sedgefield Primary under her guidance. We are confident in the team approach this new leadership opportunity will offer our whole school community.

Sedgefield Primary celebrate the past, thank those who have given so much to our school, and look forward with optimism to the years ahead.

Good Friday Procession  
 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Starts 10 am on the Green  
 (in St. Edmund's if wet),  
 processing to St. John Fisher,  
 then to the Methodist Church

Refreshments after the service  
*All welcome*



Sedgefield Area Churches Together

## u3a update



This month we had the very great pleasure of presenting Ray Manning with our first Honorary Membership award. Ray was our first Chair fourteen years ago and was instrumental in forming this branch of the u3a. While being Chair at several further points over the years, he has always shown great commitment and support in encouraging and promoting the growth of our organisation; we couldn't have done it without him.



Our Speaker was local historian, Alison Hodgson, who told us about Sedgefield in Victorian Times. Far from being a rural backwater, Sedgefield was a bustling and diverse village with inhabitants from far and wide engaged in many and varied activities and occupations. As a very busy crossroads and on a main coaching route, Sedgefield proved ahead of the times in so many ways in that age of great industrial and agricultural change and growth. Perhaps setting the path for a similar pattern over more recent times?

Our **Lunch Group** met at Julia and Sofia's and, once again, we all enjoyed a delicious lunch and chat with lovely colleagues and friends. Although the u3a is essentially a 'learning' organisation, our Lunch Group fulfils a social aspect and another important factor of u3a by offering mutual support and friendship. If you would like to join us, do pop along to our monthly meeting and chat to us there or check out the details on the Events page of our website. In March, we will visit the Impeccable Pig and thereafter will be travelling out of the village to visit a wide range of eating venues across the area.

## STEVE'S NATURE DIARY APRIL 2026

I saw my first butterfly of the year the other day. It was a Tortoiseshell, which was lovely to see, but I do wonder how it's surviving the driving rain I can see out of the window at the moment!

Now that spring is here, I'm looking forward to seeing more butterflies – and, of course, the occasional moth or two. It's moths I want to focus on in my diary this month.



The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and The Wildlife Trusts are urging people to support moths this year, as they celebrate the 2,500 species found in the UK. Moths are vital pollinators and important indicators of environmental health, yet their numbers are declining. Populations have fallen by a third since the 1960s due to urbanisation, climate change and pollution. The charities' annual Wild About Gardens campaign aims to equip gardeners with the information they need to better understand moths and create spaces where they can thrive – including their very hungry caterpillars.

While some caterpillars feast on a smorgasbord of plants, others are picky eaters and rely on just one or a small number of species. Some are so tiny they live within plant leaves as leaf miners, while others are brilliantly camouflaged, resembling twigs, bark, or even bird droppings. Caterpillars are also an important food source for many garden animals, especially birds, mammals and larger insects.

Adult moths can be just as striking as butterflies. Ones to look out for include the pink and olive-green elephant hawk moth, whose caterpillar puffs up to mimic a snake when threatened; the lunar hornet moth, which is cleverly disguised as a wasp; and the Jersey tiger moth in red, cream and black. Although most moths are nocturnal, around 150 species are active during the day – more than twice the number of UK butterfly species.

To support moths and caterpillars in your garden, the Wild About Gardens – Magical Moths guide suggests planting native trees and shrubs that host a wide range of caterpillar species. Good options include willow, honeysuckle, foxgloves, verbascum, comfrey, marjoram, bedstraw and sweet William. You can also create a night-time nectar bar for the hundreds of nocturnal moth species by choosing plants that come alive at dusk, such as sweet rocket, tobacco plant, jasmine and white campion.

To learn more, visit [www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk](http://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk).

Our **Homes and Gardens Group** is not merely the opportunity to enjoy a day trip out. Many gardening members book up to visit the beautiful gardens and gain ideas for their own or to buy a plant or two to fill that difficult spot, while the history buffs enjoy the visits to learn all about the past lives of the buildings, castles, etc. Of course, travelling through beautiful country side and the occasional off-piste/'getting lost' drive add to the experience too!

We mentioned recently that our **Photography Group** would love to help anyone with a new (or old!) camera learn all about the various options and the skills need to get the most from them. With the ever more sophisticated camera possibilities of mobile phones, we're reminded that the majority of people

now use these to take their photographs. If you'd like some support with the mechanics of photography by phone or with editing/enhancing photographs, do get in touch. Details on our website [sedgefield.u3asite.uk](http://sedgefield.u3asite.uk).

Our next meeting on Friday 10 April at 2pm in the Parish Hall (a week later than usual because of the Easter weekend) will feature a talk by Derek Potter on "The Endless Search for Sunken Treasure". Derek is a scuba diver with thousands of dives under his belt, many of them leading to underwater expeditions and historical salvage projects. If you are retired/semi-retired, we look forward to meeting you then.

*Chris Balfour*

## Do you remember the Crima?

This splendid photo has just come in to the archive of Sedgefield Local History Society, thanks to Phil Hartshorn, Sedgefield lad and latest recruit to our committee, seen here second from left, a few years ago.



This youthful Sedgefield football team enjoyed regular games and practice sessions on this field, despite its less than professional pitch, somewhat soggy in places, regardless of the season. Known to all and sundry as the Crima. No, not Crimea, as in the war, just CRIMA.

In the background, to the left, a fabulous view of Ivy House, now sadly long gone, originally built as a replacement for the previous workhouse and subsequently put to various other uses until the bulldozers arrived. We'd love to hear from readers who may have memories of activities they enjoyed at the Crima and would be overjoyed if anyone can explain the name. We may even be privy to some more photos.

If you can help, please email [norma@neal.myzen.co.uk](mailto:norma@neal.myzen.co.uk) or call 01740 620091.

## LETTERS

### 62 miles in 62 hours - Fundraiser in memory of my dad

On 7 April at 6:20, I will begin walking 62 miles from Saltburn Pier to Roker Pier, aiming to complete the journey within 62 hours, finishing at 20:20 on 9 April, which would have been my dad's 62nd birthday.

I am taking on this challenge in his memory to raise funds for If U Care Share and to help raise awareness around suicide and mental health support. The walk will start at Saltburn Pier and finish at Roker Pier, passing through communities across Teesside, County Durham and Sunderland. I'm hoping to raise awareness in every town along the route and encourage conversations about suicide prevention.

This challenge is deeply personal to me. Losing my dad has changed my life, and I want to use his 62nd birthday to create something meaningful that could help save lives and support families facing similar heartbreak.

If you are able, please support us in any way you can – by donating, sharing my page ([www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/62miles62hours](http://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/62miles62hours)), or simply helping us spread the word. And if you or someone you know is struggling, please reach out to the team at If U Care Share ([www.ifucareshare.co.uk](http://www.ifucareshare.co.uk)) to learn how they can help. Thank you for your support.

Myles Mantripp



Myles Mantripp and his dad, Ian

## Ann Carr



We were saddened by the recent death of Ann Carr. She served as Town Councillor for many years and as Mayor of Sedgefield in 2021/22. She was a kind and generous with her time. She contributed enormously to our community and raised funds for good causes, notably the recent UN campaign to stop violence against women and girls. Our thoughts are with her husband, Mel, and her family and friends.



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## ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

Contact Geoff at [sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com](mailto:sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com)

### Durham World Heritage Day

UNESCO awarded Durham Castle and Cathedral World Heritage Site status in 1986 for their "outstanding universal significance to humanity".



Come and celebrate World Heritage Day on Saturday 18 April at Durham Castle and Cathedral, with The People's Story at Durham Castle a specialised, guided tour experience focused on highlighting the lives of everyday people associated with the historic fortress.

For the full calendar of events to mark the day visit:

[www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2026/04/world-heritage-day-at-durham-castle/](http://www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/whats-on/events-calendar/2026/04/world-heritage-day-at-durham-castle/)

### Mayor's Musical Evening

You are invited to another musical evening at Sedgefield Parish Hall to see returning acts Pitlington Brass and The John Wrightson Band. on Saturday 18 April 2026.

Enjoy live music and community spirit at this ever-popular fundraiser, with proceeds supporting local groups and organisations—making it a night of great music for a great cause.

Tickets are £10 available from the Town Council offices.



### Village Easter Events

Hardwick Park is hosting 'Easter Explorer' sessions on 7 April. A great fresh-air family activity where you work together, following clues around the park, solving spring themed puzzles, and playing games to uncover the Easter treat tree. Tickets are £20 per family of 6.

The park will also host 'Step into Storytime' on 11 April. Outdoor discover sessions for 5's and under involving storytelling, crafts activities, interactive trails, games and woodland play. The story will be —naturally—Hop Little Bunnies.

On Monday 6 April, in the heart of the village, families can enjoy a relaxed afternoon on the lawns of Ceddesfeld Hall, with an egg hunt, bonnet competition and plenty of chocolate prizes for younger children.



### More local events

#### Sunny Afternoon, Stockton Globe

A high-energy musical charting the rise of The Kinks, blending classic songs with a story of fame, family and rebellion. From 'Lola' to 'You Really Got Me', this Olivier Award-winning musical brings The Kinks' story roaring back to life.

14 – 18 April from £15

[www.stocktonglobe.co.uk/shows/sunny-afternoon](http://www.stocktonglobe.co.uk/shows/sunny-afternoon)

#### The Comedy Forum starring Harry Hill, Billingham Forum

Harry Hill leads a stellar bill of comedians for a night of fast-paced stand-up, wit and crowd-pleasing comedy.

Friday 17 April, £36

[www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk/show/the-comedy-forum-starring-harry-hill-oliver-bowler-ignacio-lopez-matt-reed/](http://www.forumtheatrebillingham.co.uk/show/the-comedy-forum-starring-harry-hill-oliver-bowler-ignacio-lopez-matt-reed/)

#### Bishop Auckland Music Society, Bishop Auckland Methodist Church

Baroque brilliance as Minerva Baroque's four accomplished performers, bring voice and period instruments to life, a rich evening of 18th Century music, blending soprano and strings in an elegant, intimate concert setting.

Friday 17 April 2026, 7:30pm

[bvemv.orpheusweb.co.uk/BAMWeb/bams.html](http://bvemv.orpheusweb.co.uk/BAMWeb/bams.html)

#### SPARC Summit Late, Ushaw House

Space meets art after dark—an immersive evening of music, ideas and cosmic creativity inside Ushaw's historic walls.

Tuesday 28 April, 6:30pm. Free but booking required.

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sparc-summit-late-tickets-1980997928130](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sparc-summit-late-tickets-1980997928130)



## SPORTS UPDATE with Chris Lines

Summer is incoming (hopefully!). Of course, that means that the cricket season is about to begin, so we can look forward to plenty of action at Sedgefield Cricket Club during the months ahead. Meanwhile, rugby and football teams are in the latter stages of their campaigns, and I'll have reports from the local teams in future editions.

### Cricket

The local cricket season gets underway in April, with Sedgefield Cricket Club's teams ready to begin their campaigns in the North Yorkshire & South Durham League. Fixtures start on Saturday 18 April with the 1st and 2nd XI playing Great Ayton, away and at home respectively. As ever, spectators will be welcome, with the bar open and all televised sport on offer throughout the day. The 3rd XI begin with a home match against Barnard Castle the following day. I'll keep you updated on the teams' progress over the coming months, and live scores and results can also be found at [nysdl.play-cricket.com](http://nysdl.play-cricket.com).

### Athletics

The Sedgefield Harriers annual dinner and awards night turned out to also be a promotion party for the club's senior men's cross country team. In this season's Start Fitness North East Harrier League, the men were competing in the huge 34-team Division 3. Heading into the final race of the season, Sedgefield had finished first or second in every previous fixture, and had a comfortable lead at the top of the division. At the time of writing this, the full results have not been confirmed, but to guarantee promotion, the Harriers only needed to turn up and have six counting finishers at the race in Eltringham near Prudhoe. On the day, the men turned out in force, with 12 runners completing a challenging new course. It looks like Sedgefield will have topped the division and the men will hope to build on the success next season.

Later the same day, the club held its annual dinner in Ceddesfeld Hall, when a variety of awards were handed out. The big winner on the night was Sadie Abel, who was crowned Club Runner of the Year and also picked up the Individual Performance of the Year and Track and Field Athlete of the Year awards. Sadie has enjoyed another phenomenal season in all disciplines, setting multiple club records and personal bests.

Other winners on the night were:

- Newcomer - Emma Lee
- Cross country - Emma Lee
- Volunteer - Gary Forster
- Endurance - Rosie Warnett
- Ali Horton trophy for Club Member of the Year - Chris Lines.

Time trial winners and Grand Prix winners can be found on the Harriers website at [sedgefieldharriers.co.uk](http://sedgefieldharriers.co.uk).

The club is grateful to the local businesses that supported a raffle on the night - Core Reformer Pilates, WB Coaching, Wilkinsons Landscapes and Back of Beyond Bookshop. The raffle raised £328 for Alice House Hospice.

Club chair Sue Dobson comments: "Here's to another year of amazing achievements, whether you are volunteering, coaching, walking or running."

The next event hosted by Sedgefield Harriers will be the annual Neptune Relays, in Hardwick Park on Wednesday 29th April. The event features races of four stages of around 1.7 miles each around the park, starting and finishing in the temple field. There will be a staggered start to the relays, with the men's teams (including veteran categories) setting off at 6:45pm and all other teams starting at 6:55pm. There will be trophies – and the traditional prizes of fruit – in numerous senior and junior races, including one for teams of non-club runners. The entry fee per team is £20 for club/affiliated teams and £24 for unaffiliated teams. Teams can register in advance by emailing [neptunes@sedgefieldharriers.co.uk](mailto:neptunes@sedgefieldharriers.co.uk). Registration and entry on the night opens at 5:00pm at the visitors' centre. Find out more about the event at [sedgefieldharriers.co.uk/neptune-relays](http://sedgefieldharriers.co.uk/neptune-relays).

## Taekwondo



Every athlete from a local taekwondo club who competed at a regional championships has come home with a medal. Blade Taekwondo, which is based in Bishop Middleham, sent five members to the Ultimate North East Open Championships at the start of March, and between them they secured two silver medals and three bronze medals.

The second edition of the Ultimate North East Open Championships were held in Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Sunday 1 March. Over 250 athletes took part in the competition, in Olympics style taekwondo. Blade Taekwondo sent five young athletes from the club's elite competitive team, plus their coaches. Darcee Brown and Aiden Ward won silver medals in their events, while Jake Gent, Georgie Luke and Flynn Probart claimed bronze medals.

Lead coach Corey Wilson comments: "Not only was this great progression and success for our athletes, but also their first time competing in an open event. We saw some of our team fighting national squad and champion level athletes from around Great Britain. I was also proud to have fellow coaches James Gent and Matthew Donne there with me, playing a huge role in the great achievements of our young team."

Blade Taekwondo runs its sessions in Bishop Middleham Village Hall on Mondays from 7-8pm and Saturdays from 10-11:30am. Anyone wanting to join Blade Taekwondo or try a free session can contact the team on [bladetaekwondogbr@gmail.com](mailto:bladetaekwondogbr@gmail.com) or by calling 07923 951681.



*The Blade Taekwondo team brought home five medals from the Ultimate North East Open Championships*

As always, please send any sports news to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com).

## CEDDSFELD HALL



SCA are looking forward to some special community events. Do look out for posters on notice boards and around town, as well as local social media platforms and the SCA website for all information.

### Monday 6 April - Easter Picnic and Easter Egg Hunt - 2pm to 4pm

A 'cracking' afternoon for the family (children under 12yrs), with an egg hunt, decorated egg and Easter bonnet competitions! The bar will be open from 1.30 pm and families are welcome to bring a picnic. All entries for competitions to be brought to the hall for 1.45pm. There are prizes and goodies for all children taking part.

### SCA Spring Quiz Night – Saturday 25th April – 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

A very popular SCA event, with well-known quiz master Peter Hinde. Tickets available in advance from behind the bar at Ceddesfeld or from Pat (01740 620607), Sarah (07847052761) or Peter (01740 621709).

### Mediaeval Fayre - Saturday 16 May - 10am to 4pm - Village Green and Ceddesfeld Hall and Lawns

T-Rex and Princess A-roar-a will be making an appearance this year. The Fayre will open with a vibrant, colourful walking procession featuring children from local primary schools, nurseries, and sports groups.

On the green and on Ceddesfeld Hall lawns, visitors can enjoy the usual attractions including Walworth Falconry, Black Sheep Morris Men, ACLE Living History, Durham Rams, Escafeld Knights, True North Trades, Circus Skills and more.

Two SCA tombola stalls will be packed with bottles, gifts and vouchers kindly donated by local businesses. Around the green, you'll also find a range of craft and gift stalls, plus the traditional fun fair for all ages.

In the main hall, hot sausage or bacon buns with tea and coffee will be served in the morning, followed by a tea and cakes café in the afternoon. The bar opens at 11am.

### Business Community Support and Volunteers – Mediaeval Fayre 2026

The SCA Mediaeval Fayre is organised by a small committee, who wholly rely on local people as well as various community groups, organisations, and businesses to get involved; to engage and volunteer to help in making the event successful and sustainable. Several local shops, services and groups already do get involved every year, which is fantastic. Without donations and sponsorship as well as practical help from volunteers with setting up, taking down, manning stalls, running activities etc, the event could not take place. Please do get in touch if you, your business, organisation, or your group, can offer any help with the activities.

### Save the Date – Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Thursday 18th June – 8pm

All members of SCA are welcome.

For more information on Ceddesfeld Hall events, regular activities, room hire and bar opening times, contact Wendy on 01740 620206, Pat on 01740 620607, Sarah on 01740 622185, visit our website [sedgefieldsca.org.uk](http://sedgefieldsca.org.uk) or follow us on Facebook.

Ceddesfeld Hall  
Home of the SCA

INVITES YOU TO A...

## SPRING TIME QUIZ

Teams of 6 or less

Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm start  
Bar open from 7.00pm  
£10 a ticket - to include pie and peas  
(veg option on request)  
Tickets from Pat 01740 620607, Peter 07708 970532,  
Sarah 07847 052761 or from behind the bar.

**PROCLAMATION**  
SEDGEFIELD  
**MEDIAEVAL FAYRE**

Sat 16th May  
10am-4pm  
**Family Fun**  
Free entry

On the Green...  
Meet Princess A-roar-a, the friendly, dancing dinosaur  
Hobbits Old Tachocando  
Bubbles on the Green  
Durham Rams  
Country Dancing  
Escafeld Mediaeval Knights  
Tug of War  
Walworth Falconry  
Craft & Gift Stalls  
Community & Charity Stalls  
Fun Fair and Show Bides  
SCA Gift and Bottle Tombolas

On the Lawns...  
More activities with Princess A-roar-a, the T-Rex dinosaur  
Circus Skills Workshops  
Old Tachocando Workshops  
Face Painting  
ACLE Living History  
Escafeld Living History  
Walworth Falconry  
True North Trades  
Children's Bides & Games  
Buckling Brevets

In Ceddesfeld Hall...  
Breakfast bar, with sausage and bacon butties and  
afternoon tea, coffee & cakes  
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### April 2026

- Wednesday 1** **Sedgefield WI**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 7:15pm. Gary Philipson of Radio Tees. Member's competition is a wooden object. Visitors welcome (fee £4 – includes refreshments).
- Friday 3** **Good Friday Procession**, Sedgefield Village Green (St Edmunds, if wet), 10am. Processing to St. John Fisher and the Methodist Church.
- Saturday 4** **Friendly Fixers** repair cafe, Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, 10:30am to 12:30pm.  
**Hardwick Grange Easter Fun Day**, 11am at the Sales Office. See poster on page 2.
- Sunday 5** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am-12 noon.
- Monday 6** **Sedgefield Local History Society**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30pm. History through the sculpture of Ray Lonsdale by Dave Griffiths.
- Friday 10** **u3a Meeting**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2-4pm. Derek Potter on The Endless Search for Sunken Treasure.
- Saturday 11** **Sedgefield Blues Club**, Thieves of Liberty, Sedgefield Parish Hall, doors 6:45pm, [www.sedgefieldblues.com](http://www.sedgefieldblues.com) for details.
- Sunday 12** **Taizé-style Ecumenical Service**, St. John Fisher Church, 6pm.
- Monday 13** **Sedgefield Youth Club Mini Disco** for ages 4 to 6, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 5-6pm. Adult supervision required.
- Friday 17** **Sedgefield in Bloom Spring Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am. Lucky door prize, cakes, tombola and raffle.
- Saturday 18** **Mayor's Musical Evening**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, doors at 7:30pm with 8pm start. Pittington Brass Band and The John Wrightson Band. Tickets £10, bring own drinks and nibbles.
- Tuesday 21** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 10:30am to 12pm. For those living with dementia and carers. Clients must be accompanied.  
**Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:15pm. Mark Entwistle: I haven't got a clue.
- Friday 24** **Sedgefield District Uniformed Service Group Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am.
- Saturday 25** **Springtime Quiz**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30pm start. See details on page 8.



For more details about these events, go to [sedgefieldweb.co.uk](http://sedgefieldweb.co.uk).

**Sedgefield Baby & Toddler Group**  
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#### Railway Society

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