

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

December 2025

Submission deadline for the next edition: Wednesday 10 December

Christmas Tractor Run

The popular Christmas Tractor Run returns on Sunday 21 December as Sedgfield Young Farmers hit the streets in aid of Zoe's Place Baby Hospice.



Crowds greeting the tractors in 2024

Tractors are meeting at Hardwick Hall Hotel between 3pm and 4pm where there will be a bar and food van available. The approximate timings for the procession are:

Leave Hardwick Hall	4:30pm	Trimdon Colliery	5:15pm
Station Road, Sedgfield	4:35pm	88 Takeaway	5:25pm
Sedgfield High Street	4:35pm	West Cornforth	5:50pm
Fishburn	4:50pm	Bishop Middleham	6:10pm
Trimdon Village	5:05pm	Station Road (on return)	6:30pm
The Black Bull, Trimdon	5:05pm	Return to Hardwick Hall	6:40pm

There will be a team out on the night with donation buckets around the whole route and a JustGiving page will be available closer to the time. Follow [Sedgfield Young Farmers](#) on Facebook for updates.

Zoe's Place Baby Hospice supports babies and young children who have complex illnesses or disabilities from birth to age five. They work to ensure that very unwell children can enjoy the best possible quality of life and we support their families throughout their journey. You can learn more about the hospice at www.zoes-place.org.uk.



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Remembrance

This year's service at the Winterton war memorial, led by the Sedgfield District Uniformed Services Group (SDUSG), once again brought our community together in a moving act of remembrance. Representatives from all of our local schools—Sedgfield Primary, Sedgfield Hardwick, and Sedgfield Community College—joined dignitaries, families, and residents to pay their respects.



Despite the rain, pupils from across the community gave outstanding performances, showing dedication, respect, and resilience. Their contributions included poetry readings, musical pieces, and symbolic tributes, all of which reflected the spirit of remembrance.



SCHOOL NEWS

Ford Castle

Earlier this term, all of our Y7 students had the opportunity to take part in a residential visit to Ford Castle near Berwick-Upon-Tweed. This is an outward-bound centre and is the fifth year that we have offered an experience of this kind as part of our transition programme and the first where we have used this new venue. Ford Castle was a wonderful base for the week and all of the students who attended can now say that they have slept in a castle!

During the course of the visit, the children were able to take part in a wide range of activities and these included zip wire, vertical challenge and laser tag. The attitude that the students demonstrated throughout their stay was superb. As they faced each new challenge, they were able to develop many of the key skills that we prioritise in school and most notably the ability to 'Stay Positive', 'Leadership' and 'Teamwork'. Well done to all of our students and a huge thank you to the staff who supervised the visit and made sure the children had an experience that they will never forget!



The visit was provided free of charge to our students thanks to additional charitable funding that is provided to the school through the Laidlaw Foundation. Over the course of the year, a range of additional experiences relating to areas such as the creative arts and STEM workshops will be made available to our students as a consequence of this generous support.

Drumming up some fun

Sedgefield Hardwick Primary Academy was alive with energy earlier this month as pupils embraced two exciting learning experiences.

Nursery and Reception classes were drumming up some fun during a special World Music session. A talented musician introduced the children to the magic of rhythm, percussion techniques and the art of matching musical tempo with movement. The hall reverberated with upbeat sounds as pupils explored how music connects cultures and inspires creativity.

Meanwhile, Year 6 took on the challenge of Climate Change Day, hosted by Oases. The day began with a Supergrid introduction and blade testing, followed by an ambitious tower-building competition. Pupils learned about renewable energy, engineering principles, and the importance of sustainability. After lunch, the focus shifted to Green Careers, where pupils discovered inspiring profiles of professionals working to protect our planet.

Both activities provided hands-on and fun-filled learning experiences that aim to spark the pupils' curiosity and prepare them for a brighter, greener future.



Linking with St Edmund



Sedgefield Primary have always enjoyed strong links with St Edmund's Church and are so lucky to have it in close proximity to our school. We recently celebrated Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival, where over 120 pupils performed to parents and our local community. Pupils enjoyed using the new staging and microphones to give a real sense of performance!

Year 1 pupils also visited St Edmund's Church. They were specifically looking at the features on the inside and outside of the church. The children were fascinated by the secret door hidden in the wall! They hunted for the features they had talked about in their Religious Education lessons in school and had the opportunity to draw a detailed picture of a feature in church. We would like to thank Brian for opening up the beautiful church and allowing us to visit.



Active Opportunities



Pupils at Sedgefield Primary have been enjoying lessons with Go Well, an activity provider focused on health and well-being. Outdoor sessions and "brainy characters" have helped children feel more resilient and confident. Lilly in Year 5 called it "a brilliant sequence of lessons that helped me understand myself more."

The Robinwood residential for Year 6 pupils has been a huge success yet again. They had an unforgettable three-day residential taking on canoeing, zip wires, climbing walls and the giant swing. They returned buzzing with excitement from this three-day away visit and many simply used the word, "Amazing!" to describe the time they had experienced.

SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST PROJECTS



**FARMERS MARKET
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT**
Sunday 7 December
8.30am to 12 noon



Come and join us for a special Christmas Market!

As well as the usual excellent range of food and drink you will find many extra stalls with gifts, treats, cards, and Christmas food. There will also be free refreshments and a raffle. Live music will add to the festive spirit!



**THERMAL IMAGING
CAMERA LOAN SCHEME**

A project by Sedgefield Development Trust

There is good availability for the loan of thermal cameras this year. If you want to seek out your draughts, apply to borrow a camera at

sedgefieldweb.co.uk/thermalimaging.html.



Trees for Habitats
Sunday 4 January 2026
10am – 12 noon



If you decided to use a real Christmas Tree this year, bring it along to be recycled at Skerne Wood. We will be using the trees to extend the dead hedges we have created in previous years. Dead hedges provide habitats for birds, insects and small mammals and act as a barrier to allow areas of the site to regenerate.

Christmas trees can be dropped off with our volunteers on site Skerne Wood@NETPark TS21 3FD, what3words

///meatball.printouts.spearing or find us on Google Maps.

Families and individuals are welcome to stay to help process the trees and have a look round.

If you would like to know more about the project please contact Melissa

woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk

or our Facebook page -

'Woodland & Wildlife – Sedgefield'.

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We're trying out some new software this month, so you might notice a few tweaks to the layout and fonts. Fingers crossed it all runs smoothly – and if not, we'll learn together!

Want to pitch in? If you'd like to help gather local stories, lend a hand with advertising, or support distribution, we'd love to have you on board. Just drop us a note at news@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk – it's a great way to get involved and keep our community buzzing.

BUSINESS UPDATE

CLOSE Counselling & Supervision

Expert Support, Personal Approach



Life can be challenging, sometimes we all need a safe, supportive space to talk through what's on our minds. After many fulfilling years working in Durham University, Pauline Forster-Fowler, Counsellor (MBACP Accredited) and Clinical supervisor, is delighted to open a new private practice right here in our community.

Throughout a career dedicated to helping others, Pauline has witnessed first hand the value of empathy, careful listening, and genuine connection – qualities that now form the heart of this new service.



Pauline offers confidential counselling sessions for individuals seeking help with past trauma & attachments, Women's well-being & menopause, Men's Mental health, low mood, loss or simply a space to explore personal growth and wellbeing. With a warm and professional approach, each session is tailored to meet your unique needs—helping you find clarity, resilience, and a renewed sense of balance.

For fellow practitioners, Pauline provides clinical supervision, offering guidance, reflection, and professional development in a supportive environment. Whether you're training, newly qualified or experienced, effective supervision is a vital part of ethical and sustainable practice.

Based in Sedgefield: Sessions are available in person and online for those who find remote support more comfortable. To arrange an initial consultation or find out more, please contact Pauline Forster-Fowler at paulineforsterfowler@outlook.com or call 07955 769700.

You are warmly invited to reach out, whether seeking support for yourself or looking to enhance your professional journey. Sometimes, taking the first step makes all the difference.

u3a update



We were delighted that over 80 members and visitors packed the Parish Hall early in the month to listen to Mark Braithwaite's talk on John Darwin, the Canoe Man from Seaton Carew. Mark began by reprising his previous talk on the Julie Hogg murder case and the subsequent repeal of the Double Jeopardy Law. He also informed us that Anne Ming, Julie's mother, is in talks with people in both Australia and the USA to try to remove the Double Jeopardy Laws in place there.

Mark gave a detailed insight into the John and Anne Darwin case and their trial and imprisonment for Fraud. Strange though it seemed at the time, John was given a lesser sentence because he pleaded 'guilty'. Despite her defence of the direct coercion of her husband, Anne's sentence was because she was the one who had actually made all the claims for the insurance monies etc. – approx £500,000. We were pleased to hear that all but a few thousand pounds were recovered and repaid.

Mid-month, the Theatre Group visited The Theatre Royal in Newcastle to see a production of Miss Saigon. Some great performances - the Engineer stood out - a spectacular helicopter ascent, and a very emotional final scene; I don't usually leave a theatre in tears! Our next visit is to the pantomime at Darlington Hippodrome in December. Oh yes it is!

On 22 October, our Science and Industry Group went Stargazing in Weardale. Despite a cold and dreary start to the journey, there must have been intervention from on high because on arrival at Stanhope the skies cleared and arrival on site after a short train journey heralded clear, sharp conditions to view the heavens, either by eye or through one of the many telescopes provided by the Bishop Auckland Astronomy Society. Local astronomers were on hand to direct our gaze, answer any question, and explain everything we could see.

Craft Club members continue to be astounded with their new-found abilities and are delighted with the items they're making for our Christmas Tree for the Festival in

STEVE'S NATURE DIARY *DECEMBER 2025*

There have been quite a few photographs on social media recently, accompanied by lots of excitement. Why? Well, the otters at the Tees Barrage have been putting on a show. Having never seen an otter in the Tees Valley I had to make a visit, so one Wednesday I planned to pop in and try my luck. I was standing (if you know the barrage site) just by the fish pass and there were around a dozen people there. Suddenly, to my left, I heard a murmur of excitement. We all looked over the barriers, and there it was - a rather large otter moving its way along the edge of the river. Before we knew it, and before I had the chance to get my camera out, it was out onto the path and crossing over into the white-water site. We all managed to follow it - seeing it swim under water as it made its way back to the river. What an experience - I was over the moon - my first otter sighting in the Tees Valley. I remember the story of how, a few years ago elsewhere in the North East, an Otter Project Officer was in post for at least two years before they saw an otter - they did their surveys by looking for otter spraint (droppings) and rarely encountered a live otter. Otters almost disappeared in the mid-20th century due to hunting, pesticides (like DDT), and poor water quality. They survived mainly in Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. The River Tees, once heavily polluted during the industrial era, now supports salmon, seals, eels, and otters thanks to major conservation and water quality improvements.

How things have changed; otters can now be found in every county in England. Over the past few years, the number of reports of otter have increased in the Tees Valley including those at the barrage and Portrack Marsh, especially if you get up early to try and spot them. As apex predators, otters help regulate fish populations and indicate healthy waterways. Their return reflects the broader ecological recovery of the Tees Valley. However, with an increased number of visitors looking for otters especially at the barrage, people need to consider that these animals are wild animals and need to remember to give them space, not to chase them and very importantly keep their dogs on a lead. Even well-behaved dogs may react differently when confronted with an otter; this is both for the safety of the otter and the dog as otters can be aggressive especially when they have young to protect. As well as the dangers of human disturbance, otters also have to contend with new and varied threats, including habitat destruction (road building, new urban developments), persecution by fishery owners and gamekeepers (as they are seen as a threat to fish and game birds, which is untrue), and if near the sea, injury and capture in fishing nets. Changes in traditional farming methods also play a part in threatening the otter via the increased use of pesticides. So, there is still a need for vigilance but with continued conservation efforts, monitoring, and public awareness hopefully the future of this remarkable animal will be secure in the Tees Valley.



St Edmunds Church in December. Who knew there was so much pleasure (or perils) attached to using a charged hot glue gun? The next few weeks continue to be busy, not least with food and drink. Various regular group meetings will continue and we look forward to a festive Wine Evening late in November, and our Christmas Lunch at the Dun Cow; much the best menu choice from anywhere in the region! Our January Meeting, a week later than usual on the 9th, will feature

Mike Thornton, the son-in-law of Norman Cornish, the Pitman Painter from Spennymoor. If you are retired/semi-retired, do come along and listen in with us as we hear stories, facts and anecdotes about the depth and breadth of Cornish's career. Friday 9 January at 2pm in the Parish Hall.



CEDDESFIELD HALL

December Events and Looking Forward to 2026!

Following the Churches Together 'Carols on the Green' on Friday 19 December (6:30pm to 7pm), the bar and lounge will be open. Mulled wine will also be served, at £4.00 a glass. A donation from mulled wine sales will be made to Butterwick Hospice. In the bar, a **Christmas Kanikapila** with Sedgefield Smile Time Ukulele Band will also take place beginning at 7:15pm, in the main hall. This is a free event.

SCA are pleased to hold the very popular **Christmas Eve Quiz**, 7:30pm for 8pm with quiz-master Peter Hinde. This is also a free event and, of course, the bar will be open. Feel free to bring Christmas nibbles and treats.

We are hosting a traditional **Burns Supper** on Saturday 24 January, starting at 7:15pm. Tickets are £35, to include a drinks reception, followed by a 5-course meal (choice of haggis, roast beef or vegetarian option) with a cheese board and coffee. There will be 'pipes, toasts, talks and quotes' too! Tickets can be purchased by contacting Pat, on the number below.

SCA Membership 2025

In January, SCA will begin to collect the annual subscription fees. As last year, it's £8 for over 60s, £9 for adults and £4.50 for young people and students. SCA is a wholly volunteer-led organisation, and member subscriptions are central to the running of the association—without them, SCA could not run as it does. Members can benefit from reduced cost for room hire as well as insurance liability protection for any group activities and events. Because the SCA is a registered charity, any SCA sections may also use this charitable status, when applying for grant funding. Anyone can become a member, as an individual or as part of a group. Contact Jean Easson (Membership Secretary) on 01740 620656, enquire at the bar (cash) or contact any of the numbers below.

The SCA Programme of Events 2026 will be inserted into the January edition of Sedgefield News.

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 www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk or follow us on Facebook.



Leo McCormack



We were saddened by the death of Leo McCormack. Leo was a gifted musician and a dedicated teacher of music and religious education, whose talents and encouragement inspired many.

He served as Town Councillor and as Mayor of Sedgefield for several years, giving his time generously. He was also active in the Bike and Active Travel Group, always keen to support healthier ways of living. Leo will be remembered for his music, his service, and his commitment to community life. Our thoughts are with his wife, Sandra, and his family.

Award for Fishburn Youth & Community Centre

Great news that Fishburn Youth & Community Centre have won The Village Halls Podcast Inspiration Awards 2025. This award was open to all venues in the UK so this is a real achievement recognising the work of the team – the community, staff and volunteers. Congratulations!



ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

Contact Geoff at sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com

Wonderful Concert

Fill your December with music and joy when Sedgefield Lyric Singers, Lirica, and SLYC come together for their sparkling festive concert, "It's The Most WONDERFUL Time Of The Year" in the stunning, serene surroundings of St Edmund's Church.

This special Christmas celebration brings together singers of all ages and showcases the very best of Sedgefield's musical talent. Expect a heart-warming programme of seasonal favourites and shimmering harmonies on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 December at 7:30pm. Tickets now available: £8, £6 (U16) from members of the choirs, at Sedgefieldlyricsingers@gmail.com or from Tickety Boo.



Festive theatre at ARC

Audiences will be in for a festive treat when two theatre companies bring a sparkling double bill to ARC Stockton.

Red Ladder's brand-new Christmas comedy, A Proper Merry Christmess, is a cheerfully chaotic tale for ages 16+ full of heart, and humour (3, 4 & 10 December, £15).

For younger audiences, Wrongsemble present A Town Called Christmas, (2-13 December, £10) an imaginative family adventure set to music. Whether you're after riotous grown-up comedy or a heart-warming family story, visit

www.arconline.co.uk/whats-on for details.

Sedgefield Racecourse Christmas Fayre

Get into the festive spirit at Sedgefield Racecourse at the spectacular Christmas Fayre, taking place on Saturday 20 December 2025.

The racecourse becomes a bustling winter marketplace, with a range of stalls as local traders, artisans, and independent crafters offer everything from handmade decorations and unique jewellery to delicious festive treats. Expect festive music, seasonal nibbles, and an opportunity to support our region's talented small businesses while browsing, catching up with friends, and soaking in the Christmas cheer.



Santa Claus at Hardwick Park

Create a heart-warming and memorable Christmas for your little ones this year with a traditional family visit to Father Christmas at Hardwick Park, where the big red fella will once again be welcoming children into his festive yurt, offering young visitors a joyful mix of crafts, treats, and that all-important one-to-one meeting with Father Christmas himself, where each child receives a gift.

With cosy crafts, hot drinks, and a magical encounter with Santa Claus, in the beautiful surroundings of Hardwick Park, this offers a festive experience to delight children and grown-ups alike.

Tickets are priced at £18 per child and it is taking place on Saturday 6, Sunday 7, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 December 2025. Adults go free. It lasts about half an hour. Dress for the season as some time will be spent outside, and you can explore the stunning scenery on the Festive Trail afterwards. Visit

www.durham.gov.uk/hardwickevents for more details.

More local events

Carols for All at Durham Cathedral

Sing along to your favourite Christmas carols at Durham Cathedral's "Carols for All" services. These 30-minute gatherings feature readings, prayers, and festive favourites — and there's no advance booking or tickets required.

On 5 December at 11am & 2pm and 7 December at 2pm. FREE.

www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/events/carols-for-all-2025

Sedgefield Rock & Blues Club, Parish Hall

Sedgefield Rock & Blues Club welcomes *Rhino's Revenge* — led by legendary Status Quo bassist John "Rhino" Edwards — to Parish Hall for a night of raw, high-energy rock 'n' roll. Guitarist Anth Purdy supports 13 December, £17.50

sedgefieldblues.com/tickets.html



Mark Gatiss' Ghost Story for Christmas - The Room in the Tower

Sedgefield's master of the macabre brings us another Ghost Story for Christmas: The Room in the Tower. Starring Joanna Lumley and Tobias Menzies, the chilling new adaptation airs on BBC Two and iPlayer this December.

AGLOW, Auckland Palace, Bishop Auckland

AGLOW transforms the grounds of Auckland Castle into a sparkling winter wonderland, featuring a beautiful illuminated trail, dazzling installations, atmospheric music and spectacular festive projections. Enjoy seasonal food, drink, and a wander through Santa's Village for an extra touch of Christmas magic. Until 31 December, £22.50. Visit

www.aucklandproject.org



SPORTS UPDATE with Chris Lines

Last month, I promised all sorts of updates this time around. However, once again, I've received loads of news from different sources, so the best laid plans have somewhat gone to pot. It's a nice problem and demonstrates how vibrant the grass roots sports scene is in our community. I will definitely cover everything that I said I would, but some of it will come in future updates.

Cricket

With The Ashes now in full swing over in Australia, and in spite of the huge rivalry, it's fair to say that Sedgefield Cricket Club's links with the land down under go back a good few years. Back in 1993, Sedgefield began the season in the Durham County League with the 1st XI including a young Australian in the ranks. Richie Power from Perth was a hugely popular figure at the club that year, and played a big part in the team winning the league for the first (and only) time.

So, it was a wonderful reunion in late October when Richie returned to Sedgefield for the first time in 32 years. A tour of many of the opponents' grounds revealed Richie's fond - and at times photographic - memories of the matches he played, and many former players met up both at the club and in the village to reminisce over a beer or two. With a promise not to leave it so long before returning once more, Richie headed off home with plenty of laughs and stories recalled and shared.

The cricket links between Sedgefield and Australia remain strong today. This year, the club welcomed Aussie Hayden Wrigglesworth to its ranks for the season, and as I type this, three lads from Sedgefield are playing in Australia – Ben Swindale, William Hampson and former club member Freddie Lower.

As he is on the other side of the world, Ben wasn't there in person at the North Yorkshire and South Durham Cricket Awards, to accept the Division 1 batting award. It was a great night for Sedgefield, with two other winners – George Hampson, who won the Sunday Conference North bowling award, and Ollie Johnson, who won both the Sunday Conference North batting and junior batting awards.

Squash

Sedgefield's 1st team have reached the quarter finals of the County League Cup and are the club's only remaining team left in this competition. Matches will recommence in the New Year. For the first time in the club's history, Sedgefield has two teams in the top Division. While this is a real challenge for the 2nd team, they are holding their own against some strong opposition.

Sedgefield 1st team, last year's runners up in the Durham & Cleveland Leagues, have had a slow start due to injuries and Newcastle United's participation in the Champions League. The 3rd team, promoted last year into Division 2, are also going to have a challenging season and are currently sitting eighth out of nine teams. The 4th team was promoted last year into Division 3 and have made strong start with four wins out of four, currently sitting second in their division with a game in hand. The 5th team are sitting comfortably mid table in Division 4, with some strong performances right across the squad. Sedgefield's ladies' team have only played two matches. They are still without a win, but there are plenty of fixtures left to play.

The club's 10 internal leagues have been well supported by members, proving very popular for players of all standards, and providing the means to meet new people while keeping fit and having fun.

Club members past and present, together with their friends and families, are welcome to gather in the Herd & Herb bar on Saturday 6 December from 6:30pm onwards for drinks, food and music, to celebrate the up-and-coming festive season together. Wishing all the best for Christmas to everyone.



Richie Power (centre)



Athletics



Senior and junior members of Sedgefield Harriers have been extremely busy on the roads and in cross country races recently. In late October, Justin Cox and Lisa Darby wore the England vest in their age groups at the Abingdon Marathon in Oxfordshire, while Jane Spink did likewise at the Paris 10K. Jane, Lisa and clubmate David Bentley have also qualified to compete in the Masters Marathon World Championships in Cape Town 2026. A couple of weeks later, Jane and Lisa celebrated by taking on the New York Marathon. Meanwhile, Sadie Abel broke her own club 10K record at the Jarrow 10K, with a time of 39 minutes and 13 seconds. These achievements represent just a snapshot of numerous excellent performances.

Away from the roads, the cross country season is in full swing and Sedgefield's senior men top Division 3 of the North East Harrier League, after winning two of the first three fixtures. Cross country is also a big focus for the club's junior section and the under 13 girls are having a great season. They sit fourth in the league, and recently won the fixture at Lambton. Phoebe Grievson was second overall in the race, closely followed by Isla Shuffleton in third, with Jess Davies and Tilli Lewis completing an excellent team performance. Sedgefield's other junior runners have also put in some strong runs, which bodes well as the club builds up to hosting the English National Cross Country Championships next February.

Golf



This year marks the 30th birthday of Sedgefield Golf Society, which has over 30 members, ranging from the age of 18 to over 80. This year was particularly special as it saw the first 'Kevin Jones Memorial Shield' competition, after society member Kevin passed away. The occasion raised £170 for Cancer Research UK and the hope is to make it an annual event for charity.

I'll have more news from Sedgefield Golf Society next month.

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



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- Monday 1** **Sedgefield Local History Society**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:45pm. Sedgefield pubs, past and present with Peter Jones. Visitors welcome.
- Wednesday 3** **Fishburn Christmas Lights Switch-On**, Fishburn Village Green, 7pm. Enjoy carols performed by the Fishburn Band, refreshments afterwards at St. Catherine's Church.
- Sedgefield WI**, Methodist Church Hall, 7:15pm. Festive Supper with entertainment provided by Ben Walton. The members competition is "a childhood picture". Visitors always welcome, £4 (includes refreshments).
- Friday 5** **Sedgefield WI Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-11:30am. Raffle, tombola, and homemade cakes. Everyone welcome!
- Winter Wonderland**, Sedgefield Hardwick Primary Academy, 3:30pm. Meet Santa, Christmas stalls, tombolas, food, drink, amazing raffle prizes and much more.
- Saturday 6** **Friendly Fixers**, Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, 10:30am to 12:30pm. Repair café.
- Christmas Tree Festival Entertainment**, Ukulele Smile Time Band, St. Edmund's Church, 11:15am. Free entry.
- Sunday 7** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am-12:15pm.
- Mordon and Bradbury Village Hall Association Coffee Morning**, Mordon Village Hall, 10am-12pm. Featuring local hand-made crafts and with free refreshments.
- Friday 12** **Mayor of Sedgefield's Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-12pm. Entertainment provided by the choir from Sedgefield Hardwick Primary Academy.
- The Most Wonderful Time of the Year**, Sedgefield Lyric Singers, Lirica and SLYC present their concert of festive music, St. Edmund's Church, 7:30pm. Tickets £8 (£6 for under 16s), available from members of the choirs or Tickety Boo.
- Saturday 13** **The Most Wonderful Time of the Year**, see above for details.
- Tuesday 16** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 10:30am to 12pm. For those living with dementia and carers.
- Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. Members night.
- Friday 19** **Christmas Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield in Bloom, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am. Lucky door prize, cakes, tombola, raffle. Wear your Christmas jumper or sparkles if you wish.
- Carols on the Green** with Fishburn Band, Sedgefield Area Churches Together, 6:30pm. Mulled wine and mince pies in Ceddesfeld Hall afterwards. Everyone is warmly welcome.
- Sunday 21** **Christmas Tractor Run**, Sedgefield Young Farmers, starting from Hardwick Hall. See front page for details.
- Wednesday 31** **New Year's Eve Dance** with Mamma Said, Sedgefield Parish Hall. Tickets £12.50.



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For more details about these events, go to sedgefieldweb.co.uk.

Sedgefield Baby & Toddler Group
Methodist Church on Mondays from 9:30am to 11am.

Little Movers

Fletcher Room, Sedgefield Parish Hall every Thursday from 10am.

Railway Society

Every Wednesday evening from 7:30pm to 10pm at Ceddesfeld Hall.

Sedgefield Social Club

Singer fortnightly, see "[Sedgefield Social Club Official](#)" on Facebook.

Sedgefield Carpet Bowls

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm, Ceddesfeld Hall.

Pop-in Club at Ceddesfeld Hall

Tuesdays 9:30am-12pm
Wednesdays 10am-12:30pm
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Speed Quiz at Hardwick Arms

Every Thursday at 8pm in the Hardwick Lounge Bar.

Quiz at The Dun Cow

Every Monday at 8:30pm, hosted by the Sedgefield Mayor, Peter Hinde.

From Loft to Loved Craft Groups

Every Wednesday (10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm, 5pm-7pm, 7pm-9pm).
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parkrun & junior parkrun

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