

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

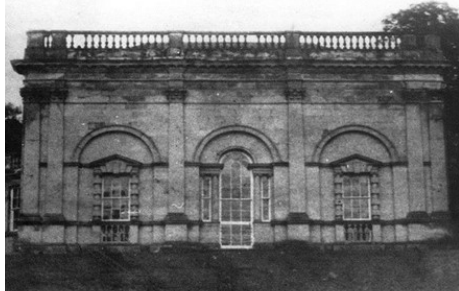
July 2022 Edition

Your Park needs YOU!

This headline was used in the February 2020 edition of the Sedgefield News, inviting those in local communities to participate in an exercise planned to take place in Hardwick Park during the summer of that year... but we all know what happened the following month! The Covid-19 lockdown meant that the two dozen or so who responded positively to our invitation had to keep their enthusiasm in check until normal contact could resume. **That time has come!**



In the intervening 30 months, the Friends of Hardwick have sought to keep in touch with those who had volunteered to participate in archaeological investigations over the sites of two of the Park's principal 18th century buildings - the Bath and Banqueting Houses - located towards the north-west and north-east corners of the main park but now reduced to mere footprints.



Banqueting House- pre-1950

Inevitably, some recruited for the archaeological project in 2020 can no longer participate, but a healthy core remains. Nevertheless, the Friends are keen to recruit fresh faces to our ranks, especially so since the death last year of our Hon. Secretary, John Fitzpatrick, who had handled administrative matters so effectively since the Friends were formed in 1998.



The Bath House in the early 20th century

The main focus of the group has changed over the years - from research on the Park's history to one of supporting the County Council in its continuing restoration, management and maintenance of the 210 acres within its guardianship.

As Hardwick lies virtually on the doorstep of most who read this monthly newsletter, we invite as many as are able to join us in our work there, to establish a healthier generational spread of members and, more immediately, in the archaeological investigations re-scheduled to occur next month.

Darryl Cox, the Council's Principal Parks and Countryside Manager, has recently produced a paper highlighting the areas in which the Friends might become more involved. These include - marketing and promotion, interacting with visitors generally and a variety of roles at special events.

For all of this, we require people - as many as possible - to turn aspirations into reality and make Hardwick a 'must go to' park, providing both health and economic benefits for individuals and local communities.

Specialist knowledge is not required but those who join the Friends could soon learn far more about Hardwick than they may ever have imagined.

A whole range of opportunities awaits those prepared to offer time and enthusiasm to become a key link between the Park and its visitors. During lockdown, we have received most generous support from the Sir James Knott Trust and National Lottery Grants for Heritage, making the project financially secure.

If you would like to join us, please contact Chairman, Tony Smith, on either smithnfhtudhoe@gmail.com or 07415 789 484.

Deadline for August - Friday 15 July

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Deadline for next edition: Friday 14th February

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Of Hardwick's twenty six buildings, structures and features, fifteen have now been fully restored with a further five, partially completed. There is now a good chance that funding will be found to rebuild two key buildings in the northern part of the Park - the Bath House and Banqueting House. To enable this to happen however, an archaeological investigation of both sites is first required. An application for a small award is being submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Grants scheme for this purpose. If successful, the work should be carried out between May and October this year and will be led by former Durham County Archaeologist, Neil Hammond, so we are seeking volunteers of all ages to join us in this venture. You can enjoy the unique camaraderie which develops in each work, as well as learn first hand about Hardwick's past - and possibly make exciting discoveries of your own!

Exciting times lie ahead at Hardwick Park but we need volunteers to get their hands dirty to help two more of Hardwick's former buildings rise again.

An invitation from Sedgefield Twinning Association
Sedgefield Twinning Association was founded in October 1982 and over the last 38 years people of Sedgefield have shared much fun and friendship with residents of Hammelsheim, Germany. In May 2020 we will welcome another group of German visitors to Sedgefield. Some of the twinning members are still active, but this year we hope to involve more people to help take our association into the 21st Century. So we are planning a buffet supper and social evening to follow our AGM on Saturday 6th February. It will be free to all present and past members, as a thank you for all their hard work and fundraising over many years, and their loyalty and help even when they are no longer able to actively take part in our visits. It will also be free to anyone who would like to meet us and hear more about what we do! There will of course be no obligation to join the Association (although we would love you to!) If you would like to know more about twinning before you come, you can meet Ada Hummelink in the Pickled Person from 5.30 onwards! We do hope you will join us for a meal and a drink from the bar at Coddessfield. The AGM starts at 6.30pm in Coddessfield Hall and the buffet supper will be from 7.30pm onwards. We just ask that you let us know if you intend to come, for catering purposes. Please ring or text Judith Edgose on 07799 86444 or email majid@oddhousefarm.co.uk.

SEDGEFIELD NEWS DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS
Your efforts in getting this paper out to readers are very much appreciated and we want to say thank you. We are warmly invited to get together on Monday 17th February from 7.30 - 9.30pm at Coddessfield Hall. Drinks & nibbles provided. Editorial team members and trustees of Sedgefield Development Trust look forward to meeting you.

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Get involved - key dates

First induction day	Sat 23 July 10:30am to 4pm
Second induction day	Sat 6 August 10:30am to 4pm
Bath House Investigations	Sun 7 August 10am to 5pm
Bath House Investigations	Mon 8 August - Fri 12 August 9am to 5pm each day
Bath House Public Viewing	Fri 12 August
Banqueting House Investigations	Sat 13 August 9am to 5pm
Banqueting House Investigations	Sun 14 August 10am to 5pm
Banqueting House Investigations	Mon 15 August - Sat 20 August 9am to 5pm each day
Banqueting House Investigations	Sun 21 August 10am to 5pm
Banqueting House Public Viewing	Sun 21 August 11am to 4pm

Dance at the Gala

On the 5th May 2022 our GCSE dancers took part in a festival celebrating Dance in Education at the Gala Theatre, Durham. This is typically an annual event where dancers from Sedgefield Community College regularly shine and it was excellent to see it return to our annual dance calendar after the disruption in recent years due to the pandemic.

Our school's dancers excelled themselves in showcasing such a variety of work from contemporary dance to an 80s jazz throwback piece. Pupils demonstrated the dedication and commitment it takes to perform and study for a GCSE in dance. As their dance teacher, Miss Arrowsmith was extremely proud of every dancer and it is moments like this which demonstrate the importance of creativity in education.



As a school, we place enormous value in creative subjects and dance is at the forefront of our efforts to give students opportunities to perform. We have close links with Dance City in Newcastle and many of our students go on to study dance after leaving SCC. One of the most important elements of our approach to dance is that this is an inclusive subject for all of our pupils and this is seen in our 'Boyz Project' which is another important part of our dance calendar!

Facing the challenge

After two years of cancelled visits, Year 6 have finally ventured to Hadrian's Wall again to take part in their residential. They had a spectacular time doing all the activities, including hiking, rock climbing, water games, camouflage and concealment and many more. They displayed resilient attitudes and outstanding teamwork, accomplishing every challenge that faced them. School staff were also united in their praise for the Year 6 pupils, commenting in particular on how their character skills were able to come to the fore throughout the trip. It was a trip of a lifetime where many happy memories were made.



Chris Hall (Head of Thrills and Skills for Life) stated, "The children matched their Ofsted grading - outstanding. They achieved everything set out for them. I'm very proud of them!"

Hannah Davey (a year 6 pupil) commented, "Residential was really fun especially the rock climbing as it had lots of learning opportunities." Another Year 6 pupil stated, "We've had an amazing time in Northumberland. Rock climbing, hiking along Hadrian's Wall, fire building, shelter making and water sports have been the most memorable activities of our adventure. We've made memories that will last a lifetime."

Sedgefield Primary



Down at the Farm!

The Early Years children from Sedgefield Primary had a wonderful day at Coulby Newham Leisure Farm, finding out about different animals. Pupils loved learning how these animals were cared for. They returned to the classroom to find out more facts. A favourite animal of many of the children was horses.



In the Mines!

Year 5 pupils had a fabulous time this week visiting Beamish Open Air Museum. They investigated what life was like as a child miner. Drama activities were used to interview staff from the museum who played the role of different characters from the mining community. They couldn't believe children the same age as themselves (aged 9/10 year in the 1860s) were sent to work in the mines!

They were shocked that the Mine Manager interviewed was more interested in profit than caring for his workers. The children were horrified by the lack of safety and general working conditions of the mine. They even went down the mine themselves to experience these further. By the end of the day they were pleased to return to the comfort of their own classroom and relieved they didn't live in this era.



One pupil, Adison (aged 10) commented "It was a really good day with interactive learning, which kept history alive".

SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST PROJECT NEWS

Preparing for change

Farmers Market organiser, Roger Clubley, has announced that he will step down after the Christmas market on Sunday 4 December.

A familiar face around the Green on market day, Roger, pictured on his 76th birthday last year, has decided it's time to relax with friends and family.

Our volunteers were first to hear the news when they met up recently. Mike and Cathryn, who have shared the market day work since Roger has been unable to do it, joined him to say thank you to all the people who turn out to help, month in month out, whatever the weather.

When Roger took the market on for Sedgefield Development Trust, it consisted of just a few stalls but over the years it has grown into the kind of event that allows farmers and producers to thrive and to which shoppers, both local from around the region, like to return.



Teamwork

We've already made the first important decision. In future, no one person should bear sole responsibility for every Farmers Market of the year. Instead we are looking to bring a small team together to share the work, which divides into planning for the market and running it on the day. The best solution seems to be a small group of people who will understand what is involved, and are willing to step up when someone else is unavailable.

Volunteers, shoppers and stallholders will all have their own ideas about how we take the market forward and it's from these enthusiasts that we hope our team will eventually emerge, because above all it's about knowing and loving Sedgefield Farmers Market.

Our starting point is a conversation

We would really love to hear what you think - and please don't worry - you won't be cajoled into volunteering just because you stop for a chat! We're at the SDT information tent during every market, so come over and say hello, or if you prefer, call Roger on 07803 269956 or send an email to farmers@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk.

July Farmers Market

Sunday 3 July 8.30 – 12.30

Say hello to our new bread baker! Phil Elliott's "Breaking Bread" is taking over the spot previously filled by the Wearside Bakehouse. Breaking Bread has been a supplier to The Juicy Pear, so his produce may already be known to some of you.

Tribe Street Coffee are with us in July and August, pending the return of Happy Barista in the autumn. They also offer tea, hot chocolate, etc.

Our Charity stall will be Sedgefield Hardwick PTA and the acoustic music tent returns. Ceddesfolk are with us this month and other local groups are welcome to get in touch to claim a spot.



Homework Help helpers and students are keeping up the good work in the last few weeks of term.

We'll then take a break for the summer holidays, unless there are particular requests to continue across those weeks.

Two new helpers are joining the team: a geography specialist and someone with experience coaching primary and teenage students in maths, English and other subjects - welcome to them both!

As ever, get in touch via homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

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Sew Easy

Due to lowering of number restrictions in Parish Hall there are now places in Monday night and Wednesday afternoon sewing groups.

For more information contact Dorothy Anderson on 07773 286743.

DIDO: Days In Days Out Jubilee Party

The DIDO Jubilee Party was a brilliant afternoon, with loads of lovely food and drink and the best of company/friends. The fabulous Lily Ho (local singer) got us all up dancing and we had a great time.



Blooming update

This year Sedgfield Town Council and Sedgfield in Bloom have once again entered the Northumbria in Bloom competition and the "Spring" judging took place on 27 April.



The Summer judging will be held on Wednesday 27 July and STC Gardeners and SiB Volunteers are now working hard to ensure that the Village is looking at its best, both for the judging and the overall enjoyment of all our residents and those that work and visit us in Sedgfield.

Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline

If you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who faces dying or the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you feeling isolated and alone.



Being able to access support is so important. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end of life and being prepared helps both the person dying and their loved ones to feel a sense of control. Calls are free and confidential. **Call us on 0808 801 0688 - we have time to talk.** Please visit annerobsontrust.org.uk/pre-bereavement-helpline-service to find out more.

STEVE'S NATURE DIARY JULY 2022

Last month The Wildlife Trusts launched a new project with funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund – as part of The National Lottery's £22million investment to mark the Jubilee. Nextdoor Nature will support around 200 new groups with 50 community organisers across the UK to re-introduce nature into local areas deprived of natural places to enjoy. Our local Trusts Durham and Tees Valley will be involved in delivering the project.

What I found interesting was that for the launch they commissioned George the Poet to write a new poem. The poem – The Natural World – highlights how people can feel brighter and more at ease when they can tune into nature. It is performed and filmed on location across Manchester's wilder quarters, and it urges people to "celebrate nature in our everyday lives."

Evidence shows that people are increasingly disconnected from nature, with profound consequences for health and it also means they are less likely to protect their natural heritage.

The poem explores George the Poet's sense of being part of nature:



"...like the birds and bees.

Like the ferns, the seeds, the dirt, the trees."

It ends:

*"Let's celebrate nature in our day to day,
At home, at work, in how we talk, how we think.
It starts with recognising we're part of it all.
Nature's reaching out. Let's answer the call."*

You can hear and see the full poem here wildlifetrusts.org/nextdoor-nature.

We often use poetry during our outdoor activities as a way of reflecting on what we can see, hear and feel. It may be a piece by a famous poet of the past or one of the new generation of nature writers. Well worth a read is the "The Lost Words" a 'book of spells' that seeks to conjure back the near-lost magic and strangeness of the nature that surrounds us. The book began as a response to the removal of everyday nature words - among them "acorn", "bluebell", "kingfisher" and "wren" - from a widely used children's dictionary, because those words were not being used enough by children to merit inclusion. But "The Lost Words" then grew to become a much broader protest at the loss of the natural world around us, as well as a celebration of the creatures and plants with which we share our lives, in all their wonderful, characterful glory.

As I write this piece, it's Day 15 of #30DaysWild and I decided to be a poet and to do a Haiku poem, for those who don't know them, a Haiku poem is a three-line form of Japanese poetry. The first and last lines of the poem have five syllables, and the second or middle line has seven. It is often written about natural themes and is a good way to connect to nature in a unique way and I have used it with adults and children to good effect. Why not have a go? And my Haiku? You will have to wait!

Sedgfield Charities: Education grants for students

The Sedgfield 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, Sedgfield or Trimdon.**

For further information and an application form please contact the Clerk, Anne Gladwin

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

Telephone: 01740 620811

e-mail: sedgfieldcharities@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is the 30th September, 2022.

Your LETTERS

Protecting pedestrians

Last year I contacted Councillor Chris Lines to raise the issue of cars double parking outside of The Impeccable Pig. This blocked the footpath and forced pedestrians into the road with the traffic. The original white line had worn away so drivers were oblivious to the fact that the footpath was adjacent to the road and not adjacent to the building. I would like to thank Chris, the Town Council, officers from Durham County Council Highways Department, The Impeccable Pig, Betty's Boudoir and local residents for designing and implementing a scheme that appears to work for everyone.

So far drivers seem to be complying and using the car park spaces leaving the footpath available and safe for pedestrians. I hope it continues.

Sue Dobson

Female Hormone Deficiency Support Group

This is the first support group in the North East to offer face to face support to women; pre-menopause, perimenopause, menopause and post-menopause. 51% of the population are women and 100% of women will experience this phase, either naturally or surgically. Each woman will experience this phase differently, 25% of women will not experience any symptoms, however up to 75% will experience many symptoms, including changes to their mental and physical health.

The aim of the group is to be safe and supportive, enabling and empowering women to improve their knowledge and skills when considering the impact of female hormone deficiency.

When - weekly on Thursdays 7pm-8.30pm

Where - Sedgefield Social Club upstairs function room or Zoom link from our Facebook page

Who - each week we will have a specialist guest speaker, who will discuss topics relating to health and well being

Cost - free to attend, tea/coffee will be provided with a kind request of a donation and cold refreshments can be purchased in the bar downstairs

Local businesses in Sedgefield have been extremely supportive of this group and some have offered vouchers or gifts to use in our weekly raffle (£1 per ticket). All proceeds will be used to help keep this group running.

Further information can be found on Facebook "[Female Hormone Deficiency Support Group](#)" or email Kathrine Winter at Femalehdsg@gmail.com.



The team coordinating the Support Group

Lydia's Sky Dive

My name is Lydia Sheldon I'm 21 and I'm from Sedgefield. People will know me as the young girl who works in the Cafe at Hardwick Park. I've recently just lost my grandmother to cancer and in her memory I'm doing a Sky Dive for charity!

I'll be taking off from Sky High Skydiving at Shotton Airfield on 31 August to support Marie Curie and I would welcome donations to this amazing charity.

My JustGiving page is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lydia-sheldon1.

Lydia Sheldon

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SEDFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Safeguarding

A quick-thinking waitress saved a child abuse victim by secretly showing him a sign reading "do you need help?" and calling the police.

She was working at a restaurant when the family-of-four came in for a meal. The server noticed that the 11-year-old boy was covered in bruises and said he appeared "secluded" from the rest of the group.

She also realised that he was the only one not eating - with the adults telling her that the child would have something later at home when she questioned why no food had been ordered for him.

Refusing to ignore the signs of abuse, she quickly flashed him a handwritten sign reading: "Do you need help?" before the boy gently nodded and she immediately called emergency services.

"We need to pay attention for the ones that are in need, and step forward to do something to change the situation", she said.

Police later learned that the boy's stepfather had tortured the child, punishing him with military-style exercises, hanging him upside down, isolating and starving him for days.

Officers recovered multiple items used as weapons to punish the minor - including a bent metal pole, a wooden broom, a dolly cart, handcuffs, and ratchet straps.

This is a real life example of safeguarding and may have saved a life.

'Safeguarding Children Week' took place in June. This is an annual event and an opportunity for agencies to work together to raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding issues. However, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, not just for those who work in key services.

If you have any concerns or information relating to the safety of children please contact:

First Contact 03000 267979

Please note, safeguarding also includes the welfare of adults, such as the victims of domestic abuse, therefore concerns for the safety of adults can also be shared via this number. You can share concerns anonymously.

Your information may be the missing piece that is needed to help a victim who, like the little boy above, may feel helpless and trapped in a dark situation.

ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

email: sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com

Durham Brass 2022

Durham Brass festival returns to the city from 10-17 July 2022 in what promises the most exciting staging yet.

Durham Brass has long performed the balancing act of celebrating the heritage of our local communities and the culture that binds us while simultaneously creating something wholly new. This year, more than ever, brings together acts fusing traditional instrumentation with wildly diverse ambitions.

LYR & Easington Colliery Band sees poet laureate Simon Armitage paired with Easington's finest as well as multi-instrumentalist Patrick J Pearson and singer-songwriter Richard Walters to elevate the voices of Durham's Category D villages. Throw in the venue—Durham Cathedral—and you are presented with a truly once-in-a-lifetime offering.

YolanDa Brown is a CBeebies favourite, bringing eclectic styles & sounds to preschoolers - YolanDa's Band Jam will perform at Gala on 16 July.

Singer-songwriter Richard Hawley has sustained a passionately loyal and dedicated fanbase over decades, finding chart success and wowing critics since first finding fame during the 90s Britpop bubble. He will 'headline the cathedral' on Saturday 16 July alongside a traditional colliery band.



Field Music are a Mercury-nominated experimental art-rock band from Sunderland, working in sound collages, movie soundtracks and covers albums as well as numerous collaborations. They have created a new suite of songs celebrating the mining industry in the region, to perform at Gala Durham alongside NASUWT Riverside Band.

Were that not enough there is also *Ibibio Sound Machine*—“Western African funk, disco and electro, and the wonderful vocals of Nigerian singer Eno Williams” as well as a tweed-wearing brass 10-piece reinterpreting indie classics calling themselves *Old Dirty Brasstards*. There truly is too much to list here - visit brassfestival.co.uk for full details and tickets.

Exciting Events at the Parish Hall

We welcome *The Moondogs* to Sedgefield Parish Hall on **22 July**, as part of one of Mayor David Jasper's charity fundraising events. *The Moondogs* are a Middlesbrough-based cover band with national reach, specialising in the music of the 1950s and 1960s; recreating the golden age of rock n roll and the experience of seeing some of the biggest acts of all time from *The Beatles* and *The Kinks* to *The Rolling Stones*.

Tickets are available from Sedgefield Town Council offices; £10 in advance or £12 at the door. Do not miss the chance to witness *The Moondogs'* energetic and dynamic stage presence while contributing to a great cause. Please also give generously to an appeal for raffle prizes for this occasion; gifts such as bottles, toiletries, boxes of chocolates, fancy goods or any unwanted gifts would be welcomed. Donations can be left at the Town Council offices any weekday morning or contact David personally & he will be happy to collect them.



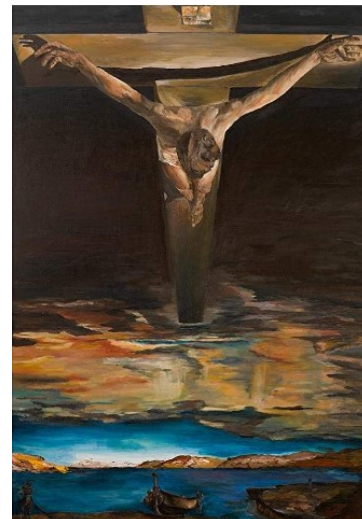
In what should be a real treat from the Sedgefield Players' Youth Section, an adaptation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted for the stage by Mark Gatiss, will be staged on **17 July** at 7pm, with tickets just £7. Mark Gatiss has already adapted *Sherlock* and *Dracula* for the small screen to brilliant effect and this adaptation earned excellent reviews on its original stagings in the winter of 2021 at Nottingham Playhouse and Alexandra Palace.

Tickets are available at Tickety Boo as well as direct from www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk.

New Exhibitions in Bishop Auckland

During July two new exhibitions arrive in Bishop Auckland under the umbrella of the Auckland Project.

The Spanish Gallery, which reopened in February, will present two masterpieces by Spanish masters who approached the same subject some 350 years apart.



Dali's *Christ of St John of the Cross* will hang in the North East for the first time, alongside El Greco's *Christ on the Cross*.

This is Dali's most enduring religious work, and has over time become one of the nation's favourite paintings, notwithstanding the controversy that it has often attracted, which saw petitions circulated opposing its acquisition in 1952 and it was also physically attacked and damaged in 1961.

El Greco addressed the passion of Jesus many times in his work and his composition *Christ on the Cross*, was also radically lurid and fantastical by 16th century standards. Both pieces will be displayed from July 9 until December, visit www.aucklandproject.org/venues/spanish-gallery for tickets and details.

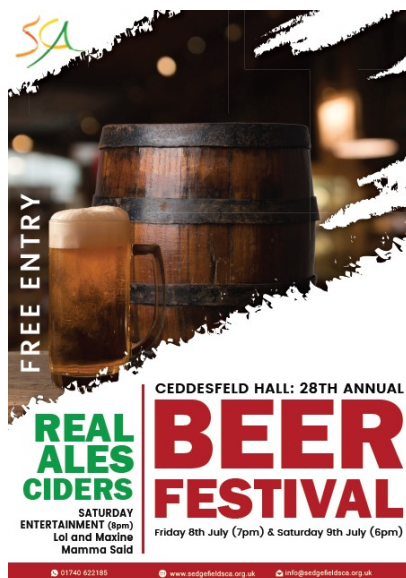
A short stroll from the Spanish Gallery gets you to Auckland Castle where a celebration of British landscape painting will be showcased in the Bishop Trevor gallery from 2 July. Featuring works from Gainsborough, Stubbs, Richard Wilson, and Sir Joshua Reynolds, the exhibition, entitled *Nature and the Ideal: Pioneers of British Landscape*, chronicles the developments in landscape painting in the UK during the second half of the 17th century and features loan works alongside pieces from the collection. Tickets and opening times at aucklandproject.org/venues/auckland-castle.

DIARY & EVENTS

Please send information to diary.sedgefieldnews@gmail.com

July 2022

- Friday 1** Sedgefield & District U3A, AGM, Sedgefield Parish Hall, at 2pm.
- Sunday 3** Sedgefield Farmers Market, Village Green, 8:30am-12:30pm.
- Monday 4** Sedgefield Local History Society, evening visit to St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Trimdon Village. Contact Suzanne Hopper 01429 882250 for details.
- Wednesday 6** Sedgefield WI, Parish Hall, 7:15pm. Dr. Ray Lowry, "Prescription Laughter". Members competition: a toothbrush decorated with a character from a children's book/nursery rhyme. Visitors welcome £4.
- Friday 8** Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School, Summer Carnival. See poster for details.
- Beer Festival**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7pm
- Saturday 9** Beer Festival, Ceddesfeld Hall, 6pm
- Monday 11** DIDO, Parish Hall, 1:30pm until 3:30pm. Singer Phil Johnson and Bingo. Call 07597 116847 or 01740 629574 for details.
- Wednesday 13** Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch, Sedgefield Social Club at 7pm.
- Friday 15** Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club, Coffee Morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall. Coffee/tea with scone or cake for £2. Raffle, sales table and cake stall. Please come and join us.
- Saturday 16** Belmont Ladies Choir, Sedgefield Methodist Church, 7pm, £5. Tickets from chapel members or pay at door.
- Sunday 17** Terrier, Lurcher, Whippet & Family Fun Dog Show at the Hunt Kennels, Sedgefield. See poster for full details.
- Tuesday 19** Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. "A Royal Affair" by Val Guest. Workshop price £20 including all materials. Evening includes a faith supper (bring your own food) with a summer punch (provided). Contact Sandra 07533 752970 or Elaine 07958 964069 for details.
- Friday 22** Mayor's Charity Night, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm-11pm, The Moondogs
- Wednesday 27** Sedgefield in Bloom, Northumbria in Bloom Summer Judging. Starting at 10:30am in the village.
- Thursday 28** Sedgefield Show Planning Committee, Sedgefield Social Club, 7.30pm. New people welcome. Email Ian Mason at ian@sedgefieldshow.co.uk.
- Saturday 30** Mordon & Bradbury Village Hall, Annual Summer Picnic



SEDGEFIELD LIBRARY

Tel: 0300 026 9521

The library is back to normal opening hours:

Wednesday 9:30 to 12:30

Thursday 10:00 to 18:00

Friday 13:00 to 19:00

Saturday 9:30 to 12:30

There is no longer a limit to numbers or browsing times, so there is no need to queue.

Little Movers every Thursday from 10am, places need booking at the library.

Craft Group, 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30pm.

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

Sedgefield Baby & Toddler Group

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

Sedgefield T Dance

Tuesday 5 July 1pm-3pm.

Tuesday 19 July 1pm-3pm.

Just turn up or call

Joyce (01740 622601) or

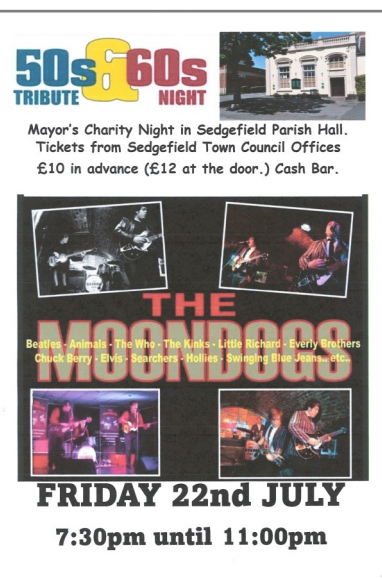
Elaine (01740 629070) for details.

Female Hormone Deficiency Support Group

Sedgefield Social Club every Thursday from 7-8:30pm see article on Page 5.

Save the date

Sedgefield Show,
Saturday 13 August



CEDDESFIELD HALL

Sedgefield Community Association



Sedgefield saw a fantastic return of the annual Mediaeval Fayre. The event brought in crowds of visitors who enjoyed the attractions and activities on the green and at Ceddesfeld Hall. The community really did come together in great style. Thanks must go to both primary schools, for their fabulous 'Jubilee Joy Street Party' parade. What a very fitting, colourful, vibrant spectacle; a wonderful start to a super day, which had something for everyone, including funfair rides, arts, craft, charity & community stalls, fantastic falconry, Morris dancing, circus skills, medieval re-enactments, Living History and of course, the tug of war. The event takes months of planning and requires many volunteer helpers on the day. Huge thanks must go to local businesses for their generous financial sponsorship as well as the many smaller donations towards the SCA tombola which was very successful. The fayre costs around £5000 to stage and without the backing of stakeholders, it would not be sustainable. It was heartening too, to have so many volunteer helpers for set up and take down, (which was smooth and very slick and happened in record time) and across the day.



Future Events

Ceddesfeld Hall Beer Festival – Friday 8 July (7pm) & Saturday 9 July (6pm)

SCA is delighted to see the return of this very popular event. There will be a wide selection of beers and some ciders. The bar will also be open and refreshments available. The entertainment on Saturday night is provided by Lol and Maxine with Mamma Said. Anyone wishing to help on the festival bar, collecting/washing glasses, please contact Tony on 01740 622185 or email info@sedgefieldscsca.org.uk.

Family Fun Afternoon – Sunday 21st August – 1pm to 4 pm

An afternoon for families with younger children (aged up to 12). There will be a range of garden games and sports equipment available for children to play with and the bar will be open. Bring along a family picnic.

Sedgefield Folk Festival – 2 to 4 September 2022

Making a very welcome return, Sedgefield Folk Festival is something to look forward to. There is a varied programme, with a Saturday night concert at the Parish Hall, with all other events taking place at Ceddesfeld across the weekend. Look out for posters around town and visit the SCA and Folk Festival websites for more information. For tickets ring Joan on 01740 621347 or Maxine (Ukulele Smile Time) on 0778 528147.

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.sedgefieldscsca.org.uk. Follow us on [facebook.com/Ceddesfeld](https://www.facebook.com/Ceddesfeld).

Jubilee celebrations

The community (Sedgefield Town Council, Churches Together and SCA) came together again for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration which took place on Saturday 4 June. The ecumenical Thanksgiving Service in St. Edmund's was a thoughtful, apt, joyful celebration of the life-long, dedicated service of Her Majesty the Queen. Led by Revd. Elizabeth Bland with compassionate, measured insight, a range of hymns and songs led by Ceddesfolk and by Alex Ord on organ, with a scratch choir composed for the event, cajoled into shape by Janet Deane. Around 150 people of all ages attended, including local mayors, requiring impromptu sharing of orders of service. The service was appropriately topped and tailed by the Veterans who honoured the Queen and the occasion by carrying the flag and standing with it throughout the service.

Following the service, a varied programme of musical entertainment and activities took place at Ceddesfeld Hall which included Children's Choirs Together, Sedgefield Hand Bell Ringers, The Holkey Folkies, Ceddesfolk, John Wrightson Band, Sedgefield Ukulele Smile Time and Mamma Said. Children's activities included a face painter, sweetie stall, and garden games. Aubergine Café provided the catering. It was a super day, and thanks again to all who royally entertained the crowds, and to those who served on the bar, helped put up the marquee tent, set up the decorations and take everything down. Days like this wouldn't happen without you!

Bloomers celebrate too

Well what can we say! After a brilliant day of organised events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Ceddesfeld Hall and the St Edmunds Church service, the Bloom group held a fabulous evening of entertainment and food in the Parish Hall.



A picture paints a thousand words! Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us.

Marie Etherington
Secretary - Sedgefield in Bloom

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SPORTS UPDATE

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Once again, the young sports stars of Sedgefield are showing us all how it's done. This month's update includes news of some excellent achievements, which as ever are only possible thanks to the support of the organisations and people who surround the youngsters – family, friends, grass roots coaches and more from every generation all play vital roles in the successes that keep coming the way of Sedgefield.

These folk are all volunteers and that commitment to giving back to the community manifests itself in so many ways. When Sedgefield parkrun was founded in 2012, Val Newton offered to volunteer at the weekly Saturday morning event in Hardwick Park, and then again and again and...you get the story. Then Sedgefield junior parkrun started on Sunday mornings a few years later and Val started volunteering at that too. Fast forward to 11 June 2022 and Val reached the amazing milestone of having volunteered 600 times across the two parkrun events in Sedgefield – wow! A huge thank you goes to 'Invaluable Val' from the 13,000+ different people who have taken part in the two events since 2012.

Open water swimming

One of the fastest growing sports/outdoor activities in the UK is open water swimming. In recent years, more and more people have been tempted by the lakes, tarns and big enough ponds, including a fair few who I know of from Sedgefield. You don't need a lot of equipment, though a decent wetsuit is important in a climate such as ours! Find out more about how to get started in the sport through Swim England www.swimming.org/openwater or the Outdoor Swimming Society www.outdoorswimmingsociety.com.

People find their way to outdoor swimming from all sorts of directions and with many different motivations. Sedgefield's Adam Dovaston had a very personal reason for taking the dive. When his girlfriend Nell Wright faced a cancer diagnosis and the subsequent treatment, Adam decided to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust, which has really helped Nell with support in the hospital and back at home. Adam secured a place at the Great North Swim in Lake Windermere and set up a fundraising page for the one mile open water challenge.



Adam Dovaston before his one mile swim in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust

Unfortunately, bad weather meant that the swim was cancelled on the day that Adam was due to participate. Undeterred, a week later, Adam visited the lake at Ellerton Park in Yorkshire and completed his mile in a solo swim. I popped along to be a witness and make sure that he didn't cut any corners! I can verify that Adam swam his full mile on a three lap course around the lake, with a very strong and steady breast stroke, finishing the distance in an impressive time of about 49 minutes. Adam takes up the story: "I just wanted to do something to give back to Teenage Cancer Trust for supporting Nell and others. I was really disappointed that the Great North Swim was cancelled but I felt like that I should do the swim anyway, to show to everyone who has supported my fundraising that I was committed to the task and able to complete it. And I will be taking part in the Great North Swim next year too."

So far, Adam has raised over £3,320 for

Teenage Cancer Trust and his JustGiving page is still open for donations at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/adam-dovaston.

Bernard Musgrave Memorial Trophy

Don't forget that there is the opportunity to take part in a summer football tournament at Sedgefield Cricket Club in August. The event is scheduled for Sunday 7 August and is a 5-a-side event that involves squads of eight, with roll-on/roll-off substitutes. There will be prizes for the winners and runners up, along with a raffle and other fundraising activities. The clubhouse bar will be open, with hot food on sale too. The tournament is fully insured and the price is £40 per team (payable on the night). The Bernard Musgrave Memorial Trophy is a charity event and all proceeds will be donated to Fighting All Cancers Together (FACT) and the Cricket Club. To download an entry form visit www.sedgefield.play-cricket.com or send an email request to sedgefieldcc@outlook.com.

Duathlon

The multi-sport event of duathlon is popular with runners and cyclists. The exciting run-bike-run format is a great way to combine the disciplines and the best competitors find a way to excel at both. Sedgefield has produced some great duathletes over the years, such as James Oldfield, who earned a Team GB jersey a few years ago. Now, another member of Sedgefield Harriers has stepped up to deliver an excellent performance in international competition.



Ellie in action at the 2022 Duathlon World Championships in Romania

On 12 June, Ellie Spink competed in the Duathlon World Championships in Romania and finished a brilliant fourth in the women's U20 category. The course for Ellie's race was changed the night before and all of the participants lined up at midday to tackle a 5.9km run, 18.6km bike ride and a final run of 2.6km, all in extremely hot conditions of over 25C. Ellie's attention will now turn to the European Championships in Bilbao in September, with hopes to improve further and secure a podium position. Congratulations to Ellie!

Wheelchair rugby

This year sees the Sedgefield based Bulls Wheelchair Rugby Club celebrate its 20th anniversary. To celebrate, the club will hold a competition over the weekend of 30-31 July at the Community College. Five teams from around the UK will compete over the two days and at least three Team GB squad members, including two Paralympic gold medal winners (Jack Smith and Kylie Grimes), will be playing. Admission for spectators will be free and everyone will be welcome. The Bulls are keen to recruit new players and the event is set to be a great showcase for this exciting sport.

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