

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

June 2019

Citizen of the Year 2018

Sedgefield's Mayor Mavis Wayman presented Sarah Guest with the Sedgefield Citizen of the Year Award, celebrating Sarah's contribution to our community.

Many of you will know Sarah from her years of teaching at Hardwick Primary School, where she was also the SENCO lead and music coordinator. Her enthusiasm for music resulted in some magical performances, and her love of music continues as a member of the Lyric Singers and SCA Ukulele Group.

However, it is her role as a volunteer in our local community for which she is recognised with this much deserved award.

Sarah is a Trustee of Sedgefield Community

Association, which manages Ceddesfeld Hall, providing a multitude of activities and opportunities for young, old and everyone in between.

She is Chair of the Medieval Fayre Committee; member of both the SCA Policy and Bar Committees and a volunteer behind the bar; she runs the SCA website, Facebook page and contributes to every issue of Sedgefield News. Sarah organises Open Mic Nights and is the contact for the Folk Festival; she organises Sedgefield Day and co-founded and organises Sedgefield Bookends. In her nomination she was described as 'clearly a very active member of the community. She gives of her time freely and willingly to promote and organise activities in Sedgefield, whilst also supporting activities run by others'.

Congratulations Sarah and thank you!

Sarah is pictured with Tony her husband, two of her three sons and her grandson James



... and for the first time,

Young Citizen of the Year

The same event saw the presentation of the first Sedgefield Young Citizen of the Year Award. There were some really strong nominations and three young people were recognised. Joseph Dredge and Adam White both collected runners-up shields and prizes, while Victoria Sirrell (below) was the overall winner. All three youngsters are involved in many different groups in Sedgefield and are great, positive role models for us all.



Victoria has been a member of Girlguiding in Sedgefield since the age of 5 as a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide, Ranger and young leader. Last year she took on the role of leader for Sedgefield Rangers when 14 girls were too old to continue in guides, enabling them to continue in the movement and encouraging them to attend international selections, at which 4 of the girls were successful. We needed someone to help with Brownies and again Victoria stepped in. If she hadn't, the Brownie unit would have closed. Joanne Tinkler, Guide Leader said 'Everyone in guiding is proud of Victoria and I'm sure that this award will show her what a wonderful young lady she has grown into'.

The Citizen of the Year Awards are presented through a partnership between Sedgefield Town Council, Sedgefield Development Trust, Sedgefield Rotary Club and for the young citizen award, Sedgefield Youth Club.



Adam White

Adam & Joseph, runners-up to the Young Citizen of the Year, also received their awards from the Mayor of Sedgefield, Councillor Mavis Wayman



Joseph Dredge

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Greener Sedgefield

With the seasons changing many are having a good clear out of their wardrobes. To pass on the unwanted items of clothing and footwear that still have life left in them is not difficult as we are spoilt with choices of charities to donate to. But most charity bags that are put through our letter boxes state that only items that are in good condition are wanted, so what to do with the clothes that are well past their best? There are a few different options to give fabrics and textiles a new life and save them from going to landfill or being burnt in incinerators. With fashion industry being one of the biggest polluters and people in the UK buying more clothes per capita than in any other European country it's well worth considering textile recycling.

It might not be well known but our local authority is running a textile recycling scheme and all household waste recycling centres in the county accept clothes and textiles in any condition, plus shoes, for recycling. These items will be shredded and turned into new products.

Fire Fighters Charity takes clothes and shoes for recycling and it couldn't be any easier - there is a collection bin by Sedgefield fire station. Some retailers run textiles recycling schemes whilst also rewarding the customers. H&M gives a £5 voucher off your next shop if you bring a bag of clothes of any brand and in any condition to the shop. Oxfam will give you a £5 M&S voucher if in your bag of donated clothes there is at least one piece of M&S branded clothing or footwear.

If you would like to find out more about recycling, reducing and reusing or share your ideas with others please join Greener Sedgefield on Facebook.

Siiri Tenno-Marshall

All the fun of the Fayre, before it happened!

By the time you read this the Medieval Fayre will be over for another year and everything will have been packed away until next year. As we have a new focus on 'greener Sedgefield' it is perhaps worth celebrating the great job that the Fayre does in encouraging and supporting us to 'recycle' what we no longer need or want, so that others can make use of it. The intrepid band of volunteers walk around the village followed closely by a car and trailer collecting the bounty. And this year everyone has been very generous.

On the first evening bag after bag of books, toys, tins and bric-a-brac arrived at Ceddesfeld Hall to be sorted by volunteers, some long standing and some new to the job. Hopefully much of it was sold at the Fayre, generating funding for Sedgefield Community Association and joy for those who became the new owners of teddies, games, books, a new vase or plant pot. Somehow, buying a tin of beans when you know the money is going to a good cause is so much more rewarding than picking it off a supermarket shelf.

Everything that is left at the end is taken away by the British Heart Foundation for more recycling and fundraising. So next year please continue to support through donating, collecting/sorting and buying! *Sue Dobson*



Book Review

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up, by Marie Kondo

I moved in... well, a little while ago now, and enjoyed the initial calm of blank walls while belongings remained in boxes. I had intended to sort my things as I packed to move, but I just couldn't. Were it not for the help of friends, it would not have happened. Then a friend gave me this book.

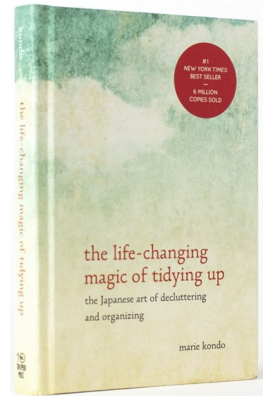
Kondo's principles seem to be: do all the sorting in one marathon; collect everything of one category together in one place; keep only what sparks joy in

you (thus surrounding yourself with things that make you happy); decide the home for each item; acknowledge when something has pleased you in the past, but you no longer want it; everything else can be given or thrown away. Kondo recommends an order for categories to sort, starting with clothes; but since mine were already in the wardrobe whilst the books were still in boxes, I started on the books.

I was apprehensive; I didn't want to find that I was left with only lightweight stories, and discover I wasn't interested in more "serious" literature. However, I'm quite pleased with the balance of what is left. And I feel a second wave of sorting is to come. There is something liberating about clearing out in this way.

Kondo claims that people often discover what they really like, what they really want to do, when they do a thorough, honest sort-out. I can believe it. I'm nervous about attacking the rest, but looking forward to it. Maybe it'll even help me to make the most of my fleeting sojourn on this planet.

Tamzin Lafford



L to R: Toys awaiting a new home; 'The Collectors'; volunteers busy sorting the donations. More on the Fayre on page 11.

Entries invited for 2020 Sedgefield Calendar

Local photographers of all ages are being invited to share their work and win a coveted place in the 2020 calendar to be produced by the Friends of St Edmund's Church, Sedgefield.

Organisers are looking for copyright-free contributions to illustrate life through the seasons in Sedgefield and the surrounding area. 'We need unusual or eye-catching shots of local people and events,' said Friends' chairman Ron Eyley this week.

He stressed that pictures taken by young people would be particularly welcome but that parental consent would be needed if photographs showing children were selected for publication. Last year's calendar was the first produced by the Friends and proved a sell-out. Copies were sent to supporters in several parts of the world. Photographs for use in the 2020 Calendar will be chosen by a panel of church members. Entries in jpg format should be e-mailed to Ron at ron.eyley@btinternet.com before the end of June, and young people should identify their age.

Further information can be obtained from Friends' secretary Alison Hodgson on 620912. 'This year's calendar raised a significant amount of money to help with fabric- preservation and other work at St Edmund's but there is still a lot more to do,' said Alison.



Trevor Terry (left) and Anne Eyley of the Friends of St Edmund's Church with Kevan Stevens, the calendar's designer.

Sedgefield Graveyard Panel

Family research in the churchyard at St Edmund's, Sedgefield, will now be easier, thanks to painstaking detective work by local historians and the skills of Fishburn graphic designer Kevan Stevens.

People searching for the final resting place of their ancestors will be able to access a new information panel in the church entrance porch, listing those buried in the churchyard and the location of their graves.

The detail is based on a comprehensive survey by members of Sedgefield Local History Society and development by a team from St Edmund's working on Durham Diocese 'Inspired Futures' project which aims to make churches more accessible and user-friendly to the local community.

The information was then accurately reproduced on a large interpretation panel by Kevan, MD of The Art Room North East Ltd.

Continued below photograph.

Sedgefield News ... from the Past

June 1919 – 100 years ago

On 7 June 1919, Mr George Maddison, well-known Starter at Sedgefield Steeplechase, was killed in an accident at Metal Bridge. The death occurred when Mr Maddison, who was employed by the Newcastle Breweries Company to drive a steam-powered dray, started up his dray, tried to mount it as it moved off, slipped, fell, and was run over. He was about 50 years old and had formerly been a farmer at Bradbury.

Following the First World War, discussion was taking place about memorials to those who had died. Not all the memorials under consideration were monuments. One proposal being considered in various villages around Sedgefield – Trimdon, West Cornforth, etc – was an idea put forward by Dr C Bazan, Medical Officer for Health, to set up a District Nursing Service.

In June 1869 – 150 years ago

On Saturday 5 June a cricket match took place between teams from Sedgefield and the Asylum, at the Asylum Cricket Ground. The Asylum Eleven won without the loss of a single wicket in the second innings.

Adverts appeared in a number of newspapers at the end of the month. Richard Lowes, the Steward for the Sedgefield Asylum, was seeking tenders for the supply of goods to the Asylum. Amongst the goods to be supplied were flour, cheese, butter. And also, for the supply of ale and porter. If you would like to know more about your local history, visit the Facebook site of Sedgefield Local History Society or come along to one of our meetings.

Martin F Peagam - The Time Traveller, on behalf of Sedgefield Local History Society



(l-r) Brian Mutch, Alison Hodgson and the Revd. Geoff Short with the new interpretation panel.

Churchwarden Brian Mutch, has described the panel as 'a valuable addition to church and town records' but he admits that not all graves can be identified as 'the carved lettering on some headstones has suffered from the ravages of weather over a long period and can no longer be read'.

The earliest identifiable gravestone dates back to 1709 (William Walton).

Two of the most interesting are a memorial to Sergeant Frederick Hardwicke (Bolton), who fell in the Heavy Brigade's gallant cavalry charge at Balaklava in 1854, and a skull and crossbones carving on the 1711 tomb of John Rawling, whose tombstone now lies flat on the grass near the church entrance.

Sedgefield Players June production

The next Players' production will be a Variety evening, where the entertainment will include the performance of a One Act Play 'Acting, it's not plumbing', where Jilly, played by Jean Hewling, valiantly attempts to recruit members to her drama group and starts an acting class where she meets an interesting cast of characters and comedy ensues!

The evening will also include a pie and pea supper, and therefore the tickets are at the slightly more expensive cost of £10. Get them while you can as it's certain to be a great evening of entertainment. Ticket information is on the poster below right.

At the end of July, the SPYS will take to the stage with their production of Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', which is sure to be a brilliant production. And you may remember from last month that the Players got through to the Northern Final of the All England Theatre Festival with their production of 'War Brides'. Sadly, it didn't win but the cast (below) had a fantastic time at Washington, enjoying the chance to show their work to a new audience.



Choral concerts

The Lyric Singers, SLYC and Lirica are set to shower your evenings with summer sunshine. Grab your diary and hold a date for an evening of song and choral delights. Sedgefield Lyric Singers present "Bring Me Sunshine" this summer's concert at The Parish Hall, Sedgefield, on Friday, July 5th and Saturday, July 6th starting at 7:30pm. "Bring Me Sunshine" will feature our three local choirs: the sonorous Sedgefield Lyric Singers; the enthralling "Lirica" and our talented youth choir, SLYC. Being packed full of old favourites and new releases, from show songs to jazz tunes, haunting melodies to toe-tapping treats, this summer's programme promises to bring some sunshine into everyone's life, whatever the weather outside.

Seating numbers are limited, so please organise your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets (£6 for adults, £5 for under 16's) are available from choir members, Tickety Boo or by calling 01740 621196. Both SLYC (for young people aged 7 to 18 years) and The Lyric Singers welcome newcomers who already enjoy singing, or who would like to give choral singing a go. Auditions are not required, neither is it essential to be able to read music. Anyone interested in finding out more can contact our musical director, Rob Guest, or our secretary, Avril Hannon (01740 622512). Alternatively, drop into a rehearsal at Ceddesfeld Hall on a term time Friday evening at 6pm (SLYC) or 7.30pm (Lyric Singers). Remember to pop those dates in your diary, procure your tickets and prepare yourself for an evening of summer sunshine - no sun cream necessary!

Sedgefield Players

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DIARY: JUNE 2019

Submit your events to diary.sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com

Date	Entry
Sat 1 st	Drop in Surgeries. Cllr John Robinson. Bradbury & Mordon Village Hall from 9 – 9.45am. Sedgefield Library 10 - 11am. Fishburn Community Centre. 11.15am - 12 noon.
Sun 2 nd	Sedgefield Farmers' Market. On the village green from 8.30am-12.30pm
Mon 3 rd	Methodist Wives and Friends. Methodist Hall: 7.30pm. AGM & Supper.
Tue 4 th	Sedgefield Tea Dance. Sedgefield Parish Hall. All welcome. 1pm-3pm. £2.50, incl. refreshments. For info call Joyce 622601 or Ann 629070. Local History Society. Ceddesfeld Hall, 7.45pm. Details and Detours; Hidden features of the Northeast Architecture by Graham Soult
Wed 5 th	Sedgefield WI. Sedgefield Parish Hall. 7.30pm. "Crafts" Talk and Demonstration by Edna Oswald. Competition – Flowers displayed in a wellington boot.
Thu 6 th	Sedgefield Show Committee Meeting. 8pm in Sedgefield Social Club.
Fri 7 th	Veterans Coffee Morning: Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am to noon. Sedgefield & District U3A. 2pm in the Parish Hall. Dr Leslie Hamilton. 'Durham Coroner's Office'. Members Free, Visitors Welcome. £3 at door.
Tue 11 th	Ladies Club. Ceddesfeld Hall, 8pm. A talk on "Kynren" by Lee Brownson.
Wed 12 th	Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch Meeting: 7pm in the Sedgefield Social Club upstairs room.
Fri 14 th	Sedgefield Country Market: Parish Hall 10.00-11.30am. Home baked produce, Crafts, Jams, Cards, Plants, Refreshments + Homecare Clothing.
Mon 17 th	Sedgefield Family History Group: Methodist Church Hall @ 7.15pm. The speaker for the evening is Gill Parkes Principal Archivist at Durham Record Office. Her talk is "And the Bride wore ..." Methodist Wives and Friends. Summer Night Out.
Tue 18 th	Sedgefield Tea Dance. Sedgefield Parish Hall. All welcome. 1pm-3pm. £2.50, incl. refreshments. For info call Joyce 622601 or Ann 629070. Sedgefield, Ferryhill & District Flower Club. 7.30pm. Sedgefield Parish Hall. Sue Spencer "This is Me". All Welcome. Members Free. Non-members £5
Thu 20 th	Sedgefield Memory Café. 10.30am-12pm @ Sedgefield Fire Station. Please Note - for Dementia clients and their carers only.
Fri 21 st	Sedgefield, Ferryhill & District Flower Club. Coffee Morning. Parish 10-11.30am. All Welcome.
Tue 25 th	Ladies Club. Summer Outing.
Thu 27 th	STC Summer Coach Trip to Keswick. Coach Leaves the Parish Hall at 9am.
Fri 28 th	Sedgefield WI Coffee Morning: Sedgefield Parish Hall. 10.00-11.30am. Cake stall and raffle. All welcome.

July and August in the Diary

During the summer months, the number of entries in our diary begins to decrease. This extra space presents a great opportunity to promote your events and activities during the next couple of months.

Email us at diary.sedgefieldnews@hotmail.com or text event details to **07572 502 904**. Text messages will be forwarded straight away. PLEASE do not leave details on voicemail. The diary editor does not have access to the news phone. Already to look forward in September are Sedgefield Folk Festival and the start of Sedgefield Bookends, but do you have anything planned during July or August that we can publicise for you?

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June @Sedgefield Social Club

Sat 1st: Julia Robinson

Sat 8th: Rose.

Sat 15th: Alec Blackwood.

Mon 17th: Country Night. Tina Turner.

Sat 22nd: Colin Mee.

Sat 29th: Elizabeth.

June Sessions - Sew Easy

Mon 10th & 17th: 6.30-9pm.

Wed 5,12,19 & 26th: 10.30am-1pm

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The Holidays are Coming

As the weather improves our thoughts turn to summer holidays and trips away to relax under the sun. Enjoy your well earned break with the peace of mind that you have done everything you can to keep your property safe while you are away from home.

Here are some tips on how to deter burglars and make their life difficult:

- Leave a car on the drive. It looks as though you are home.
- Close and lock ALL windows and doors securely.
- Tilt all blinds so that no one can see straight in.
- Lower blinds over patio or French doors.
- Lock your garden gate.
- Fit timers to interior and exterior lights so that lighting times mimic your routine.
- Don't advertise the fact that you are going away by telling all your friends/acquaintances. Conversations can easily be overheard.
- **Don't mention it on social media.** A criminal can piece together information. All they need is the date and address. Post your 'good time story' afterwards.
- Tell only a trusted neighbour or relative. Ask them to keep an eye out for unusual activity and to check daily and push any post right through the letterbox.
- Don't order anything that may need to be delivered when you are away and don't tell suppliers you are on holiday.
- Don't write addresses on luggage labels, a phone number will do if it is lost.
- Fit a burglar alarm.

Online Shopping

If you are shopping online take precautions. If using a retailer or individual you are not familiar with make sure they are reputable by checking customer reviews/recommendations. What is their score in satisfaction surveys?

Is the payment page secure? There should be a **padlock** symbol in the browser window frame when you attempt to log in or register. The address of the page should start 'https://'. The 's' stands for 'secure'.

Unless you know the seller personally, never pay by direct transfer into their bank account. This is a common scam. You'll have little chance of getting anything back!

Don't buy online when you are using unsecured wi-fi, such as a hotspot in a cafe or hotel. Logging in to a hotspot is no indication that it is secure, so use 3G/4G instead, or wait until you get home to your secure wi-fi. Remember that paying by credit card offers greater protection from fraud, non-delivery and dishonoured product warranties.

Use different passwords for each website you use in case your details are hacked from one or more of them; and when you have finished your shopping session always log out as closing your browser isn't enough.

Check your payment and card statements regularly to make sure you've been charged the right amount and that your card hasn't been cloned and used for other purchases in your name. (Comprehensive, simple and free advice is available at www.getsafeonline.org).



Handyperson Service

If you need help fitting security equipment, Durham County Council now runs a handyperson service that will do small scale jobs for residents of Co Durham who are **over 60, disabled, a victim of crime, at risk of falling or are vulnerable in other ways.** This service can undertake small jobs in and around the home, taking up to a maximum of 2 hours, which affect your safety, security and comfort.

The Handyperson can do a home safety check to identify work that needs to be done to help you feel safe. It is available to both owner occupiers and tenants (tenants need to check first whether some jobs are the responsibility of the landlord).

Examples of Jobs and Costs

- Fitting security equipment.
- Replacing light bulbs.
- Changing tap washers.
- Hanging pictures.
- Put up shelves.
- Fitting replacement locks.
- Fit curtain rails.

Other than plugs and fuses this does NOT include electrical works or work connected to a gas supply.

The charge is £15 per visit for up to an hour which can cover one or more different jobs carried out within that time. If jobs take over one hour an additional £15 is payable. Clients pay for materials at cost price (unless you supply them yourself).

The Handyperson Service is funded by Durham CC; Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Group. For advice or assistance, call **0300 456 2220** or email handyperson@bernica.com

Local Police. Call 101 to report concerns, seek advice or pass on information. Always keep notes and ask for an incident number.

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Steve's Nature Diary for June



When you read this, you will still have chance to sign up for the Wildlife Trusts' month-long national nature challenge 30 Days Wild. You can get your free pack at www.wildlifetrusts.org/30DaysWild and start planning for a wild June. Sign-up closes on the 15th June.

Last year's 30 Days Wild was a record breaker with over 350,000 people embracing the challenge of experiencing nature every day during June. In the pack there is a handy pocket-sized guide to 101 Random Acts of Wildness, a packet of wildflower seeds, a wall chart to make memories of your wild month, and wild-at-heart stickers to share with family and friends.

Things you might try include some of the more usual activities, such as instead of going for a walk to the same old places try visiting a new nature reserve – visit <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/nature-reserve> put your post code in and it will tell you where your nearest nature reserve is. **There are at least 14 nature reserves within a 10-mile radius of Sedgfield!**

Or try getting up early and visiting your local woodland to enjoy the dawn chorus. Or you might do something more constructive like build a bird or bat box or insect hotel for your garden.

For the more adventurous why not have a go at going barefoot in the park, dancing in a downpour or lying on your back and watching the clouds go by. From little actions (like stopping to smell a flower on your way to the shops or taking a moment to watch squabbling sparrows in a hedge) to big things (like giving up single-use plastics for a month or writing to your MP about why nature matters), 30 Days Wild is all about re-connecting with the natural world and doing a little bit of good for wildlife.

For the first time, the Wildlife Trusts have also produced a pack for care homes alongside packs for schools and businesses. Research has shown that providing contact with nature can help people to feel happier and healthier.

One of 30 Days Wild's highlights, our Big Wild Weekend will take place on 15-16th June. Wildlife Trusts across the UK are planning a fabulous array of events. Last year these events included a dusk-to-dawn expedition, a prowling for owls, glow worms, nightjars and stars. Visit Durham, Tees Valley or Northumberland Wildlife Trusts websites to find out what is happening near you. Now in its fifth year, 30 Days Wild participants keep up to date and share the fun and activities across social media using #30DaysWild

Don't Show Bias - Come and Try Us!

A lifelong cricket lover, I am familiar with the "breathless hush" which enfolds many a rural cricket ground. What I didn't expect was to walk into a similar bubble of calm when I visited Fishburn Bowls Club on a lovely summer evening in the middle of May. On and around the green between twenty and thirty people we're taking part in, or watching, a league fixture against Cockton Hill. The club is keen to welcome anyone, male or female, young or old, who is interested in or merely curious about outdoor bowling. Membership fees are £17 for the year and give members access to the club's facilities between the end of April and the beginning of September, subject to the greenkeeper's agreement. All new members can borrow bowls from the club if they want to spend a week or two deciding whether bowls is the sport for them. Currently the club has 21 members.

As well as the opportunity to play socially, the club competes in four leagues across Durham and Teesside giving anyone with a competitive streak ample opportunity to test their mettle. Players pay a fee of £1 to take part in home league matches and travel to away games is usually provided in a 12 seater taxi at a cost of £3 per person per match. Terry Graham, the club treasurer, feels that 'The club's greatest asset is the friendly atmosphere with which it welcomes new members and the spirit in which it competes in the leagues and competitions.'

To find out more, call Terry Graham on 621328 or Gordon Robson (club secretary) on 621627.

Tony Magee



Your Letters

Following recent correspondence on horses riding through Winterton, Richard, formerly The Unknown Poet, just couldn't resist making a comeback!

I'm Only A Horse

When out for a ride, needing the loo,
I'm only a horse, there's nothing I can do.
Recently two letters, written about me,
Just like my deposits for all to see.
With my watery eyes 'n' blushing long face,
The manure police are now on my case ...
As I trot along, feeling very wary,
Sedgfield now seems a little bit scary.
If me and my rider are all but able,
We will try to make it back to the stable.
Accidents can happen, so I beg your pardon,
If so, scoop up and chuck on your garden!

Richard D Fearnside 2019 - he's back!

Ceddesfeld Hall



Home of Sedgefield Community Association

The Mediaeval Fayre Flower Queen and her attendants

(photo right) were chosen by raffle at the SCA Easter Picnic.

Imogen Groves (aged 11) from Sedgefield Hardwick School, with her attendants, Paige Hymer, (age 10), Hannah Davey (age 7) and Martha Edge (age 5) led the opening procession for the Mediaeval Fayre in a horse drawn carriage.

The 'Easter Picnic' was originally organised as part of the village Millennium celebrations. It has been running since 1999 and has been enjoyed, come rain, shine, or one year as the snow fell. It's a great opportunity for families to come together and enjoy a free family event.

One such family, visiting from the Midlands, enjoyed it so much that it has become a special event for which they make a journey every year!

Over 125 children and their families attended the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Monday and a great time was had by everyone, with lots of competitions and a fabulous hunt all around the grounds for Easter chicks. Every child received a prize, so no-one went away empty handed. Super sunshine added to a great afternoon.

Since then we've had a wonderful, wet Mediaeval Fayre (see right).

The next SCA event is Sedgefield Day on June 22nd - an opportunity for groups and organisations to showcase and promote what they do. We have Sedgefield Veterans, Discover Brightwater, Sedgefield Squash Club, Sedgefield Bloomers, the Local History Society, Sedgefield Development Trust, Sedgefield U3A, Sedgefield Players, Sedgefield Community Association, Ceddesfeld Art Group and Sedgefield Book Ends.

There is always space for more, so please get in touch! Sedgefield Twinning Association are providing the refreshments, and musical entertainment will include Sedgefield Schools combined choirs, The Push Button Band, SLYC, The Raggle Taggle Band, Sedgefield Lyric Singers, Lirica, Lol and Maxine Crallan and Ceddesfeld Ukulele Group – and of course, the bar is open!

Look out for posters around town and on social media.

For information on Ceddesfeld Hall events, regular activities, room hire and bar opening times, call Wendy on 01740 620206, Pat on 01740 620607 or Sarah on 01740 622185. Find us on Facebook & online at www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk



Above: an exceptionally colourful parade made its way to the Village Green to open this year's Fayre.

Below, in St Edmund's Church, Sedgefield Lyric Singers entertained in style.



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Sedgefield Farmers' Market - Sunday 2nd June

An expanded set of stalls made an attractive sight from every direction as people approached the market last month. The stalls were arranged around a space for Maypole dancing on the top of the Green, and this could be the scene again in June, with another visit from DZ Circus School offering a wide range of circus skills for you to try. It's all free for kids of any ages! So if you're a 80 year old kid you're included!

The Lions Charity are taking our Charity Stall and we have a double helping of music this month. First up are the Cobweb Connections Jazz Band and they will be followed by Fishburn Brass Band. Plenty to see and enjoy!

Our "Sedgefield Farmers Market" reusable bags will be on sale again to help you avoid single use plastic. Find them on the SDT stall.

To contact the Market, use: farmers@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk - and for the Charity stall & Music: charitystall@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk

Sport in Sedgfield

Email club reports to Chris Lines: chrisjlines@aol.com

Youth teams - please call Tony Magee on 07837 114 271 if you would like him to report on your club or matches

Squash

The end of the squash season saw the culmination of Sedgfield Squash Club's closed championships, followed by a presentation evening in the Parish Hall. The 2018-19 club champion is Rob Pearce who defeated Dan Toas 3-0 in the final. It was a fine comeback from Rob, who's battled with a long-term injury, and this followed his dad, Colin, winning his veteran's category earlier in the evening. The main headlines from the juniors came from Joseph Billany, who triumphed in two age group categories, and Jess Weatherspoon who successfully defended the Ladies Championship title. The main competition winners were as follows:

Club Closed Championship: **Rob Pearce** Ladies Championship: **Jess Weatherspoon**

Junior Championship: **James Knowlson** Junior Girls: **Lauren Prynn**

Junior U15 and Junior U13: **Joseph Billany** Junior U11: **Jake Bunting**

Senior O40: **Nick Hill** Senior O50: **Ian Williams** Senior O60: **Colin Pearce**.



Space prevents us from listing all of the various plate and racketball competitions in which prizes were won, but the club wants to thank the several dozen members who took part this year and made the last week in April a thoroughly good bonanza of entertaining, competitive squash. It would be remiss to omit mentioning the "Club Member of the Year" award, which went to Craig Weatherspoon, recognising his efforts in, among other things, bringing the local schools to the club for coaching.



Left & Right: Club champions, Jess and Rob with Club Chair, Neil Bunney.

Congratulations also go to Kevin Amer and Katie Hodgson who were awarded the gongs for being team players of the year. I will keep you updated with Sedgfield Squash Club news throughout the summer months. As ever, membership enquiries should go to Sue Smith at curlietailz@aol.com

Cricket

With the cricket season now in full swing, it's pleasing to report that all Sedgfield Cricket Club's teams have started well. The 1st XI has secured two maximum point wins in their first four games, providing some breathing space in a very competitive league.

From 5:30pm on Friday 7th June, the club celebrates its 170th anniversary with a packed evening of live music and food, all with free entry and the official opening of the 1849 Bar. Everyone is welcome, whether to watch 100+ kids enjoying their coaching, or to enjoy the refreshments on offer in the clubhouse. It promises to be a great evening. If you haven't visited the cricket club in a while, why not call in for a drink if you're passing. With a new pub-type licence, the bar is open to all and isn't restricted to members. However, annual social membership costs only £10 – enquiries can be emailed to sccmemberships@outlook.com or you can complete a form at the bar. Keep up to date by liking the club's Facebook page or Twitter feed.

Boccia

Sedgfield's boccia star Lee Maddison continues to perform very well at a high level. He recently won (along with his ramp assistant Chris Foster) the bronze medal in the Boccia England Cup.

This is the pinnacle and toughest competition on the Boccia England domestic calendar. After competing in three heats, Lee qualified for this competition earlier in the year. He still trains weekly at The Hub, Sedgfield Community College. Congratulations to Lee!



Athletics

Sedgfield Harriers hosted the annual Neptune Relays event in Hardwick Park in late April. The evening relays attracted a record field of teams of four from all over the North East and Yorkshire. The event was preceded by a junior handicap race and in total over 500 senior and junior athletes ran during the evening.

The men's and women's races were both won by Durham City Harriers, while a team of Justin Cox, Ciaran Lines, Chris Lines and David Bentley claimed third place in the men's event. (see photo above).

There were prizes of fruit in many categories and full results can be found on the Harriers' new website at www.sedgfieldharriers.co.uk.

The club is very grateful to all of the volunteers who made the event possible, and to the team at Hardwick Park for allowing the relays to be hosted in such a beautiful location.

U10s good fortune

Sedgfield Youth FC (below) was one of three lucky local causes in the latest round of funding from Sedgfield Coop.



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