

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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Steven Chaytor with Gary Philipson in the BBC studios

The Durham Wonderboy

Local resident Steven Chaytor has published a heartfelt book about his father, footballer Kenny Chaytor, and recently spoke to Sedgefield News about the story behind it.

"The Last Goal of The Durham Wonderboy is the story of my father, Kenny Chaytor, a professional footballer in the 1950s who died last year with dementia. I wrote the book, not just to tell his football story, but also to chronicle his dementia journey. Central to the story is the support he received from the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA). The public perception is that the game does not support ex-players. However, in 2023 the Football Brain Health Fund was created by the PFA and the Premier League and my dad was in the first very small group of players to receive support.

The book is rich in stories and anecdotes and says much about the way the professional game has changed in the last sixty years. It is very personal, very honest and unsparing about the effects of dementia. However, despite being a serious subject, there is plenty of humour and anyone dealing with dementia in the family will recognise much of what my family experienced. I hope people will enjoy reading about a quiet, shy man who was something of a local hero."

The book can be ordered or bought wherever you buy your books but most importantly at the brilliant Back of Beyond Books in Sedgefield.



THE LAST GOAL OF THE DURHAM WONDERBOY



A tale of 50s football, Oldham Athletic and dementia

STEVEN CHAYTOR
foreword by Dawn Astle MBE


On the Green, First Sunday Morning Every Month.



Sunday 2 November
on the Village Green
8:30am - 12:15pm



FARMERS MARKET - SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS EVENT
Sunday 7 December
8:30am to 12 noon

Come and join us for a special
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As well as the usual excellent range
of food and drink you will find gifts,
treats, free refreshments, and a
raffle.
Live music will add to the festive
spirit!



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SCHOOL NEWS

Skills builder

Having introduced the Skills Builder approach in September 2024, we were delighted to be awarded the Skills Builder Silver Award in autumn 2025. Skills Builder identifies 8 key skills that support children (and adults) to be successful. At Sedgefield Community College (SCC), we use Skills Builder to shine a spotlight on the importance of developing these skills. Achieving the Silver Award in little over a year is a fantastic effort and our aim is now to keep developing the approach further.

One of the reasons why Skills Builder has been successful is the way that we have been able to reward our students when they have been successful in demonstrating a skill. This term, staff are in the process of nominating students to receive an award for one of two skills: Staying Positive and Aiming High.

Earlier this term, we introduced our first 'Experiences Passport' for our Year 7 students. The challenge for the children is to complete at least 27 of the 30 'experiences' before we break up for Christmas. Successful students will be asked to identify which skill has been most important to them as they have undertaken this broad range of experiences. At this point, students will then receive a Skills Builder pin badge that they can wear on their school blazer with pride!



New starters in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

At Sedgefield Primary, our Nursery and Reception children have been absolutely amazing at settling into the EYFS setting and have made us all so proud! They have been learning the rules and new routines of both Nursery and Reception.

EYFS have enjoyed exploring the learning environment both inside and outside the classroom. Our woodland area is a great resource in Autumn to explore the different colours in the environment.

EYFS have been developing their ability to recognise a sense of belonging and community this half term. Our topic has been what makes us special and how to be a good friend to each other. The children have enjoyed listening to stories about friendship, looking at photos of themselves, their families and sharing their news from their homes. Our parents and carers have been amazing in supporting our shared news. We really value our close partnership work with families and our family feel environment.

Do you want to come and have a look?

Our Open Evening for nursery and reception is Thursday 6 November from 5:30pm to 7pm.



At the Royal Academy

Sedgefield Hardwick Primary Academy is celebrating the remarkable success of one of its Year 6 pupils, whose artwork was selected for display at the prestigious Royal Academy of Arts in London as part of the Young Artists' Summer Show.

The pupil created the piece in school using charcoal and her dog Milo as her inspiration. Her work stood out among more than 23,000 submissions from young artists across the UK – a truly exceptional achievement and a moment of great pride for the pupil, her family, and the school community.



Headteacher, Paul Taylor, said, "We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment. To have one of our pupils recognised on a national stage reflects the creativity, dedication, and passion we nurture here at Sedgefield Hardwick Primary Academy."

Displayed alongside pieces from other young artists nationwide, the artwork received admiration from visitors for its creativity and skill, including a visit from the artist herself along with her proud family. The school continues to encourage pupils to explore and express their artistic talents - showing that with imagination and hard work, the possibilities are endless.

Sedgefield Community College

Christmas Fayre

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025
10AM UNTIL 2PM

Crafts | Hot Food | Santa's Grotto
Games | Tombola | Stalls

Free Entry!

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SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST *PROJECTS*



Open Event



Sedgefield Development Trust hosted an Open Event in late September, welcoming residents from across the community. Trustees and volunteers showcased current projects through images, displays, and information – including a popular beekeeping demonstration.

A key feature of the event was an ideas board, inviting suggestions for future community initiatives.

Proposed ideas were:

- A community vegetable and herb growing project
- A social group specifically for men
- Access to school uniform support services
- IT skills workshops (e.g. Word, Excel)

If you're interested in helping to set up one of these groups, or would simply like to take part, please get in touch at news@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk. We will help connect people with shared interests and the Development Trust can support with systems and processes.



Camera loan scheme reopens

As the colder months set in, Sedgefield Development Trust has reopened bookings for its popular thermal camera loan scheme – helping residents identify heat loss and improve energy efficiency at home.

The Trust has three devices available:



- Two mobile-compatible cameras (for Android and iOS)



- One standalone HIKMICRO thermal camera, with a built-in viewfinder and the option to transfer images to a computer

Each camera comes with a user guide and the necessary connection cables. Devices are loaned for one week (Saturday to Saturday) and must be returned promptly to ensure availability for the next user.



This is a great opportunity to check how well your home retains heat and make informed decisions about insulation or heating improvements.

To book a device, simply fill out the form at sedgefieldweb.co.uk/thermalimaging.html.



An alternative Christmas tree

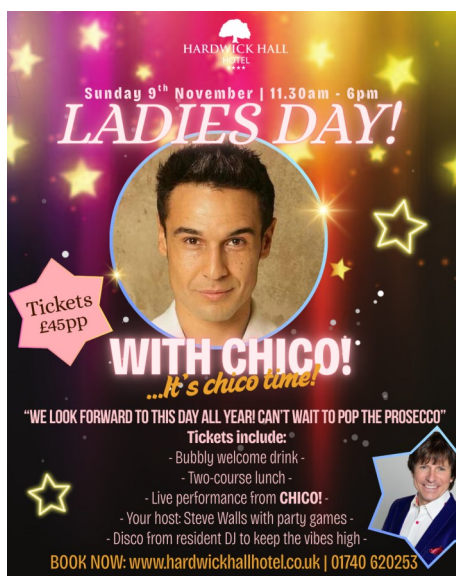
How about a using a pruned or fallen branch, bare of leaves as native deciduous trees are at this time of year, all the better to highlight the decorations?

This is perhaps my third generation of Christmas Twig. I love it! I found this beautifully-shaped offcut in the lane after someone had pruned some very old ivy. Each decoration has a story behind it - I remember where I bought it (often on my travels) or who gave it to me or - even more special - made it for me. Not all the decorations come out each year; I ring a few changes; and the lights may be coloured, may be soft white.



After Christmas, my twig goes back to hang from the garage rafters for next year. Or if it breaks or I come across something that suits better, I can turn it into kindling for a log-burner, use it to patch up a dead-hedge, compost it or put it in the brown garden waste recycling bin.

Tamzin Lafford



U3A UPDATE

u3a

Another extremely well attended meeting to hear our Speaker, Chris Lloyd, give a fascinating, entertaining and stimulating talk on the birth of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, while revealing some amusing stories behind its development. For example, one anecdote related to Stephenson's Rocket's first journey. All was ready, with hundreds of spectators watching, when the railwaymen realised they needed a lantern to fire the engine. Whilst waiting, a local man lit his pipe using the sun's rays through a magnifying glass. Of course, it was soon realised this could be used to light the engine too. So the first railway engine was started using the sun! The earliest example of solar power?! As a side note, it's interesting to note that matches were invented in the following year - in Stockton!

So many of our Interest Groups are already back to their busy routine. In mid-September, the House and Gardens group had a lovely trip to Harlow Carr, the regional RHS Gardens near Harrogate. Although most of the summer bedding and planting was over, the autumn display had already started with a muted whisper of seasonal colours. Shelter from the changeable weather was aided by coffee in Betty's or the new RHS cafe. In early October, the group travelled to Helmsley where they made the most of the beautiful walled garden, the castle and its large park, and visited the interesting shops and cafes in town. These days out are ever popular items in our calendar; very often we have to open a waiting list.

The Wine Appreciation Group intend to meet bi-monthly and started the new year by really enjoying the group of wines collated by Peter Worrall. We were entertained by his humorous and knowledgeable descriptions of the wines; their provenance, culture and structure. This social and friendly group is learning about oenology in the relaxed and chilled environment of a member's home. It's always so difficult to call an end to the evening!

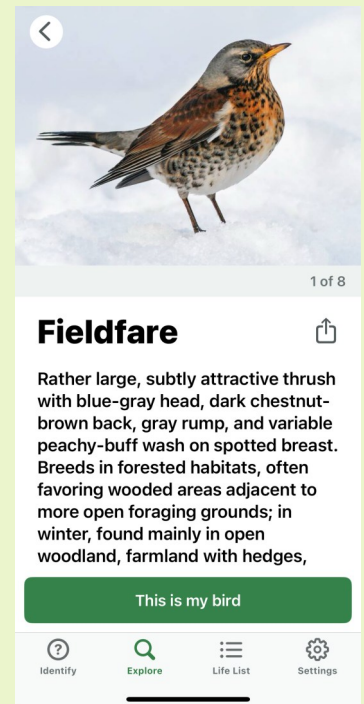
The Burtree Inn was the venue for the Lunch Group meeting and this proved a popular choice with delicious food and the usual chat and laughter. We were delighted to welcome so many of our new members and look forward to getting to know them really well over the coming months.

The Craft Club met to start our items to decorate our Christmas Tree for the Festival in St Edmunds Church. Members had the best time completing a range of sparkling crystal bead snowflakes as the first stage of our kitsch and glitz design.

STEVE'S NATURE DIARY NOVEMBER 2025

On a recent walk through the woods in Durham, my attention was drawn to a crunching noise as I made my way along the footpath. The floor was covered in places with acorns and other places with beech nuts - something I had not seen or experienced for a while, like walking on a crunchy carpet. The reason we have so many acorns this year is because it is known as a mast year - a fascinating natural phenomenon! A mast year is when certain trees, especially oaks, beeches, and hazels, produce an unusually large number of seeds, nuts, and fruits like acorns, conkers, and berries. These events typically occur every 4 to 10 years and are thought to be triggered by a mix of environmental cues such as weather patterns, temperature, and rainfall. It's nature's clever strategy to overwhelm predators by flooding the ecosystem with seeds. Trees ensure that even after animals like squirrels, jays and deer feast, plenty of seeds remain to germinate. More seeds mean more chances for new trees to grow, especially in woodlands. This year's mast event was likely triggered by a sunny spring that supported strong pollination. This was followed by rain in late summer and early autumn, which helped trees produce and retain their fruit. As a result, animals have a feast, which can lead to population spikes. More seedlings may sprout, shaping future woodland composition.

Another autumnal phenomenon is the coming and goings of birds as the weather changes. Lots of summer birds have left, but winter birds are just starting to arrive. One of them is the fieldfare: a big, beautiful colourful thrush with an icy grey head. Flocks of fieldfare will be flying to the UK this month. The fieldfare visits the UK in the winter to feast on berry-laden bushes in hedgerows, woodlands and parks. They are sociable birds and can be seen in flocks of more than 200 roaming through the countryside. They often venture into gardens when there is snow cover or if it is a severe winter. They have an interesting call often described as chuckling. If you are interested in learning how to identify birds by their calls or song, you might like to try an app for your phone. The app is called Merlin and it's free, easy to use and although it's not 100% accurate, it is getting better. It really does add an extra dimension to any walk and helps you to connect to nature in a new way - give it a try. Find out more at merlin.allaboutbirds.org.



Screenshot from Merlin

The u3a held a very successful Coffee Morning in mid-October where our display on 'Who we Are, What we do' proved productive in garnering some new members. The delicious cakes and savoury items enjoyed with the coffee may have had something to do with that too!

Our November Speaker will be Mark Braithwaite who is returning this year to tell us all about the search and criminal investigation of the disappearance of John Darwin, the Canoe Man from Seaton Carew. His last talk about the murder of Julie Hogg and the repeal of the Double Jeopardy Law was extremely interesting, so we look forward to hearing all about another local case from the ex-Head of Middlesbrough CID. If you are retired/semi-retired, do come along and listen in with us at 2pm, Friday 7 November in the Parish Hall.

Chris Balfour



CEDDESFIELD HALL

We did enjoy a touch of an 'Indian Summer' but as we head towards November, darker evenings and colder days are certainly on the way. Ceddesfeld Hall continues to offer a warm welcome to all hobby groups and visitors. There really is something for everyone!

The grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall have looked stunning throughout the autumn sunshine and very special thanks must go to the dedicated, hardworking Sedgfield in Bloom volunteers, who do so much to improve the area around the Ceddesfeld Hall.

Ceddesfeld Hall bar is delighted to maintain their prestigious entry into the 'CAMRA Good Beer' guide for 2026. Much appreciation must go to the dedicated, hardworking bar committee and volunteers. The bar and lounge are open Monday to Thursday from 7:30pm to 10:30pm, and to 11pm every Friday. Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see you!

Sedgfield Squash Club have recently begun their new term, with team matches, home and away. The club is very proactive in encouraging new players and remains a very important part of SCA.



Recent weekend events have been very successful and enjoyable. The SCA quiz night in September was great fun and well attended. 'Sedgfield Sounds' music evening showcased younger and upcoming performers as well as more established well-known local singers. It was a fantastic evening, very much enjoyed by all, with a super variety of original songs and well know tunes. The evening raised over £340 for Breast Cancer Now.

Autumn/Winter at Ceddesfeld Hall - Dates for your diary

STC – Fireworks and Halloween Howler, Friday 31 October at 6:30pm
Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds, admission into grounds (with pumpkins for judging) from 5:45pm to 6:20pm. Adult £3.50, Child Under 16, £2.50 - tickets from STC offices (9am to 1pm) and Ceddesfeld Hall bar (7:30pm to 10:30pm).

Remembrance Sunday 9 November

Following the service at the Cenotaph, tea and coffee will be served in the main hall.



Eclectic Art Exhibition, Saturday 22 November from 10am to 4pm.
A showcase (and sale) for local artists. Proceeds from the café will be donated to Shepherd's Purse Operation Christmas Child and Feeding Families. For more info contact eclecticartsedgfield@gmail.com.

County Durham Young Farmers Christmas Fayre, 23 November 10am - 2:30pm
An opportunity to browse through a lovely range of Christmas crafts, gifts and produce.

Christmas Craft Fayre (as part of STC Snow Party & Parade) – Saturday 29 November – 1pm to 4pm in the main hall – community bar open until 7pm
Refreshments (teas, coffees, cakes and biscuits) served by Sedgfield District Uniformed Services Group (SDUSG).

Christmas Wreath Workshop, Sunday 30 November 10am to 12:30pm
Make your own Christmas wreath, with all materials provided (cinnamon, dried fruit, berries, pinecones, luxury ribbon), all for £45, including refreshments. Contact 07523398922 to book a place.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies following the Churches Together 'Carols on the Green', Friday 19 December 7pm – bar & lounge

Sedgfield Smile Time Ukulele Band will be performing a range of popular songs at 7pm, in the main hall - Friday 19 December - 7pm - main hall – bar - Free event.

SCA Christmas Eve Quiz, 24 December at 8pm. Free event, with doors open from 7:30pm. Teams of 6 or fewer. Bar open.

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 at www.sedgfieldscsca.org.uk. Follow us on Facebook [Ceddesfeld Hall 'Home of SCA'](#).



LETTERS

Font sizes

First let me say that I am an avid reader and supporter of the Sedgfield News and fully appreciate all that you do. However, I need to point out that quite a lot of this month's issue was impossible to read because of the small size of the print used on many of the posters:

- Page 1 - Ladies Day poster
- Page 2- all the small writing on the 3 posters on the right.
- Page 3- almost the whole of the reproduction of the old page from the Sedgfield News (I would love to have been able to read that!)
- Page 5-The Rock and Blues Club poster and the Fireworks poster.

There are a lot of elderly people living in Sedgfield most of whom will have similar difficulties and will no doubt be muttering to themselves about this month's issue.

Alison Hodgson

Editor's reply

Thank you for getting in touch and for your supportive words about our publication. As for the size of the font on the posters - I agree that it is often difficult to read but we aim for the headlines to always be clear so people can seek further details either on the Diary Page or on social media. There are some striking posters shared with us but unfortunately their style and content is outside of our control. I used the image of the historical copy of the Sedgfield News to fill space on page 3, however, I should have noted that the historical editions are all available online as pdfs at www.sedgfieldweb.co.uk/history.html - the edition to look for is October 2005. I hope you enjoy reading the edition from our archive.



**THE INNER WHEEL CLUB of
SEDGFIELD**

COFFEE MORNING

FRIDAY 14thTH November 10am

PARISH HALL Sedgfield

Supporting

**STOP Violence Against Women &
Girls**

**Please come and give your
support**

Cake Stall & Christmas Ideas



ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com

Sedgefield Players

This year's pantomime is a twist on a classic called 'The Trials of Goldilocks' by Tom Guest.

There is a Royal Family, Witches, a Fairy, Goldilocks and her brother, her mother Lucy Locks (the Dame), Three Bears, a couple of henchmen (women actually, called Bish and Bosh) and a multitude of other characters, villagers and dancers.



It is full of all the Panto antics you've come to expect at Sedgefield with the Players and the SPYS – colourful characters, amazing story telling with glorious singing, high energy dancing, and madcap humour.

Tickets may still be available at www.ticketsource.co.uk or 'Back of Beyond Books' in Sedgefield.
By Sedgefield Players

Lumiere & Aglow

Stand by for a sparkling November as two dazzling festivals transform the region into a glowing gallery of art, colour and imagination.

Lumiere Durham runs 13 to 15 November, illuminating the streets and landmarks from 5pm to 10 pm each night, see artists from across the world reimagine Durham's historic skyline with projections, sculptures and immersive displays. The event is free, though bookings are required via lumiere-festival.com.

AGLOW 2025 lights up the grounds of Auckland Palace Gardens from 21 November. A trail featuring breathtaking light installations, the region's tallest Christmas tree and a spectacular tunnel of light. For tickets (Not free) visit aucklandproject.org.

Wonderful Concert

Your three choirs are delighted to present their Festive Concert: It's The Most WONDERFUL Time Of The Year.

Your choirs promise there will be, #Kids jingle belling and everyone telling you, be of good cheer. There'll be much mistletoeing and hearts will be glowing, when loved ones are near. #

So book the date of Friday 12 and Saturday 13 December for St. Edmund's Church starting at 7:30pm and join your choral family for this WONDERFUL festive fare.

Please note we cannot guarantee snow, marshmallows, nor mistletoe, but do promise to provide carolling, jingle bells, tales of the glories of Christmases long, long ago, glowing hearts and lashings of good cheer.



Looking forward to sharing it all with you at this most WONDERFUL time! Friday 12 and Saturday 13 December, Venue: St. Edmund's Church, Sedgefield at 7:30pm
Tickets: £8, £6 (U16) from members of the choirs, at Tickety Boo & at Sedgefieldlyricsingers@gmail.com.
By Sedgefield Lyric Singers

Hardwick Hall Fireworks

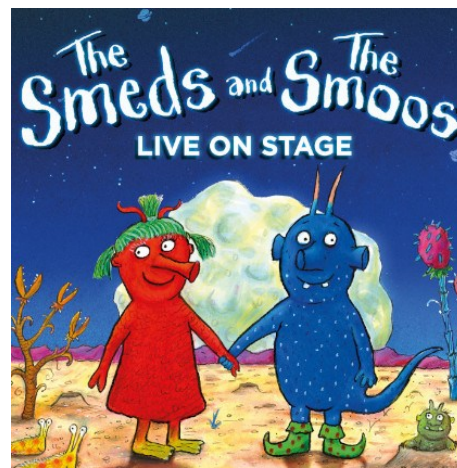
See Bonfire Night off with a bang at Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield, on Wednesday 5 November, with an extravaganza to light up the skies.

Expect spectacular displays within the beautiful grounds of Hardwick Park, plus fairground rides and street food stalls for family-friendly fun.

Please book tickets in advance at hardwickhallhotel.co.uk and arrive early to secure parking and a good viewing spot.

More local events:

The Smeds and The Smoos, Darlington Hippodrome
Interstellar star-crossed love in Julia Donaldson's beloved tale of fun and adventure, of differences accepted and overcome. For ages 3 and up.
11-12 November, £16
darlingtonhippodrome.co.uk/whats-on/The-Smeds-and-The-Smoos



Tom Hume: Retrospective, Ushaw House, Chapels and Gardens
The most comprehensive exhibition to date of prominent local artist and teacher Tom Hume, featuring oils and drawing as well as his sketchbooks
From Saturday 8 November
ushaw.org/whatson/tom-hume/



SPORTS UPDATE with Chris Lines chrisjlines@aol.com

I've received a lot of great sports material recently, which is always welcome, but puts pressure on the space available in Sedgefield News. This month, we've got a report about the on (and off) field activities of The Winkers, Sedgefield Cricket Club's social team. Next month, I'll have some news from the worlds of golf and paracycling, plus early season updates from rugby union, football and cross country running. Busy, busy, busy...

Cricket

Sedgefield Cricket Club has a very successful social team called The Winkers, that plays in the SG Petch North East Social Cricket League. Once again, The Winkers have kept the flag flying for Sedgefield this year, as they battled hard in a competitive league to end the 2025 season as champions. Remarkably, the team has now won the league title for the third time in four years.

With a mix of ages, abilities, illnesses, physical limitations and injuries, the team gathers every week to have a laugh and enjoy each other's company, as well as trying to play some decent cricket along the way. Whatever happens on the field, the players have fun and a drink together at the end of each game, winding team mates up in the process!

This year, The Winkers have also attracted some talented youngsters from within Sedgefield Cricket Club, with several making their debuts. The new young players have stated that they wanted to play for the Winkers as it looked like great fun, as well as a good standard of competitive cricket. The youth policy of The Winkers will continue, trying to balance the aging and less agile squad, so that the team continues to be successful and supports the next generation of players.

On the field, the season contained many of the usual calamities and highlights, including :

- 80-year-old chairman Mike Blocki steaming in from the rugby end against Raby Castle to bowl a couple of tantalising overs, and taking the prized wicket of their first team batsman. Class is permanent!
- The new, young players were amazing. Josh "the Bosh" Southeran smashed a 25 (retired) against The Gudivers. Ashton 'Bashton' Carter (supported by Danny P) scored runs everywhere at 11 an over and put the team in a winning position against pre-season favourites Darlington RA. Jack 'Scanners' Scanlon accumulated a quick 30 against a strong Darlington RA side. Sadie Clark claimed a maiden wicket in her first competitive appearance for the team. George Davey stepped into the wicket keeping role on several occasions and did a great job, as well as scoring vital runs. Last but not least, Ben Burrell brought the team some pace bowling and took some vital wickets. There were high quality efforts from all of the youngsters.
- A new record total was achieved by the team, hitting 220 in the allotted 20 overs, and beating a decent Easybeats team on a difficult 'trampoline wicket' at Crathorne.
- Sedgefield Cricket Club legend Jonathan 'Nobby' Clark overcame the yips to bowl, finally, pretty well.
- Once again, despite regular use, everyone was shocked to see Peter 'Boozy' Brown's green PE socks last another season.
- Peter 'The Wall' Sedgewick, renowned for his fielding prowess, was finally breached as a number of balls passed his massive feet and hands.

The Winkers are setting a high standard for local social and community cricket. They continue to shine a light on Sedgefield as a place that is vibrant and is a warm and friendly community that can play hard and have a lot of fun in the process. Through a local supplier, The Winkers team has its own kit and branding. An online merchandise store is now available where fans can buy replica products such as match kit, training gear and social wear. The Winkers also have a new Instagram page, which you can follow at @sedgefieldwinkers. The page has updates on the team's progress and fixtures, along with a link to buy merchandise.

With the summer now over and the silverware polished and in the cabinet at Sedgefield Cricket Club, The Winkers will soon begin their intense winter training programme and look forward to defending their title in 2026, when all will welcome to watch their progress.

Sedgefield Cricket Club held its annual end of season presentations over two nights in October, for senior and junior teams. I'll include a report from those events in next month's update.



Squash



Sedgefield Squash Club will be offering free taster/refresher sessions on Sunday 16 November, from 11am to 4pm. The sessions will allow people to try squash for the first time, or provide a refresher for those who have played in the past. All you need is a clean pair of non-marking trainers, and the club will provide the rest of the equipment. Sedgefield Squash Club is a friendly and welcoming club, with a wide range of ages and abilities. Whether it's to play for fun, or more competitively in the box leagues, it's a great way to get fit and have fun at the same time. For those of you who don't know where the club is, the courts are in the grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall (TS21 2AE).

If you require more Information on membership packages and costs, please email the club at info@sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk. The club looks forward to seeing people on 16 November.

Badminton



Further to the notice a few months ago, Sedgefield Badminton Club still has some vacancies for new members, and is seeking experienced players over 18 years old. The club plays in the Sports Hall at the Hub at Sedgefield Community College on Monday nights, between 7:15pm and 9.15pm. Unfortunately, it is unable to accommodate beginners as it has no coaching facilities. If you are interested, please contact Caroline Dalton on 07947 871005.



The Winkers celebrate another victory at Sedgefield Cricket Club

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

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL & CONCERT



St Cuthbert's Hospice

St Edmund's Church will host its fifth Christmas Tree Festival, celebrating the theme "Christmas Stories / Christmas Books". 35 local groups are taking part, and 50% of proceeds will go to St Cuthbert's Hospice in Durham www.stcuthbertshospice.com.

The festival will officially open on Saturday 29 November at 10am, with special guests Pam Royle, former ITV News presenter, and Jack Smith MBE, Paralympic gold medal-winning rugby player, cutting the ribbon.

Opening day will also feature live music from St Edmund's organist Alistair Fisher, who will be performing throughout the morning.

Opening hours:

Daily: 11am–4pm (until Sunday 7 December)

Exceptions: Sunday 30 Nov (2–4pm), Monday 1 Dec (closed)

On Tuesday 2 December, the acclaimed Ferryhill Town Band will perform an evening concert. The band has had a stellar year, winning the Second Section of the North of England Brass Band Championships in March and placing fourth at the National Finals in September.

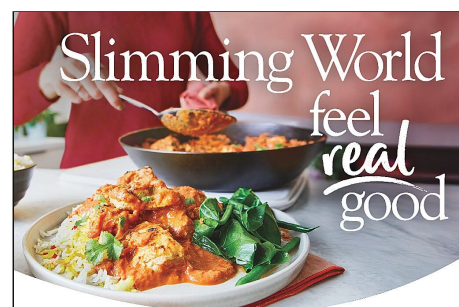
Tickets: £10 per person / £25 family ticket includes wine/soft drink & nibbles. Available from From Loft to Loved (cash only) or Brian Mutch (01740 622302).

Tickets will not be available on the night - don't miss out - get your tickets now!

Ferryhill Town Band
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL CONCERT
St Edmunds Church, Sedgefield
Tuesday 2nd December, 7:30pm
Tickets £10 or family for £25
(Includes a glass of wine/juice & mince pie)

Tickets available from:
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Brian Mutch: b.mutch@btinternet.com
or Tel: 01740 622302

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- Friendly Fixers, Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, 10:30am to 12:30pm. Repair café.
- Sunday 2 Annual Memorial Service, St. Edmund's Church, 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this service.
- Sedgefield Farmers Market, Village Green, 8:30-12:15pm.
- Monday 3 Sedgefield Local History Society, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:45pm. Michelle Brown "The Lindisfarne Gospels". Please note the change of speaker. Visitors welcome.
- Wednesday 5 Sedgefield WI, Methodist Church Hall, 7:15pm. Mystery Night! Members competition is "a handmade Christmas card". Visitors always welcome, £4 (includes refreshments).
- Friday 7 u3a Monthly Meeting, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2-4pm. Mark Braithwaite on John Darwin, Canoe Man.
- Sunday 9 Remembrance Service, Sedgefield Village Green Turning Circle. Service of remembrance at 10am (church opens at 9:30am). A short outdoor service will be held at 10:50am with a 2 minute silence at 11am.
- Friday 14 Inner Wheel Club of Sedgefield Coffee Morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am. Supporting STOP violence against women and girls. Cake stalls and Christmas ideas. All welcome.
- Sedgefield Cricket Club Quiz Night, 8pm. £1 entry.
- Saturday 15 Parish of the Upper Skerne Primary Schools' Art Competition, St. Edmund's Church, 12:30-3:30pm. Prize giving at 2pm, refreshments available. See poster for details.
- Sunday 16 Parish of the Upper Skerne Primary Schools' Art Competition, St. Edmund's Church, 12:30-3:30pm. As above.
- Tuesday 18 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. Open evening. A demonstration by Julia Loudon title Midwinter Madness. Members £5, guests £8.
- Friday 21 Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club Coffee Morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-12pm. A festive gathering with seasonal refreshments. £2 donation.
- Saturday 22 Eclectic Art Exhibition, Ceddesfeld Hall, 10am-4pm. Exhibition, sales and charity coffee event. Further information from electricartsedgefield@gmail.com.
- Mayor of Sedgefield's Ceilidh, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm-11pm. Live music by Blind Panic. Tickets, £12.50, from Sedgefield Town Council Office or 01740 621273.
- Friday 28 Sedgefield District Uniformed Services Group Coffee Morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am.
- Saturday 29 Christmas Tree Festival Coffee Morning and Opening, St Edmund's Church, 10am. See page 8 for more information.
- Snow Party, Sedgefield Parish Hall, St Edmund's Church, Ceddesfeld Hall and at the Turning Circle. The Annual Snow Party includes a craft fayre, carol service, Santa's Grotto and light switch on event.
- Sunday 30 Parish Church Service, St Edmund's Church at 10am and Christmas Tree Festival open 2pm to 4pm.

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

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