

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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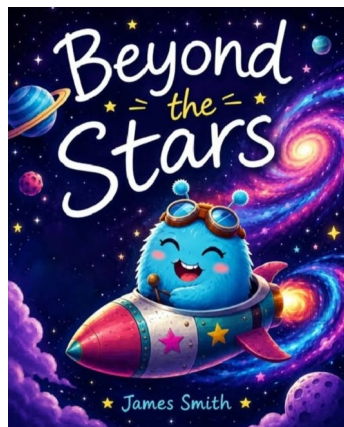
Sedgefield dad reaches for the stars

A Sedgefield dad living with advanced cancer has achieved a dream by publishing a children's book, years after doctors predicted that he would die. James Smith is a new author who wants to inspire imagination, while leaving a lasting legacy for his wife and daughter. James has now published his first book, three years after medical professionals expected him to die.



James Smith with his book *Beyond the Stars*

After being diagnosed with cancer, James Smith wasn't expected to see his 43rd birthday, but last week turned 46. In 'Beyond the Stars', James asks readers if they have ever wondered what it would be like to explore deepest, darkest space. The central character Orbi (Or-bee) sets out on an adventure to the edge of the universe to find everything from familiar planets and stars to unbelievable cosmic mysteries. Young readers have the opportunity to learn fun facts along the way.



James comments: "I'm so proud of this book and my emotions are a little bit all over the place at the moment. Obviously I'd like Beyond the Stars to do well, but nothing will beat the feeling of reading it to my daughter Ida at bedtime. She loves it - there's no better feeling in the world than being a dad. We'll just have to make the most of it, because no one can say how many birthdays I've got left."

Beyond the Stars is now available in paperback or Kindle edition on Amazon (search for 'Beyond the Stars book').

Geoff Receives British Empire Medal



As reported in the August edition of Sedgefield News, Geoff Hill was named in the King's Birthday Honours. He recently received his medal from the Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Mike Butterwick CBE, assisted by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Councillor Amanda Hopgood, at a special presentation ceremony.

Reflecting on the occasion, Geoff said: "It was a brilliant day for me and my family."



Congratulations to Geoff on this well-deserved honour and recognition of his long-standing commitment to safeguarding and sharing the area's aviation heritage.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sedgefield Students Win Ducati STEM Challenge

We were delighted to recently find out that a team from Sedgefield Community College had won the 'Build the Villain's Machine' competition: a competition created by the North East STEM foundation working in partnership with Ducati UK. Our team of students were tasked with reimagining a Ducati motorcycle in order to create the ultimate 'villain's machine' and were announced as winners at an awards dinner that took place at Dalton Old Pump House in Seaham.



Teams from across the region took part in the competition and it was a wonderful achievement to be judged as having presented the strongest entry. In addition to being invited to the awards dinner, the winning team of students will also win an exclusive Ducati & Silverstone Performance Experience, taking part in a visit to Silverstone and the Ducati UK headquarters.

Mrs Lennox, the school's Subject Leader for Design Technology explained, "Our students really embraced the challenge and put a huge amount of thought and effort into their ideas. Experiences like this bring the subject to life and show young people the opportunities STEM subjects can open up."

Well done to all of the winning team and it is fantastic that the creativity and innovative thinking of our students was recognised in this way!

Running Away with Success

Sedgefield Hardwick Primary Academy is celebrating an outstanding set of sporting results after our young athletes excelled in recent Go Well competitions.



The school's cross country runners enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at the Go Well Cross Country Competition, held at Ferryhill School on Friday 2 October. Pupils from Years 3 to 6 represented the academy superbly, demonstrating determination, resilience and fantastic team spirit throughout the competition.

The Year 5/6 girls' team produced a brilliant performance to secure 2nd place overall, while the Year 5/6 boys' team went one better, taking 1st place, with Sedgefield Hardwick runners also securing exceptional individual finishes in 1st and 2nd place. There was further success for the younger runners, with the Year 3/4 girls' team finishing in 1st place. In a remarkable display, Sedgefield Hardwick pupils took 1st, 2nd and 3rd places individually, setting a record for the best team finish by any team in the competition.

The fantastic performances also mean that many of Sedgefield Hardwick's teams have qualified for the County Finals later in the year, where they will have the opportunity to represent the school once again and compete against some of the best young runners from across the county.

Success has not been limited to cross country, with the academy's footballers also enjoying an excellent start to the sporting year. The Sedgefield Hardwick A Team were crowned winners of the Go Well Football League, finishing top of the table on goal difference after a closely contested campaign. The school's B Team also represented the academy brilliantly, securing a respectable mid-table finish and gaining valuable competitive experience along the way.

Ex-Pupil Returns as a Qualified Teacher



From a high-achieving pupil to an inspiring teacher, Ned Hampson has come full circle by returning to Sedgefield Primary School.

Sedgefield Primary School is delighted to welcome back former pupil Ned Hampson, who has returned to the school as a qualified teacher. Now embarking on his career as an Early Career Teacher (ECT), Ned is gaining valuable experience teaching pupils across the full primary age range, from Nursery through to Year 6.



Having once walked the school's corridors as a pupil himself, Ned is now helping to shape the learning experiences and futures of the next generation. His return is a wonderful reminder of the lasting impact a school can have and of the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for its pupils.

Ned attended Sedgefield Primary School before continuing his education at Sedgefield Community College. He remains an active member of the Sedgefield community and is also involved with Sedgefield Cricket Club, making his return to the school particularly special.

Some members of our experienced staff even remember teaching Ned when he was a pupil here just over a decade ago. It is a proud moment to see a former pupil return, having achieved so much, to begin his own teaching journey.

We are incredibly proud to see Ned return to where his educational journey began. His story is an inspiring example of how today's pupils can become tomorrow's professionals, role models and educators, and demonstrates the positive impact that education can have within a community.

SEDFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST PROJECTS



FARMERS MARKET
Sunday 1 November
8:30am to 12pm
Sedgefield Village Green



Homework Help feels that education is an opportunity to invest in oneself and one's future. If you're a student/pupil and you'd like a hand understanding your homework or lessons, contact us: homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk - also if you are someone who could spare an hour a week to share your knowledge and understanding with a student. You don't have to be a trained teacher. Take a look also at sedgefieldweb.co.uk/homework-help.html. All volunteers are DBS checked.



THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA LOAN SCHEME

A project by Sedgefield Development Trust

As energy costs remain a concern for many households, Sedgefield Development Trust's thermal camera loan scheme is returning for another winter, giving residents a simple way to identify where precious heat may be escaping from their homes.

Whether it's draughty doors, poorly insulated walls, gaps around windows or unexpected cold spots, thermal imaging can reveal problems that are often invisible to the naked eye. By highlighting areas of heat loss, the cameras can help homeowners make informed decisions about insulation, draught-proofing and other energy-saving improvements.

The Trust has three devices available to borrow: two smartphone-compatible thermal cameras (for Android and iOS) and a standalone HIKMICRO thermal imaging camera with built-in viewfinder. All equipment is supplied free of charge with simple instructions and any necessary cables, making it easy for first-time users to get started.

The cameras are available on a one-week loan basis, from Saturday to Saturday, and demand is often high during the colder months. Users are therefore asked to return equipment promptly so that others can benefit from the scheme.

The initiative has proved popular in previous years, helping local residents gain a better understanding of how their homes perform during winter and identify practical ways to improve comfort while reducing energy use.

To book a thermal camera, complete the online form at www.sedgefieldweb.co.uk/thermalimaging.html.



Schoolchildren Join Big Autumn Clean

More than 30 pupils and staff from Sedgefield Primary School joined Sedgefield Ploggers to help tidy the village centre as part of County Durham's Big Autumn Clean.



Plogging, which combines litter picking with exercise, has been a regular community activity in Sedgefield since the group was founded in 2018. Year 5 pupils took part in the clean-up alongside experienced young ploggers from other year groups, collecting an impressive amount of litter around the village.

Chris Lines of Sedgefield Ploggers said it was "brilliant" to work with the school and praised the children's enthusiasm and community spirit.

Head teacher Leanne Collings said the event gave pupils the chance to make a positive contribution to the community while supporting both environmental awareness and their own wellbeing.

For more information, visit the Sedgefield Ploggers Facebook page.



u3a update

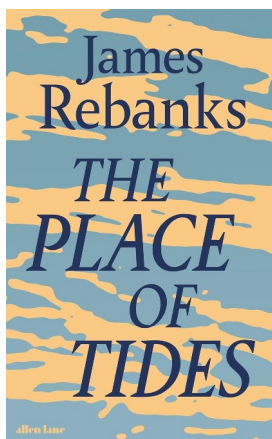


Members enjoyed a varied and engaging programme during October, beginning with a fascinating monthly meeting on the physiology of the brain and how touch and pain are perceived. We learned how specialised cells in the skin transmit signals through the nervous system to the brain and discovered how touch can help override pain signals, explaining why rubbing an injured area often brings relief. Despite a few interruptions, the talk provided plenty of food for thought and generated lively discussion.

Following the meeting, a smaller group than usual gathered for lunch at the Travellers Rest at Running Waters. Good food, pleasant company and stunning views from the conservatory made for an enjoyable opportunity to catch up after the summer break.

Our Health and Wellbeing Group had an unexpected change of plan when the scheduled speaker was forced to cancel at short notice.

Undeterred, members made the most of the morning, sharing experiences and discussing a range of health topics, the positives of growing older and ideas for the future direction of the group. The session proved both informative and supportive.



The Book Group reviewed *The Place of Tides* by James Rebanks, awarding it an impressive 8 out of 10. The book tells the story of the author's time living on a remote Norwegian island among people who collect eiderdown from nesting ducks. Members particularly enjoyed the way the book explores a slower pace of life and the author's gradual appreciation of a simpler existence.

STEVE'S NATURE DIARY NOVEMBER 2026

I recently made a trip to see a couple of rare birds that had taken shelter in the trees at Borough Hall on Hartlepool Headland. These trees can, in the right conditions, be a magnet for migrant birds, which use them as shelter after flying across the North Sea.

One was an autumn migrant from Siberia, a Yellow-browed Warbler, a small green warbler similar in size to a Goldcrest. The yellow "eyebrow" is distinctive, as is its Coal Tit-like call. Yellow-browed Warblers breed in Siberia and arrive in the UK every year during their south-westerly migration. It is a pretty little bird, but good views can be difficult to obtain, so patience is required while scanning the trees for movement before zooming in to identify it.

The other bird was a Brambling. Again, it was difficult to see, but unlike the Yellow-browed Warbler, this bird is not necessarily just passing through. Its appearance could be a sign that we may receive large numbers of winter visitors this year.

Similar in size and shape to the Chaffinch, the male Brambling has a black head in summer, an orange breast and a white belly. In flight, it shows a distinctive white rump. Sociable in winter, Bramblings may form flocks numbering many thousands and often mix with Chaffinches. Their numbers vary from year to year depending on food supplies.



Brambling

They spend the summer nesting in the forests of northern Europe and Asia, although pairs occasionally nest farther south, including in northern Britain. At the end of the breeding season, they move south in huge flocks in search of seeds, particularly beech mast. If there is a shortage of beech mast in southern Scandinavia, or if snow cover is too deep for birds to feed, large numbers of Bramblings can move into the UK and central Europe for the winter.

They can occasionally be seen in gardens and may even visit bird tables. If you are visiting areas with beech trees and there is still beech mast on the ground (that hasn't already been eaten by squirrels), keep an eye out for them. Locally, they have been seen at Hardwick Park, while Lockwood Beck Reservoir is also a good place to look. Search for flocks feeding on the ground, often alongside Chaffinches, and when they take flight, look for the distinctive white rump that makes the Brambling easier to identify.

Meanwhile, the House and Gardens Group enjoyed a successful trip to Scampston Hall. Although the gardens were past their summer peak, they remained beautiful and well worth exploring. A knowledgeable and entertaining guide brought the history of the Hall and its owners to life, making the visit both enjoyable and informative.

The Craft Group has now started its festive programme, with members producing a collection of attractive, sparkling Christmas baubles during the first session. The next meeting will focus on decorating candles with a seasonal theme.

The Scribes Group has also resumed its activities. Now meeting once a month for longer sessions, members spend time working on their individual writing projects while

sharing ideas and encouragement. Anyone interested in writing stories, poetry or thrillers is warmly invited to join.

Looking ahead, our next monthly meeting will take place on 6 November from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the Parish Hall. Members will hear the continuation of the George Stephenson story, exploring how he and his son helped spread railway expertise throughout the world.

As always, members and visitors are welcome from 1.30pm for coffee, conversation and information about upcoming activities, visits and community projects. For further details about the U3A and its many interest groups, please visit our website sedgfield.u3asite.uk

Chris Balfour

CEDDESFIELD HALL



It has been an eventful summer at Ceddesfeld Hall, with a range of private party bookings keeping volunteers busy. SCA also supported a fundraising music night and a quiz night, while Back of Beyond Books hosted a sale and craft fair.

Local singing group Lirica performed its summer concert, and the third Sedgefield Sounds music evening, featuring Mamma Said and supported by other local singers, was a great success.

SCA is delighted to welcome up-and-coming young performers to its "home-grown" talent nights, continuing Ceddesfeld Hall's strong tradition of live music, whether for practice, group performances or individual acts.

With support from Sedgefield Town Council, SCA also held its annual family fun afternoon for under-12s in August. The event was well attended, and thanks to the council's support, all activities were free.

Become a Member of SCA!

A great way to support the community at Ceddesfeld Hall is to join SCA as a member, either as an individual, a group or an organisation. Membership for 2027 is now open. Payment can be made in cash (using an envelope available behind the bar) or through the online membership system via membership@sedgefieldscsca.org.uk.

SCA is here to serve its members, who are entitled to reduced room hire rates and meeting charges. Membership fees for 2027 are:

Seniors (over 60): £9

Adults (18 and over): £10

Young people and full-time students: £5

Ceddesfeld Hall Bar – All Welcome

The Ceddesfeld Hall bar is delighted to have retained its prestigious place in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide for another year. Much appreciation goes to the dedicated and hardworking bar committee and volunteer team.

As we head towards November, the darker evenings and colder days are certainly upon us. Ceddesfeld Hall continues to offer a warm welcome to members, sections and groups, as well as visitors. The bar and lounge are open from 7.30pm to 10.30pm, Monday to Thursday, and until 11pm on Fridays. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love to see you there!

Dates for Your Diary

Friends of St Edmund's Quiz Night, 14 November, 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Remembrance Sunday, 8 November. Tea and coffee will be served in the main hall following the service at the Cenotaph.

County Durham Young Farmers Christmas Fayre, 22 November, 10am-2.30pm, Main Hall. Browse a variety of Christmas crafts, gifts and local produce.

Christmas Craft Fayre (part of the STC Snow Party & Parade), 28 November, 1pm-4pm, Main Hall. Refreshments available, with the community bar open until 7pm.

Christmas Wreath Workshop, 29 November, 10am-12.30pm, Main Hall. Create your own Christmas wreath with all materials provided. £45, including refreshments. To book, call 07523 398922.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies, 18 December, 7pm, Bar & Lounge. Following the Churches Together Carols on the Green.

Sedgefield Smile Time Ukulele Band, 18 December, 7pm, Main Hall. Free performance of popular songs. Bar open.

SCA Christmas Eve Quiz, 24 December, 8pm (doors open 7.30pm). Free event. Teams of up to six. 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 on www.sedgefieldscsca.org.uk. Follow us on Facebook for regular updates.

SEDGEFIELD SPEAKS

Richard Hall, now in his early eighties, has embraced a new chapter in life. Having moved to Sedgefield nearly a year ago, he has quickly fallen in love with the village's charm, history and sense of community.

Dhruba: Good afternoon Richard. What brought you to Sedgefield?

Richard: After many years elsewhere, I was looking for a peaceful place with character and community spirit. The moment I arrived, it simply felt like home.

Dhruba: What was your first impression of the village?

Richard: I was struck by its beauty, from the village green, the historic buildings and the friendly smiles from people passing by. There is a warmth here that is increasingly rare.

Dhruba: What do you enjoy most about living here?

Richard: The people, without question. Everyone has been welcoming and kind. Whether it's chatting with neighbours, visiting local shops, or attending community events, there's a genuine sense of belonging.

Dhruba: Has anything surprised you since moving here?

Richard: How active and vibrant the community is. There's always something happening. People care about one another and take pride in keeping Sedgefield beautiful.

Dhruba: What would you say to someone considering moving here?

Richard: Don't hesitate. Sedgefield offers the best of village life: beauty, history, friendship and peace.

Dhruba: Finally, how would you describe Sedgefield in three words?

Richard: Welcoming, beautiful, unforgettable. Although I am now largely confined to my home due to my eyesight, I can still feel the heartbeat of the village.

As I prepared to leave, Richard was assisted by his wife, Martha. I found myself deeply moved by his final words, which continued to resonate long after I departed: "Feeling the heartbeat of the village."

Dhrubajyoti Chatterjee

ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

Contact Geoff at sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com

Sedgefield Players update

Rehearsals are well underway for Little Red Riding Hood, and tickets are now available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk or www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk. They are also available from Back of Beyond Books, but please note that this is cash only. Tickets cost £12.



As usual, the pantomime is written by Tom Guest, who also fabulously plays the Dame. He is ably assisted by Kelsy White and Nathan Cox as Little and Carmy. At her evil best is Sarah Legender as the Witch, beautifully foiled (we hope) by Rosemary Jones as the Fairy. Our three little pigs, Emily Legender, Millie Malloy and Ben Gibbon, provide plenty of laughs, while a whole host of pigs, goats and ducks add to the fun.

Grandma is jointly played by Jacqui O'Meara and Liz Flanagan. Oh, and there's a wolf too, played by Ace Warrand. With the usual mix of great songs, fantastic lighting and brilliant special effects, this show is sure to sell out fast.

Performances will take place in Sedgefield Parish Hall on 27 December at 2pm, with evening performances on 27, 28, 29 and 30 December at 7pm. A cash bar will be available.

There will also be an additional performance on Sunday 20 December 2026 at 4pm.

Sedgefield Players

Three Choirs Together

Sedgefield's three choirs, The Lyrics Singers, SLYC and Lirica, will come together once again for two evenings of festive song.



Sleigh Ride will be presented at St Edmund's Church, Sedgefield, on Friday 11 December and Saturday 12 December. The programme pairs the warmth of *We Three Kings* and *A Christmas Blessing* with the sparkle of *Sleigh Ride*, *Nutcracker Jingles* and a medley from *The Muppet Christmas Carol*, alongside *Silent Night*, *The Twelve Days of Christmas* and other festive favourites.

Expect moments of stillness, plenty of joy, and something to put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Tickets are £8 (£6 for under-16s) and will be available online and from TicketyBoo.

Sedgefield Snow Party

Sedgefield's traditional Snow Party brings the community together for a magical start to the Christmas season.

The event features a Christmas Craft Fayre at Ceddesfeld Hall, Santa's Grotto in the Parish Hall, and a Carol Service at St Edmund's, before the village Christmas lights switch-on. It is a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to come together and enjoy traditional festive fun.

For more information, visit sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/events.

More local events:

Candle Painting Workshop at Back of Beyond Books, Sedgefield

Join Whatkatydidnext at Back of Beyond for a Narnia-themed pillar candle workshop
21 November, 6pm-9pm £35,

Echo & The Bunnymen, Middlesbrough Empire

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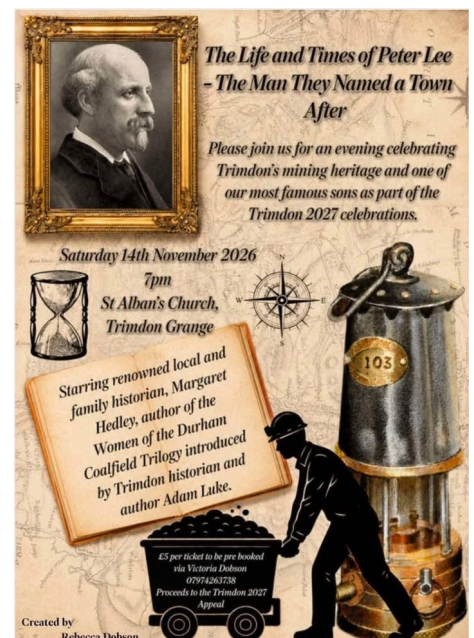
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SPORTS UPDATE with Chris Lines

Golf

Last month, I briefly mentioned the Steve Dovaston Charity Golf Day, held in memory of Sedgefield Golf Society member Steve Dovaston. Hosted at Knotty Hill Golf Centre, the event raised an impressive £8,778.41 for Blood Cancer UK.

Organised by Adam Dovaston and a dedicated team of volunteers, the day enjoyed tremendous support from local businesses, sponsors and participants. The winning team was Stephen Flockett, Daniel Newby, Marc Jemmeson and Sean Boynton, with Michael Adcock, Robert Adcock, Thomas Adcock and Karl Thompson finishing second, and Mark West, Shaun Evans, John Adcock and Jason Lovell taking third place. Jack Adcock and Michael Adcock won the nearest-the-pin competitions, while James Raw claimed the longest-drive prize.

The Dovaston family thanked everyone involved, saying: "The support across the board was amazing, and we hope that the money raised will help one day to find a cure for blood cancer. We look forward to welcoming everybody back again next year!"

The organisers also expressed their gratitude to the team at Knotty Hill Golf Centre for helping make the inaugural event such a success. Your sports reporter attended part of the day and found the venue buzzing with support for a fitting tribute to Steve and a very worthy cause.

Look out for more news from Sedgefield Golf Society in future updates.



Mr Steve Dovaston's children Kate and Adam with his wife Jill

Sedgefield Harriers

It's a busy time for Sedgefield Harriers, with road, trail and cross-country races all in full swing.

Two club members recently travelled to take part in the iconic Chicago Marathon. Lisa Darby and Beth Raine both completed the event, with Lisa now having finished five of the six World Marathon Majors. Closer to home, Harriers were out in force at Kielder Marathon weekend. In the Gravel Duathlon team event, Chris Lines, cyclist Ian Dunn and Roger Whitehill secured third place.

The cross-country season has begun with races at Thornley Farm and Eltringham Farm. The senior men are looking to establish themselves in Division 2 after promotion last season, while the women have started strongly and currently sit sixth of 36 teams in Division 3.

The junior section has also enjoyed an excellent start. Among the highlights, U12 girls Kate Sedgwick, Isobel Oldfield and Elise Davies all finished in the top ten at Thornley, while Isla Shuffleton followed a top-ten finish there with second place at Eltringham. Phoebe Grievson also impressed with sixth place. The club's strong junior coaching programme continues to produce encouraging results across the age groups.

Sedgefield Community College has also benefited from the club's talented young runners, with teams competing successfully at the recent County Durham Schools Cross Country Championships.

Many runners begin their journey through parkrun, and Sedgefield is fortunate to host free weekly events at Hardwick Park: the 5km parkrun on Saturdays and the 2km junior parkrun on Sundays. Since launching in 2012, almost 19,000 people have completed Sedgefield parkrun, while around 3,500 children have taken part in junior parkrun since 2015. Some regulars have completed considerably more than one parkrun, including Ray Carmichael who in October celebrated his 500th at Sedgefield. Well done Ray!

Squash

Sedgefield Squash Club has been shortlisted in two categories at the England Squash National Awards. The club is one of four finalists for Club of the Year, recognising its strong grass-roots junior programme, initiatives encouraging women and girls into the sport, and the high standards maintained both on and off the court.

Junior member Huey Lamb has also been shortlisted for the Rising Star Award following a successful season, most recently winning the Northumberland Under-15 County Championship in his first year in the age group.

Award winners will be announced at the end of November, so fingers crossed for both the club and Huey.

Supporting its commitment to growing the women's game, the club has launched new women-only leagues for players of all abilities. Following the success of summer 'try before you buy' coaching sessions, several newcomers have joined the leagues and are now regulars at the club's Saturday afternoon sessions.

The season is also underway for the club's senior teams. Last season's beaten finalists, the 1st team have reached the quarter-finals of the County Cup, while the 2nd team will face the 4th team in the quarter-finals of the County Challenge Cup. Both ties will be played early next year.

In the opening Durham & Cleveland League fixture, Sedgefield's 3rd team defeated the 4th team. The latter will be hoping for revenge in the return match.

As always, Sedgefield Squash Club welcomes new members. Anyone interested in joining can contact membership@sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk.

Badminton

Friendly badminton sessions take place at Sedgefield Community College every Monday, 7.15-9.15pm (except bank holidays). New players welcome, but no beginners due to lack of coaching. Contact Caroline Dalton: 07947 871005.

if you have sports news, please send it to chrisjlines@aol.com.

Christmas tree collection



Following this year's success, Bloomers will once again be organising a collection of Christmas trees next year. This will take place on Saturday 9 January 2027.

Anyone who would like to use this service can easily get in touch. Simply contact Phil Hogg treasurersib25@gmail.com or on 07940504486. For a donation of £5, we will collect it from you and recycle it.

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Melissa Hill

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- Sunday 1** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am–12pm.
- Monday 2** **Sedgefield Local History Society**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30pm.
Early Gardens of Durham by Martin Fleece.
- Wednesday 4** **Sedgefield WI**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 7:15pm.
“Volunteering in India” with Sue Jones, members’ competition is a postcard. Visitors welcome, fee £4 (inc. refreshments).
- Thursday 5** **Sedgefield Parkinson’s Group**, The Café at NETPark, 11am.
For more information, contact Cara Connolly on 020 7963 3693 or cconnolly@parkinsons.org.uk.
- Friday 6** **St. Edmund’s Church Coffee Morning**, Parish Hall, 10am.
u3a Meeting, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm–4pm. The George Stephenson Story (continued).
- Saturday 7** **Friendly Fixers Repair Café**, Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, 10:30am–12:30pm.
- Sunday 8** **Remembrance Service**, St Edmund’s Church, 10am Service of Remembrance, 10:50am outdoor service at turning circle.
- Friday 13** **Inner Wheel coffee morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am–11:30am. Supporting local charities with the usual cake stall and raffle.
- Saturday 14** **Friends of St. Edmund’s Quiz**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7pm. Tickets £10 including pie and peas supper. Tickets from Alison (01740 620912), Brian (01740 622302), From Loft to Loved.
- Sunday 15** **Music of Unity and Peace Taizé Style Worship**, Sedgefield Methodist Church, 6pm. Everyone is welcome.
- Tuesday 17** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 10:30am–12pm. For those living with dementia and their carers. Clients must be accompanied.
Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:15pm. Lynda Fraser: Fantastically Festive.
- Thursday 19** **Sedgefield Parkinson’s Group**, The Café at NETPark, 11am.
- Friday 27** **Sedgefield District Uniformed Service Group Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am.
- Saturday 28** **Cubs Coffee Morning**, Scout Hall, West End, 10am–12pm.
Sedgefield Snow Party – see Page 6 for more information.

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

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Methodist Church on Mondays from 9:30am–11am.

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

Railway Society
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Sedgefield Social Club
Singer fortnightly, see “[Sedgefield Social Club Official](#)” on Facebook.

Sedgefield Carpet Bowls
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