

# SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

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## An update from Sedgefield Development Trust

Sedgefield Development Trust is a local charity dedicated to enriching life in Sedgefield, Bradbury, Mordon and Fishburn. Whether it's through culture, the environment, or community spirit, our 10 active projects are all about making our area a better place to live, work and visit.



### Sedgefield Farmers Market

If you've strolled through the Farmers Market recently, you'll know it's as vibrant as ever. Thanks to our dedicated team, the market remains a local favourite, with reliable traders and a great atmosphere.

### DIDO – Days In, Days Out

DIDO is buzzing with energy! Run by the fabulous Brenda, Avril, Ruth and Ina, this group offers DIDO continues to thrive with fun trips, parties and games. With 70 members and lively sessions, it's a warm, welcoming hub of fun and friendship.

### Sew Easy – Stitching Together

Led by Dorothy Anderson, Sew Easy brings together sewing enthusiasts of all skill levels. Meeting in the Parish Hall usually on alternate Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoons, it's a great place to learn, create and connect.

### Sedgefield News – By the Community, For the Community

This publication is always delighted to share your stories and updates. Thanks to our contributors, advertisers (coordinated by Tamzin Lafford), and our amazing delivery volunteers led by Judith Edgoose. If you're one of the many who pop the News through your neighbours' doors—thank you!

### [sedgefieldweb.co.uk](http://sedgefieldweb.co.uk)

Our website, managed by Matt Wilson, saw a 35% increase in users over the last year. Top pages? Sedgefield News and the Farmers Market.

### Skerne Wood @ NETPark

Our Woodland & Wildlife project now has an official name and a shiny new information board. Behind the scenes, we're working with Durham County Council on exciting developments. On the ground, we've hosted bird walks, hedge-laying sessions, and even recycled Christmas trees!

### Bees of Hardwick

With 15 hives now thriving in their new home, our bees are doing brilliantly. Our honey will be for sale at Sedgefield Farmers Market.

### Bicycle & Active Travel

Working with local councils and volunteers, we've improved walking routes and access to Hardwick Park. We're also pushing for safer school zones and better cycle path maintenance. Want to help us grow cycling groups? We'd love more volunteers!

### Friendly Fixers

Our Repair Café fixed over 120 items last year - from toasters to cuckoo clocks - thanks to a growing team of skilled volunteers. See the Diary page for details of our monthly session.

### Thermal Camera Loans – Spot the Draught!

Last winter, around 40 households borrowed our thermal cameras to check their insulation. Huge thanks to Sandy Clubley and Mess Charcuterie for managing the loans. We're now looking for a volunteer to help run the project next winter.

## Get involved!

The Trust's going strong, and our projects are buzzing with community spirit. Fancy getting involved? Whether you'd like to volunteer, participate or start something new, we'd love to hear from you. Pop into Ceddesfeld Hall on Saturday 27 September from 2pm to 4:30pm.

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers—you make it all possible!

## 170th Sedgefield Show

Enjoy a fantastic day out at the 170th Sedgefield Show on Saturday 9 August 2025.

Gates open at 9:30am.



There's something for everyone:

- Livestock & equine
- Vintage tractors
- Horticulture
- Farm produce
- Home and Handicraft displays
- Dog show
- Children's rides
- Face painting
- Live music
- Food & craft stalls

Skip the queues — book online now at [sedgefieldshow.co.uk](http://sedgefieldshow.co.uk).



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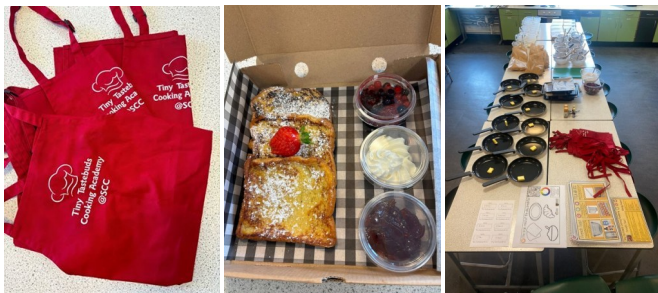


## SCHOOL NEWS

### Transition days at Sedgefield Community College

One of the highlights of the summer term is always the transition days for the Y6 students who will be joining us in the coming September. For some of the children, the process of getting ready to move to secondary school has been underway for many months and we're keen to look for opportunities to give primary school children the chance to find out more about life at SCC. For example, during the last week of term, we were delighted to welcome children from lots of primary schools to be part of the audience for the first performance of our school show: 'Legally Blonde Junior'.

Over the last few weeks, we've been delighted to welcome students from Y4 and Y5 to SCC from a number of our partner primary schools. All of the children taking part in the programme are likely to join SCC when they enter Y7. The aim of the programme is to give the primary school children a very positive experience of Sedgefield at an early point, helping to reduce any anxiety that the children may have about the transition to secondary school.



During each Tiny Tastebuds session, student leaders from Sedgefield have done a fantastic job in supporting the amazing Miss Lennox and Miss Taylor who have led the programme. For one of the sessions, we were delighted to have some Y5 parents joining and they were able to take part in the cookery lessons too!



### Sports Day and Summer Carnival at Sedgefield Hardwick

Sedgefield Hardwick Primary Academy was bursting with energy, excitement, and sunshine on Friday 11 July as pupils, parents, and staff came together for the annual Sports Day and Summer Carnival.

With temperatures soaring, the school field was alive with colour and competition as children from Reception to Year 6 took part in a range of races, including the 60m sprint, 200m, hurdles, multi-skills challenge, and the ever-popular assault course. Each class raced with determination and sportsmanship, supported by a crowd of proud families.

Following the culmination of Sports Day, the celebrations continued with the much-loved Summer Carnival, organised by the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The event offered something for everyone – from food stalls to music, games, and inflatable fun.

Highlights included the "Beat the Keeper" challenge and the ever popular "Soak the Senior Leaders" event, where brave staff members Mr Taylor and Mr Close took a soaking with a smile – all in the name of fundraising fun.



Live music filled the air thanks to lively performances by the Sedgefield Community Band and Durham Music Service Band, adding to the festival feel of the day. Children bounced, slid, and laughed their way around the inflatable bouncy castle, obstacle course, and slide, while others lined up for face painting, sweet treats, and craft activities.

Headteacher Mr Paul Taylor explained: "It was a fantastic day from start to finish. Our pupils showed great effort in their races, and the carnival atmosphere made it a real celebration for everyone involved. A huge thank you to the PTA and everyone who helped make it such a success."

With the sun shining, spirits high, and smiles all round, Sedgefield Hardwick's Sports Day and Summer Carnival proved to be a perfect way to round off the school year in style.



## SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)

### Les Joss Memorial Mathematics Award 2025



Every year the college presents a mathematics award in memory of the late Mr Les Joss, who was a mathematics teacher himself and was a governor at Sedgefield Community College for a number of years. This award is always presented to a student who has proved themselves to be an outstanding mathematician, demonstrating not only excellent mathematical skills but also perseverance and resilience.

This year, the award was presented to Isaac a Year 10 student who has consistently impressed with his approach to his studies in mathematics. Well done Isaac!



## SEDGEFIELD FARMERS MARKET

On the Green, First Sunday Morning Every Month.



**Sunday 3 August**  
**on the Village Green**  
**8:30am - 12:15pm**



### Fire Officer shares his success at Sedgefield Primary

Sedgefield Primary pupils were dazzled by a former pupil, Reece Stewart, as he returned to his primary school classrooms to share his knowledge of the Fire Service.



A team of Fire Officers taught Year 5 and 6 pupils the principles of water safety. Water safety is so important for pupils to be aware of, especially in the summer, when this may play a greater role in their social calendars. The potential dangers of open water need highlighting further at this time of year. Pupils were also made aware of the risks of walking on ice in winter too, which can appear thick, but may be weakened in places. Pupils were made aware of cold water shock syndrome and the tragic impact of this to others. We view this type of knowledge as part of our school motto, 'Learning for Life', as this is essential life long learning and increased knowledge could save lives.



Pupils thoroughly enjoyed visiting the fire engine and learning about the different aspects of the vehicle from Reece and the crew. Sedgefield is so lucky to have its own fire station to hand to help support local residents and beyond. We hope the team has encouraged our pupils to consider a future in fire fighting!

## WOODLAND & WILDLIFE

A Project of Sedgefield Development Trust



**The Beautiful Botany of Skerne Wood**  
Woodland & Wildlife volunteers and members of the public were treated to a wonderfully informative botany walk around Skerne Wood in July. The walk was led by Roni Howard, an experienced ecologist, who gave us insight into the types of plants we have in the different habitat areas of Skerne Wood and what they can tell us about how the land has been used. She also gave us some valuable tips on identification and management. A big thank you Roni for spending time sharing her knowledge with us! Roni has kindly agreed to lead a Bat Walk on Wednesday 13 August at 8:20pm.

If you are interested in attending the bat walk or would like further information on the Woodland & Wildlife Project [woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk](http://woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk).



## U3A UPDATE

u3a

Our AGM took place at the July meeting where our formal reports were presented and our members heard about our increased membership and the continued success of our organisation. We were able to fill the necessary posts on the committee which means that we will be able to plan speakers, events and visits for the forthcoming year. Keep an eye on our monthly updates if you are interested in joining us for any of them at any time.

The Lunch Group visited The Pub and Kitchen at Cassop and enjoyed a delicious meal. Several people had doggy bags to take home some of their meal! The front of the pub is directly on the road side and gives no indication of the depth of the building or the wonderful view over the valley and countryside to be seen from the lovely conservatory and terrace at the rear. Definitely worth visiting.

The success of many of our Interest Groups this year was aided by the AAP grant we were awarded last year to help with transport costs. We've visited interesting historic houses, walked round beautifully planted and maintained gardens, watched some wonderful theatre, eaten many delicious meals, learned about various scientific, industrial, and technological businesses and sites and, most importantly, spent time with others, met new people and kept busy and active. If you would like to take part in any of these activities you too could join us. Our membership is a very reasonable £25 per year which covers any and all of the above activities (plus several more) and transport costs are only £5 for each trip.

During the June meeting on Road Safety, the Police Officers mentioned an app that they recommend everyone carries on their mobile – What3Words. Each 3 square metres of the world has been given a unique three word coding. If you are ever in a situation when you need to contact Emergency Services the this will enable you to give a precise location. The app will provide the three words which identifies exactly where you are.



We don't have a meeting in August, so our next update will include details of our September meeting and our forthcoming speakers etc. Look forward to seeing you then!

Chris Balfour

## STEVE'S NATURE DIARY AUGUST 2025

As I write this article it has been pretty warm and as a result I have been seeing more butterflies around – definitely more than last year which is good news. The large whites have been hanging around my brassicas with occasional jaunts to lay their tiny yellow eggs. Other garden butterflies seen include Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral, Speckled Wood and more recently Comma. These are generalist butterflies, and they are not too fussy about their habitat requirements and can be found in a number of habitats. I have also been doing a bit of butterfly twitching i.e. going to specific habitats at a particular time of the year where butterflies are active as adults. This has included a trip to Hawnby in late spring for Duke of Burgundy, Bishop Middleham Quarry for Dingy Skipper and Durham Argus and more recently Wingate Quarry for the splendid Marbled White.

The Marbled White is a distinctive, medium-sized, white butterfly, with black-chequered markings. Adults are on the wing in the summer, from June to August. So you still have a chance to see them if you go soon. The adults can often be seen feeding on purple flowers, such as field scabious, common knapweed and wild marjoram. The caterpillars feed on a variety of grasses, but red fescue is especially important.



August is a good time to count butterflies, and the Big Butterfly Count is a nationwide citizen science survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Over 64,000 citizen scientists took part in 2022, submitting 96,257 counts of butterflies and day-flying moths from across the UK. The Big Butterfly Count 2025 takes place between 18 July and 10 August. It's easy to take part, simply count butterflies for 15 minutes during bright (preferably sunny) weather in any habitat. You can even do it using an app. More information can be found at [bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org](http://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org).



### Sedgefield Charities: Education grants for students



The Sedgefield Charities' Trustees make awards each year to help students from lower income families who are taking up full time education beyond A-level or its equivalent. Students of any age may apply.

Applicants must live in Bishop Middleham, Bradbury, Cornforth, Fishburn, Mordon, Sedgefield or Trimdon.

For further information and an application form please contact the Clerk, Anne Gladwin:  
Post: 46 Whitehouse Drive, Sedgefield TS21 3BU  
Telephone: 01740 620811  
or [sedgefieldcharities@gmail.com](mailto:sedgefieldcharities@gmail.com)

Closing date for applications:  
30 September 2025

### Update on Anaerobic Digester

The appeal hearing for the anaerobic digestion plant will be held at 10am on Wednesday 27 August at County Hall. The local campaign group—including county councillors, town and parish councils, Knotty Hill Golf Centre, and Hardwick Hall Hotel—is actively opposing the proposals.

The group thanks the community for its strong support so far. The hearing is open to the public, and a strong turnout is encouraged. Hardwick Hall Hotel will provide transport; details will be shared on social media.

Information about the new campaign page and the latest developments will be posted on the Facebook page "Sedgefield News".



## Spreading joy

On National Flower Arranging Day, Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club—proudly part of the Northumberland and Durham Area—set out to do what they love most: spread joy, one flower at a time.

Armed with beautiful arrangements and cheerful stems, surprising residents and passers-by with unexpected floral gifts. It was a heart-warming day filled with smiles, lovely conversations, and the simple magic of flowers shared freely.

Here is a selection of photos from the day - each one a small bloom of community spirit.



## Tooth Fairies Take on the Wall!

Charlotte (our lovely hygienist) and Joanna (our brilliant dentist) from the newly expanded Sedgefield Dental have just completed the Beat Hadrian's Wall 2025 Challenge! Both have had close family members affected by cancer and wanted to give something back to Marie Curie, a charity that's been a huge support to their loved ones.

The big walk took place on 5 July - and while the hills were tough, they powered through and made it to the finish line!

There's still time to support their amazing effort. You can donate via their JustGiving page [justgiving.com/page/toothfairies](https://www.justgiving.com/page/toothfairies) or pop into the practice with a donation.

Sedgefield Dental



Charlotte (left) and Joanna (right) from Sedgefield Dental

## LETTERS

### Help Me Ride for a Cure

I was recently diagnosed with stage 3 aggressive prostate cancer and have just completed a tough round of radiotherapy. Now, I'm taking on the biggest physical challenge of my life - cycling 300 miles throughout July, rain or shine—to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK.

Every donation, big or small, means the world—especially in tough times like these. You can support me at: [justgiving.com/page/colin-wharton-1](https://www.justgiving.com/page/colin-wharton-1). Donations go straight to the charity, and if you're a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid makes your donation go even further.



**And a message to all men aged 50 and over:** Please speak to your GP and ask for a PSA test. Early detection saves lives—I'm living proof of how important that can be.

Thank you so much for your support.  
Colin Wharton

### Thank you

I would very much like to say a huge thank you to the very kind gentleman who recently came to the help of my mother while she was shopping in the Co-op.

She couldn't pay for her shopping as she couldn't remember her PIN number and tap and go wouldn't work so he very kindly paid for her shopping.

Thank you so much whoever you are. Please get in touch so we can repay you.

Kathleen Devine

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## ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

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### Sedgefield Players Update

What a summer season we've had! Two absolute scorchers!! If you were there you know what we mean!

In June three performances of the Players' "Sense and Sensibility" and in July two SPYS performances of "The Snow Queen".



We just happened to pick a heat wave weekend for each blockbuster show; nearly 30 performers and crew for the Players and over 50 for the Young Players plus audiences of up to 120 at each performance. These shows were Hot! Hot! Hot!

Thank you so much to all the wonderful people of Sedgefield and the surrounding area who continue to support the Players family even in the face of such 'wonderful' summer weather.

The Players had a blast, the kids had a blast, the audiences loved the shows and got a free sauna into the bargain! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Next up for your delectation and delight is the Sedgefield Festival for One Act Plays running 9-13 September. It will be us and various other drama groups from the north presenting a variety of short plays. More on that in the next issue but keep your diaries free. Hopefully the heat waves will have finished by then!  
By Sedgefield Players



### Sedgefield Lyric Singers

Your three choirs lit up the summer with joy through *Like A Singing Bird* and SLYC's 40th Anniversary Showcase.

These follow on from a successful Coffee, Cake and Choirs event and our Lirica charity fundraising Music Night.

Our thanks go to everyone who helped to make them all such special occasions, particularly our audiences, who make all the hard work worthwhile.



#### Diary Dates:

**20 September** - SLYC 40th Anniversary reunion weekend.

**18 October** - Lirica's 20th Anniversary Concert.

**6 December** - The Lyrics & Lirica Upper Skerne Concert at St Mary Magdalene's, Trimdon Village.

**11 & 12 December** - all 3 choirs Winter Concerts in St Edmund's.

If you would like to join your community choir- Adult or Youth - then rehearsals resume on Friday 5 September in Ceddesfeld Hall at 6pm for Youth and 7:30pm for Adult. It would be great to see you.

By Sedgefield Lyric Singers

### More local events:

#### BAMS, Bishop Auckland Methodist Church

Bishop Auckland Music Society 2025 season wraps up with Lumas Winds, a prizewinning London chamber ensemble. Including works by Coleman, Milhaud, Bernstein and Piazzolla. Kids attend free and can meet the performers.

5 September at 7:30pm, £20

[bvemv.orpheusweb.co.uk/BAMSWeb/bams.html](http://bvemv.orpheusweb.co.uk/BAMSWeb/bams.html)

#### Hardwick Holiday Club, Hardwick Park

Children aged 5 to 11 can enjoy a full day of supervision with themed outdoor adventures from den building and wildlife crafting to treasure hunts and creative art.

Sessions run 9am-4pm with optional early drop-off and late pick-up. Pre-booking essential.

Monday-Friday 11 to 15 August £25

[www.durham.gov.uk/HardwickEvents](http://www.durham.gov.uk/HardwickEvents)

#### Kynren 2025, Bishop Auckland

Breathtaking family-friendly outdoor spectacle featuring 1,000 performers, horses, fireworks, and a replica steam engine—brings 2,000 years of British history to life on a vast lakeside stage beneath Auckland Castle!

Dates: Saturdays until 13 September prices vary.

[kynren.com/kynren-show-dates-times/](http://kynren.com/kynren-show-dates-times/)



## Mayor of Sedgefield's Band Night

*John Wrightson Band*

**Pittington Brass**

**SAT 23 AUG '25 7 PM**

**SEDFIELD PARISH HALL**

**BYO FOOD & DRINK**

Tickets £10 available from  
Sedgefield Town Council Office  
01740 621 273



## SPORTS UPDATE with Chris Lines [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com)

Sport in Sedgefield is relentless, so I'll dive right in....

### Badminton

Sedgefield Badminton Club currently has vacancies for new members, being 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.

### Athletics

Sedgefield will host a major national athletics event for the first time next year. The English Cross Country Association (ECCA) has confirmed that the 2026 English National Cross Country Championships will be held in Hardwick East Park. Organised in partnership with Sedgefield Harriers and supported by Durham County Council, the championships are sponsored by SportsShoes.com and will take place on Saturday 21 February.

A local organising committee will work with ECCA and Durham County Council to deliver the event. Local venues and businesses have already stepped forward to offer support, including Sedgefield Racecourse and Hardwick Hall Hotel. The English National Cross Country Championships attracts thousands of participants and spectators every year and will bring new visitors to the area, and a boost to the hospitality economy.

Former winners of the English National Cross Country Championships include North East athletics legends Brendan Foster and Mike McLeod. One of the great aspects of the event is that anyone who is a member of a club can enter and line up on the start line alongside the elite athletes of the sport as an equal (for a few yards at least!).

Sedgefield Harriers will be hoping to field a big entry of young athletes at the Nationals next February, as the junior section of the club is thriving. The juniors recently held an awards event, celebrating effort, endeavour and great performances over the last year.

Not long before, many of the junior athletes had completed a special 'quadrathlon' event, which involved a sprint (50–100m), howler throw, endurance run (400–800m) and triple jump. Their results in each were assessed against a recognised national standard and they were graded from between 3 Star and Gold, as follows:

**4 Star** - Nieve Brownless, Matilda Hindson, Nathaniel Warnett, Chris Cooke

**5 Star** – Seth Morris, Emma Blakey, Maisy Stanley, Ruben Moan, Jack Churchwood, Max McArdle, Jack Shephard, Eve Brooks, Rosie Gray, Charlie Sawyer, Rowan Brown, Ella Park, Daisy Woodward

**Bronze** – Albie Shuffelton, Emily Swinbank, William Collins, Isaac Moan, Seb Sedgewick, Ava Foreman, Hattie Cook, Jack Sawyer, Theo Blakey, Toby Norris, Ruby Cole, Thomas Oaks, Abigail Swinbank, Alfie Featherstone, Sienna Shuffelton, Chloe Galvin-Storey, Charlotte Lower, Sophia Bellwood, Harriet McGill, Elliot Brownless, Leo McArdle

**Silver** - Alex Park, Mia Robinson, Amy Warwick, Kate Sedgewick, Ryley Grievson, Elise Davies, Elsie Skidmore, Lola Hunt-Fawcett, Oliver Upex, Isaac Walton, Isabelle Oaks, Cameron Hedley, Matthew Graham, Pheobe Grievson, Isla Shuffelton, Ava White.

Other individual awards that were presented on the night included:

Time trial (over the Sedgefield junior parkrun course)

Boys: 1st – Riley Grievson, 2nd – Albie Shuffelton, 3rd – Morgan Roe

Girls: 1st – Harriet McGill, 2nd equal – Phoebe Grievson and Ava White, 3rd – Elsi Skidmore

Highest age grade: Boys, Riley Grievson (75.12%)

Girls, Jess Davies (76.22%)

Most Improved Athlete

Minis: Emily Swinbank

Juniors: Kate Sedgewick

Endurance: Chris Cooke

Athlete of the Year

Minis: Harriet Cook

Juniors: Harriet McGill

Endurance: Matthew Graham

Track Athlete of the Year – Phoebe Grievson

Cross Country Athlete of the Year – Jess Davies.

Well done to all of the award winners, and all of the junior Harriers, for a year of great progress, all made possible by their hard work, and the dedicated support of a team of volunteer coaches at the club.

### Taekwondo

It's been a busy time again for Chi Taekwondo based at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, with a Kup grading (belt promotion) in early July, where 20 students were successful in obtaining their next level-coloured belts ranging from 8th Kup yellow belts to 1st Kup black tags. Also, late June saw two black belts earning promotion, Darren Mason from Aycliffe to 2nd Dan and Gemma Chapman from Sedgefield to 3rd Dan, both at a Koryo North eastern Dan grading event, with a surprise host on the grading panel - Grand Master Ian Leafe, and 8th Dan who is the CEO of British Taekwondo.

The club has also been giving small demonstrations around the area to promote Taekwondo in general, while doing small fund-raising activities for various causes. Next up is a large demonstration during Sedgefield Show on 9 August.

The club currently has over 40 students and meets for training on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6pm-7:30pm, and is open to all wishing to learn.

For more information, please contact Master Mike Britton on 07743 455065 or 07368 818372.

### Cricket

The fine summer weather continues to allow Sedgefield Cricket Club's teams to enjoy their seasons. 17-year-old Olly Johnson is certainly making hay in harvest season. His maiden century in July was followed up the following week with a magnificent 166 not out for the 3rd XI away at Barnard Castle to help overcome a daunting looking opposition total of 246 in 40 overs. This is thought to be a club record when batting second, but one record definitely made was the 1st XI's highest ever individual score, when skipper Ben Swindale hit 177 at home to Normanby Hall.

One team continuing to thrive is the boys' U13s who, as at mid-July, still have a 100% win record in the league. They've put themselves in with a great chance of contesting the end of season championship playoffs, and we'll update you next time on how that went, along with news of how all the teams campaigns look like ending.

The club remains open every weekday evening during the season and all day at weekends.

**That's all for this month.**  
As always, please send any sports news to [chrisjlines@aol.com](mailto:chrisjlines@aol.com).



## CEDDESFIELD HALL

### Ceddesfield Hall Beer Festival 2025

What a super weekend with glorious evening sunshine, which brought out the crowds from 6pm till late on both nights. All beers were from local North East breweries, with BBQ meat and buns from George Bolam's of Sedgefield and Robinson's of Wingate. Special thanks to 'Mamma Said' for their lively, popular music, enjoyed by all. Many thanks must go to a dedicated bar committee for organising the weekend, to the Beer Gadgies and to the numerous, amazing volunteers who helped set up, take down, sell tokens, collect and wash glasses, cook food and serve on both bars – all busy shifts!

Thank you too of course, to all visitors for coming along. 'Save the Date' for next year – Friday 10 July & Saturday 11 July 2026!

### Upcoming events at Ceddesfield Hall

#### Mayor's Afternoon Tea – Wednesday 6 August – 1pm to 4 pm - £15

Join Sedgefield Town Council Mayor Peter Hinde for a special afternoon tea, with good company and entertainment, all in the name of fundraising! There will be bingo and live music from Geoff Wright. The bar will be open too. Tickets available from STC offices (01740 621273).

#### Mayor's Quiz Night – Saturday 16 August – 7:30pm for 8 pm - £5

Trivia and cash prizes. Bar open. Tickets from STC offices.

#### Family Fun Afternoon – Sunday 24 August – 1pm to 4 pm - Free

Do come along to enjoy a fun afternoon for families with younger children (0 to 12 years). There will be soft play equipment, ball pool and animal hoppers for youngsters aged 0 to 5 years in the main hall. Outside activities will include various garden games, play equipment, tennis, football, swing ball, rounders, skipping, quoits, boules and croquet, as well as a face painter! Outdoor tables and chairs will be set up and feel free to bring a picnic! The bar will be open.



**Family Fun Afternoon**

**FREE EVENT FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UNDER 12 YRS**

- ✓ Soft Play & Ball Pool (under 5s)
- ✓ Garden Games/Play Equipment
- ✓ Tennis, Football, Quoits, Rounders
- ✓ Facepainter and much more

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August  
1.00pm - 4.00pm

**CEDDESFIELD HALL**

**BAR OPEN  
BRING A PICNIC!**

MAYOR OF SEDGEFIELD'S

## AFTERNOON TEA

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025  
1-4PM CEDDESFIELD HALL

Join us for an afternoon of great food, company and entertainment, all in the name of fundraising. Including afternoon tea, a free game of bingo and live act Jeff Wright. Bar open!

Tickets £15 available now from Sedgefield Town Council Office 01740 621 273

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## MAYOR'S QUIZ

**16TH AUGUST 2025**

CEDDESFIELD HALL, SEDGEFIELD  
DOORS 7:30PM FOR 8:00PM QUIZ

**TICKETS £5**  
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01740 621273

#### Ceddesfield Autumn Quiz Night – Saturday 27 September

This very popular quiz begins at 7:30 pm (bar from 7pm) and includes a 'Pie & Pea' supper, all for £10 a ticket! – Tickets from Pat, Sarah and/or Peter Hinde or from behind the bar, on a first come first served basis. Teams of 6 or less.

#### Sedgefield Lyrics Youth Choir (SLYC) – Ruby Celebrations – Save the Date!

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- Friday 1** **Sedgefield Memory Café coffee morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10:30am-12pm. Everyone welcome.
- Saturday 2** **Friendly Fixers**, Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, 10:30am to 12:30pm. Repair café.
- Sunday 3** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30-12:15pm.
- Wednesday 6** **Mayor of Sedgefield's Afternoon Tea**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 1pm-4pm. See poster for details.
- Sedgefield WI**, Methodist Church Hall, 7:15pm. Local author and book shop owner, Lucy Atkinson, "The Witches of Newcastle". Members' competition is "My Favourite Book". Visitors are always welcome. £4 including refreshments.
- Saturday 16** **Mayor's Quiz**, Ceddesfeld Hall, doors open 7:30pm for 8pm. See poster for details.
- Tuesday 19** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 10:30am to 12pm. For those living with dementia and carers.
- Saturday 23** **Pittington Brass Band and John Wrightson Band**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7pm for 7:30pm. Please bring your own nibbles and drinks. Tickets £10.
- Friday 29** **Sedgefield District Uniformed Services Group coffee morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am.

For more details about these events, go to [sedgefieldweb.co.uk](http://sedgefieldweb.co.uk).

### Sedgefield Baby & Toddler Group

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### Little Movers

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### Railway Society

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### Sedgefield Social Club

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