

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

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D-Day 80 Commemorative Service



It was a pleasure for Year 5 and 6 staff and pupils of Sedgefield Primary to attend the special D-Day Commemoration Service held on Sedgefield Village Green on 6 June. Staff and pupils felt it was important to show our respect to those who sacrificed for our greater good and remember all veterans past and present.

The service commemorating 80 years was led by Michael King of St Edmund's Church and attended by local MP, Paul Howell, Sedgefield Mayor, Peter Hinde and community members. It is pleasing that the community remembers the resilience and sacrifices endured during World War II.

Paul Heasman, an RAF pilot and parent at Sedgefield Primary commented, "I am delighted to say that your representatives conducted themselves flawlessly. The children were smart, attentive and respectful - a true credit to the school. As I stood at the back of the congregation, remembering my friend, colleague and fellow fighter pilot, Mark, who was tragically killed in a Spitfire crash at RAF Coningsby just weeks ago, the presence of your team reminded me that Sedgefield is in good hands."

It was commented by members of the community attending that all pupils were particularly smart, attentive and respectful. The whole school have approached this topic learning as a community in keeping with our family school ethos. Children from all year groups have learnt about this significant day in history and the huge losses, suffered by both Allied and German troops during the days that surrounded the landings on the Normandy beaches.

Mrs Smith, Deputy Headteacher who attended the service remembered her grandad, who played a significant role in the D-Day Landings and received a letter of commendation for his role. Respect, Resilience, Reciprocity and Resourcefulness are our school family values, which children learn about through a wide range of ways, including supporting significant community events such as this.



Photographs by Paul Heasman

Knit a poppy

We are looking for people to volunteer to knit poppies for Remembrance Day for us to sell in the Sedgefield branch of Co-op Funeralcare.

All money will go to the Royal British Legion. We will provide knitting patterns and the wool needed.

Sedgefield Co-op Funeralcare



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SCHOOL NEWS

Sedgefield Community College events

This half-term is a wonderful (and very busy) one in school! Lots of different educational visits are taking place involving a residential visit to France, experiences of Durham University, a range of college taster days and well over 500 children taking part in our annual rewards visit to Planet Leisure to name just a few.

As we enter the final weeks of the school year, there are two particular events happening at SCC that we would like to make members of our local community aware of. Celebrating the fantastic work produced by students in Fine Art and Photography, our annual art exhibition is taking place in our auditorium on Wednesday 3 July from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. There are some amazing pieces on display and it would be wonderful to see lots of visitors joining us.

As well as this, after many months of intensive rehearsal, it will not be long until our summer production of 'Sister Act Junior' takes place. For children from some of our local primary schools, there will be a matinee performance to enjoy. Tickets are now available for the three evening performances that take place from Tuesday 16 July through to Thursday 18 July. Having reintroduced an annual school show in summer 2023, 'Matilda Junior' was an enormous success. This year, we're delighted that 'Sister Act Junior' involves a larger cast and we know that the children will be delighted if they are performing to a 'sell-out' at each performance!



Sister Act Jr – Ticket QR Code



Art Exhibition QR Code



Our 'Sister Act Junior' cast enjoying a performance of the show.

Experiencing Van Gogh

Our Year 5 pupils were lucky to experience an unforgettable educational visit to the Van Gogh Experience in York in June. The immersive exhibition, renowned for its innovative approach to showcasing the life and works of the legendary artist Vincent van Gogh, provided the young learners with a captivating blend of art, history, and technology. Located in the heart of York, the exhibition utilizes state-of-the-art digital projection, sound effects, and interactive installations to bring Van Gogh's masterpieces to life in a manner that is both educational and enthralling.



The immersive gallery

The highlight of the visit was undoubtedly the immersive gallery, where the pupils walked through floor-to-ceiling projections of Van Gogh's most famous works. The room was filled with the vibrant colours and bold brushstrokes that characterize the artist's style, allowing the children to feel as if they had stepped into the paintings themselves and link the techniques they had been taught in school when learning about Van Gogh.

Miss Campbell, the Art subject lead, expressed her delight at the educational value of the trip. "The Van Gogh Experience provided an incredible opportunity for our pupils to engage with art in a dynamic and memorable way. It was wonderful to see them so inspired and eager to learn more about Van Gogh and his work," she said.

The visit concluded with an opportunity for the pupils to apply the skills they had seen in Van Gogh's work by participating in some live sketching on the banks of the river in central York.

Sedgefield Primary School PTFA
Your School needs **YOU!**

Sedgefield Primary School is excited to announce an upcoming project to create an innovative new Outdoor Learning Area.

The area will include an outdoor classroom, greenhouse and areas dedicated to science and sustainability. We are looking for community support to enable us to achieve our goals. Specifically we are asking local people to help out either with resources, funding or volunteering time/skills. Many hands make light work and we would love to involve the local community in making the area really special.

How could you help us?

DONATE RESOURCES
We need resources to make this project happen. If you have any of the items on our list and could donate them, we would be very grateful!

- Garden tools - spades, trowels, wheelbarrows
- Planters, pots, plants, shrubs, compost
- Garden, fence or exterior metal paint (even small left-over amounts will be useful)
- Wooden garden benches, tables, storage
- Log stools, bird boxes, bug hotels, water butts
- Anything else you think may be useful to us!

VOLUNTEER
From Thur 25th - Sun 28th July we need volunteers to help with clearing the area, laying woodchip, painting fencing, and a host of other jobs. If you can help us, please do get in touch. Any help gratefully received!

DONATE FUNDS
You can donate funds directly to the project via our Go Fund Me page at: <https://gofund.me/36b58aad>

Any donations can be left at the school Donation Point or dropped off at: 21 Cragside, Sedgefield, TS21 2DU. If you would like to volunteer please get in touch for more info:

Text: 07493 246664 E-mail: spptfa@gmail.com

Save the date!

SEDFIELD HARDWICK

SUMMER CARNIVAL

FRIDAY 12TH JULY

3:30PM

FREE ENTRY

FUN : RAFFLE : RIDES :
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PAINTING : FESTIVAL
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sedgefieldhardwickpta@gmail.com

SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST *PROJECT NEWS*

SEDGEFIELD FARMERS MARKET

On the Green, First Sunday Morning Every Month.



WOODLAND & WILDLIFE

A Project of Sedgefield Development Trust

Our woodland has a name!

Last year we asked the community to come up with ideas for a name for the Woodland & Wildlife (W&W) site. We received many interesting and well thought out suggestions, thank you to those who emailed and messaged. The potential names were discussed with NETPark, Sedgefield Development Trust and W&W volunteers. It took slightly longer than expected to reach a decision, but I am delighted to announce the name will be.....drum roll.....

Skerne Wood @NETPark.

With finance raised by the Co-op Local Cause Funding, we will be installing an information board at the entrance of Skerne Wood later this year.

For further information on the project or to volunteer with us, please contact Melissa at

woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk or join our Facebook page - Woodland & Wildlife - Sedgefield.

Picnic of Appreciation for Roger & Sandy

Join us with your own picnic and seating to celebrate their dedication to Sedgefield Development Trust and the local community

Saturday 6th July
12-2pm

Woodland & Wildlife
Project Site
what3words -
vase.unique.magically

Basic toilet tent will be available

We will only cancel in very wet weather!

Sunday 7 July
on the Village Green
8:30am - 12:15pm

Please come along and support our lovely Market, there's something for everyone including your four legged friends!

On Facebook, we have started to post interviews with the traders so you can learn more about them and their products. The first interview was with Balefire; they revealed how their business started up, great tips on what to serve with their sauces and information on their future plans. So follow Sedgefield Farmers Market on Facebook and Instagram to keep updated on the Market and the traders.

Robot repairs!

June's Friendly Fixers Repair Cafe saw a couple of 'firsts', with a new volunteer who got stuck straight in with a repair to a robot which now moves around to serve drinks, and our first repair of a music box - which now plays a recognisable tune!



If anyone would like to join our team, and could offer skills such as repairs to electricals, furniture, textiles, or sharpening, why not message us via the Friendly Fixers Facebook page, or come along to meet us, and have a chat and a cuppa.

The next session (first Saturday of the month) is on Saturday 6 July 10:30am to 12:30pm at Fishburn Youth and Community Centre.



A project of Sedgefield Development Trust

Well done and thank you to all student and volunteers. Homework Help is taking a break over the summer.

homework@sedgefielddevelopmentrust.co.uk.

Sedgefield & District Agricultural & Horticultural Society's

169th SEDGEFIELD SHOW

Saturday 10th August 2024

There is something for everyone!



Be part of it!

Lots of competitions for anyone to enter (test all your talents & creativity and many classes specifically for children).

Schedules for:

Cattle & Sheep
Farm Produce & Eggs
Vintage Tractors
Horticulture
Horses
Showjumping
Home & Handicraft
Dog Show



www.sedgefieldshow.co.uk
Entries close Friday 26th July 2024



Food and Refreshment facilities and Licensed Bar on-site. Show your support and become a member. Members area available. Membership Forms available from www.sedgefieldshow.co.uk

Want an economical way to promote your business whilst having a fun day out? Contact **Helen Shaw** on tradestands@sedgefieldshow.com to discuss trade stand options.

Organised by the volunteers of Sedgefield & District Agricultural & Horticultural Society (Charity No. 1042014).

Who 'seek to improve agriculture, forestry, horticulture, allied industries, rural crafts and the breeding of livestock'.

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Children, Concessions £8, Under 5's Free

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Gates Open 9.30am • Free Car Parking

Robert Brown Showfield,
West Park Lane, Sedgefield, TS21 2BX

www.sedgefieldshow.co.uk



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We are seeking a volunteer to deliver the Sedgefield News to 24 addresses in Thorpe Larches. If you can help, please contact Judith Edgoose j.s.edgoose@gmail.com.

U3A UPDATE



Last month, Chris Lloyd, the Chief Features Writer for the Northern Echo visited us to present his talk 'Secret Darlington' about some of the famous people who were born or lived there. We learnt about the Pease family who, despite their Quaker sensibilities, made a fortune making woollen cloth for WWI soldiers' uniforms, and about the profligate member of the Backhouse family who was exiled to China after running up a debt of over £1,000,000 (in today's money) as a student at Cambridge and who professed to have a long running affair with the Chinese Empress. This later turned out to be more fiction than fact! He spoke about the local music hall star, who after becoming a darling of the London stage, was hi-jacked to Hollywood where she soon became engaged to Fred Perry (although they never did marry). The most improbable was the Darlington man who became World Champion in Phloofing. This, apparently, is blowing a dart placed directly in the mouth at a designated target some metres away. The bronze medallist was a female also from Darlington!

The Lunch Club visited the Three Horseshoes at Running Waters for another delicious meal. From our tables in the conservatory we had beautiful views across the open countryside.

Mid-month, we hosted a village visit from the local Alzheimer's Society who talked about their Dementia Friends initiative and also gave insight into how dementia progresses. A wide range of leaflets, booklets, and other publications was provided.

The Wine Appreciation Group spent an evening in a member's garden enjoying, discussing and comparing a range of wines; a rosé, a French Sauvignon Blanc (which was totally different to the Australian/New Zealand brands we are so used to), and two reds. As ever, opinions differed, but we all had the best time sharing our thoughts.

A minibus of members made a trip to Reeth for an event in the Swaledale Music Festival where they listened to a talk by Whispering Bob Harris (The Old Grey Whistle Test) on 'The Beatles and the Songs They Gave Away.' Afterwards a visit to the pub and a sit outside to take in the magnificent scenery finished the day nicely.

The meeting on 5 July will be our AGM and marks the end of this year. After the formal business of reports and elections etc. we will appreciate our strawberry cream tea, the annual quiz, and the opportunity to catch up with chat and laughter.

See you all again in September.

Chris Balfour

STEVE'S NATURE DIARY JULY 2024

I hope you have enjoyed doing #30DaysWild as much as I have this year. Highlights so far have included a peaceful 5 minutes of cloud watching, looking for orchids and best of all watching an adult dragonfly emerge from its final larval stage - something I have never seen before!

Last night after work we actually managed to spend some time sat in the garden - the weather was actually quite good - relatively warm and the sun was shining intermittently. Recently it has been quite rainy, windy and a little cool and this has meant that not only have we not been in the garden much, but we also haven't seen many butterflies. Have you? Let's hope July is a bit better because it's nearly time for the Big Butterfly Count. This is a UK-wide survey aimed at helping assess the health of our environment simply by counting the amount and type of butterflies (and some day-flying moths) that we see. The Big Butterfly Count begins on Friday 12 July and will run until Sunday 4 August. You can download a handy butterfly ID chart or free app to identify and record the butterflies you spot from bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org. All you need to do is between 12 July and 4 August choose a place to spot butterflies and moths. Watch for 15 minutes and record what you see, it could be your garden, a park or a nature reserve or wherever you might find butterflies.



This nationwide citizen science survey aims to 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. Butterfly declines are also an early warning for other wildlife losses. Butterflies are key biodiversity indicators for scientists as they react very quickly to changes in their environment. Therefore, if their numbers are falling, then nature is in trouble. So, tracking numbers of butterflies is crucial in the fight to conserve our natural world. That's why taking part in this massive citizen science enterprise is of great importance not just for our butterflies but for the wider environment and biodiversity in general. So become a citizen scientist for 15 minutes this year and take part!

A visit to Buckingham Palace

Sedgefield Rangers was started in February 2018 by Jackie Postgate MBE. There were about a dozen 14 year olds too old for Guides and she wanted to provide an opportunity for them to complete their Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) Awards.

I joined as a volunteer to help Jackie and, so far, we have had two Rangers complete their Bronze award, one completing their Silver (with another two well underway) and one has almost completed their Gold award.

Three Rangers have completed their Gold and, this summer, they were invited to the Gold Award Celebration in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. The weather was perfect and the Rangers were offered the chance to look round, listen to a selection of inspirational guest speakers and had tea and cupcakes. The highlight was Prince Edward (the Duke of Edinburgh) who addressed the crowd from the West Terrace before mingling with the guests.



Katelyn Craig, Abbie Walker and Jenny Walker at Buckingham Palace

Unfortunately Jackie never got to see what the Rangers have achieved as she sadly passed away in January 2020. She would have been very proud.

If you want to know more about Sedgefield Rangers, or want to come along and find out what we do, you can contact me at marie.walker1992@gmail.com or via the Girlguiding website girlguiding.org.uk.

Marie Walker

Orienteering Challenge



The 1st Sedgefield Cubs recently took part in the Pete Swinney Competition. This one-day event is a team orienteering challenge and teams of four take part in as many different activities as possible in two hours. Points are awarded for successful completion of the challenges and teams choose what they want try – additional points are awarded for map-reading skills. Challenges might be mental, physical, skill or teamwork related. The team with the most points at the end of two hours wins! The cubs were delighted to take both first and second place. Cub scout leader, Kev Scollay said, 'The cubs had a great day with all the other County Durham cub packs. Getting 1st and 2nd prize was not something that we expected but we are delighted to be taking the Pete Swinney Competition shield back to the scout hut.'



Memorial tree

Earlier this month a memorial tree was planted in Sedgefield in memory of Rita Curry by her son and his family.

The tree was purchased by her long time friend Amanda Barrie. What a lovely tribute!

Marie Etherington



RTPI Annual Cycle Ride

On Friday 17 May, Sedgefield played host to the annual Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) North East Cycle Ride. Around 40 riders joined the ride, which started and finished at Sedgefield Cricket Club.



Sedgefield resident, and member of the RTPI, Jonathan Wallace, helped to organise the ride which attracted riders from all across the North East and Yorkshire. The event was a big success, with Sedgefield providing an ideal base and, while the ride is likely to be in Northumberland next year, it is hoped that it will return to Sedgefield in 2026.

RTPI North East Co-ordinator, Kim Walker commented, "This year's Cycle Ride proved very popular and we attracted a record number of riders and great feedback. We would like to place on record our thanks to Sedgefield Cricket Club for allowing us to use the Club as a base for the event, and we look forward to returning to Sedgefield again soon".



Christian Aid Week Appeal



We are delighted to report the total raised at the two events in support of the Christian Aid Week appeal this year which totalled £1,196.

Thank you to everyone for your support and also to those who donated online.

Margaret & David Glass

MAYOR'S CORNER

In May, Peter Hinde was elected as Sedgefield Mayor and along with his wife and consort Jaime, he has had a busy start to his term of office:



Peter and Jaime Hinde

On Thursday 6 May, we were joined by veterans, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Durham, members of the public and school children for a short D-Day Remembrance Service led by Michael King.

On Sunday 9 June, we were part of a packed congregation in St Edmunds Church for a service to induct the new rector for the Upper Skerne. On behalf of the Town Council and the community, we welcomed David, his wife Hannah and their 4 children - this was followed with a reception and magnificent buffet in Ceddesfeld Hall. We will host our first ever Coffee Morning on Friday 16 August so please come along and support us if you can.

There are two ticketed events to be aware of:

12 October - Ceilidh in the Parish Hall
31 December - New Years Eve Dance
Tickets are available from the Town Council Offices.

Finally, a request if anyone has items we can use as raffle or tombola gifts then they would be very much appreciated just take to our house at 44 West End, Sedgefield or give me a call on 07708 970532 and I will gladly come and collect them.

Peter and Jaime Hinde

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 e-mail: sedgefieldcharities@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: 30 September 2024

ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com

Sedgefield Players' Peter Pan

July sees SPYS performing Peter Pan. This enchanting new version of JM Barrie's perennial favourite sees the group tackling a musical for the first time.

Chasing his runaway shadow, a mischievous young boy who will never grow up crash lands through an open window and meets a headstrong young girl who is desperate to be an adult. Peter, played by Charlie Lines, teaches Wendy and her brothers how to fly to the magical island of Neverland.



With a sprinkle of fairy dust, they take flight on a whirlwind voyage over pirate ships, through mermaid lagoons and into the heart of Neverland. Here Wendy (Sophie Wilson), finds herself befriendng the Lost Boys, including Tinker Bell, played by Grace Stanley and Tiger Lily, played by Evie Legender. The pirates are led by Ace as Captain Hook and George Nott as Smee. Both are seasoned members of the group and bring their years of experience to the stage.

The audience will be immersed in the show with some action taking place on the floor, with new lights and effects thanks to funding from the Area Action Partnership and the County Durham Community Foundation.

This truly wonderful show is being performed in the Parish Hall on 12 & 13 July 2024. Tickets £10 from Tickety Boo or ticketsource.co.uk.



Durham Brass Festival 2024

The famous Durham Brass Festival returns in July with free events around the county as well as in Durham city. Spennymoor (9 July), Newton Aycliffe (10 July) and Trimdon (12 July) are among 10 locations that will host events, along with Haswell and Barnard Castle.

These touring performances are to spread the impact of the festival across the county and allow still greater access to the event, which remains centred on Durham itself, where headliners Public Service Broadcasting open the festival with the NASUWT Riverside Band at Durham Cathedral. There will also be live performances on the streets of Durham.

For a full programme of events please visit: brassfestival.co.uk.



Bishop Auckland Music Society July Concert

Flutes and Frets Duo are a multi-award winning partnership with an incredible repertoire, weaving conceptual and moving performances from over 500 years of musical history, from medieval to modern.



Friday 12 July 2024 at 7:30pm
Bishop Auckland Methodist Church
Call 01388 606075 or 07415 092040 for ticket enquiries or at Brotherton's Music Shop.
Visit [Bishop Auckland Music Society](https://www.bishopaucklandmusicsociety.co.uk) on Facebook for more details.

More local events

Hollowed Ground: The People of the Durham Coalfield, Bishop Auckland Town Hall

Documentary film celebrating the industrial heritage and culture of Co. Durham.

11 July, 7pm, £5 per adult
bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/Cinema/

The King's Mother Book Launch, Raby Castle

Acclaimed local author Annie Garthwaite visits Raby Castle to talk about her new novel, based on Cecily Neville, the 15th Century resident of Raby Castle, mother to Edward IV & Richard III

8 July at 6pm, £15 per adult
raby.co.uk/events/annie-garthwaite-celebrating-cecily-and-the-launch-of-the-kings-mother/

Kynren, 11 Arches, Bishop Auckland

Open air dramatic restaging of England's history, featuring spectacular effects and a cast of over 1,000 people.

27 July & ongoing, from £26
11arches.com/kynren

Northern Kin Festival, Thornley Hill Farm, Wheatley Hill

Music festival featuring The Waterboys, Jools Holland, Cast, and many more, rescheduled from June.

9 - 11 August, prices vary
northernkinfestival.co.uk



SPORTS UPDATE with Chris Lines chrisjlines@aol.com

Summer has finally arrived! On the national and international stage, there's an awful lot of sport to keep track of at the moment, and there's much more to come, including the Paris Olympics and Paralympics. Here in Sedgefield, the story is much the same...

Paracycling

I've reported on the progress of Sedgefield para cyclist Ben Hetherington before, and he continues to make good progress in the sport. After a poor performance in the British Para Track Championships in February, it was a time for Ben to refocus and get back to some hard training, ready for the road season. So far, this has paid off, as he won the season's first para road race in Nottingham at the end of April, followed up by a win at the time trial. This set him up for a trip to the World Cup races in Ostend, Belgium and Maniago, Italy, in May. The races were highly competitive, with riders and countries trying to stake their claim for Paralympic selection. Ben did well, finishing in the middle of the pack in both road races and in the top 20 in both time trials. While on the continent, he also took part in a para race in De Panne, Belgium, which he won.

More recently, Ben won a bronze medal in both a road race and time trial. The rest of the British Para Series will be held around England, including at Middlesbrough Sports Village on Saturday 20 July. The event will be part of a day of paracycling, organised by British Cycling in conjunction with Limitless. Starting at 12 noon and aimed at people with disabilities, there will be 90 minutes of free opportunities to try out trikes, tandems, handcycles and pedal carts. Then, from 2pm, there will be para cycle racing in a variety of categories, and Ben will be in action as he continues to try and improve his times and bike handling skills, in order to ensure a place in the development team for the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The event on 20 July will also raise money for the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS), which Ben and his family have been supporting since his accident in 2019. GNAAS came to Ben's aid then and at Middlesbrough Sports Village, there will be fundraising to help the service run its two helicopters, The Guardian of the North II and the Pride of Cumbria II. The event will be a great chance for anyone to learn more about para cycling and see some great racing. To find out more about it, contact Gary Hetherington on 07484 673796 or 01740 621214.

Athletics

During the spring, there have been some impressive performances by Sedgefield Harriers at the classic marathon distance. Mark Raine and Lisa Darby both had the privilege of representing the club at the iconic Boston Marathon, where Mark finished in a rapid three hours and four minutes and Lisa finished in 3:28. Back in the UK, Sedgefield runners have been in action at marathons in London, Manchester, Edinburgh and Gateshead. At London, Jane Spink set a new club record of 3:09, Roger Whitehill set a new personal best of 3:36, and Enya Killen completed her debut at the distance in 5:57. Talking of debuts, Declan Munnally made his in Manchester, with a very impressive time of 3:13. Along with Declan, there were a lot of other Sedgefield runners in action. Justin Cox and Gary Thwaites both dipped under three hours with times of 2:56 and 2:58 respectively, while Fay Uphill reduced her PB by 24 minutes with a time of 3:56. Also running were new club members Aidan Maloney (3:30) and Sarah Maloney (4:12), and Gary Forster (a big PB of 3:30) and Dave Porter (3:56). Dave Porter also ran the new Gateshead Marathon in an impressive time of 3:39. Meanwhile, north of the border in Edinburgh, Colin Gandy continued his amazing progress by setting a new PB of 2:58.

Plenty of other Sedgefield Harriers have been busy on the road and trail over the last few months, at a wide variety of distances, and the action will continue throughout the summer. The club will also host the next of its own events soon, with the Summer Handicap on Wednesday 31 July, over a mixed terrain two-lap course of around 10K, that starts and finishes at Bishop Middleham Village Hall. The event is free to enter and suitable for runners of all abilities. Find the full details on the Facebook page 'Sedgefield Harriers'.

Cricket

After almost two months of either rained off matches or playing in multiple clothing layers, the improved late June weather finally made it actually feel like the cricket season was upon us. Sedgefield CC 1st XI will travel to Marton on Friday 5 July to play Whitby in the final of the Brunton Cup, after winning three rounds, including an impressive 37 run semi-final victory against league leaders Billingham. A good travelling support is expected for what is the team's defence of the cup which they won in 2023.

Despite sitting mid-table in their league, the 2nd XI are less than a win's worth of points from being in a promotion spot, so are looking to keep up a solid set of performances as the season reaches its midway stage. Junior fixtures continue apace, although weather related postponements mean that the eight junior sides are still playing catch up and keeping both the ground staff and fixture secretary on their toes!

On the social side, the club is again proving to be a popular choice to watch the Euros, with four large TVs and competitively priced drinks to massage the debate over what should be England's formation (assuming that the national team is still in the tournament by the time you read this). More to report next month...



Ben Hetherington (right) after winning a bronze medal



Lisa Darby and Mark Raine after completing the Boston Marathon

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

CEDDESFELD HALL

Sedgefield Mediaeval Fayre

The gorgeous, warm weather drew bumper crowds to a fabulous day for the community. 'Thank you', to the local businesses and shops, for their generous sponsorship and fabulous donations towards the SCA tombola; to the children and staff of Sedgefield Primary, Sedgefield Hardwick Primary and Fishburn Chi Taekwondo group, for their enthusiasm, creativity and vitality; to the various clubs and organisations (SDT, Bloomers, Scouts, Sedgefield Mayor's Charity Fund, STC, Manor House, St Edmund's Church, SCA friends and members) who gave their enthusiasm, time and energy, in the set up and take down and in ensuring the day ran smoothly; to the various hobby and craft stall holders, specialist attractions and showmen; to Durham Police and Crime Commissioner Joy Allen; to Lesley and Neil Edmenson (Mess Charcuterie) and family, for their delicious, home cooked Mediaeval Fayre Menu, and also for their generous, charitable donation in support of the Fayre and to the Hope Foundation School in Malawi; to SCA Trustees, Mediaeval Fayre Committee, bar helpers; and finally, to everyone who came along to support a community event and enjoy the day.



Upcoming Events

Ceddesfeld Hall Beer Festival – Friday 12 July @ 7pm, Saturday 13 July @ 6pm with free entrance

SCA is delighted to continue to run this very popular, annual event. SCA is pleased to support local brewers, and there will be a wide (up to 18 beers) selection of new and established ales (raffle tickets £2 each for a half pint) which will include the ever-popular Jaipur and two ciders; the community bar will also be open. There will be a BBQ for burgers and hot sausage buns, both nights. The entertainment on Saturday night (starting at 8pm) is provided by popular local band, Mamma Said. Anyone wishing to help serve on the festival bar, collecting/washing glasses, or helping with the BBQ, please contact Tony on 07484279427 or email info@sedgefieldsca.org.uk.



Sedgefield Mediaeval Fayre 2024

Family Fun Afternoon – Sunday 25 August – 1pm to 4pm

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

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- Tuesday 2** **Mordon Open Mic Night**, Mordon Village Hall, 7:30pm. £3 per person.
- Friday 5** **Sedgefield and District U3A**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm. Annual General Meeting and strawberry cream tea.
- Saturday 6** **Picnic of Appreciation for Roger and Sandy**, Woodland and Wildlife Project Site (what3words—vase.unique.magically), 12pm-2pm. Join us with your own picnic.
- Friendly Fixers**, Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, 10:30am to 12:30pm. Repair café.
- Mordon and Bradbury Summer Picnic**, Mordon Village Green. Bring your own food and drink. Tickets £6/£3 via Facebook.
- Sunday 7** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am to 12:30pm. See page 3 for more information.
- Friday 12** **Sedgefield Hardwick Summer Carnival**, Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School, 3:30pm. Fun, food, prizes and more.
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- Saturday 13** **Beer Festival**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 6pm-11pm. 18 real ales, 2 ciders and BBQ. Live music with Mamma Said.
- Tuesday 16** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. Members night with Val Guest running a workshop (no craftwork, cost is £15). Book your place with Sandra (07533 752870) or Liz (01325 720777). Please bring food for a Faith supper. Tea/coffee supplied. All welcome, even if you don't want to join the workshop.
- Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 10:30am to 12pm. For those living with dementia and carers.
- Friday 19** **Little Movers' Fundraising Night** with the Cardiac Dodgers. Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm-11:00pm. Cash bar, bring your own snacks, bingo, raffle, games, etc. Tickets £6 from Dave Jasper or via QR code on poster (booking fee applies).
- Saturday 20** **Sedgefield Games Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, from 6pm. Come along and play a variety of board games. £2.50.
- Friday 26** **Sedgefield District Uniformed Services Group (formerly Sedgefield Village Veterans Association) coffee morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am.
- Saturday 27** **Coffee morning**, Sedgefield Methodist Church, 10am-11:30am. To raise funds for the Nakuru Project— a project in Kenya supporting children living on a dumpsite.

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