

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

June 2022 Edition

Deadline for July - Wednesday 15 June

Citizen of the Year Awards

The annual Citizen of the Year awards are organised through a partnership between Sedgefield Town Council, Sedgefield Rotary Club and Sedgefield Development Trust.

At the beginning of each year, residents are invited to nominate candidates on a form included in the Sedgefield News before a panel of judges (including the previous holder of the award) select the winner. This year's amazing winners were....



Bobby Workman Citizen of the Year

You must have seen Bobby Workman with his big smile and his even bigger shopping bag, litter picking around Sedgefield. Residents have nominated him as Citizen of the Year and judges agreed.

Bobby is pictured right receiving his award from Mel Broadbelt of Sedgefield Rotary, Roger Clubley of Sedgefield Development Trust and the Mayor of Sedgefield Councillor Ann Carr. You can read more about Bobby Workman and the Young Citizen winners in the Town Council's Sedgefield Xtra magazine delivered with the Sedgefield News and on the Town Council website at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/ATM2022.



Martha and Maggie Edge Young Citizens of the Year

Sisters Martha and Maggie Edge have enthusiastically thrown themselves into plogging which is a combination of jogging with picking up litter. They have joined almost every Sedgefield Ploggers event and have also set up their own litter picking initiatives including a beach clean-up in Seaton Carew.

Martha and Maggie are pictured left with their mum, Mel Broadbelt of Sedgefield Rotary and the Mayor of Sedgefield Councillor Ann Carr.



Lift off at Sedgefield Hardwick

Laidlaw Schools Trust, committed to transforming the lives of children and communities through inspirational education, have announced that the 'Outstanding' Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School will become a Laidlaw Schools Trust academy.



Laidlaw Schools Trust and Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School share a mission to augment education provision in the North East and support every pupil to become extraordinary. Their partnership will allow the academy to be more innovative, entrepreneurial and flexible, enhancing the experience Sedgefield Hardwick currently provides for children. As a member of LST, Sedgefield Hardwick will form meaningful partnerships with other academies, collectively sharing and designing pedagogical best practices and offering diverse professional development opportunities for staff.

LST currently unites clusters of academies in Newcastle and Sunderland. By joining the Trust, Sedgefield Hardwick will formalise its relationship with Sedgefield Community College, which became an LST academy in 2020, to cement a new "Durham Hub." The creation of this hub will allow Sedgefield Hardwick to be more involved in pupils' education after they leave, ensuring a smooth transition into secondary school and supporting pupils from cradle to career.

Sedgefield Hardwick's Head Teacher, Sally Newton, will also transition to an executive trust-wide role with responsibility for key strategic priorities. Sally brings with her a wealth of experience and expertise which helped her lead the Sedgefield Hardwick team to achieve an 'Outstanding' rating from Ofsted. With Sally and Sedgefield Hardwick on board, the Trust will advance curriculum innovation across the board, create more early years placements, and offer greater opportunities for growth and collaboration.

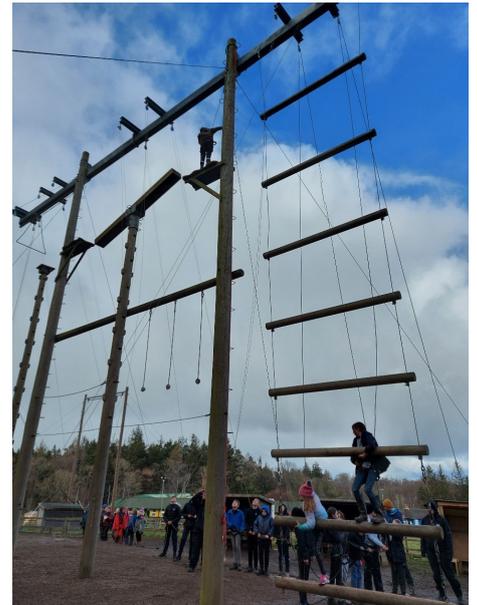
Ian Simpson, Laidlaw Schools Trust CEO, said, "I am delighted to welcome Sedgefield Hardwick Primary School to the Trust. We have admired Sally and her incredible team for many years, and it gives me enormous pleasure to welcome her and Sedgefield Hardwick's teachers, staff, pupils, parents, carers and governors to LST. I look forward to building upon our mutual vision to develop the whole child, promote educational innovation, and support every pupil to become extraordinary."



Sally Newton, Head Teacher at Sedgefield Hardwick, said, "This is an incredibly exciting opportunity for our entire learning community. The shared values of LST and Sedgefield Hardwick underpin our collective ambition to have a far-reaching, long-lasting, positive influence on the lives of young people, our communities and the broader world of education. We are delighted to be working within a diverse family of schools who share expertise and creativity to create the very best opportunities for all."

Climbing high

As part of our ongoing commitment to the personal development of our students, all of our Year 7s were given the opportunity to go on an outdoor activities residential during the spring term. Over 150 of them took up the offer and headed up to Kingswood in Hexham for two nights. All four seasons were apparent throughout the week with sun and snow! However, this did not deter our students as they engaged in several outdoor and adventurous activities.



Amongst the activities were archery, fire lighting, shelter building and a high ropes course to name just a few. 'Jacob's Ladder' was a particular favourite - a fun but slightly scary activity for those who are nervous of heights! Students described an enormous sense of achievement when they reached the top.

It was fantastic to see so many students representing the school so well, giving the activities such a good go and getting out of their comfort zone. The students themselves recognised the new skills they had developed during the visit and also commented that it was just really nice to meet people from across the full year group. We hope that this is an experience that they remember for a long time and we can't wait to do it all over again with our new Year 7s next year!



SEDGEFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST PROJECT NEWS

The Project So Far!

The Woodland and Wildlife project, which is on NETPark land to the North of the village, has been running for just over 4 years with the main aim of creating a space for nature to flourish.

It was clear from that first weekend of tree planting in February 2018, when over 40 people turned out in the bitter cold snow to plant over 800 trees, that the project was going to have the support of the local community. Since then we have accumulated a dedicated group of hardy volunteers. We also have many more people who follow the project and some who attend events on a less regular basis – all are valued and welcomed. It is always a pleasure to work with like-minded people who are giving their time to help nature.

The group has had a variety of events over the years from path making, mulching, undergrowth clearing, litter picking, bat walks, tree planting with children from the local schools, bird box making and wildlife recording.

Recently the volunteers enjoyed a dawn chorus walk led by Fred Milton, a Durham Bird Club member. Fred has been carrying out bird surveys for the project and it was very interesting to have an insight into his survey work, it really brought his written reports to life. On the walk we spotted whitethroat, lesser whitethroat, blackcap, goldcrest, chiffchaff and ended the morning with breakfast and a chat. Definitely worth the 5am start!



Dawn chorus birdwalk

The project is completely volunteer led and receives support from Sedgefield Development Trust, NETPark/Durham County Council, The Woodland Trust and Durham Woodland revival. In the past, successful funding bids have included Discover Brightwater and East Durham AAP to raise money to purchase resources, training and organise events.

The project has not been without its challenges. As is the story with most groups, COVID took the wind out of our sails, however it was fantastic during this time to hear of local people enjoying the project site. It has taken us a little while to get the momentum going again, but we are now looking at organising more events on-site and group work sessions. We are also currently working with NETPark to formalise our boundaries and update our land usage agreement. Once this is complete, we can look at bigger plans, such as creating a meadow and a pond. The project certainly has a positive future!



Small tortoiseshell (R.Reichel)

If you would like to know more or volunteer with us please contact Melissa at woodland@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk or join our Facebook page - [Woodland & Wildlife - Sedgefield](#).

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Repair café update

The first tool collection for our soon to be launched Repair Cafe took place at the May Farmers Market. It was definitely a case of quality over quantity, with some interesting donations. We will be at the Farmers Market for the next few months taking collections. and also starting to do some small repairs. We will continue to hold our monthly planning meetings at Sedgefield Parish Hall, 14 June, 19 July, 16 August 7-8. For more information or to get involved come and have a chat with us or email repaircafe@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk.

Bees at Hardwick

What should you do if you get a swarm of bees in your garden?

Well, first of all try and identify if they are honey bees. Honey bees are small and vary in colour from golden brown to almost black. All will form a distinctive cluster when they have settled as a swarm. Honey bees have large hairy eyes, a furry chest or thorax and distinctive bent antennae.

- Most swarms often occur on warm Sunny days in May to the end of July, between 11am – 4pm
- Often there is a peak on a fine day after poor weather when temperatures approach high teens.
- Swarming bees usually don't sting but it is wise to stay away from the swarm and keep children & pets indoors
- Beekeepers collect swarms on a voluntary basis; they are NOT paid to provide this service.
- The beekeeper may not be able to come immediately; they have jobs and commitments of their own.
- If on arrival we find that it is not honey bees we are unlikely to be able to help.
- Honey bee swarming is natural and the bees are just looking for a new home.

Please note, beekeepers only collect honey bees.

Please contact us on 07856 625007 or find out further details on our Facebook page – [Bees at Hardwick](#).

Sew Easy

Due to lowering of number restrictions in Parish Hall there are now places in Monday night and Wednesday afternoon sewing groups.

For more information contact Dorothy Anderson on 07773 286743.

Twilight Jubilee Concert

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE ON FISHBURN VILLAGE GREEN ON THURSDAY 2 JUNE



8:30pm BLESSING - The Reverend Elizabeth Bland has been invited to conduct a short blessing ceremony.

8:45pm A PROCLAMATION will be read by Parish Councillor Stephen Tinkler announcing the lighting of the beacon.

8:50pm A fire performer will entertain with three 10-minute performances throughout the event.

9:00pm ANDRELLI STRING QUARTET will play pop and rock music covering the seven decades of the Queen's 70-year reign.

9:10pm A fire performer will entertain with a 10-minute performance.

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9:35pm PIPER - As the sun sets across the UK and the Commonwealth, Pipe Major Gary Dodd - Pipe Band of 102 Battalion REME (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers) - will play 'Diu Regnare', specially written as a tribute to The Queen.

9:40pm MAJESTY - Before lighting the beacons the specially written tune 'Majesty' will announce the lighting of the beacon.

9:45pm BEACON LIGHTING - Councillor Stephen Tinkler will light the beacon.

9:50pm PIPER - Pipe Major Gary Dodd will play a couple of final tunes. A fire performer will entertain with a 10-minute performance.

10:00pm FINALE Closing remarks from Councillor Andrew Pearson, Chairman of Fishburn Parish Council. ANDRELLI STRING QUARTET will play the National Anthem.

THE TIMES INDICATED FOR EACH ITEM ARE GUIDELINES

STEVE'S NATURE DIARY JUNE 2022

I am writing this just after popping out for a quick trip to Cowpen Marsh, on a bit of a twitch to see a bird called a Pectoral Sandpiper and I saw it! It's a small wader that breeds in North America and pops up occasionally in the UK especially during spring migration. I am mentioning this because one of the reasons people are advised to spend some time in nature is that by doing so helps them to feel better and it is good for their mental health. Every June "The Wildlife Trusts" run a campaign called 30 Days Wild. Last year a record 760,000 took part and approximately two million people have participated since 30 Days Wild began in 2015. Every year The Wildlife Trusts invite people to do one wild act every single day during the month of June, with the aim of bringing people closer to nature. Last year supporters completed over 16 million acts of wildness; the most popular activities were wildlife-watching, eating outdoors, planting wildflower seeds and listening to birdsong. Other suggested wild acts include litter picking in your local area, bug-hunting and even taking on a fundraising challenge for wildlife. When surveyed, most participants said their favourite activities were those that directly helped nature, or those that expanded their knowledge of the natural world.

A survey of the 2021 participants revealed that the pandemic positively affected their appreciation of the natural world, and that by connecting with nature, people were inspired to take action for the world around them. 78% of participants said the pandemic made them value nature more, 88% said they were very likely to make their garden more wildlife-friendly after participating in 30 Days Wild, or had already done so, 74% said they had either already taken action to reduce their carbon footprint, or were very likely to after taking part in 30 Days Wild. The campaign is for people of all ages and from all backgrounds: from mums, dads and kids to schools and care homes, participants come from all walks of life. We know that the challenge not only connects you with nature, but that keeping it wild for the whole of June will actually make you happier and healthier too.

Join me and thousands of others in taking on the #30DaysWild challenge this



June by signing up for your free pack today. Sign up for yours at www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild.

Sedgefield in Bloom

Haven't we had the most marvellous display of spring flowers here in Sedgefield this year?

Although the blooms were a little past their best when we had two lovely lady judges on their first visit of the year on April 27, there was still a beautiful display. In addition, we had collected photographic highlights of the spring for the judges to view.

We had a good walk around Sedgefield and gave them some insight into the work that is done and ended up returning to the Green, where they were very impressed with the 110 tubs placed there (yes 110!) These tubs are planted and cared for by our very own town gardeners, Stephen & Ben.

The date for our 'real' judging is 27th July.

Marie Etherington



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SEDGEFIELD FARMERS MARKET

On the Green, First Sunday Morning Every Month.

Sunday 5 June 8.30 - 12.30

We're very proud of the efforts our traders go to, to bring you the best produce that they can grow, make, or bake. We're also proud of all the other people who help to make our market such a success, so last month, we held an event in Ceddesfeld Hall to welcome and thank our volunteers. We also took time to talk over some ideas about how to make the market even better. At the time of our Christmas market in December, markets in Sedgefield will have just turned 710! Yes, the first local produce market took place here late in the year 1312, having been granted permission by the then Prince Bishop of Durham. Roger Clubley has managed the market since Sedgefield Development Trust took it over in 2014 and while all the helpers were together, he took the chance to let them know that he will be retiring after this year's Christmas market. At 77, he feels the need to give himself a bit more leisure time!

SEDGEFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Online shopping

If you are shopping online take precautions:

- If using a retailer or individual you are not familiar with make sure they are reputable by getting recommendations and customer reviews. What is their score in satisfaction surveys?
- Is the payment page secure? There should be a padlock symbol in the address bar to the left of the address when you attempt to log in or register. The address of the page should start 'https://' - the 's' stands for 'secure'.
- Unless you know the seller personally, never pay by direct transfer into their bank account. This is a common scam and you'll have little chance of getting your money back.
- Don't buy online when you are using unsecured Wi-Fi, use 3G/4G instead, or wait until you get home to your secure Wi-Fi.
- Remember that paying by credit card offers greater protection from fraud, non-delivery and dishonoured product warranties.
- Use different passwords for each of the sites you use to protect yourself from hacking
- Comprehensive, simple and free advice is available at www.getsafeonline.org.

In the coming months other volunteers will take on different roles, so a few extras will be needed and newcomers who step up will be made very welcome. We hope they will enjoy being part of something that makes so many people happy. We're developing the idea that no one takes sole responsibility for any particular part of the operation – that when we all 'know the ropes' we can cover for others in the team.



Handyperson service

If you need help fitting security equipment, Durham County Council now run a handyperson service that undertakes small jobs for residents of County Durham who are over 60, disabled, a victim of crime, at risk of falling or are vulnerable in other ways.

This service can undertake small jobs in and around the home, taking up to a maximum of 2 hours related to your safety, security and comfort. The handyperson can do a home safety check to identify work that needs to be done to help you feel safe.

It is available to both owner-occupiers and tenants (tenants need to check first whether some jobs are the responsibility of the landlord).

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

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

The handyperson service is funded by Durham CC; Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Group.

Get advice or assistance by calling 0300 456 2220 or by emailing handyperson@bernicia.com.

In particular we want to develop a small leadership group to organise the monthly Markets, leaving everyone a chance to take a break from time to time. This is a really interesting time to get involved so please feel free to talk to any of the volunteers – there should always be someone at the Sedgefield Development Trust information tent - if you'd like to find out more.

We'd welcome your ideas too about how we might develop the market for the better.

You can also email farmers@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk – or call 07572 502904 and ask to speak to Roger.

Sedgefield has a lot to look forward to over the Jubilee weekend – and sitting right there on the village green on Sunday morning will be one of the best loved Farmer's Markets in our region. We'll certainly be doing our best to keep it that way!

Hope to see you at the 'Platinum' Market.

Ready for a holiday?

If you're lucky enough to be going away this summer then here are some tips on how to deter burglars:

- Leave a car on the drive. It looks as though you are home.
- Close and lock ALL windows and doors securely.
- Tilt all blinds so that no one can see straight in.
- Lower blinds over patio or French doors.
- Lock your garden gate.
- Fit timers to interior and exterior lights so that lighting times mimic your normal habits.
- Don't advertise the fact that you are going away. Conversations can easily be overheard or spotted on social media
- Tell only a trusted neighbour or relative, and ask them to keep an eye out for unusual activity. Ask them to check daily and push any post or leaflets right through the letterbox.
- Don't write your address on luggage labels, your phone number will do if it is lost.

To report anything suspicious in your area call Durham Constabulary on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

To report concerns, seek advice or pass on information call 101. Keep notes, ask for an incident number. Information received will be developed and acted on.

Confidential email address: amy.jorgeson@durham.police.uk.

ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap email: sedgefieldartsandevents@outlook.com

Craft Workshops

Embracing the jubilee theme for June, *From Loft to Loved* is offering jubilee themed workshops for children on Saturday 4 June.

Children are welcome to drop in without booking in advance to produce their own crafty masterpieces and parents and grandparents will be encouraged to join in too. The session will run from 10am through to 1pm. There will also be sessions aimed at producing Father's Day themed coasters at the same venue on Thursday 2 June (please book ahead for this one at www.fromlofttoloved.co.uk).

The ever-popular hobby of decoupage will be explained and explored on 21 June from 6pm-9pm, where participants will be able to choose from a range of materials and take two items home following the session.



Classes will be held during June where you can produce beautiful fused glass coasters such as these below. Demand for these sessions is always high, so book early to avoid disappointment.



If you are unable to secure a spot at *From Loft to Loved* then consider ARC Arts Centre where there are glass workshops open to those aged 18 and over at 2pm on Saturday 11 June at £30. Here, under the guidance of a professional glass designer and with all materials provided, you create your own glass art themed around the sea. Visit arconline.co.uk/whats-on/ for details of this class, bookings and a whole host of others including creative writing, self-publishing, jewellery making and film making. Something for everyone locally this month.

One Day Like This Summer Singing with Sedgefield Lyric Singers

Book a date for a live musical performance of song and celebration.

Sedgefield Lyric Singers, SLYC and Lirica present this year's summer concert, *One Day Like This*, at The Parish Hall, Sedgefield. Performances are scheduled for Friday July 1 and Saturday July 2 at 7:30pm.

The first concert after lockdown to feature all three choirs performing together, *One Day Like This* offers stunning tunes and heart-lifting numbers to promote both reflection and celebration.

Tickets, priced £7 / £5 for U16s, are available from choir members as well as from Tickety-boo, 2 High St, Sedgefield, or by calling 01740 621196. Buy yours early to avoid disappointment.

Follow Sedgefield Lyric Singers on Facebook, or email Sedgefieldlyricsingers@weebly.com.

SEDFIELD LYRIC SINGERS,
SLYC AND LIRICA PRESENT

One Day Like This

Summer Concert

Friday 1st &
Saturday 2nd July
7.30pm

Parish Hall, Sedgefield
Tickets £7 / £5 U16s

Available from Tickety Boo,
by calling 01740 621196
or from members of the choirs

SLYC
SEDFIELD LYRIC SINGERS YOUTH CHOIR

Lirica
SEDFIELD LYRIC SINGERS

Sedgefield Players' Summer Schedule

A packed summer is in the offing for The Sedgefield Players and SPYS.

Chalet Lines is a play chronicling family get-togethers over 50 years to raucous comic effect. Penned by North East playwright Lee Mattinson, the play also takes a hard look at the rifts and fissures that can lie buried beneath the surface of family life.

SEDFIELD PLAYERS PRESENT

CHALET LINES

Written by Lee Mattinson
Performed with kind permission of Nick Horn Books

THE PARISH HALL, SEDFIELD
9TH, 10TH AND 11TH JUNE 2022
FROM 7.30PM

Tickets: £7. Available at Tickety Boo, online by visiting www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk and from 07957 104434.

DISCLAIMER: THIS PLAY CONTAINS LANGUAGE THAT SOME PEOPLE MAY FIND OFFENSIVE.

Sedgefield Players

Later in June the 'Players present a special one-off cabaret show celebrating 70 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

SEDFIELD PLAYERS PRESENT

JUBILEE VARIETY PERFORMANCE

ENTERTAINMENT THROUGH THE QUEEN'S REIGN

SATURDAY JUNE 25TH
THE PARISH HALL,
SEDFIELD
AT 7.30PM

Ticket:
£7.00

Sedgefield Players

There will be more detail next month on the 17 July staging of Mark Gatiss' adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*, also at the Parish Hall; add it to your diaries now.

Tickets for all these events at Tickety-boo, www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk, or from 07957 104434.

DIARY & EVENTS

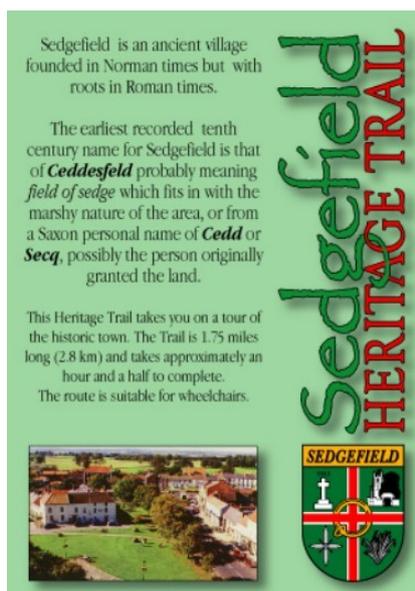
Please send information to diary.sedgefieldnews@gmail.com

June 2022

- Wednesday 1** **Sedgefield WI**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:15pm. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebratory Buffet, members please notify a committee member for catering numbers.
- Thursday 2** **Twilight Jubilee Concert** to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Fishburn Village Green, 8:30pm.
- Saturday 4** **Sedgefield in Bloom**, Queen's Platinum Jubilee Music Night in the Parish Hall at 7pm. Tickets £12, available from Sedgefield Town Council. Come along in your red, white or blue and enjoy music and dancing by our very own Lily Ho.
- Sunday 5** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am-12:30pm.
- Monday 6** **Sedgefield Local History Society**, Sedgefield Heritage Trail - see below. Please contact Suzanne Hopper 01429 882250.
- Wednesday 8** **Sedgefield Neighbourhood Watch**, Sedgefield Social Club at 7pm.
- Thursday 9** **Sedgefield Show Planning Committee**, Sedgefield Social Club, 7.30pm. New people welcome. Email Ian Mason at ian@sedgefieldshow.co.uk.
- Friday 10** **Sedgefield WI**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-11:30am. Everyone welcome.
- Tuesday 14** **Repair Café**, planning meeting, Parish Hall, 7pm-8pm.
- Thursday 16** **The Memory Café**, Sedgefield Fire Station, 10:30am-12pm. For Dementia Clients and their carers.
- Tuesday 21** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. Flower demonstration by Lucy Richardson titled "Frameworks". All welcome, members free, £5 for non-members.
- Friday 24** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield & District Flower Club**, Garden Party at Ceddesfeld Hall, 2pm-4pm. "Strawberries and Prosecco". All welcome. £6 per ticket, contact Sandra 07533 752870 or Elaine 07958 954069.
- Sedgefield Village Veterans**, coffee morning, Sedgefield Parish Hall, from 10am.

Jubilee Trail

As part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, on Monday 6 June Sedgefield Local History Society will host a guided walk around the Village Heritage Trail. Leaving Ceddesfeld Hall at 7.30pm and lasting about an hour, the tour will finish back at Ceddesfeld, where drinks will be available from the bar. The tour is free of charge, but you will have to pay for your own drinks! All are welcome - members, guests, visitors, all ages, including children accompanied by parents. Created about 16 years ago by the **Sedgefield Local History Society** in conjunction with the town council, over the years, the trail has proved very popular with residents and visitors alike. Some changes have taken place since the guide was first published. You may be able to add further information to the ever-growing Sedgefield archive. Please come and join us as we wander pathways of the past through our lovely historic town.



Save the date

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SEDGEFIELD LIBRARY

Tel: 0300 026 9521

The library is back to normal opening hours:

Wednesday 9:30 to 12:30

Thursday 10:00 to 18:00

Friday 13:00 to 19:00

Saturday 9:30 to 12:30

There is no longer a limit to numbers or browsing times, so there is no need to queue.

Little Movers every Thursday from 10am, places need booking at the library.

Craft Group, 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30pm.

Book Circle, 3rd Friday of the month from 2pm.

Sedgefield Baby & Toddler Group

Methodist Church every Monday from 9:30am-11am.

Sedgefield Social Club

Singer on **Friday 24 June** from 8pm.

Quiz on **Friday 10 June** at 8pm.

Sedgefield T Dance

Tuesday **7 June** 1pm-3pm.

Tuesday **21 June** 1pm-3pm.

Just turn up or call Joyce (01740 622601) or Elaine (01740 629070) for details.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Sedgefield in Bloom are holding a music night at Sedgefield Parish Hall on Saturday 4 June 2022 at 7:00pm continuing on from celebrations being held in the village in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Local artiste Lily Ho (Lily from Betty's Boudoir) will be providing a musical medley for the evening, along with the usual raffle, bingo and quiz to entertain you.

The catering will be provided by Robinsons of Wingate who will be able to cater for any dietary requirements; please bring your own drinks.

The theme for the evening is, surprisingly, *Red, White & Blue* and a spot prize will be given for the most original outfit!!

The evening concludes at 11:15pm with the singing of the National Anthem.

Tickets are available from Sedgefield Town Council offices and are priced at £12.50. Any special dietary requirements should be made known when purchasing the tickets.

Alice Hobson

Chair, Sedgefield in Bloom

Tattooed for charity

Obi Studios raised £405 for Great North Air Ambulance and Sedgefield in Bloom at their charity day on Friday 13 May.

CEDESFELD HALL

Sedgefield Community Association

Mediaeval Fayre May Queen & Attendants

SCA would like to congratulate Martha Edge (aged 8) as the newly crowned May Queen for 2022. With her attendants, Emilia Watt (8), April Reeder-Scott (8) and Faye Green (9) beside her, Martha will have 'Pride of Place' leading the children's parade, in a beautiful horse drawn carriage. Well done to all the girls, who represent their families, schools, and community so well.

There will be a write-up about the fayre in next month's article, but SCA would like to take this opportunity to very sincerely thank the local companies and businesses who have very generously sponsored the attractions and donated tombola prizes for this year's event. Their support is important and much appreciated.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration – Saturday 4 June – 10 am to 4 pm

All plans are made and SCA are looking forward to a great community day. Following an ecumenical church service at St Edmund's Church at 10am, there will be a varied programme of musical entertainment and activities at Ceddesfeld Hall from 11am, to include Children's Choirs Together, Sedgefield Hand Bell Ringers, The Holkey Folkies, Ceddesfolk, John Wrightson Band, Sedgefield Ukulele Smile Time and Mamma Said. Children's activities include a balloon modeller, face painter, sweet stall and garden games. Aubergine Café are catering for the event and the bar will be open.

Sedgefield Folk Festival – 2 to 4 September 2022

Making a very welcome return, Sedgefield Folk Festival is something to look forward to. There is a varied programme, with a Saturday night concert at the Parish Hall, with all other events taking place at Ceddesfeld across the weekend. Look out for posters around town and visit the SCA and Folk Festival websites for more information. For tickets ring Joan on 01740 621347 or Maxine (Ukulele Smile Time) on 0778 528147.

Special Note: Come along and get involved - SCA Annual AGM will be held at Ceddesfeld Hall on Monday 27 June at 8pm – all welcome

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.sedgefieldsca.org.uk. Follow us on [facebook.com/Ceddesfeld](https://www.facebook.com/Ceddesfeld).

Dance for Ukraine

A very big 'Thank You', to everyone who came and supported our Charity Dance for Ukraine, and to all who helped and brought prizes for the raffle together with those who sent donations. Thank you to local shop owners in Sedgefield for their generous contributions to the raffle. With all costs accounted for including supper, and rental for the hall, we raised £710 which will be shared between the British Red Cross and UNICEF to support their work in Ukraine.

Very special thanks once again to Robinson's of Wingate for exceptional food as usual.

Our music was provided by our local band, Top Dollar, all free of charge, so a big thank you to them.

Another lovely surprise for the night came from Willow Andrews who sang 'Let it Go', from Frozen. You could hear a pin drop! Well done Willow!



To help raise more funds we are having a Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall on Friday 17 June from 10:00 to 12:00. All welcome. Please support this very worthwhile cause. Thank you from Angela and Gloria.

10th Anniversary Party

Members of Sedgefield and District u3a enjoyed a lovely afternoon on 6 May when they celebrated the 10th Anniversary of our first meeting in 2012.

Because of the wide variety of leisure activities already available in the village we did wonder whether we would be able to gather enough interested people to support a group but we are delighted to report that our membership has grown year on year together with an ever increasing variety of interest groups. Our monthly visitors speak on a wide range of subjects; some serious, some humorous, some of local interest, some of wider appeal – but all interesting, entertaining and informative.

Our first chair, Ray Manning, gave an entertaining and amusing speech and also made the first cut into our beautiful anniversary cake. The wonderful savoury and dessert buffet so generously provided by members was then served and thoroughly enjoyed by invited guests and members alike.

The 10th anniversary is regarded as the 'tin' anniversary so tables were decorated with centrepieces created from tin cans decorated by our committee members and planted with seasonal flowers.

A very successful raffle raised over £140 and this will be donated to The People's Kitchen in Newcastle. A very worthwhile cause who are currently providing over 300 meals a day to those who are struggling to provide for themselves.

Having managed, by Zoom, to keep several of our interest groups running throughout Covid, we are now meeting again and resurrecting all our sections. If you are no longer of working age and would like to join us, please come along to one of our general meetings on the first Friday of each month at 2pm in the Parish Hall. We'd love to meet you!



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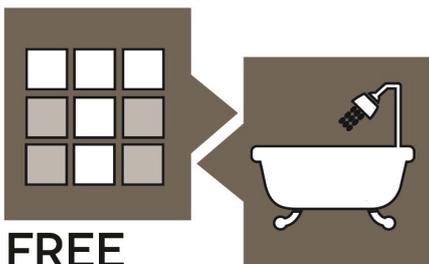
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Athletics

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New records were set when Sedgefield Harriers' Neptune Relays returned to Hardwick Park for the first time since the pandemic. The event attracted hundreds of runners of all ages from around the North East, with almost 90 teams competing in junior, senior, veteran and non-club races, each involving four legs of a 1.7 mile route around the park. Before the main relays started, young Harriers aged 5-11 tackled a handicap race on part of the course. The senior men's event was won by North East Project in a course record time of 31 minutes and 43 seconds. The team's third leg runner, Will Bryan, also set a new record for the fastest split time in the race, at 7:36. Tyne Bridge Harriers (33:44) claimed second, with Durham City Harriers (33:55) in third. Crook & District AC won the senior women's race in 42:08, followed by Elvet Striders (42:27) and Tyne Bridge Harriers (42:49).

In the junior boys' race, Durham City Harriers (36:57) claimed first, followed by Sedgefield Harriers (39:49), and a second team from Durham City Harriers (42:05). Hartlepool Burn Road Harriers won the veteran (V50) men's race in 38:58 and Crook & District AC (49:49) won the senior women's race, while the mixed team title was claimed by Low Fell (45:18) and the first non-club team was Runfit Hartlepool (46:19).

The Harriers launched the Neptune Relays in 2008 and the first race was contested by 13 teams. The event is now well-established on the North East athletics calendar and attracts teams from all over the region. The club was grateful to Hardwick Park for allowing the relays to be hosted there, and to everyone who supported the event, by running or volunteering.



The 2022 Neptune Relays women's, junior, mixed and non-club races get underway - photo by Phil Houghton

When they're not hosting events, junior and senior members of Sedgefield Harriers are keeping very busy in action on track, road, trail and even sand. The club has fielded a lot of runners at recent races around the North East, including the Hartlepool Marina 5M, Muddy Roads Pizza Trail 8K, Sunderland City Runs, Pier to Pier Race and more. Among the many great performances have been some breakthrough runs from older juniors such as Rory Letts and Callum Darby, who, along with other youngsters, are demonstrating what a combination of talent, hard work and coaching support can deliver. Some of the older Harriers have also been making great personal achievements too! To find out more about the club, visit www.sedgefieldharriers.co.uk or find Sedgefield Harriers on Facebook and Twitter.

Summer football tournament

The main football season may have drawn to a close, but there's an opportunity to play in a local competition this summer. After an unwanted break, the Bernard Musgrave Memorial Trophy will return on Sunday 7 August. Hosted at Sedgefield Cricket Club, this five-a-side event involves squads of eight, with roll-on/roll-off substitutes.

There will be prizes for the winners and runners up, along with a raffle and other fundraising activities. The clubhouse bar will be open, with hot food on sale too. The tournament is fully insured and the price is £40 per team (fees payable on the night). The Bernard Musgrave Memorial Trophy is a charity event and all proceeds will be donated to Fighting All Cancers Together (FACT) and the cricket club. To download an entry form visit www.sedgefield.play-cricket.com or send an email request to sedgefieldcc@outlook.com.

Youth football

Sedgefield Youth FC is seeking sponsorship for some of its teams for next season. For example, the U14 team is looking for a shirt sponsor – the club will make sure that the kit lasts for two seasons. The team started in the bottom division of its league four years ago and has achieved promotion after promotion. Anyone who is interested in sponsoring the U14s should contact ryandavey85@gmail.com.



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