

# SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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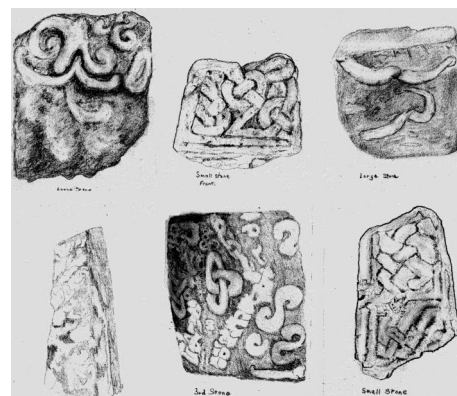
## The Hunt for the Thorpe Cross

In our April edition, we reported how our neighbours at Thorpe Thewles History Group (TTHG) were undertaking several exciting projects. The News is pleased to summarise their report on the amazing story of the hunt for the Thorpe Cross.



In 2010, TTHG stumbled upon a fleeting reference to a forgotten monument—the Thorpe Cross—in an old county history book. Intrigued, they traced the mention to a pair of medieval land charters from 1199 housed in the British Library. After translating the Latin documents, they uncovered the only known written evidence of this ancient wayside cross, once a prominent landmark in Thorpe Thewles.

Determined to locate any remnants, TTHG launched an online appeal. Just as hope was fading, Maureen Pinkney of Carlton reached out with a tip: a stone in a farmhouse garden rockery matched the description. A visit confirmed the find—an ornately carved sandstone block typical of Anglo-Saxon crosses. Further exploration revealed two more sculpted fragments. These pieces, now safely in TTHG's care, fit together to form a nearly complete one metre shaft—possibly part of the long-lost Thorpe Cross.



Drawings of the stones found in Carlton



The fragments of stone found in the search for the Thorpe Cross

Insights from locals Edith and Allan Chisholm revealed that the stones were first discovered in the 1960s by farmer Fred Hall. They had been embedded in the floor of a disused gin gang—a horse-powered mill. TTHG used map regression and artefact analysis, including a clay pipe embedded in a brick, to date the gin gang's construction between 1840 and 1856.

While the shaft's origins remain uncertain, its historical significance is clear. TTHG has now partnered with Durham University and the Corpus of Anglo-Saxon Stone Sculpture for a grant-funded research project. Experts have declared the find of "national importance"—a thrilling step forward in uncovering the cross's true story.

The research findings are due to be published by the end of the year and, in early 2026, TTHG will give a free public presentation on the findings and a 3D interactive model of the cross will be made available on the TTHG website.

We'll report back in the New Year—when expert insight may confirm whether this remarkable find is indeed the Thorpe Cross.



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Extraordinary Education

A new academic year is always a particularly exciting time for schools, as we welcome our students back after the summer holiday. Even before our return, we were delighted to be able to celebrate the success of last year's Y11 students as they collected their examination results in late August. Our students performed superbly and we now wish them every success for their future. We are very proud of them all!



Having these devices allows us to think again about how best we can plan and deliver lessons to support every child in the school to achieve their full potential. We're already excited to see the way in which the iPads are being used in lessons and look forward to continuing to develop our approach to see transformative enhancements to the way we teach and the way our children learn!

This September has seen the launch of the Laidlaw School Trust's 'Extraordinary Education' Digital Strategy at Sedgefield Community College. Every student at SCC has now been provided with their own iPad and stylus that they are able to use for the full duration of their time at the school. Whilst these are school devices, students are also able to take their iPad home each day and due to this fact, it supports our students to continue to access their learning whilst at home.



### First steps

September has been an exciting month at Sedgefield Hardwick Primary Academy, as our newest Nursery pupils have taken their first steps into school life. From the moment they arrived, the children have been busy getting to know one another, the staff team and building the strong friendships that will support their learning journey.



Alongside this, a highlight has been making a delicious apple crumble, where they practised important cutting and mixing skills—and of course enjoyed the tasty results! It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and independence grow each day. We can not wait to watch our Nursery class continue to flourish as the year unfolds.



SEDGEFIELD  
HARDWICK  
PRIMARY ACADEMY

### Christmas Fayre

The Community College Christmas Fayre is taking place on 29 November. If you have any items suitable for raffle or tombola prizes then please get in touch with Penny Walmsley at [p.walmsley@sedgefield.cc](mailto:p.walmsley@sedgefield.cc), on 01740 617777, or alternatively any items can be dropped off at main reception during school hours.









## U3A UPDATE

u3a

Our first meeting of this new year was extremely successful! Over 60 members, including 12 new ones, listened to David Lucas' enthralling encounters of camping, trekking, and outward-bound adventures in Canada. Complete with spectacular photographs highlighting the big skies and superb scenery, we marvelled at his tales of day-long walks and worryingly close encounters with families of bears.



David Lucas and family

The u3a takes a break during August so there are no activities to report on from last month. However, members have returned eager to get back to **learning** for enjoyment, **laughing** with friends old and new and **living** the full and active life that comes with the u3a.

This month, our Science and Industry group enjoyed a most interesting visit to the Formica factory in North Shields. Founded in 1913, this site makes Formica laminate for a very wide range of applications.



After being kitted out with safety hats, gilets, boots, ear plugs, and safety glasses, we were escorted around the factory to observe the various stages of production. Enormous rolls of white paper are imported from Scandinavia to be fed into a machine which coats and impregnates them with a fortifying compound – melamine. This paper then rolls through a series of gradually cooled ovens which stabilises and sets the paper. These rolls of paper are then cut into sheets of 8-12 feet by 5-8 feet wide. At the same time, on another set of machinery, brown kraft paper goes through a similar routine but is impregnated with another chemical, phenolic resin, which gives the paper strength, rigidity and a degree of heat resistance. Dependent on the final requirement, several sheets of the kraft paper are then fused together with the white paper under high pressure and heat to give the basic laminate.

## STEVE'S NATURE DIARY OCTOBER 2025

October is often the best month to see fungi when these mysterious fruiting bodies start to appear on grassland, woodland and other habitats. Green and lumpy, red and spotty - or even purple and spiky - fungi come in all shapes and sizes! From the gorgeous to the grotesque there are more than 15,000 species in the UK. Neither plant, nor animal, fungi make up an entire kingdom of their own.

Have you ever come across a perfect circle of mushrooms in the woods? Folklore calls them fairy rings - enchanted footprints of dancing fairies or gateways to an unseen world. Scientists explain them as fungal growth patterns, but legend warns that stepping inside could whisk you away or trap you in an endless dance. So, next time you find one - walk around its edge and embrace the fantastical this autumn! The mushroom that everyone can recognise is the Fly Agaric.. yes, it's the one with a thick white stem topped with a bulbous red cap with white blotches and if you are really lucky a fairy sat on top! We all know that this colour combination is telling us don't eat! However, it's not quite as dangerous as it looks and can be boiled and eaten but this is not recommended.



Scarlet waxcap

Every year Plantlife organise Waxcap Watch urging people to help us find some of Britain's most colourful and important fungi – waxcaps – and record them through their free app. Waxcaps are an indicator of rare, species-rich grassland. Knowing where waxcaps and other grassland fungi are thriving helps us locate where fragments of ancient meadows are surviving. This means we can help protect them for the future. Not just important for the hundreds of wildflowers they can be home to, these ancient grasslands are also crucial in the fight against climate change. Species-rich grassland can store up to a third more carbon than areas with just a few species. For more information visit [plantlife.org.uk/waxcapwatch](http://plantlife.org.uk/waxcapwatch).

Still to come in September are our visit to Harlow Carr, the Wine Appreciation meeting and the Lunch Group at the Burtree Inn. Plus, of course, the usual photography, creative writing, book, and bridge meetings. A craft meeting will also take place when we will be deciding our theme for the u3a Christmas Tree at the Festival in St Edmund's Church in December.




Our October Speaker will be the ever popular Chris Lloyd. He'll be talking about **The Railway That Got The World on Track**, his new talk to celebrate the Stockton & Darlington Railway 200th Anniversary. We hope to see you there - at the Parish Hall for 2pm on Friday 3 October. Also in early October, on the 10th at 10.00-11.30am we will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall when we invite you all to come along and find out who we are and what we do. Enjoy a coffee or tea with a savoury scone or delicious cake, chat with our members, browse our displays and find out how we can help to fill your time with like-minded new friends and interesting activities. Or perhaps we can help to set up a group to share and grow your own particular hobby or pastime?

Chris Balfour



## MORE DIARY & EVENTS



**QUIZ NIGHT & STANDING BINGO**

MORDON & BRADBURY VILLAGE HALL

**Friday 3rd October**

7pm to 9.30pm • £3pp  
Standing bingo £1 per number  
Family friendly  
Children quiz and crafts  
6.30pm doors open

Bring your own booze and food  
Refreshments available to purchase  
Cash & Card Payments Accepted

### Male Voice Choir

As part of the 20th anniversary celebrations of the formation of the Parish of the Upper Skerne, Hartlepool Male Voice Choir, with almost 100 members, is to perform at St Edmund's Church on Saturday 4 October commencing at 7pm. Tickets are £5 (children under 15 free) and are available at From Loft to Loved or by payment on the door.



### Can you make a poppy?



Coop Funeralcare are looking for volunteers to knit or crochet poppies with all the proceeds going to The Royal British Legion.

This year, as well as the traditional poppies, they are hoping to have purple poppies to signify the animals that served during the war.



If you can help then please call in at 7 Rectory Row for wool and patterns.

### Craft and Create



Craft and Create North East CIC are a team of three local ladies from Sedgefield who provide craft and art workshops across the North East. They have recently obtained government funding and are therefore able to offer some heavily subsidised workshops running in Sedgefield Parish Hall, the Café at Net Park and in the wider local area. First up is a full day of children's workshops on 30 October; with several subsidised adult's and children's workshops following in November and December. To find out more check out their Facebook page "[Craft and Create North East CIC](#)".



**Ceddesfield Hall**  
**Saturday 4th October**

**The Sedgefield Sounds**

An evening of local artists performing a mix of well known and original music. Young up-and-coming acts and long established musicians.

Doors & bar from 7:30 pm  
Music from 8:00 pm  
Tickets £5 - available from Sarah  
07847 052761 / [info@sedgefieldsca.org.uk](mailto:info@sedgefieldsca.org.uk)

All proceeds go to charity

**BREAST CANCER NOW**  
The research & care charity

Breast Cancer Now is a working name of Breast Cancer Care and Breast Cancer Now, a charity registered in England and Wales (1003046) and Scotland (SC040584), and a business name of the registered charity in the Isle of Man (20010).



St. Michael's Church presents ...

**MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT**  
**THE ITALIAN JOB**

**11 October, 7.00pm**

Bishop Middleham Village Hall

Tickets £7, Children under 15 free  
Inc Pie and pea supper (vegetarian option available)  
Licensed bar

Tickets available from Bishop Middleham Post Office  
or John Burrows 07870 210289



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**FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER 2025**

**Parish Hall at 10am**

Lucky door prize, cakes, tombola, raffle and more



**October Half Term**  
**Kid's Workshops**

with Craft and Create North East CIC

Discover the wonders of the world with a series of workshops for children. Workshops include: Field & Garden, Poppies, and more.



**Sedgefield Rock and Blues Club**

**18th October 2025**

**TOM KILLNER**

"Tom Killner is an incendiary UK award-winning singer/songwriter/guitarist who straddles the line between genres with soulfully infused blues, southern rock, country, and Americana."

**BUBAMARA**

"Bubamara (ladybird in Slovakian) are a local band from Darlington who bring an effervescent, internationalist approach to music, each song stands out as a postcard from some distant corner of Europe bringing the dizziness of a range of genres infused with sensibility."

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[www.sedgefieldblues.com](http://www.sedgefieldblues.com)  
Sedgefield Parish Hall, TS21 3AT

Tickets: [Facebook.com/sedgefieldblues](https://www.facebook.com/sedgefieldblues)



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SEDGEFIELD PARISH HALL  
THURSDAY OCTOBER 30th 7.00PM  
TICKETS £7 FROM COUNCIL OFFICES



**31st October**

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

CEDESFIELD HALL GROUNDS  
FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2025

DISPLAY 6:30PM • ADMISSION 5:45-6:20PM  
TICKETS (CASH ONLY) £3.50 ADULTS • £2.50 U16s

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE (9AM-12PM WEEKDAYS) & CEDESFIELD HALL • ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY TICKETS NON-REFUNDABLE UNLESS EVENT CANCELLED • NO DOGS PERMITTED

JOIN SEDGEFIELD PLOGGERS IN CEDESFIELD HALL GROUNDS FOR A LITTER PICK IN THE DAYLIGHT ON THE MORNING AFTER THE FIREWORKS. GRABBERS, BAGS AND GLOVES PROVIDED. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 10:30-11:15AM.

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## ARTS UPDATE with Geoff Millichap

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### Sedgefield Players Update

What a fantastic week at the Sedgefield Drama Festival with a wonderful array of one act plays presented by five drama groups from the North East. All judged by independent GODA adjudicator Ben Humphrey.

And what a final night! Sedgefield Players and SPYS scooped a massive fifteen out of twenty awards!

We are most proud of our Youth Section, who earned more awards than ever before, for their fast moving, clearly characterised and beautifully delivered one act version of Twelfth Night directed for the first time by Lucy Atkinson and Kelsey White. This performance was highly praised by the adjudicator who has himself directed Shakespeare professionally. The complete cast has to be listed – Isabella Beaston, Sophie Richards, Iona Darnton, Charlotte Hook, Grace Stanley, Bea Edgoose-Clubley, Neo Hook, Alexandra Stewart, Eve Edgoose-Clubley, Evie Legender, Chloe Ryder and Amelia Taylor.

Twelfth Night won awards for – Originality, Ensemble, Technical Presentation, Costume, Best under 21 female (Eve Edgoose-Clubley), Adjudicators Award (Evie Legender) and the overall Audience Award. What a haul for such a talented team of young people.

Charlie Lines, who has just moved up to adult Players, won Best Under 21 (male) for his role in Buckets, which also won Best Production, Best Director (Tom Guest), Best Actor (Peter Hook), Best Supporting Actress (Helen Crawford), Best Supporting Actor (Nathan Cox) and Best Cameo (Lynda Hillerby). Most effective set was also won by Sedgefield's 'My Best Friend' directed by Sarah Atkinson.

Other awards were :- Best 30 Seconds: Bishop Auckland Theatre Society - All by Myself, Endeavour: RADS - Anger Management, New Writing: Bananadrama - History Man by Shari Gledhill, Best Actress: Rachael Emerson - Bananadrama's History Man, Runner up: Bananadrama - History Man.

What a celebration of creativity in our local Sedgefield and wider community this festival is. Hope to see you next year!

But Sedgefield Players never stop, so it's Panto coming up next. Adult Players and SPYS performing together in a spectacular Christmas favourite. Keep your eyes peeled for further announcements here and on social media. Panto tickets sold out within two weeks last year!

By Sedgefield Players

### Lirica 20th Anniversary Concert

An evening of choral music performed by Lirica celebrating the choir's 20th Anniversary.

A range of songs including many favourites. Enjoy a drink at the bar and support your local choir in the stunning St Edmund's Church.

Tickets available at [ticketsource.co.uk](http://ticketsource.co.uk).



**Lirica**  
**20<sup>TH</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY  
CONCERT

Saturday 18th October 2025 7:30pm  
St. Edmunds Church, Sedgefield, Co.Durham

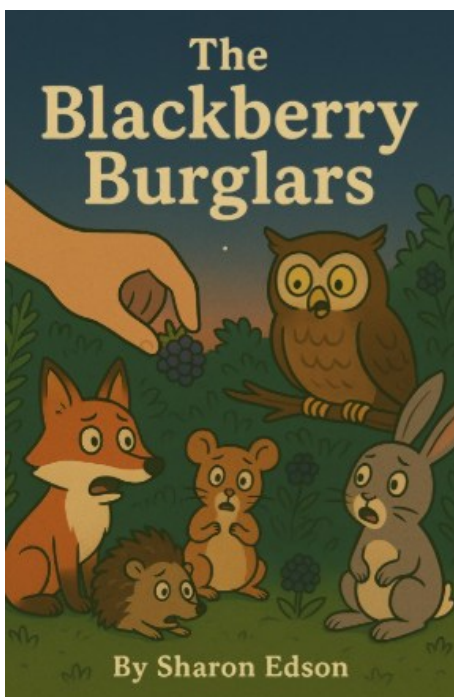
Tickets £7 available from:  
\*Ticky Boo in Sedgefield (cash only)  
\*[www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)  
\*Kay - 07885 202642

### The Blackberry Burglars

September saw the launch of a fabulous new children's book from local writer Sharon Edson.

A heartwarming, funny story of bravery, friendship, autumn promise and alternative perspectives not only written, but also set in Sedgefield!

It is available in both paperback and Kindle editions from online retailers.



### More local events:

#### Durham Book Festival, Various locations

Featuring local author Dame Pat Barker among many other highlights this has become a major event in the national literary calendar.

10 to 12 October  
[newwritingnorth.com/durham-book-festival/](http://newwritingnorth.com/durham-book-festival/)

#### Small But Mighty, Bluebell Meadow Primary School

A charity fundraiser for 3 fantastic neonatal charities featuring live music, a raffle, DJ and other entertainment

18 October, 6pm to 11:30pm, £15  
[eleganteventsbyamy21@gmail.com](mailto:eleganteventsbyamy21@gmail.com)

#### The Storytellers by Luxmuralis, Durham Cathedral

Be immersed in literary magic as Durham Cathedral is transformed into a world of light, sound, and story. Projections dance across ancient stone, turning pages into glowing legends and poetry in motion accompanied by an immersive soundscape.

Advance tickets are essential with timed entry

8 - 12 October from 6:30pm, £11  
[durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173660394](http://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173660394)



#### Big Science, St John's Hall, Meadowfield

Don your lab coat and enter a whirlwind of fizzing, popping, and mind-boggling experiments! Big Science proves that learning can be loud, messy, and seriously fun.

1 November 10:30am to 11:45am, £4  
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SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER  
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## Cricket

With the 1st and 3rd XI having ensured mid-table finishes weeks before the season's end, all eyes at Sedgefield Cricket Club were on the 2nd XI who went into their final game needing to win or draw to guarantee safety. But by early evening a maximum 25-point victory had almost made the doubters look foolish as the team ended up finishing fifth in the 12-team division! A run of five wins in their last seven matches and strong contributions from some players who volunteered to forego 1st XI selection to support the club's lower teams, saw further evidence of the 'one club' approach of the players.

The other end of season highlight was the performance of the boys U13 team, which having won their league and a play-off semi-final, made it to the championship play-off final against Hartlepool. With very little between the sides, Sedgefield agonisingly fell just short, losing by four wickets.

And with that, the 2025 season drew to a close. But as is now well known, Sedgefield Cricket Club does not hibernate in the close season. The clubhouse bar remains open each evening and all day at the weekend, showing all televised sports (satellite and terrestrial) on multiple screens, with drink discounts for members. All are welcome and the club hopes to see visitors throughout the autumn.

## Athletics

The annual pilgrimage from Newcastle to South Shields that is the Great North Run, took place on 7 September. As always, Sedgefield Harriers sent a large cohort of both runners and volunteers, with a big team, led by Andy Featherstone, handing out this year's unique medals (!) to finishers. The official results include 20 members of the club, though I believe that others were there too. In those results, the first three men to finish were Chris Lines (1:31:26), Declan Munnely (1:32:29) and Rory Letts (1:33:16), and the first three women were Lisa Darby (1:39:27), Rebecca Dunn (1:50:00) and Cat Miller (2:08:54, running as a pacer to help others achieve a sub-2:10 time – job done!). Club member John Tomlinson completed this year's Great North Run, as he has every single year of the event, one of very few who can state that. And Ean Parsons was in action too, as usual, exactly 20 years to the day that he led the first group run of what became Sedgefield Harriers, following a message printed here in Sedgefield News. The club even got a birthday mention from Steve Cram during the live BBC coverage.

As ever at the Great North Run, there were loads of other participants from Sedgefield (I bumped into a few while up there) and others out along the course cheering people along. People take part for all sorts of reasons – a personal challenge, raising money for a good cause, curiosity, and more. Well done to everyone who was there!

The following weekend, Sedgefield Harriers hosted the annual Sedgefield Serpentine race, which started in Hardwick Park and followed an attractive mixed terrain route of around 10K, towards Bishop Middleham and back. The men's race was won by Jamie Adams in 34:14 and Kaye Storey of Crook & District AC won the women's race in 41:09. The first male Sedgefield Harrier was Mark Raine in 40:12 and the first female was Paula Bayles in 49:49. The event was supported by U Hold the Key self storage and Up and Running sports retailer, and the usual army of willing volunteers. Sedgefield Harriers is grateful to all who got involved.



Mark Raine working hard during the 2025 Sedgefield Serpentine - photo by Claire Lee

Congratulations to Sedgefield Harriers Lisa Darby and Justin Cox, who have both earned England vests for the Masters Representative Marathon in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, on 19 October. Lisa and Justin have been selected in the V50 category, and join a growing list of Harriers who have achieved the honour of representing their country.

## Squash



Sedgefield Squash Club is experiencing the anticipation and excitement that comes with the start of every new squash season. Over the months ahead, the courts will be echoing with the usual sounds of the sport, with plenty of enthusiastic supporters watching on, as usual. The club encourages residents who want to watch the action, find out more about the sport, or try out squash for themselves, to visit its base in Ceddesfeld Hall grounds. Sedgefield Squash Club has a variety of membership packages for all ages and abilities, and prides itself on its friendly atmosphere. There is a wealth of opportunities to meet fellow players, improve your game, and immerse yourself in the club's varied social and sporting activities. If you are interested in joining the club, send an email to [info@sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk](mailto:info@sedgefieldsquashclub.co.uk).

Back to the action, and the club's Masters competition was held at the beginning of September, and brought together seasoned players to showcase their skills and sportsmanship across various age categories. The matches were fiercely contested, with the following outcomes. In the over 40s division, Colin Langley emerged victorious after a series of spirited games, with Gary Ankers taking the well-deserved runner-up spot. The over 45s title was claimed by Chris Bunting, whose precision and experience shone through, while Kev Amer impressed all on his journey to the final as runner-up. In the over 50s, Patrick Billany triumphed, edging out Simon Hill in a gripping contest. The over 60s championship was secured by Ian Williams, with John Cant finishing as a worthy runner-up. The club sends its congratulations to all competitors for making the Masters event such a memorable start to the season. Their achievements underscore the depth of talent and enthusiasm within the Sedgefield Squash Club community, setting the tone for the year ahead.

The club's men's and ladies' teams play in the Durham & Cleveland Leagues, and are currently competing in the Boss County Cup, which will be followed by the league matches from mid-October. The club wishes all players the very best of luck, particularly the 2nd team who are now competing in Division 1.

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



## CEDDESFELD HALL

### Sedgefield Hand Bell Ringers

The Handbell Ringers meet in Ceddesfeld Hall on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm. They are a friendly, musical group who perform locally. They would like to invite new people to come along. They're looking for people who can read music, and who also enjoy a range of musical genres. Please contact SCA via email if you are interested.

### Upcoming events at Ceddesfeld Hall

#### Sedgefield Sounds – Saturday 4 October 7:30pm

An evening of local artists performing a mix of well-known and original music, with young up-and-coming acts and long-established musicians - £5 entry 7.30 pm for 8pm – Reserve tickets from Sarah (07847 052761) or via [info@sedgefieldsca.org.uk](mailto:info@sedgefieldsca.org.uk). All proceeds to 'Breast Cancer Now'.

#### STC Fireworks & Halloween Howler – Friday 31 October 6:30pm

Admission into Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds (with pumpkins for judging) from 5:45pm to 6:20pm. Adults £3.50, Children under 16, £2.50 - tickets from STC offices (9am to 1pm) and Ceddesfeld Hall bar (7:30 pm to 10:30 pm).

#### Christmas Craft Fayre – Saturday 29 November – 1pm to 4pm

The Craft Fayre is taking place in the main hall as part of the Sedgefield Town Council Snow Party and Parade. Community bar open until 7pm.

#### Mulled Wine & Mince Pies – Friday 19th December 7pm

This will take place following the Churches Together 'Carols on the Green' in the bar and lounge. Sedgefield Smile Time Ukulele Band will be performing at 7pm, in the main hall.

#### SCA Christmas Eve Quiz – 24th December - 8 pm

Save the date.

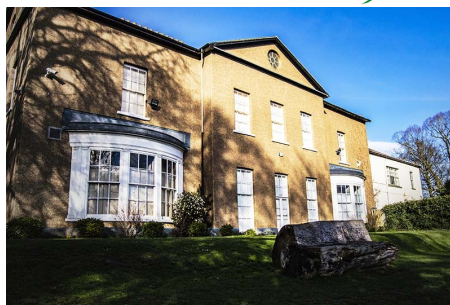
For more information on Ceddesfeld Hall events, regular activities, room hire and bar opening times, contact Wendy on 01740 620206, Pat on 01740 620607, John on 01740 620042, Sarah on 01740 622185 or visit our website at [www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk](http://www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk). Follow us on Facebook [Ceddesfeld Hall 'Home of SCA'](https://www.facebook.com/CeddesfeldHall).



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October 2025

- Wednesday 1** **Sedgefield WI**, Methodist Church Hall, 7:15pm. Crafty creations—preparing for Remembrance Day and Christmas Tree Festival. Members competition is “a sketch drawn by you”. Visitors always welcome, £4 (includes refreshments).
- Friday 3** **Sedgefield Memory Café Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10:30am-12pm. Everyone welcome.
- u3a Monthly Meeting**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2-4pm. Chris Lloyd—“The railway that got the world on track”, the 200th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway.
- Quiz Night**, Mordon and Bradbury Village Hall, 7pm-9:30pm. Standing bingo, child friendly, doors open at 6:30pm.
- Saturday 4** **Friendly Fixers**, Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, 10:30am to 12:30pm. Repair café.
- Hartlepool Male Voice Choir**, St Edmund’s Church, 7pm. See page 5 for details.
- The Sedgefield Sounds**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:30pm. See page 8 for details.
- Sunday 5** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30-12:15pm.
- Monday 6** **Sedgefield Local History Society**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:45pm. Lucy Atkinson from Back of Beyond Books, “The Newcastle Witch Trials, 1650”.
- Friday 10** **u3a Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10-11:30am. Find out who we are and what we do.
- Sunday 12** **Friends of St. Edmund’s Harvest Lunch**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 12pm. Soup and bun with choice of desserts. Tickets are £12 and must be purchased in advance from Alison (07484 807503), Brian (01740 622302) or From Loft to Loved.
- Friday 17** **Coffee Morning supporting the Great North Air Ambulance Service**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10:30am-12pm. Homemade cakes and raffle. All welcome.
- Saturday 18** **Lirica 20th Anniversary Concert**, St. Edmund’s Church, 7:30pm. Tickets £7, from Tickety Boo (cash only), [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or Kay (07885 202642).
- Sedgefield Rock and Blues Club**, Parish Hall. Tom Kilner Band, “SOUL DRENCHED SOUTHERN ROCK & AMERICANA”, plus local band Bubamara. Tickets at [sedgefieldblues.com](http://sedgefieldblues.com).
- Tuesday 21** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 10:30am to 12pm. For those living with dementia and carers.
- Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club Demonstration Evening**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. A demonstration by Val Guest using Marks and Spencer flowers. Free for members, £5 for guests.
- Friday 24** **Sedgefield in Bloom Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am. Lucky door prize, cakes, tombola, raffle and more.
- Sedgefield Cricket Club Quiz Night**, 8pm. £1 entry.
- Sunday 26** **St. John Fisher Church Coffee Afternoon**, Sedgefield Parish Hall 11:45am-2pm. Refreshments provided. All welcome.
- Thursday 30** **Mayor’s Fashion Show**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7pm. See poster on page 5 for details.
- Friday 31** **Sedgefield District Uniformed Services Group Coffee Morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am.
- Halloween Howler & Fireworks Display**, Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds. See page 8 for details.

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