

SEDGEFIELD NEWS

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

September 2024

Submission deadline for the next edition: Saturday 14 September



169th Sedgfield Show

The sun shone brightly and the Robert Brown Showfield filled up quickly as the 169th Sedgfield Show opened on Saturday 10 August. It was another successful show with something for everyone in the exhibitions of livestock, judging of produce and numerous demonstrations from taekwondo to beekeeping.

The first Sedgfield Show was held on 4 October 1859 as local farmers established an annual show to promote their livestock and produce and promote the prosperity of Sedgfield.



The Show has gone from strength to strength with events each year with the exceptions of the Foot and Mouth outbreak and 2 years of Coronavirus.

The huge number of volunteers is essential to the successful operation, not just on Show Day but throughout the whole year. Thank you to all the team for bringing it together and continuing to celebrate agriculture and country life - it is a highlight of the summer.

Save the date for 2025

The Sedgfield Show team are all ready to do it again next year



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SCHOOL NEWS

Art exhibition

Taking place at the end of the summer term, our annual Art Exhibition was an enormous success once again. We're incredibly grateful to all the parents, carers and other members of the local community who took the time to visit and witness some of the tremendous work that students across Year 7 to Year 11 were able to produce.

This year, the date of our exhibition coincided with the first day of on-site uniform sales for our new Y7 students who are joining us in September. Lots of the then Year 6 students and their families visited the exhibition during their visit and it was brilliant to observe their excitement at seeing the kind of artwork that they will soon be producing themselves in their lessons at SCC!

As people enjoyed the different pieces of artwork, live music was provided by a number of our students, supported by Mr Posmyk and this contributed to making the event such a success.



Among the highlights of the exhibition were the pieces produced by our Year 11 students for their final exam and writing this article before the results are released, we're still sure that the examiners will recognise the quality of the artwork when the results are released later this summer!

Platinum award

We are thrilled to announce that our school has been honoured with the prestigious OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Award at the Platinum level, recognising our exceptional commitment to enhancing playtime opportunities for our pupils. This accolade reflects our dedication to providing a diverse and enriching environment that promotes creativity, physical activity, and social interaction.

Our school grounds include an array of engaging play areas, each designed to stimulate the imagination. The beach area, with its soft sand and playful vibe, is a favourite spot for children to build sandcastles and enjoy sensory play. Teepees and the relaxation area offer cozy nooks for those seeking a moment of tranquillity amidst the hustle and bustle.

For the more adventurous, the scrambling mountain and mud kitchen provide exciting challenges. The tyre swings and wheel zone are always buzzing with activity, as children enjoy the thrill of movement and exploration. The loose parts zone and den building area encourage creativity and teamwork, allowing pupils to construct and innovate with a variety of materials.

Sports enthusiasts are well-catered for with our football pitches and dedicated sports zones, ensuring ample space for energetic games and athletic pursuits such as netball, basketball, tennis and cricket. The water wall and role play area add elements of fun and fantasy to playtime, while the reading area and performance area provide opportunities for quieter, reflective activities. This Platinum level OPAL award is a testament to the enthusiasm of our pupils and the support of our school community. It celebrates our belief in the importance of play as a vital component of education, fostering a holistic approach to learning and development for all our children.



Summer Sports



At Sedgefield Primary we value sports and believe all pupils can find an area of physical activity which they can succeed in. Competing in sports is a significant part of school life. Recently several of our pupils represented our school in County Athletics. Our district came second overall with several of our pupils becoming medal winners! Sports Week was a huge success this year and offered a huge variety of activities to suit all pupils. Events included a whole school water fun day. This event was a highlight for many pupils which included the water walk of faith. Sport's week also included a wheelie fun day - where pupils brought bikes and scooters to take part in a series of challenges as mini obstacle courses covered the school yard.

We had each class taking part in a penalty shootout/crossbar challenge - where we found out who was the champion for each year group. A further event was a Wimbledon challenge to test the children's tennis skills. A Just Dance afternoon tested pupils dance steps. One day event was a hula hoop challenge. This involved team games with a hula hoop to seek out our hula hooping champions. A different themed warmup each morning with the parents commenced each active day for the week.



Jaguars were our school family group overall Sport's Day Shield winners for 2024.

The week was really successful as the children got the opportunity to take part in various different extra curriculum activities which gives them new school experiences. This had a really positive effect on the wellbeing in school. The children all really enjoyed it and it allowed us to further connect with the parents of our children.

SEDFIELD DEVELOPMENT TRUST

 **SEDFIELD
FARMERS MARKET**
On the Green, First Sunday Morning Every Month.

**Sunday 1 September
on the Village Green
8:30am - 12:15pm**

As we approach autumn we are hoping for the return of our popular vegetable stall, Mellanby's. At the moment they are unable to confirm their attendance due to the uncertainty of the weather. They are hoping to be at the September Market but with limited vegetables, please follow us on social media for updates. All our regular traders will be there so come along and support your local Farmers Market.

I would also like to thank our volunteers who turn up in all weathers and help set up and take down the Market, if you would like to help message us via social media or email : farmers@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk.



...is starting up again with the new term, so do get in touch if you would like help with homework or schoolwork, or if you could offer such help. That's what we aim to do: simply help students understand their topics in order to gain competence and confidence. You don't have to be a teacher to help - just have some knowledge and experience and a willingness to spend an hour a week, say, helping a student. We meet in the library or via video conference. All helpers are DBS checked, and helpers, students and parents/carers alike sign up to a Conduct Agreement. Contact us at homework@sedgefielddevelopmenttrust.co.uk.



Your pictures from the 169th Sedgefield Show



Rebecca Elders, aged 9, was over the moon to be awarded two trophies at Sedgefield Show yesterday. Winner of The Rosie Dove Trophy for most points in the Children's Photography Section and the Margaret Waller Cup for most points in the Children's Section.



U3A UPDATE

u3a

September already looks like being a busy month for us and we will be starting our new year on Friday 6 September at 2pm in the Parish Hall with a talk by Denis Fox on The Battle of Britain in the North East. A former Art teacher, Denis recently developed a series of paintings connected with a famous air battle that took place over the North East coast during WW2. Denis will tell us about the eight RAF squadrons that took part in the victory over the Luftwaffe in August 1940, and will also include the role that women took in helping to defeat the enemy.

On 11 September, from 10:30am-2:30pm, we will be hosting a Sleep and Wellbeing Masterclass in Ceddesfeld Hall. The morning session will guide us through what sleep is, why it is important and how we can improve it. We will then focus on learning how to build good habits during the day to encourage a good night's sleep, and finish the day with a "sound bath". This is another of our community events and the general public is very welcome to attend. However, places are limited, so please contact Maxine Patterson (07774 690433) to join us.

Our Theatre Group will be going to Darlington Hippodrome on 12 September to see the brand new production of Sister Act. With songs inspired by Motown, soul and disco this show promises a wonderful evening of theatre, music and dance. Maximo's Italian Restaurant at Castle Eden is the venue for September's Lunch Group Meeting and we're looking forward to catching up on news and gossip over a delicious meal and a glass or two of wine. At the end of the month, the Homes and Gardens members will be visiting Newby Hall. This is a wonderful 17th Century house originally designed by Sir Christopher Wren but later remodelled and refurbished by Robert Adam. The gardens are equally spectacular. A myriad series of garden 'rooms' just waiting to be explored. And, of course, there is the model railway to give us a ride when our feet get too tired.

If you are retired and looking to fill some time over the next few months, do come along to our meeting on 6 September and see what the rest of our year holds – what visits, events and speakers we have planned. Denis' talk promises to be informative, humorous at times and, I understand, very emotional too. We look forward to a full house with members and guests joining us then. Guests are required to pay a cover charge of £3 but this is refunded from the yearly subscription if you become a member.

Chris Balfour

STEVE'S NATURE DIARY SEPTEMBER 2024

I write this whilst sitting in the garden; it's hot and humid and things seem to be happening. A mound of sand appears on the patio and dry soil in various parts of the garden - it's the first signs of an upcoming phenomenon - flying ant day - but more about that later. Many people are concerned or anxious about ants and I can see why if they come into your house but, they don't really want to be in your house, they want to be outside. I think ants are pretty amazing and they are quite misunderstood by most people! Depending where you are, depends on what species of ant you'll see. Around our homes and other urban areas, you are most likely to see black ants (*Lasius niger*).

Without ants we would have pretty rubbish soils. They are super little farmers acting like little ploughs, churning the soil with their tunnelling. This helps plants' roots to move through the soil and for water to drain. Ants add nutrients to the soil and help get rid of detritus, eating other insects as they go about their work. We would also have lots of hungry animals without them, such as green woodpeckers, grey wagtails, sparrows, starlings, wren and robins who all like to feed on them.



Black ants (*Lasius niger*)

One interesting fact is that an ant colony is the ultimate matriarchy. Full on girl power! Any ant you see crawling around looking for food or defending their territory will be female. The queen ant lays fertilised eggs which become the female worker ants that clean her, raise her young, defend her and feed her and the colony! Some of these fertilised eggs will also become flying queen ants.

'Flying ant day' is a bit of an urban myth. It's actually several days over the summer months when weather conditions are just right. It must be a hot and humid day for the new queen ants and the male ants to emerge from the unfertilised eggs to take flight. This is important because all the flying ants need to emerge from their different colonies at the same time. It's not just a few new queens and males taking to the skies, it's tens of thousands! The flying ants are everywhere and there can be so many of them they are picked up on weather radars!

But why do these ants take to the skies and in such numbers? It's definitely not to annoy us, even though making sure you don't get them stuck in your hair can be a task. The simple answer is - to mate with flying ants from other colonies. Yes, it's pretty much a flying, giant, ant spectacle and maximises the chances that the genes from each colony are spread far and wide. It's not only the ant colonies futures that benefit from flying ant day. The swarm also creates a feeding frenzy where lots of birds, such as, swifts, swallows and gulls take advantage of an ant on the wing buffet. So, the next time you see flying ants look up as well as down. Take a moment to think about how amazing they are and what they do for humans and other wildlife. For more information visit teeswildlife.org/2024/08/fascinating-flying-ants/.

MAYOR'S CORNER

MAYOR OF SEDGEFIELD'S

BINGO NIGHT

GAMES ♦ BAR ♦ CASH PRIZES

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024
Doors 7:30pm | Eyes down 8:00pm
Ceddesfeld Hall, Sedgefield

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Doors 7pm for 7:30pm dancing
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LETTERS

Taking a tumble

Having recently suffered a number of strokes which has substantially reduced my vision, I have come to learn the hard way of living with limited sight. Overhanging tree branches, flowerbeds covering the footpaths and those unnecessary A frames outside of cafes, shops and pubs make life very difficult to walk with any confidence.

This week, I took a tumble outside Aubergine and to compound the situation I dragged my wife, who is deaf/blind, to the floor with me. I would like to thank those that came to our rescue, we are both a bit bruised but no broken bones.

Ken Gibson

Little Movers



I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed in one way or another to the successful music night featuring the Cardiac Dodgers recently. Unfortunately, Ken was taken ill a few days beforehand but, ever the trooper, John fulfilled the commitment on his own and provided excellent entertainment for the audience to enjoy. My army of regular helpers once more stepped up to ensure the evening went off well. A magnificent total of £528.30 was raised on the night (with a £10 donation added to the total a day or two later.) This means that the classes can continue on Thursday mornings for another 21 weeks in the Fletcher Room, making an affordable activity for our village's toddlers and babies, which is great news.

Dave Jasper

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Anniversary wishes

This month, Ray and Sylvia Garbutt celebrate 60 years of marriage! Ray lived and worked on a local farm before working in many roles for the council. Sylvia trained as a nurse at Sedgefield Community Hospital where she worked from age 17 through to her retirement.



They met on a blind date at a Young Farmers' event and have been together ever since. Married at St Edmunds Church, they went on to have two children, Lee and Lynne. Big congratulations to Ray and Sylvia.



Youth shelter improvements

Local organisations in Sedgefield have worked together to make improvements to a well-used facility in the centre of the community. The youth shelter is located near the offices of Sedgefield Town Council, and to other buildings such as the doctors' surgery and Parish Hall. It is used by residents of all generations, but mostly by young people. The shelter and the area around it had deteriorated in condition and were generally untidy, with a high level of littering compared to other parts of Sedgefield.

Together, representatives from the Government's ASB Trailblazer programme, Livin Housing, Durham County Council and the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership worked on an initiative with county councillors and Sedgefield Town Council (which owns the land and shelter) to make improvements to the shelter and its surroundings. This collaborative approach also involved engagement with some of the young people who use the shelter, who made suggestions of improvements that could be made.



The project partners were able to secure some funding, which allowed a range of work to be completed. This included painting the shelter, improving the lighting, installing a new litter bin, and the addition of road bollards to protect the area. As a result the shelter, and area around it, look tidier and are safer for those who use the facility. All of the partners involved are urging those who use the shelter to take care of it and help keep it in good condition for all residents.

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

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Drama Festival

No resting on their laurels for the Players. They are now back in rehearsal for the upcoming drama festival. This year, the group are performing *Shakers* by John Godber and *Idyll* by Matt Hartley, two completely different plays in style and content.

Starting the festival off are SPYS with 'A Day in Fimbulwinter', a play written by our own Lucy Atkinson. With a Viking song to start, this play brings to life Gods and mortals, myths and legends. Next up is the Sedgefield Players with 'Idyll', by Matt Hartley. Directed by Tom Guest, this play was originally written to be narrated by one person and tells the story of a day during lockdown when a rural village is overrun by tourists.

Wednesday sees the Players again with an adapted version of 'Shakers', by John Godber. Telling the story of four waitresses in Shakers bar, this play, with an 80's song track has the four actresses playing different parts throughout the play. They are followed by Durham Dramatic Society with 'A Bit of Afters' based around the people who play for and run an amateur women's football team.

On Thursday, Cliffe Theatre return after a few years absence. They will be performing two plays, 'The Proposal' by Anton Chekhov, a play about superficial relationships. Their other play is 'Marrers' by David Williams. A Geordie play about miners, it was first seen at our festival over twenty five years ago.

Friday sees a packed night of three plays. First up is our friends from Scarborough, Bananadrama with 'Last Chance Saloon', written and directed by Shari Gledhill. Karen and Tony meet in a bar. Secrets are revealed – will they find a way through the evening? Next up is Richmond Amateur Dramatics Society with 'Bride Before A Fall' by Robert Scott. Victor and his mistress plot to kill his dim but rich wife.

The week ends with Bishop Auckland Theatre Society presenting 'Curses, Foiled Again' by Ed Newman. The eve-of-performance dress rehearsal of a Victorian tragedy goes anything but smoothly.

Saturday night will see the final adjudication and award of trophies by Keith Phillips from the Guild of Drama Adjudicators.

All are being performed in the Parish Hall from Tuesday 10 September until Saturday 14 September at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 for each night with a Season Ticket at £30 and are available at Tickety Boo or ticketsource.co.uk.
Sedgefield Players

Destination Unknown Pt. 2

Following the sellout success of Destination Unknown in March, Classix will host another 7 hours of Retro House Anthems and Ibiza Trance Classics at The Aviator, Fishburn Airfield on Saturday 7 September 2024. Tickets from : skiddle.com/whats-on/Darlington/The-Aviator/Classix--Destination-Unknown-Pt2/38089023/.

7PM TIL 2AM
SAT 7TH SEPT '24

The AVIATOR

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DESTINATION UNKNOWN PT.2

90'S & 00'S RETRO HOUSE ANTHEMS & IBIZA TRANCE CLASSICS

IN FLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT FROM

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EMMA VIBES - JOHN LONGSTAFF - KIERAN MACKIN

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Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days is the country's largest festival celebrating the history and communities of England. Each September thousands of our most historic and fascinating sites open their doors and offer guided tours completely free of charge. Dozens of sites nearby are participating in the scheme, from Bowes Museum to Durham Town Hall. Thousands of volunteers and organizations are involved nationwide, so wherever you are in England from 6 to 15 September check out heritageopendays.org.uk.

SEDGEFIELD PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENT

THE 16TH SEDGEFIELD
DRAMA FESTIVAL OF
ONE ACT PLAYS 2024

PERFORMED AT SEDGEFIELD PARISH HALL
TUES 10TH - SAT 14TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM

<p>TUES 10TH SEPTEMBER</p> <p>SEDGEFIELD PLAYERS YOUTH SECTION 'A DAY IN FIMBULWINTER' by Lucy Atkinson</p> <p>SEDGEFIELD PLAYERS 'IDYLL' by Matt Hartley</p>	<p>FRI 13TH SEPTEMBER</p> <p>BANANADRAMA 'LAST CHANCE SALOON' by Shari Gledhill</p> <p>RICHMOND AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY 'BRIDE BEFORE A FALL' by Robert Scott</p> <p>BISHOP AUCKLAND THEATRE SOCIETY 'CURSES, FOILED AGAIN' by Ed Newman</p>
<p>WEDS 11TH SEPTEMBER</p> <p>SEDGEFIELD PLAYERS 'SHAKERS' by John Godber</p> <p>DURHAM DRAMATIC SOCIETY 'A BIT OF AFTERS' by Paul Harrison</p>	<p>SAT 14TH SEPTEMBER</p> <p>FINAL ADJUDICATION AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS BY KEITH PHILLIPS, GODA</p>

THURS 12TH SEPTEMBER

CLIFFE THEATRE
'THE PROPOSAL' by Anton Chekhov

CLIFFE THEATRE
'MARRERS' by David Williams

TICKET PRICES

Tickets for each night £10.00
Final adjudication night ticket: £5.00
Season ticket: £30 (includes final night buffet)

HOW TO BUY

Tickets are available online from
www.ticketsource.co.uk or from
Tickety Boo. See also
www.sedgefieldplayers.co.uk.

SPYS
YOUTH SECTION

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More local events

Bishop Auckland Music Society, Bishop Auckland Methodist Church
Award-winning versatile ensemble *The Paddington Trio* perform Beethoven, Schubert and more on 6 September at 7:30pm, £16 per adult. [For tickets visit Brotherton's music shop](http://Brotherton's music shop), call 01388 606075 or pay £18 on the door.



Kynren, 11 Arches, Bishop Auckland
Open air dramatic restaging of England's history, featuring spectacular effects and a cast of over a thousand. 7 and 14 September, 7:30pm-9pm from £26
<https://www.11arches.com/kynren>.

Walking with the Ghosts of Durham
Lively and chilling retelling of the fascinating history of Durham in beautiful settings (involves walking!). From 17 September
facebook.com/andyrossghostwhisperer.

Othello, Bishop Auckland Town Hall,
Award-winning independent theatre company Elysium present the timeless classic.
4 October, 7:30pm £17
bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/bishoppost/othello/.



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05.10.24
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Sedgefield Parish Hall, TS21 3AT

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SPORTS UPDATE with Chris Lines chrisjlines@aol.com

The Paris Olympic Games have been and gone (now bring on the Paralympics!). Team GB came home from the Olympics with 65 medals in the end, one more than in Tokyo, though the gold medal haul was much lower. In sport, the differences between coming first, second or third (or not getting onto the podium at all) can be tiny, and we witnessed that play out in Paris. It made for compelling viewing and listening, even if the results didn't always fall the way that we wanted.

Regardless of the position that every participant finished, they can always say that they competed in the Olympic Games, which is very special. If you have a couple of minutes, hunt out Australian race walker Jemima Montag's post-race TV interview after winning a bronze medal. It should be available online and I found it at [x.com/timmy400h/status/1823299096901292486](https://www.x.com/timmy400h/status/1823299096901292486). As Jemima says, #PlayOn.

And with that in mind...



Sedgefield Cricket Club's U13 boys in action, away at one of the region's many scenic grounds

Athletics

Sedgefield Harrier Frances Barlow has been busy on the track again. She travelled to Sweden to take part in the World Masters Athletics Championships in Gothenburg, racing in the 100m against the fastest women on the planet in her age category. Although Frances didn't return with a medal, she has competed in a global championship, which is a great achievement.

Sedgefield Harriers is about to host two events in quick succession. Many of you will have received your copy of the News in time for the first of those, which is a Family Fun Day on Saturday 31 August. Due to take place from 10:am to 1pm in the Sedgefield Community College sports hall and outside, the event is free to attend and includes opportunities to try various types of running, jumping and throwing events. If you've been inspired by the excitement in Paris to get more active or simply want to have a go at athletics, this will be a great chance to do that. Along with plenty of fun participation, there will be some competitions for children and adults. Everyone will be welcome.

The second Harriers event in the near future will be the annual Sedgefield Serpentine race on Sunday 15 September. Starting in Hardwick Park at 10am, the Serpentine follows a scenic trail route of approximately 10km, from the park and into the surrounding countryside towards Bishop Middleham and back. The event is held in memory of Sedgefield Harrier Gail Bell.

The Sedgefield Serpentine is open to all runners aged 16 and over. The entry fee is £15 for non-club runners and £13 for those in a UK Athletics-affiliated club. There will be prizes in multiple categories and a gift for every finisher. For more details and to enter online, visit sedgefieldharriers.co.uk/sedgefield-serpentine.

A week before the Sedgefield Serpentine will see the return of the world's biggest half marathon. Plenty of Harriers and other runners from Sedgefield, Fishburn and the surrounding area will be heading up to Tyneside to take part in the Great North Run. Some will be running for fun, some will be aiming for a time target, some will be raising money for good causes, and some will just want to be part of a globally famous event on their doorstep. The Great North Run has grown into a huge occasion in the 43 years since it was first held. Despite the national and international profile it now has, its North East distinctiveness endures, as do some of the legends who have taken part in it over the decades, including some of our region's greatest athletes and a certain double Olympic champion who were all together in Durham recently. If you're running this year's Great North Run, for whatever reason, gan canny!

Cricket

September traditionally marks the end of the cricket season and moving into the last handful of games, Sedgefield Cricket Club's 1st XI have work to do to preserve their status in the NYSD League Division 1. Some abandoned matches (due to bad weather) and a couple of surprising losses against sides they'd expect to beat, have created a real threat of relegation in a league season which hasn't lived up to the heights of 2023.

In junior cricket, the boys' U17 side missed out on further silverware after securing the league title last month. However, the development of junior players continues apace with good showings from both the girls' and boys' teams at every age group from U11 upwards. Sedgefield has several juniors involved with age group county squads and this has also led to opportunities to sample senior cricket with the 3rd XI, even for some of the younger players.

The cricket club continues to thrive and will remain open following the season, and throughout the autumn and winter months.

Football

St. Edmund's FC is Sedgefield's leading Sunday league team and has been playing in the Durham District Sunday Premier League for many years. Last season proved to be one of the best in recent years. St. Edmund's finished runners up in the league and Alan Smith Memorial Trophy, and won the Heart Foundation Cup.

The club is hoping to build on that success during the season ahead and is keen to keep strengthening its squad.

Anyone who is interested in playing Sunday league football at a good level and would like to find out more about joining St. Edmund's FC can contact Graham Kime on 07834 552180.



All five of these men have taken part in the Great North Run, and one of them won the first two events. Who are they? Answer on Page 8

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



CEDESSELD HALL



Following a short summer recess, hobby and activity groups return to their regular meetings at Ceddesfeld Hall. All sections and groups, (with times and contact information) are listed on the SCA website, under the 'Regular Activities' heading, as well as on the SCA 2024 pamphlet. There really is something for everyone! The hobby and interest groups provide organised activities which include playing bridge, singing in a community choir (including the youth choir), carpet bowls, model railway construction, craft clubs, handbell ringing, playing Northumbrian pipes, folk music, Last Wednesdays music group, concertina playing, art, book group, photography, local history, lip reading class and crafts (Durham Deafened), Pimms and Needles, Weight Watchers, and Pop In, which is a social group for older people. Sedgefield Squash Club are a large section of SCA, and their club is situated within the grounds. Sedgefield Players too are a section of SCA, who meet Wednesdays and Sundays at Sedgefield Parish Hall.

Local organisations such as Sedgefield in Bloom, Sedgefield Development Trust, Sedgefield Squash Club, Sedgefield Players, Sedgefield Uniformed Services and Sedgefield Show Committee, hold their regular meetings at the hall, mostly monthly.

These groups and organisations are open to everyone and they're keen to welcome new members, so do get in touch if anything is of interest. Any new groups are also very welcome. SCA membership provides insurance cover and charitable status to all sections. Room hire is very competitively priced for all group meetings, as well as for private bookings for special occasions such as family celebrations, birthday parties, christenings, wakes, conferences, and presentations. Wi-Fi is free and available in every room.

Ceddesfeld Hall community volunteer bar & lounge is open from 7.30 pm, Monday to Friday and is open to all users, as well as residents, with very competitive prices, real ale and a good range of other drinks on offer.

Sedgefield in Bloom



We are still experiencing a large volume of plants being stolen from around the areas Sedgefield in Bloom maintains. This matter has been reported to the Police and we have an ongoing crime number. We have taken the decision to prosecute anyone found removing these plants from where they have been located. Please, please leave the planting for everyone to enjoy.

Sports Page answer:

The two guys to the right of Steve Cram are Charlie Spedding and Mike McLeod (who won the first two editions of the Great North Run). And, of course, the others are Brendan Foster and Daley Thompson.

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN AFTERNOON TEA!

Fundraising for 'Breast Cancer Now'

Sedgefield Parish Hall
Saturday 14th September
from 1pm - 3pm
Price = kind donations (cash)

We're fundraising for Breast Cancer Now, the research and support charity, so they can be there for anyone affected by breast cancer.
breastcancer.org/afternoontea

BREAST CANCER NOW

Events @ Ceddesfeld Hall

Mayor of Sedgefield's Bingo Night Saturday 7 September

Doors open at 7:30pm for eyes down at 8pm. Tickets are £3 each and include a 'Jackpot Game'. They can be purchased from STC offices or ring 01740 621273. Bingo tickets are £5 (cash please) for 6 games, available on the night. The bar will be open from 7:30 pm.

Ceddesfeld Autumn Quiz Night Saturday 28 September with pie & peas £10 per person

Come along at 7:30pm for a fun evening with quizmaster Peter Hinde. There will be a raffle and please advise of any vegetarian, gluten free or vegan requirements, prior to the evening. Tickets from Pat, Sarah and/or Peter Hinde or from behind the bar, on a first come first served basis. Teams of 6 or fewer.

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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 www.sedgefieldsca.org.uk.

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September 2024

- Sunday 1** **Sedgefield Farmers Market**, Village Green, 8:30am to 12:30pm. See page 3 for more information.
- Monday 2** **Sedgefield Local History Society**, Ceddesfeld Hall, 7:45pm. Britain's Hidden Shop Signs with Graham Soult.
- Tuesday 3** **Open mic night**, Morton and Bradbury Village Hall, 7:30pm. £5 per person.
- Wednesday 4** **Sedgefield WI**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:15pm. Craft Night and Harvest Supper—please bring your contribution to the table. Members' competition is a hand-made craft, stitched.
- Friday 6** **Sedgefield and District U3A**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 2pm. A talk by Denis Fox, The Battle of Britain in the North East. Visitors welcome, £3.
- Saturday 7** **Friendly Fixers**, Fishburn Youth and Community Centre, 10:30am to 12:30pm. Repair café.
Carol's Cambodian coffee morning, Morton and Bradbury Village Hall, 10:30am. To raise money for healthcare.
- Sunday 8** **Sedgefield Area Churches Together bring-and-share barbecue**, The Rectory, 2 Durham Road, 12:30pm.
- Friday 13** **Sedgefield in Bloom coffee morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-12pm. Come along and join us for some homemade treats.
- Saturday 14** **Breast Cancer Now afternoon tea**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 1pm-3pm. To raise money for the charity.
- Sunday 15** **Serpentine Race**, 10k trail course, Hardwick Park, starts at 10am. Open to all runners. Details at sedgefieldharriers.co.uk/our-races/.
- Tuesday 17** **Sedgefield Memory Café**, Sedgefield Methodist Hall, 10:30am to 12pm. For those living with dementia and carers.
Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 7:30pm. Flower demonstration by Lynda Fraser - "Rainbow Connection". Members free, guests £5.
- Friday 20** **Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club coffee morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am-11:30am. £2 for tea/coffee plus scone/cake. All welcome.
- Saturday 21** **Sedgefield Games Club**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, from 6pm. Come along and play a variety of board games. £2.50.
- Friday 27** **Sedgefield District Uniformed Services Group coffee morning**, Sedgefield Parish Hall, 10am.

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Little Movers

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