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2020 Festive Celebration

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we are not able to hold our annual Snow Party event in its traditional format this year. We recognise that 2020 has been a very difficult year for us all and it is important that we try to do whatever we can to bring some enjoyment to the festive season. This year, we are going to host a two-week programme of online activities on our website (www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk), Twitter (@SedgefieldTC) and, thanks to the support of Sedgefield Development Trust, on Sedgefield News' Facebook page between Saturday 28th November and Wednesday 16th December 2020.

Saturday 28th Nov 2020



The Christmas light switch-on will be livestreamed and will feature a message from Santa Claus. **Please do not gather on the village green or turning circle to witness this.**

The online activities page on the town council's website will go live, including a festive quiz, links to fun activities and festive recommendations from local community groups.

'Best dressed festive business window' competition begins. Windows will be illuminated from 4-11pm every night from Saturday 28th November. A full list of participating businesses will be published online, where the online voting survey will be open until Tuesday 15th December.

Saturday 28th Nov 2020
- Saturday 5th Dec 2020



Christmas craft competition to be judged by the Mayor of Sedgefield. Have a crack at making a Christmas tree decoration and send a snap of your entry to us to be in with a chance of winning a family annual pass to Beamish!

Saturday 5th Dec 2020
- Saturday 12th Dec 2020



Christmas costume competition to be judged by the Mayor of Sedgefield. Find (or DIY) your best festive-themed costume and send us a pic of your outfit before 12th December. The winner will receive a family annual pass to Raby Castle!

Wednesday 16th Dec 2020



The winners of all our competitions will be published on Twitter as well as the announcement of the 2019 & 2020 Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year awards!

At the start of November, a more detailed programme and poster containing directions to all online activities and further information about the competitions (and prizes) will be available on our Twitter account and website, as well as the town noticeboard outside the library and council office windows.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR & YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2019&2020

Traditionally, at the close of the Annual Town Meeting in May, the town council, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Sedgefield and Sedgefield Development Trust, announces the winners of the Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year awards. Unfortunately, due to the national lockdown, this event did not take place. We are now re-opening nominations for a combined 2019 & 2020 award for both categories. Nomination forms will be included in this month's Sedgefield News or can be found and printed from our website. The deadline for nominations is Monday 16th November 2020. Any nominations made earlier in the year are still valid and will be considered alongside any others that are received. The winners will be announced virtually at the end of our 2020 festive event programme on Wednesday 16th December 2020.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Sedgefield's Remembrance Sunday commemorations will need to be different this year. The difficult decision has been made not to hold a church service in St Edmund's Church on the morning of Sunday 8th November 2020. Instead, a series of recordings will be shown on the town council's website at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/category/council-news and Twitter account @SedgefieldTC leading up to 11am.

There will be **no public event around the War Memorial** on the village green at 11am. Following the two-minute silence, wreaths will be laid by the Lord Lieutenant's representative, Chairman of Sedgefield Town Council and a Durham County Council representative. This small, very carefully managed commemoration will be broadcast live on Facebook (details will be shared on Twitter and through the residents' database once finalised). Other organisations wishing to lay a wreath have been requested by the town council to do so at their own convenience after 1pm.

To pay your respects safely during the current restrictions, you might like to consider:

-  displaying a poppy or poppy imagery in your front window.
-  standing at your doorstep at 11am on Sunday 8th November 2020 to observe the national two-minute silence. The church bells of St Edmund's Church will ring at 11am to signal the start of the silence.



CIVIC CAROL SERVICE 2020

We have made the difficult decision, in conjunction with St Edmund's Church, to not hold this year's Civic Carol Service. We hope you can appreciate the need to cancel this beloved event but please be assured this annual tradition will resume as soon as it is safe to do so.

CLLR CO-OPTION REMINDER

As reported in the last edition, the town council has a vacancy in the position of town councillor. Any persons willing to fill this vacancy should request from the Town Clerk (town.clerk@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk) an application form and return this on or before Sunday 15th November 2020. For the full list of qualifying criteria, please visit our website's news page at www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/category/council-news.

NOVEMBER'S VIRTUAL MEETINGS

This month's Monthly Meeting and P&R Committee Meeting will take place on Monday 9th November 2020 at the time of 7pm. Our monthly meeting agendas are published on <http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/category/meeting-minutes>. If you wish to attend the meetings, please check the virtual public participation guidance published over at <http://www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/procedures>.