



EXTRA SEDGEFIELD

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SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

CEDESFELD HALL GROUNDS | FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2023

DISPLAY STARTS 6:30PM
ADMISSION 5:45-6:20PM

TICKETS ON SALE FROM 19TH SEPT 2023
@ SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE
(9-12 WEEKDAYS) & CEDESFELD HALL

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY. TICKETS ARE
CASH ONLY & NON-REFUNDABLE UNLESS
EVENT CANCELLED.

£3 ADULTS | £2 U16s

**HALLOWEEN
HOWLER
PUMPKIN
COMPETITION**



Bring your carved pumpkin along to the Fireworks Display to enter our competition! Entries can be submitted in Cedesfeld Hall car park between 5:45pm and 6:00pm. No naked flames - LED tealights only. The Mayor of Sedgefield will select the top three winners. Prizes can be collected from the car park after the fireworks.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2023 CONTINUED

Ticket prices for this much-loved event have remained the same for nearly a decade, with any additional costs absorbed by the Town Council. With the significant increase in services and supplies over recent years, the decision has been made to increase the price of tickets by 50p for both adults and U16s admissions. This will allow us to continue providing the same quality of display as in previous years.

MORNING AFTER FIREWORKS PLOG



Join Sedgefield Ploggers in the grounds of Ceddesfeld Hall for a litter pick in the daylight on the morning after the display. Gloves/bags/grabbers will be provided. Everyone will be welcome! Saturday 28th October 10:30-11:15am.

UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR: CLLR DAVE JASPER



My new Mayoral year kicked off on a gloriously sunny day at the Mediaeval Fayre in May. My Consort and I were pleased to award medals to all the teams in the keenly-contested Tug of War competition.

June saw us attend the Mayor of Sunderland's Civic Service in Holy Trinity Church, Washington.

The inaugural Laidlaw Trust's 'Innovation Festival' celebrating Hardwick Primary School's fantastic achievement in being named as the Most Innovative School in the country, was a great occasion for the village to acknowledge their success.

We attended 2 events in a week in Stockton marking 'Armed Forces Week'; the 'Flag Raising Ceremony' on the Monday followed by 'Armed Forces Day' on the Thursday. Local schoolchildren entertained us with some delightful singing, as did Janie St John.

Spennymoor Town Hall was the venue for the town's Mayoress to host an 'At Home' event. We returned to Sedgefield with a sackful of prizes after a successful raid of their tombola stall! More Mayoral 'At Home' events came next in Great Aycliffe's Oak Leaf Sports centre, Bishop Auckland Town Hall, Seaham Town Hall and Shildon Civic Centre and further invitations were given out to Civics to attend my events.

I try to attend as many Coffee Mornings as possible in the village and have succeeded in getting along to quite a few, including the Village Veterans' and the Memory Café's. My own Coffee Morning saw the Parish Hall packed out with standing room only.

The Twinning Association held a successful 'Strawberries and Fizz' event and it was a most pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Winning the quiz was the icing on the cake!

Finally, I wonder how many of our readers have heard of the Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society's Museum in Newton Aycliffe? I hadn't until I received an invitation to attend their Open Day. They have a collection of single and double decker buses dating from 1942 plus a coach and a converted towing truck. This is another hidden gem which I would encourage people to visit.

SEDFIELD TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE REDESIGN

Over recent months we have appointed a new website developer to help re-design and oversee our council website. The website, which went offline at the end of July while work began, will be at the same URL www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk, and should be active by the middle of September. We hope you find the new site more accessible, easier to navigate and full of useful information on services, events, news, meetings, Sedgefield Parish Hall, and Sedgefield Youth Club. In the meantime, don't forget to check our Twitter account @SedgefieldTC for updates. Any feedback on the new site would be greatly appreciated!

COACH TRIPS

Thank you to all who attended our summer coach trips to Skipton and Keswick. We've had lots of suggestions for next summer – Harrogate, Whitby, Alnwick, Knaresborough and more. We'll let you know the chosen destinations in our February edition, but in the meantime the last trip of this year is to York's Christmas Market on Thursday 23rd November 2023. Tickets will be available shortly so keep an eye out in the council offices and on Twitter.



TUB PLANTING 2023



We had another fantastic day of planting tubs on the village green this year as part of our annual Tub Planting event, with green-thumbed helpers from 1st Sedgefield Beavers, 2nd Sedgefield Beavers, Hardwick Primary Academy, Sedgefield Primary School and Sedgefield Rangers. We always seem to be lucky with the weather, so hopefully we'll have another successful morning at the same time next year.

Thanks to everyone who attended, including the Mayor of Sedgefield and volunteers from Sedgefield in Bloom.



At the time of writing, we are in the middle of our most successful Summer Holiday programme yet, courtesy of Durham County Council's Fun and Food scheme. It's been fantastic to see so many new faces and the sessions have thrived! We've had so much interest that going forward, we've adapted our core Monday session timings (juniors 6:00-7:15pm and seniors 7:15-8:30pm) to allow for more balanced sessions. In addition to a couple of Monday evening sessions, so far we've held a competitive games day and a trip to laser tag – congratulations Nancy for coming top! By the time you're reading this, we'll have finished off our activities for the summer, with our baking & coffee morning, disco and another trip, this time to test our skills rock climbing!

A big part of this funding scheme is providing healthy food to young people, and we've had lots of it. We're cooking dishes from all over the world, enjoying some meals off-site and re-fuelling with lots of healthy snacks. Thank you so much to everyone involved in making our summer holidays so fun – DCC Fun & Food, EDRC AAP and Sedgefield Town Council.



NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY: COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Notice is hereby given that by reason of Councillor resignation, one vacancy has occurred among the members of the Town Council. Any persons willing to fill this vacancy should request from the Clerk an application form and return this on or before Friday 29th September 2023. The applicant's name must appear on the current register of the Voters List or the applicant should, during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date, have resided in or within three miles of the parish or the applicant's only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the parish. The applicant must not be debarred from standing as a Councillor.

PUBLIC elections cannot be held until the year 2025 but for the interim period election to the aforesaid Council will be voted for by the present sitting number of Councillors.

T. J. Ayre. Sedgefield Town Council Offices
13 Front Street
Dr Jane Ayre Sedgefield
Town Clerk TS21 3AT
11th July 2023

COMMUNITY CHEST

Thank you to all community groups who submitted applications to our Community Chest. We were delighted to support the following applications:

- 1st Sedgefield Brownies (rebranded resources)
- 1st Sedgefield Guides (rebranded resources)
- 2nd Sedgefield Brownies (rebranded resources)
- Sedgefield in Bloom (promotional leaflets)
- Sedgefield Memory Café (materials & printing)
- Sedgefield Players (transport costs)
- Sedgefield Pop In (Coronation celebrations & trip)
- Sedgefield Rangers (first aid training)
- Sedgefield Youth Club (branded hoodies)
- Sew Easy (replacement materials)
- St Edmund's Church Christmas Tree Festival (event)

While this year's Community Chest fund is now closed, we look forward to receiving applications from April 2024 onwards. For full terms and criteria, please check out the Community Chest page of our newly revamped website www.sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk or email us on town.clerk@sedgefieldtowncouncil.gov.uk.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH HALL WEEKEND RELIEF OFFICER

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member of staff, Helen Reeder, who joined our team in June. Helen will be carrying out the vital role of overseeing the opening/closing and cleaning of the Parish Hall on Friday evenings and weekends.

We're sure Helen is looking forward to getting to know our regular Parish Hall users – please give her a friendly wave if you see her working around the building!



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CONTACTING DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

CONCERN	WHO TO CONTACT	CONTACT INFORMATION
General Enquiries	Customer Services	03000 26 0000
Refuse / street lights / pest control / dog fouling / stray dogs / grass cutting / litter / graffiti / roads and footpaths	Highways / Streetscene	03000 26 1000
Planning Applications	Planning	03000 26 1060 / www.durham.gov.uk/planning
Benefits	Revenues & Benefits	03000 26 2000
Council Tax	Council Tax	03000 26 4000
Apply / Renew Bus Pass	Sustainable Transport	03000 26 8667
Apply / Renew Blue Badge	Blue Badge Scheme	03000 26 9425
Council Housing	Living	0845 50 55 500

Alternatively, Durham County Council concerns can be placed via text on 07786 027280 starting with the word INFO or via www.doitonline.gov.uk. It is very important that you register your views with Durham County Council. Your voice matters and could make a difference for all local residents!

SAVE THE DATE

Mayor's Meal & Quiz

18th September 2023

Le Raaj

Tickets £27.50

Mayor's Jersey Boyz

Tribute Band

29th September 2023

Sedgefield Parish Hall

Tickets £15

Mayor's Civic Service

1st October 2023

St John Fisher RC Church

Mayor's Charity Dance

ft. Cardiac Dodgers

13th October 2023

Sedgefield Parish Hall

Mayor's Quiz

20th October 2023

Ceddesfeld Hall

Fireworks Display

27th October 2023

Ceddesfeld Hall Grounds

Mayor's Halloween

Cabaret

30th October 2023

Sedgefield Parish Hall

Remembrance Service

12th November 2023

Christmas Coach Trip

23rd November 2023

Sedgefield Snow Party

2nd December 2023

various locations

Mayor's Carol Service

7th December 2023

St Edmund's Church

Mayor's NYE Dance

31st December 2023

Sedgefield Parish Hall