

The Grapevine

SEAMER & TAME BRIDGE MAGAZINE

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Hello again, it's been 4 hard months since the last edition and I apologise for this. The lockdown has meant that very little was happening and what was occurring changed so quickly it would have been impossible to make Grapevine relevant and useful. However the time is now right for it to start up again, the first of 2021. Happy New Year!! I have kept the cover planned for January as this is the start of Grapevine's 2021!

I do rely on you providing the articles for Grapevine and I encourage you all to submit anything of interest and relevance to Seamer and Tame Bridge residents.

I have been doing Grapevine for 9 years now and feel that maybe it is time for someone to bring something fresh and exciting to it. I would be prepared to continue the printing and distribution of it, but would like to give up the preparation of content and layout of the magazine but still offer advice and help as well, if needed. **Any offers??**

I would expect to produce another Grapevine to cover May and June provided the Covid regulations continue to ease and contributions should reach me by Monday 26th April 08.00 hours.

Dave Campy

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH



Rev Ben Gunter was licensed as Priest in Charge of the Parish of Stokesley with Seamer at a socially distanced service in Stokesley Parish Church on Wednesday, 3rd March by Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby.

Members of the local community welcomed Ben to the Parish and looked forward to working with him in the future.

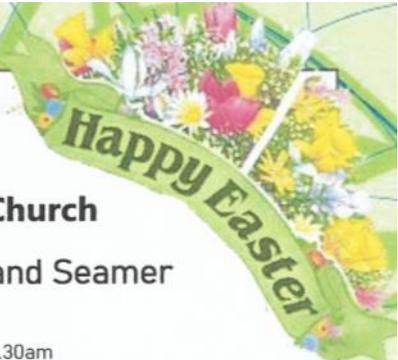
EASTER DAY SERVICE on Sunday 4th April at 11.30am.

Ben Gunter, your new Priest in Charge (see below) would like to welcome you all to this service in Seamer.

Due to covid restrictions on numbers attending, please let me know if you intend to come along to this service.

Judith Turland 01642 710489 judithturland@gmail.com

More details of other services over Easter at Stokesley Parish Church are shown in the advert.



Happy Easter

Stokesley Parish Church

Easter in Stokesley and Seamer

Palm Sunday

Sunday 28th March, 9.30am
Stokesley Church jointly with Christ Church, Great Ayton
(on zoom and streamed)

An Easter Reflection

Tuesday 30th March, 7.30pm
Stokesley Church

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday 1st April, 8pm
Stokesley Church

The Hour at the Cross A time of prayer and reflection

Friday 2nd April, 2pm
Stokesley Church

Easter Vigil

Saturday 3rd April, 8pm
Stokesley Church

Easter Sunday Services

Sunday 4th April, 9.30am
Stokesley Church (and streamed online)
and
at Seamer Church at 11.30am

Our live services in church continue to be socially distanced, so we ask, if you are planning to attend, that you please contact our church warden

judithurland@gmail.com

or Tel: 01642 710489

for more information, visit

www.stokesleyparishchurch.org.uk

or our Facebook page

@stokesleyparish church



Ben will be in touch in the May edition of the Grapevine to introduce himself and outline some of his plans for services and the church.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

St Martin's Church at Seamer occupies an elevated position near The Green and was a medieval church and heart of the community before being re-built in 1822. The original entrance gates were undoubtedly a welcome sight to many when in their prime. However, it has not gone unnoticed that time and weather has taken its toll, and now the gates are in an extremely poor state.

Replacing the gates to replicate the originals is estimated to cost in excess of £3,500. The question must be asked if this cost can be justified in the current financial climate during this pandemic.

There is no doubt that replica gates would be the first choice to retain the historical approach to the entrance to the churchyard.

The Church would like to hear the views of the residents of Seamer, and if you have any suggestions toward how this expenditure might be funded your input would be gratefully appreciated.

Please pass your comment on to David Hand, who can be contacted at, david.h49@talktalk.net or **07801 366 029**.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND EVENTS

**Seamer Memorial hall is still closed until further notice.
Look out for more details on the Seamer website and on the
hall notice board**

SEAMER VILLAGE HALL 100+ CLUB

November winners were (124 members)

1 st	£20	11	Janet Aldridge, Seamer Hill
2 nd	£15	123	Graham Family, Stokesley Road
3 rd	£12	72	Melanie Coyde-Barr, The Green
4 th	£10	43	Lina Garnett, Seamer Hill
5 th	£ 5	40	Walter Pattison, Stainton Road

December winners were (124 members)

1 st	£20	110	Amanda Jones, Hilton Road
2 nd	£15	51	Odette Price, Hilton Road
3 rd	£12	85	Jim Scheilling, Hilton Road
4 th	£10	69	Craig Williams, Hilton Road
5 th	£ 5	53	Janice Felgate, Marton

January winners were (124 members)

1 st	£20	80	Jean Webster, Croft Hills
2 nd	£15	97	Mike Cullingford, Manor Garth

3 rd	£12	103	Alison Cook, Hemlington
4 th	£10	143	Walter Pattison, Stainton Road
5 th	£ 5	34	Neil Bayliss, Stainton Road

February winners were (124 members)

1 st	£20	60	Moira Jinks, Croft Hills
2 nd	£15	145	Warren Findlay, Tame Bridge
3 rd	£12	81	Grahame Armitage, Seamer Hill
4 th	£10	118	Sandra Burgess, Tame Bridge
5 th	£ 5	58	Allison Routledge, Stainton Road

March winners were (124 members)

1 st	£20	73	Jayne Kendall, Stainton Road
2 nd	£15	112	Adam Bernard, The Green
3 rd	£12	147	Paul & Andrea Kelley, Stainton Road
4 th	£10	9	Trevor Bollands, Leconfield
5 th	£ 5	71	Mike Walton, Stainton Road

For those members who joined last April/May, this means that you are due to join again. I will contact you by email, phone or call and see you. If you are not at home, I will leave a letter with details of how to contact me.

To help me to remind you when your renewal fees are due, could you please let me have your e-mail address or telephone number. This is easier than me coming to see you.

At the moment the village hall is still closed and this is the only source of income it has, so I hope you will continue to support it. If anyone would like to become a member, it costs £12 a year per number and each month half the monthly money is given out as prize money and the other half goes to the village hall funds.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Christine Cooper chris_cooper1@hotmail.com 01642 701733

SEAMER METHODIST CHURCH.

The Tree lighting Ceremony took place on Sunday **December 6th** in the Garden with social distancing (well attended). The lucky child who switched on the lights was Matthew Slack (David and Christine Campy's grandson). Some Christmas songs were sung and each child got a small present from the Church. Thanks are due to **Walter Pattinson MBE**, who provided the Tree (as usual), and to those who helped put it up and decorate it - **James Bainbridge, Les Bland, Dave Campy, Phil Taylor**. It brought colour, light and hope at what was a hard time for many.

Church services will start again from Sunday 11th April at **10.30** under Covid regulations and the plan is

11th April - Reverend Andrew Robinson

18th April - Reverend Graham Peacock

25th April - Local arrangements - Songs of Praise.

Seamer Methodist Church

STOKESLEY TOY BANK APPEAL

Labman and Jo Batey wish to thank all those who provided toys for this cause. There were many donations of good quality toys and they were distributed to those in need.

TIME FOR THOUGHT (Laugh?)

10 Points to Ponder about 2020

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
3. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
4. This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came home to my house & told my dog.... We had a good laugh.
5. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
8. I need to practice social-distancingfrom the refrigerator.
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip out to the bins!
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go into a bank with a mask on and ask for money.

OIL CLUB

Our membership continues to increase, it costs nothing to join, the bill comes directly to yourselves, all we do is order your oil at a competitive price. Since Saudi Arabia cut production, prices have started to rise, fortunately not to anywhere near the prices we saw several years ago.

Also if you are having Tank problems or require a boiler service we have some very good contacts.

Ordering dates are the first weeks in January, March, May, September and November.

Contact; **David Ward** 01642 710333 or **Gordon Reed** 01642 711495

STOKESLEY LOOP

For anyone who is not familiar with this online newsletter, it is definitely worth subscribing to. It is a regular newsletter which covers items from Stokesley and the surrounding area.

These can be updates from Stokesley businesses, the library, Parish Council, planning matters, police information, Community Care Association, Coronavirus updates with a diary from a surgeon on the front line at James Cook Hospital, photo's, quizzes, video's plus much more. The best way to join is to send an email saying;

'I'd like to sign up/subscribe' to [*stokesleyloop@gmail.com*](mailto:stokesleyloop@gmail.com)

If you would like to see a copy before committing to the regular copies, please email me [*chris_cooper1@hotmail.com*](mailto:chris_cooper1@hotmail.com) and I will forward the latest copy to you.

JAM & CHUTNEY

This is another selection of Jenny's produce that I have to raise money for Cancer UK. If would like to buy any of the following, please let me know and I will deliver them to you:

Jams @ £2

Strawberry Strawberry & Rhubarb
Bramble & Apple Raspberry & Apple

Chutney @ £2

Beetroot & Apple Green Tomato

Chutney @ 1.50

Spicy Pear Apple & Ale

Chutney @ £1

Rhubarb & Ginger Mint Jelly

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ASK FOR ANI

Action Needed Immediately is a new code word scheme that is being launched on Thursday 14 January 2021.

The scheme has been developed by the Home Office as a discreet way that victims of domestic abuse can request emergency help, from the safety of their local pharmacy. All Boots pharmacies and many independent pharmacies across the country have already signed up for the scheme.

Those participating will display posters, to indicate to victims that help can be sought in that branch.

The victim can then go to the counter and 'ask for ANI' which signals to the pharmacist that they require help.

The pharmacist will then offer to accompany the victim to a private consultation room. When there, the victim will be asked if there are in immediate danger and if they require an emergency 999 response from police. If so, they will then contact the police on behalf of the victim.

If the victim indicates that they are not in immediate danger or does not want to call police, the pharmacist will direct the victim to contact 101 or the National Domestic Abuse Helpline - 0808 2000 247.

FRAUD/SCAMS

North Yorkshire Police are receiving reports from across the county where victims had received a call from a male claiming to be a police officer. The 'officer' would claim that they had a male in custody they believed to be the grandson/nephew etc of the person being called and that this person was in possession of their bank and credit cards. The person being called was asked whilst on the line to immediately call their bank or the police on 911 to verify this was genuine. Obviously, if the intended victim did this, they would not be talking to their bank or the police but to the fraudsters.

Please be aware of this type of call and remember, if you ever do need to contact the police or bank to verify, use a different line from the one being called on. Never allow yourself to be rushed and if in doubt immediately terminate the call.

COOTS ON THE POND



Tony Barnes

SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE (1)

The *September* meeting of the Parish Council was held at Stokesley Town Hall. No members of the public were in attendance. Within the main meeting agenda, planning applications were noted, including those current and granted. Village maintenance issues were discussed. The trackway at the Top Green has now been completed. It was agreed that the contractor would be asked to re-roll it in 6 months. It was noted that there was a need to ensure that there is no parking on the grass. Subtle signage or small plant tubs were suggested. The Seamer Hill gateway signs are now erected; the location for them was determined by guidance from NYCC. No progress yet made on dropping kerbs at Tame Bridge (to be funded by the Parish Council) or traffic islands. Tree maintenance requirements, storage of archive materials and the renovation of the Silver Jubilee bench at Tame Bridge were discussed. A progress report on the VAS signage was provided. The Chairman reported on the 16 Speed Watch (CSW) deployments that had taken place. It was noted that average speeds had increased and that the highest recorded speed was 70mph. There had been no new applications to the Community Fund. Cllr Murphy reported that no AGM had taken place as yet for the Village Hall Committee, nor accounts published. The Hall was not yet open for public use. The Constitution remains in draft format. Environmental matters were discussed. Cllr Griffiths reported on the proposal for a reorganisation of local districts into a Unitary authority. Services would be delivered through one organisation rather than via six authorities. Planning decisions would be devolved (minor local planning applications) and Town and Parish Councils would also be involved. The ramifications of proposals were discussed. Cllr Chapman reported on the local Climate Action Group. Parish Council Correspondence and financial statements were noted.

Minutes of this meeting are displayed on the noticeboards and on the website. An update from the September Parish Council meeting will appear in the next Grapevine once ratified at the November Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council meeting* on 19 January will take place at Stokesley Town Hall. Due to Covid-19 regulations, if any residents wish to attend, they must notify the Clerk in advance to ensure that space in the meeting room is available.

SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE (2)

Due to lockdown restrictions, the *November* meeting of the Parish Council was held via email and telephone. No members of the public were therefore in attendance however have the opportunity to contact the

Parish Council if desired. Within the main meeting agenda, several planning applications and the Parish Council's response to these were noted. Village maintenance issues were discussed. Tree maintenance requirements, storage of archive materials and the renovation of the Silver Jubilee bench at Tame Bridge were discussed. A progress report on the VAS signage was provided. The Chairman reported on the 16 Speed Watch (CSW) deployments that had taken place. It was noted that average speeds had increased. Detailed letters have been delivered by hand to residents living on Bank Top and around the Top Green, formally giving them prescriptive easement. There had been no new applications to the Community Fund. There were no updates from Cllr Murphy regarding the Village Hall Committee, AGM or accounts for the last financial year. The Hall was not yet open for public use. The Constitution remains in draft format (01/19). The Parish Clerk updated the Parish Council on progress with the MAD fund grant to create wildflower havens in the parish. A modest increase in the Precept for 2021/2022 was proposed. The Chairman reported on the Limited Assurance Review by PKF Littlejohn: there were no issues or causes for concern. Parish Council Correspondence and financial statements were noted.

Minutes of meetings are displayed on the noticeboards and on the website. An update from the January Parish Council meeting will appear in the next Grapevine once ratified at the March Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council meeting* on 16 March will take place at Stokesley Town Hall. Due to Covid-19 regulations, if any residents wish to attend, they must notify the Clerk in advance to ensure that space in the meeting room is available.

Residents can access information about Parish Council and Community Fund matters in the following ways:

- a. Attendance at the bimonthly Parish Council meetings* details of which are publicised in various locations: e.g. Parish Council noticeboards, website. **see note above.*
- b. The Grapevine, where articles are regularly published.
- c. Parish Council minutes; these are displayed on noticeboards and on the website.
- d. By attendance at the Pop-In on Monday mornings (once these recommence), which Parish Council members attend whenever possible. If there are any points that need clarification, these will be fed back to the main PC meetings.

e. Residents are able to contact the Parish Council via email or telephone to discuss any matters that are of concern to them.

All matters concerned with the Community Fund are discussed as an agenda item at Parish Council meetings. Any residents who attend form part of the discussion and all viewpoints are taken into consideration when making a final decision.

Philip Taylor, *Chair of the Parish Council*

Email: scapa20@hotmail.com (Parish Clerk)

Seamer Parish Council encompasses Seamer and Tame Bridge.

Parish Clerk

required for the Parish of Seamer.

The role is unpaid although expenses are remunerated. Duties include attending Parish Council meetings, liaising with Parish Councillors, dealing with email and telephone correspondence, preparing formal agendas and minutes, writing a report for the website and Grapevine as well as being Clerk for the Community Fund. Additional duties include maintenance of the Parish boards; writing applications for grants, liaising with local councils and any other matters arising from Parish Council meetings at the direction of the Chairman. Familiarity with Microsoft programs is essential, as is a good level of literacy and communication skills.

If you are interested in the above community position, please make contact with the current Clerk (Mrs Gillian Taylor) in the first instance. It is anticipated that the vacancy will exist from July.

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