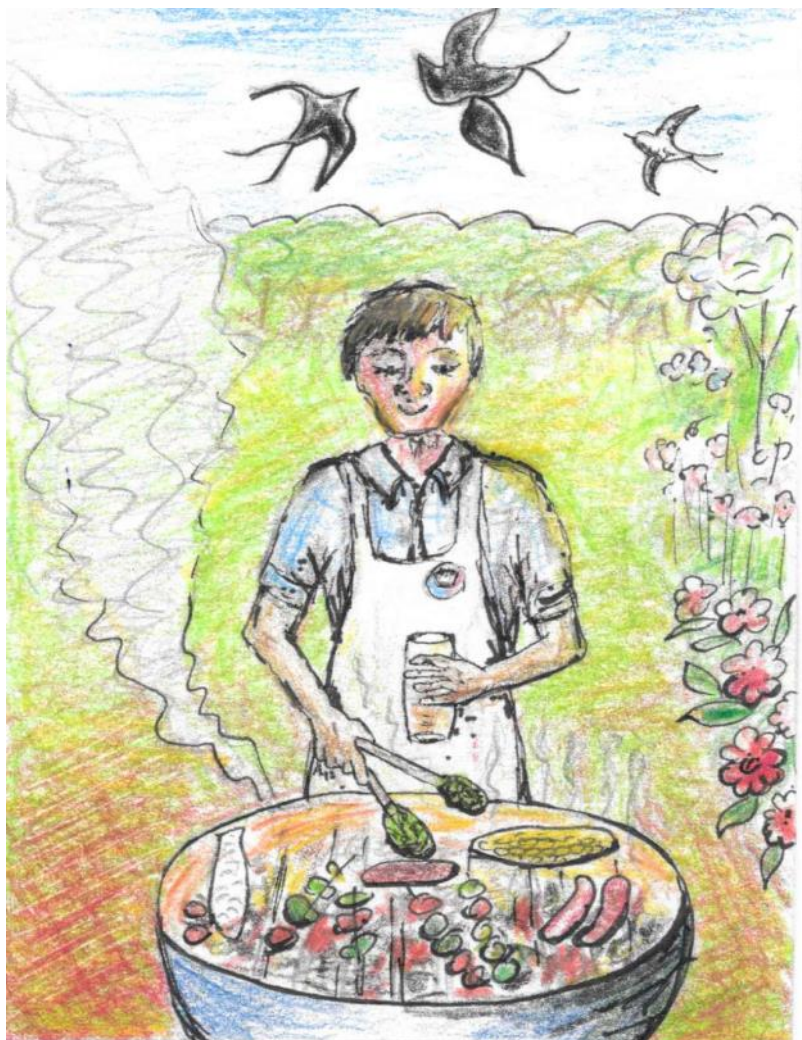


# The Grapevine

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

I hope you are all well and adjusting to the welcomed changes in restrictions as life returns towards to some form of normality. I still advise you take care, as we have seen in parts of Europe and India, COVID can bite back.

As I said in the last edition, 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. Thanks to those who have contributed.

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 be still available for advice and help with this, if needed. **Any offers??**

I would expect to produce another Grapevine to cover July and August provided the Covid regulations continue to ease and contributions should reach me by Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 08.00 hours.

*Dave Campy*

## ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

Hello! My name is the Reverend Ben Gunter and, as your new vicar, I am very much looking forward to getting to know you in person as Covid regulations allow. In the meantime, we are able to hold services as long as we are socially distanced. We are looking forward to holding our **Ascension Day service** in St Martin's on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**. All are welcome! It would help our Covid planning if you were able to let Judith Turland know if you wish to attend at [judithturland@gmail.com](mailto:judithturland@gmail.com) or on **01642 710489**

I look forward to seeing you there.

**Rev Ben Gunter** ([revbengunter@gmail.com](mailto:revbengunter@gmail.com))

**Stokesley Parish Church** have several concerts planned for June. They are as follows:

**Teesside Music Society** **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - Kosmos Concert.

2 short concerts 4-5pm and 7-8pm.

**Treske String Quartet.** **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June,**

2 short concerts 4-5pm and 7-8pm.

**Advanced Notice:** We have also have the **Snake Davis/Gareth Moulton Duo** on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** for an evening show at 7.30pm .

If we have to limit numbers for this event there will be a matinee and an evening performance, but hopefully by then there should be fewer restrictions on numbers.

The Town Hall are hoping to restart Coffee Mornings from 17<sup>th</sup> May. Sadly there will be no Seamer Coffee Morning as this was booked for the end of April.

Our first Friday Coffee Morning will be the Stokesley Church one on 4<sup>th</sup> June. The Town Hall Clerk has offered to let us know if any one drops out so we could have one before that. Everybody is looking forward to these Coffee Mornings as a lot of people have been missing them.

*Marie Groom: email [marie@hillviews.co.uk](mailto:marie@hillviews.co.uk)*

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND EVENTS

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

**It will be open from 7am to 10pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> May for the local Election of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire.** Please wear a face Mask. Bring your own Pen or pencil if possible.

A meeting to discuss possible reopening is planned to take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April and the result will be put on The Seamer Village website and notice boards.

## SEAMER VILLAGE HALL 100+ CLUB

### April winners were (124 members)

1 <sup>st</sup>	£20	119	Joanne Swinson, Hilton Road
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	92	Christine Taylor, School Cottages
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	75	Ethel Alton, Tanton Road
4 <sup>th</sup>	£10	10	Robert Jinks, Croft hills
5 <sup>th</sup>	£ 5	137	Pat Jackson, Tame Bridge

For those members who joined last May/June, 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](mailto:chris_cooper1@hotmail.com) 01642 701733

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

Closing date for orders is the first week in May until we start again in September

**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.

**Stokesley Scouts & Guides**

would like to thank  
everyone who  
supported us with  
the Stokesley Charitable

**Christmas Post Service in Dec 2020**

With your help we raised **£290.21** and delivered **892 cards**



## COOTS ON THE POND

A picture of the Coot family, they had four chicks, who all seem to be doing well



*Tony Barnes*

### THEY WALK AMONGST US!

A guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge (still working), he put it in his front garden and hung a sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it.'

For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice. He eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal so he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale £50.' The next day someone stole it!

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One day I was walking down the beach with some friends when someone shouted, "Look at that dead bird!" Someone looked up at the sky and said, "Where?"

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While looking at a house, my brother asked the Estate agent which direction was north because he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, 'Does the sun rise in the north?' My brother explained that the sun rises in the east and has for some time. She shook her head and said 'Oh, I don't keep up with all that stuff.'

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My colleague and I were eating our lunch in a cafeteria, when we overheard an admin girl talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the beach. She drove down in a convertible, but said she "didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving."

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My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car which is designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the car boot.

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I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area and went to the lost luggage office and reported the loss. The woman there smiled and told me

not to worry because she was a trained professional and said I was in good hands.

'Now,' she asked me 'Has your plane arrived yet?'  
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While working at a pizza restaurant I observed a man ordering a small pizza to go. He appeared to be alone and the cook asked him if he would like it cut into 4 pieces or 6. He thought about it for some time, then said "Just cut it into 4 pieces; I don't think I'm hungry enough to eat 6 pieces."  
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A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the post for Driving without a seat belt!!!  
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And last, but not least:

A prominent politician was attending an academic function where a noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker. He took the opportunity chat to the doctor a bit and asked him a question. "Would you mind telling me, how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?"

"Nothing is easier." the psychiatrist replied. "You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If the person hesitates, that's a good indication."

"What sort of question?" the Politician asked.

"Well, you might ask, Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?"

The politician thought, then said with a nervous laugh, 'You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history.'

*Submitted by Ann Thomas*

## **BOOK CLUB.**

All through lockdown in early 2020 we have been having our usual monthly get togethers reading one chosen book each month. Mostly we have been "zooming" but we managed one lovely evening last summer in a garden and last month again we met up together on a cold but cheery evening!

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April we met up at 21 The Green and hopefully we will be able to meet again in the Village Hall. It has been wonderful that we have managed, through the efforts and knowhow of our members, to

keep going through this difficult time! The power of books and people and support is worth a lot.

*Ann Thomas (catcabcam@gogglemail.com)*

### **SPRING IN SEAMER**

The colour and continuation of all our flowering bulbs and planted tubs has been an inspiration and cheered us all up during these difficult times. The snowdrops, crocus and daffodils have been great and many thanks go to the Parish Council and residents who have planted bulbs in the past. We even have more daffs on Tanton Road, Hilton Road and Stokesley Road!

Steve has done a lovely job with the tubs, loads of colour!

Many have enjoyed walks around the village and the pond is again popular with the arrival of the baby coots.

Seamer is a great place to live!

*Ann Thomas (catcabcam@gogglemail.com)*

### **RECYCLING**

I continue to collect USED STAMPS for charity and thank you to everyone who has saved them for me.

I am starting to recycle FOIL STRIPS from medication for Superdrug who are collecting them

AND

Apparently old MASCARA WANDS are great for washing oil etc from birds feathers!

SO

At the moment I have a clear plastic bag hanging up at our back door (in the lane/alley), at **21 The Green/ (white house with logs)**

Please help by placing any of these therein.

HOPEFULLY we will do this at the Village Hall when it reopens.

Many thanks

*Ann Thomas (catcabcam@gogglemail.com)*

### **SEAMER METHODIST CHURCH**

#### ***IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK***

Following months when Covid19 restrictions did not permit attendance at Church a tentative move has been made to hold services. Numbers attending have to be restricted and there is wearing of masks and no singing. So if you have been passing sometime between 10.30 to 11.20 am

on a Sunday and heard singing or the organ playing the singing is all recorded music. We hope that, as the pandemic restrictions, hopefully, continue to decrease, we may be able not only to sing but chat and share a coffee as was the norm before..

### ***TIMES OF WORSHIP***

02/05/2021 @ 10.30am led by Peter Jackson

09/05/2021 @ 10.30am led by Katherine Atha

16/05/2021 @ 10.30 am led by members of the congregation

23/05/2021 @ 10.30 am led by Ken Hudson

30/05/2021 @ 10.30 am led by members of the local congregation

With regard to services in June we anticipate there being a service each Sunday at 10 30am but arrangements have not yet been formulated. Despite the Covid restrictions, we welcome you to join us.

I am sure that we are all looking forward to Village events and activities beginning again

### ***THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH***

If the last year has taught us anything it is how important other people are. Thanks to those of us who can use modern communicate systems we have been able to maintain contact. Roll on the time when we can meet and share many of the activities and things that we find most rewarding.

We have just been celebrating Easter when, as Christians, we celebrate that Jesus is risen and is with us at all times and in all situations.

### ***TIME FOR A SMILE***

Notice on a Church poster- ‘Hot drinks to take away or sit in’

**Ron Kirk**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ADVICE**

Car crime is on the increase - one vehicle is stolen every 10 minutes in the UK and has increased rapidly since the start of COVID. As we may not be using the vehicle as often, it is important we ensure we always leave it in a safe and secure manner To do this

1. PARK IT - in a well lit area if possible .
- 2 EMPTY IT - Remove, or at least hide, items from inside of the vehicle.
3. LOCK IT—always make sure it **is** locked when leaving the vehicle unattended.



## POEMS BY KAY SANDERSON

### One year on

One year on  
As time stood still  
We suffered a virus  
The virus did kill  
Our lives were in turmoil  
Our lives put on hold  
Our families became distant  
Memories became gold  
The year's gone so quickly  
But equally slow  
When we entered first lockdown  
Little did we know  
That we would just be existing  
Not living life to the full  
That life would be grounded  
Not sunshine but dull  
But one year on  
We've learnt to be strong  
There's light at the tunnel  
And it won't be too long  
The day will soon come  
When we all meet together  
Hugging and kissing  
And loving forever  
But please take a minute  
For those we have lost  
This virus was deadly  
And came at a cost  
Some have lost loved ones  
Lives torn apart  
Sorrow and suffering  
Many a broken heart  
But when this is over  
Please take a thought  
Live life to its fullest  
Because life is too short !

### All in this together

Today is yet another day  
That seems like all before  
Life as we once knew it  
Is no longer any more  
It's caused so many problems  
It's caused heartache it's caused pain  
It's caused misery and loneliness  
And it's driving us insane  
All we ask is for a normal life  
No more suffering or sadness  
But no one can predict an end  
To this world pandemic madness  
But we're all in this together  
We'll get through the storm as one  
And when this is all over  
We can look forward to some fun  
So when you feeling down and out  
Just think of the road ahead  
Think of positivity  
Smile and lift your head  
Think about the future  
Who's hearts you all can hold  
Some don't have this privilege  
Life's become like gold  
Change that sadness round to happiness  
Think of the path your going to take  
If this has shown us anything  
Life's too short to make mistakes

## SAFER HAMBLETON NEWSLETTER

Hambleton District Council has produced a Newsletter offering advice from police and fire services, information from their community and charitable partners across the district, about keeping safe and healthy in Hambleton. It can be accessed online at

<https://www.hambleton.gov.uk/crime-emergencies/community-safety>  
and then scrolling down to Safer Hambleton Newsletter.

## DO YOU HAVE ANY WRENS IN YOUR FAMILY?

I'm not referring to the tiny, feathered variety in the garden but the indomitable ladies who joined the Women's Royal Naval Service, specifically between 1946 - 81 and did their basic training at Training Depot Burghfield/HMTE Burghfield/Dauntless/HMS Dauntless/Reading.

Dauntless Divisional Photos is a nationwide project, in collaboration with the Association of Wrens, to gather divisional photographs and memories from those training days but also to reunite ladies with old friends, share anecdotes and relive exciting moments.

So if you, your mum, granny, aunt, godmother or even next door neighbour donned a blue suit and aimed for a life on the ocean wave, please get in touch via either:

[ddpwrens@gmail.com](mailto:ddpwrens@gmail.com) or **07765 435295/07719 909844**.

**Mandy Powell & Janette Crisp (Project Coordinators)**

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Community Speed Watch is nationwide initiative to reduce excessive speed for safety reasons. Four years ago, the Seamer Community Speed Watch, consisting of volunteer residents working in collaboration with North Yorkshire Police, was set up to monitor, record and inform the police of vehicles exceeding the speed limit as a response to safety fears of some residents. It had an immediate effect and help to reduce speeding from around 12% to closer to 5% over the next 3 years.

It was advised by the police to stop doing their watches during COVID restrictions but have recently been given permission to commence them again.

As you may be aware the speed of traffic through the village has increased during the COVID pandemic.

Since restarting the watches, the rate is again over 10% with a high of 60mph and many over 40 mph. We hope this will reduce as more watches are undertaken.

The team could always do with new recruits who can offer a hour of their time to help. Any training required is easy and is done as part of the regular watches. It's also a good time to meet and have a chat with fellow residents while doing something useful. For further information and to voluteer

Contact *Phil Taylor (scapa20@hotmail.com) or Dave Campy (01642 710320)*

## 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.*

*scapa20@hotmail.com*

### LITTER PICKING

Before COVID a team of volunteers did regular litter picking around the village but COVID restrictions meant this had to cease (though some individual volunteers continued to do it as part of their daily exercise - when allowed).

It is hoped to restart this as the restrictions ease and extra volunteers would be welcomed. It does involve some physical exercise but is also a time to meet and chat and make the village look tidy. If interested, please contact in the first instance *Dave Campy* (Telephone *01642 710320*) who will pass your details onto the coordinator.

Even if you cannot make the organised picks can I suggest, to keep **our** village tidy and safe, you could take a plastic bag and gloves with you

whilst out on your walk and **SAFELY** pick up, and dispose of, any rubbish you find. Every little helps.

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