

# The Grapevine

SEAMER & TAME BRIDGE MAGAZINE

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Have a happy time celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee wherever you are. There is so much happening just in Seamer and the local area that you will have to make decisions as to what you do!! It is nice to feel that we can now do this after so long without parties (unless you are a politician ;-)). Have a great time!

This edition also covers more serious issues as well with Speeding rearing its head again both in Seamer and Tame Bridge. I urge you to think seriously about the speed you travel through Seamer and Tame Bridge (and other Villages). Travelling at the speed limit rather than twice will increase your journey by about 30 seconds but will increase the chances of people involved in an accident avoiding injury by 60%. Please take Care.

The next edition will cover August and September and I would like contributions by July 28<sup>th</sup> at 08.00 hours. Thanks.

*Dave Campy*

## ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

The following events, associated with St Martin's Church, will be taking place in Stokesley



The invitation is enclosed in a blue and red double-line border. At the top, there are two Union Jack flags on poles flanking a central red and gold crown. Below the crown are two golden lions. The text is centered and reads: 'You are invited to The Platinum Jubilee Picnic in the Rectory Garden Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2 - 5pm Bring your own picnic and join in the fun'. At the bottom, there is a gold laurel wreath and a red ribbon with the letters 'ER' in gold.

You are invited to  
**The Platinum Jubilee Picnic**  
in the  
Rectory Garden  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
2 - 5pm  
Bring your own picnic  
and join in the fun  
RSVP 01642 714972



The announcement features a purple circular logo on the left with the text 'THE QUEEN'S 2022 PLATINUM JUBILEE' and 'Stokesley 2022'. To the right, the text reads: 'Queen's Jubilee Service SUNDAY 5TH JUNE, 9.30AM STOKESLEY PARISH CHURCH'. Below the text is a photograph of two young girls wearing paper crowns and holding small Union Jack flags. One girl is wearing a white crown with red hearts, and the other is wearing a yellow crown with a butterfly. They are both smiling and wearing scarves.

Queen's Jubilee Service  
SUNDAY 5TH JUNE, 9.30AM  
STOKESLEY PARISH CHURCH



JOIN US FOR A

# Garden Party

at  
The Rectory  
10<sup>th</sup> July  
2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Strawberry Tea  
Ice Cream  
Grand Draw Raffle  
Childrens' Games

Tickets £5  
under 11's free

Contact 01642 714972

*July's Coffee & Cake is a special event*  
2<sup>ND</sup> JULY  
9.30am – 2.00pm



*Come and meet the Teddy Bears in the Lady Chapel*

*Visit the Bell Tower. Ringers will be on hand to show you how the bells are rung.*

*Grand Draw Raffle tickets will be on sale  
Great prizes to be won.*

*The draw will take place during the Garden Party at the Rectory on 10<sup>th</sup> July.*

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND EVENTS

### ***VILLAGE HALL BOOK SWAP***

Do you have any books that you have read and no longer want. Would you like to donate them to the village hall book swap for other residents to read and enjoy.

They can be left at the hall when it is open for activities (see Hall Timetable)

### ***POP IN***

Pop in is held in the village hall on Mondays during school term times from 10am – noon. Come along and meet up with friends and neighbours and enjoy tea/coffee and a home made scone for £1.50.

Parents/grandparents are welcome to bring children along.

The **Now & Then** magazines are available to collect from the village hall when it is open for activities.

## BRIDGE GROUP

The Bridge Group is held in the village hall on Thursday's from 7 - 9pm. Are you an experienced player or would you like to learn how to play. Come along. It costs £2.50 per session and includes refreshments.

Contact *Yvonne on 01642 710804.*



**Play and Stay**  
**Village Hall**  
**Thursday mornings during school term time**  
**10 – 11.30am for all pre-school children and their parents/grandparents/carers.**  
**Cost £2 per child.**  
For more information contact  
Allison on [aroutledge7@sky.com](mailto:aroutledge7@sky.com)

## SEAMER VILLAGE HALL 100+ CLUB

### April winners were (122 members)

1 <sup>st</sup>	£20	140	Barbara Newbould, Coldpool
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	91	Eileen Doughty, Brackenhill Walk
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	82	Rita McNichol, Tanton Road
4 <sup>th</sup>	£ 9	73	Jayne Kendall, Stainton Road
5 <sup>th</sup>	£ 5	93	Trevor Gooding, Croft Hills

### May winners were (122 members)

1 <sup>st</sup>	£20	102	David Ward, The Green
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	55	Caroline Walker, The Green
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	145	Warren Findlay, Tame Bridge
4 <sup>th</sup>	£ 9	41	Ron & Sandra Ayre, Croft Hills
5 <sup>th</sup>	£ 5	37	Gillian Jopling, Holme Lane

For those members who joined last June/July, 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.

If you have recently moved here and 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*

**HALL TIMETABLE**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Pop-In 10 - 12 am</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Carpet Bowls 10.00am</b>	<b>Pilates Class 6 - 7 pm</b> <b>Hall Committee meeting 7.30pm</b> <i>(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every second month)</i> <b>Seamer Parish Council 7.00pm</b> <i>(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every second month)</i> <b>Book Club 8—9.30 pm</b> <i>(4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday )</i>
<b>Wednes- day</b>		<b>Table Tennis 7.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Play and Stay 10.00am</b>	<b>Bridge Group 7.00pm</b>

**LITTER PICK 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Eight people turned up to do an hour’s litter picking around Seamer village and collected six bags of litter as well as getting fresh air, exercise and a good chat with the other people!

The weather conditions were ok but the length of grass made it a bit of a problem to find all the litter. Also, along Holme Lane, there was a large blue container full of “liquid” and a rolled up soiled carpet too big and possibly hazardous for us to remove. The bags were taken to the tip and North Yorkshire Council were informed of the possible hazardous materials for them to collect.

When you go out for a walk, can we suggest you take an extra plastic bag and gloves and occasionally pick up any easy accessible and “harmless” rubbish and put in your bins to help keep the village looking clean. Thanks but take care and be aware of traffic.

If you are interested in joining our next litter pick please contact Dave Campy for details initially.

*Dave david.campy123@btinternet.com 01642 710320*



Seamer Village Hall

Saturday 4 June

# The Queen's Jubilee

12.00: Fancy Dress

12.30: Picnic (bring your own)

1.30: Races for all ages

Bouncy Castle

Archery

Free ice cream

4.00: Cake Competition

4.30: Tea & Cake with Singalong

**Free admission, all welcome!**

**Further details are on the back page  
which can be torn off and kept handy.**

## PLANT A TREE FOR YOUR DAD AND ANOTHER FOR YOUR MOTHER (update)

Mathew Nichols at Manor Farm has planted 7,000 hedge saplings and 2.5



acres of wild flower mix (he and I did get some help!!).

[Thank you all very much you know who you are.](#) Also with help, 47 oak trees 12" tall, which I grew myself, were planted on Bainbridge's land,

shown above hidden by tree guards.

The trees planted in February 2020 are doing very well, the Mountain Ash is now 7 feet tall and the oaks are 2 feet high.

Please let me know if you would like to help with further planting planned for this autumn.

[Vic Brown 07722 941934](tel:07722941934)



## WORLD PARKINSON'S DAY APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>

Around 145,000 people in the UK have this progressive neurological condition.

There is no cure. There are over 40 symptoms.

Our local group is leading a national campaign of poems to tell the world what it is really like to have Parkinson's in your life.

For more information go to

<https://parkinsons.org.uk/poemsforparkinsons/read-everyones-poems>

or on Facebook [#poemsforparkinsons](#)

or contact Linda Jones, our local lead volunteer

[lapdjones@btinternet.com](mailto:lapdjones@btinternet.com) 07551 498824.

**Note that** there is a Stokesley Parkinson's Café held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at Strikes Garden Centre from 10.30am. This is an informal get together for people living with Parkinson's, their family and friends. Join us to meet others, and to find out what's on in the local area. Get yourself some refreshments and look for one of our volunteers who will welcome you to the group. The next Café is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am

All the following poems have been written by people whose lives are affected by Parkinson's:

My husband is starting to go.  
His body is on a go slow.  
His feet, which are neat  
Slide along every street  
Far better than at a disco.

*JS Stokesley*

There's a place called the  
Parkinson's Caff  
Where you go for a chat and laff  
And if advice is sought  
Don't give a thought  
To asking the best of the volunteer  
staff

*D, Yarm*

I wonder where my voice has gone  
I wish I could burst into song  
I want to shout  
But it won't come out  
Why is my body going so wrong?

*S, N Yorks*

Mr Parkinson gave it a name  
That thing that inhabits my brain  
As I sit here and ramble  
I wish I could strangle  
That man with his pestilent name.

*D Stockton on Tees*

You won't see me do Strictly on telly.  
My Parkinson's legs are like jelly.  
I don't dance like Fonteyn  
But please don't complain.  
I write poetry like Percy Bysshe  
Shelley

*M, Stockton on Tees*

Parkinson's disease  
Makes you ill at ease  
With shaking hands  
Like rubber bands  
With shuffling feet  
To take a seat  
With two things at once  
And no response  
We need a cure  
That's for sure  
No time to mope  
We live in hope.

*S. Stokesley*

## SEAMER METHODIST CHURCH

***TIMES OF WORSHIP all at 10.30 am***

5<sup>th</sup> June led by Lesley Hopwood

12<sup>th</sup> June led by the Congregation

19<sup>th</sup> June led by Rev Rob Weir (Holy Communion)

26<sup>th</sup> June led David Sills

3<sup>rd</sup> July led by Ron Kirk

10<sup>th</sup> July led by Christine Campy

17<sup>th</sup> July led by Rev Rob Weir

24<sup>th</sup> July led by Rev Trevor Haigh (Holy Communion)

31<sup>st</sup> July led by Peter Jackson



## ***TIME FOR A LAUGH***

John and Charles Wesley were famous for writing hymns and Sermons as they travelled around the country on the back of horses.

However, they quickly discovered paper was better!!

## **OIL CLUB**

Order dates, 1<sup>st</sup> week of January, March, May, September and November.

Delivery, approximately 3<sup>rd</sup> week in the month.

Contacts, ***David Ward 01642 710333 or Gordon Reed 01641 711495***

## **SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE**

Hopefully all of you will have noticed that in late April/early May we had a Vehicle Activated Speed sign (VAS) for approximately 3 weeks in Seamer near Snowdrop Cottage. This has now moved to Tame Bridge. It will be returning to Seamer and Tame Bridge in approximately 2 months as it's shared with Crathorne and Potto. The extensive data (still analyzing 64 double side pages) obtained from this will be used by both the Police and Community Speed watch to determine the best times to carry out their own checks as to speeding offences.

The initial feedback for:

### **Seamer:**

21 days. Speed limit 30 mph, Total over 96000 vehicles travelling **from** the pond through Seamer, with an average peak of 495/hour weekdays between 4 and 5 pm. The maximum speed recorded was between 60-65 mph (just reports in 5 mph intervals) on 19/4/22 at 19.45 hours. Around 5% of the total vehicles were over 40mph. Overall average speed of 33mph.

On a weekday the average number of vehicles over 30mph was 31% and weekend 34%. On Fridays between 4-6 pm, this increases to 57% with the average speed of those over the limit being 36mph.

### **Tame Bridge**

17 days. Speed limit 40mph, Total vehicles 22,252 travelling from Hutton to Stokesley. An average peak of 140/hour weekdays between 7 and 8 am. The maximum speed recorded was 85-90mph on 21/5/22 at 2025 hours and on 22/5/22 between 21.00 and 22.00. Overall the average speed was surprisingly 36 mph.

The average number of vehicles over 40mph was 17%, with the average speed of those over the limit being 45mph. Curiously, from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May, the trend has gone up but may be distorted by the two very high

speeds noted earlier (and another at 70-75 mph).

The Seamer Community Speed Watch (CSW) has recorded 20 watches to date during 2022, measuring the speed of over 4,100 vehicles and reporting 380 for exceeding a speed of 35 mph. These drivers will receive a letter from North Yorkshire Police advising them that their speeding had been noted and asking them to take better care. Those drivers who are found to be reported multiple times will receive stronger encouragement from NYP and finally a visit from the police themselves.

Working together with the new vehicle activated speed (VAS) sign, our aim is to make Seamer safer for our residents and the many cyclists, horse riders, children and pedestrians that use our roads.

I received the following email from a resident.

*Some vehicles go at excessive speeds through Seamer Hill and definitely more than 40mph. On a weekend we can hear motor bikes going past doing in excess of 60mph and we do not have very good sight lines out of our drive when vehicles are travelling too fast. The accident on Easter Monday prompted my husband to email the Clerk of Parish Council, but I now understand that was due to one of the vehicles avoiding pheasants. I remember last Summer a car crashed at the bottom of the hill into the bushes. It is only a matter of time before someone is killed. Personally I think it should be reduced to 30mph before the bends at the bottom of the hill right through Seamer, or some traffic calming measures put in place, like in Hilton, which seem to have been successful. We are happy if the volunteer speed people want to stand in the entrance to our drive.*

**So if any of this is something that is important to you, then why not volunteer to help out the speed watch group to make the Seamer and Tame Bridge safer and more enjoyable places to live. There is always room on the speed watch rota for a few more volunteers, especially now, as two of our number recently moved out of the village.**

If you can spare **an hour a week, during daylight hours**, (does not have to be the same time each week or every week) to help keep Seamer safe, why not give it a try? Training is given on the job, and volunteers pick it up in no time. You get some fresh air and a chance to catch up with your neighbours while doing something useful for your community. A Microsoft/Excel/data analyst would be a useful addition to the VAS team but anyone who can write, point a speed camera, read number plates, colours and makes of car (**any not all**) will be of great help. We look forward to hearing from you.

We work in teams of three/four for safety reasons. If you would like to find out more contact:

Phil Hyman [Phil@philandviv.co.uk](mailto:Phil@philandviv.co.uk) or **07710322772**

or Dave [david.campy123@btinternet.com](mailto:david.campy123@btinternet.com)

### **SIGNS OF SUMMER**

The Coots on the village pond have reared four chicks.

Also, our African visitors have returned to Seamer. The Swallows to the farm shop and the House Martins to Leconfield.



*Tony Barnes*

### **SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

The *March meeting* of the Parish Council was held at Seamer Memorial Hall. Three members of the public were in attendance plus representatives from Potto and Crathorne parish Councils. The following matters were reported: A planning application had been approved for a single storey extension to the front of Sandeel Rise, Stainton Road and an application submitted for a 2-storey extension at Pheasant House. The Police reported 1 crime and there was a discussion on crime affecting the farming community from dangerous poachers. There was a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and for the Parish Clerk role. The annual audit was underway in accordance with required procedures. A lock had been placed on the water supply for the village pond and the fence in Leconfield had been made safe. Local Government reorganisation would soon result in a unitary authority. Potholes were being repaired locally on the roads after the winter. There was an update on the village hall, including plans for the Queens Jubilee celebrations, which were discussed. Representatives from Potto and Crathorne Parish Councils reported on the shared illuminated speed sign that has since been displayed temporarily in the village to deter speeding. The Community Fund had been used to fund a management plan for the village pond and ideas were discussed, including a possible safe refuge over Seamer Hill and a bus shelter for local schoolchildren at the bus pick up point. Other small-scale projects would be considered for support, if they met the criteria. Match funding

for capital projects can be applied for via Hambleton District Council, which is being investigated. Noted that local tree planting projects would qualify for support and Vic Brown was looking into this.

Minutes of this meeting (and agendas prior to meetings) are displayed on the noticeboards and on the website. An update from the May Parish Council meeting will appear in the next Grapevine once ratified following the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council meeting on Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> will take place at the Village Hall, commencing at 7pm and will include the AGM.

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.
- b. The Grapevine, where articles are regularly published.
- c. Parish Council minutes; these are displayed on noticeboards and on the website.
- d. Residents can 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.

**Maureen Marshall**, *Acting Chair of the Parish Council*

Email: [glenn.mcgill57@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.mcgill57@gmail.com) (Parish Clerk)

Seamer Parish Council encompasses Seamer and Tame Bridge.

## **Seamer Parish Council**

### **Would you like to be a Parish Councillor?**

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor in the parish of Seamer. If you would be interested in serving the community and having an impact on local affairs; continuing to maintain and create a pleasant environment for residents, then this could be the role for you! Parish Councillors are expected to attend bimonthly meetings of the Parish Council, oversee the Community Fund, planning applications, financial conduct and to keep abreast of notifications from local governing authorities.

For further details, please contact the current Clerk:

Glenn McGill - [glenn.mcgill57@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.mcgill57@gmail.com)

## SEAMER WEBSITE/FACEBOOK/GRAPEVINE'S FUTURE

If you didn't know, Seamer and Tame Bridge have their own website

[www.seamervillage.co.uk](http://www.seamervillage.co.uk)

and a local chit chat on Facebook

[\*Seamer local's chit chat\*](#)

The following is a simple explanation for those who do not know what the differences are and their use. Sorry to those who know!!

The **website** is a source of local information including copies of Grapevine, events, Parish Council meetings etc. It is a more formal way of communicating information, like a noticeboard or posters etc., but online. To access the website simply put the address into google (or other search engine) and search. Be careful though and check the address before opening it as, sometimes, it may send you other sites as the first on the list! You can request for things to be added to the website by contacting the administrator Carolynne Coulson by sending an email to

[\*andjosh@hotmail.com\*](mailto:andjosh@hotmail.com)

**Facebook** is a way groups of people are formed who can communicate with each other online as you would do if you met together offline. It is about chatting together about anything that's "important" at the time, a bit like the Seamer Pop In at the village Hall but online!

You can become part of the Seamer group by first joining Facebook

[\*facebook.com/login\*](https://facebook.com/login) (if not already a user) and then searching for

[\*seamer local's chit chat\*](#)

and joining the group. This goes to an administrator to check if you are Ok to join. Once accepted you can join in with the conversations.

A combination of website and Facebook (or just one of them) could be used to replace Grapevine with much more up to date and relevant info.

I am saying all this as I feel that Grapevine, as a paper document, does not have a long future as it is relatively expensive to produce and distribute (mostly time wise rather than money), and is not that up to date with information as it is only published every two months. Also having done this for over 10 years (63 editions) and not recently found anyone willing to take over, I may give up being the editor in the not so distant future.

I would appreciate any offers or comments about Grapevines future.

[\*Dave Campy Editor\*](#)

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# Seamer Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Programme

12 noon

## **Opening of event:**

The National Anthem.

## **Fancy Dress Judging**

For adults and children!!

Theme is anything associated with royalty:

*Queens , Kings, Princes, Princesses, dogs, horses, The Lion King, Frozen, Queen of Sheba, King of Siam, etc..*

## **Bouncy Castle open**

*Numbers limited by supervision from a committee member*

12.30 pm

## **Picnic together at long table.**

Please bring your own food, drink and chairs, if possible.

*Extra food would be much appreciated.*

1.30 pm

## **Sports on the Field**

Races for children and adults with novelty races as well.

*All children will receive a Jubilee Medal (donated by Methodist Church), flag and sweets.*

## **Archery with Mark Murphy.**

## **Free ice cream for everyone**

4.00 pm

## **Cake Competition**

Any cake will be acceptable with marks for Presentation and Flavour. (Leave your cake in the Hall Kitchen, please.)

*We hope that you will share your cake with us afterwards.*

4.30 pm

**Tea and Cake**

Entertainment by Faye Ramshaw

**Singalong with Faye till 5.30pm.**

6.00 pm

**End of festivities**

**N.B.**

**We hope that as many people from Seamer and Tame Bridge will be able to come along to this free event, funded by the Wind Farm Community Fund.**

**Depending on the weather, activities will be outside or in the Village Hall.**