

# The Grapevine

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

What a difference from the last edition! The joy of celebrating the Jubilee has been replaced by the sadness of the Queen's death. But life goes on and I hope you enjoy this edition.

I have heard rumours of discontent over certain things happening in the village. Can I suggest you air your thoughts/views in Grapevine so that others are aware of the "problems" (parking, hedges, etc.) or take them to the Parish Council meeting so they can help resolve them.

The next edition of Grapevine will cover December and January and I would love to receive articles by 25<sup>th</sup> November at 08.00 hours

Thanks

*Dave Campy*

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND EVENTS

### POP IN

Held in the village hall on Mondays during school terms, from 10am - noon. Come along and meet up with friends and neighbours for tea/coffee and home made scones. Cost £1.50. Everyone welcome.

*NOW & THEN* magazines are available to collect from the village hall when open.

### BRIDGE GROUP

The Bridge Group is held in the village hall on Thursdays 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)

## **PILATES CLASS**

**Tuesdays, 6-7pm Seamer Village Hall**

Mixed ability class to suit everyone. Pilates is a great form of exercise to help improve flexibility, mobility, core strength and overall posture, with many other benefits.

You can either come and pay at the class or book online via:

<https://gymcatch.com/app/provider/1491/events>

**Cost £5**

Please bring your own mat. *For Further Details*

**Rachel Chapman 07946324080**

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**SEAMER VILLAGE HALL**

**MAGIC NIGHT**

WITH

**MIDDLESBROUGH CIRCLE OF MAGICIANS**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> at 7.30pm**

**This is a FREE event funded by the  
Community Fund**

**For adults and children 7 years and above living  
in Seamer Parish**

**Tickets must be ordered in advance as  
numbers are limited**

**Alcoholic drinks and nibbles can be brought to  
enjoy in the interval**

**Please bring your own glasses**

**Tea/coffee/juice and biscuits will be available**

**Tickets from Christine Cooper**

**Tel: 01642 701733 or email  
chris\_cooper1@hotmail.com**

**QUIZ NIGHT  
SEAMER VILLAGE  
HALL**

**SATURDAY  
19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
7 PM**

**£8**

**Includes supper and free  
raffle ticket**

**Bring own drinks and  
nibbles**

**Help on the day at 4pm  
and raffle prizes would  
be appreciated.**

**Tickets from**

**Joan Barnes  
01642 713837 and  
Christine Cooper  
01642 701733**



# Seamer Screamer

Monday 31st October

Communal Trick or Treat

Meet at the hall @ 5:30 pm in your best Halloween costumes for a candy collection walkabout.

**Hall of Horrors**

6pm - 7pm

Be there if you dare! Come to the village hall and experience the spooky stalls, ghoulish games and freakish fancy dress competitions (all ages).

**Disco of the Dead!**

7pm-8pm

Bust out your best zombie moves and groove to some spooky songs! Dance till you drop

**£1:50 entry fee per person**

Food included with entry fee (hot dog/soup/sandwich and a soft drink).

## **SEAMER VILLAGE HALL 100+ CLUB**

### **August winners were (126 members)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£20	12	Stephen Doughty, Brackenhill Walk
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	15	Debra Simpson, Tanton Road
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	137	Patricia Jackson, Tame Bridge
4 <sup>th</sup>	£10	117	Michael Mavin, Coulby Newham
5 <sup>th</sup>	£ 6	11	Janet Aldridge, Seamer Hill

### **September winners were (126 members)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£20	64	Arnold Cook, Hilton Road
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	65	Viv Hyman, Hilton Road
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	112	Adam Bernard, The Green
4 <sup>th</sup>	£10	66	Dorothy Pearson, Tame Bridge
5 <sup>th</sup>	£ 6	108	Helen Grunwell, Seamer Hill

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

### **HALL TIMETABLE**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Pop-In</b> <i>10 - 12 am Restarts Monday 12th Seprmbere</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Carpet Bowls</b> <i>10.00am</i>	<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>Wednesday</b>		<b>Table Tennis 7.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Play and Stay</b> <i>10.00am</i>	<b>Bridge Group 7.00pm</b>

## ***VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING***

The next meeting is on **Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7.30pm.

**Please** come along if you have any suggestions for activities you would like the hall to be used for or if you would like to join the committee.

We need younger members with new ideas.

## ***GONG RELAXATION EXPERIENCE***

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee, I wish to say a big **THANK YOU** to Christine Prendergast for organising this evening for us on 12<sup>th</sup> September and raising £162 for our funds.

Four of us were among the 18 ladies that took part in this experience, not knowing quite what to expect. Firstly, we all completed a health form to make sure we were able to take part. Christine then gave an introduction about herself, her work and what this experience entailed. With us laid on mats on the floor, or sitting comfortably in a chair, covered with a blanket, the session began. The hall was only lit with fairy lights to give an atmospheric feeling, we closed our eyes, took deep breaths, relaxed and then listened to the sounds of gongs, bells and drums being played by Christine for 45 minutes. I can say that it was certainly different and so relaxing some of us nodded off, or experienced various emotions and later, health benefits.

We enjoyed it so much that we have asked Christine if she would be willing to do more evenings of relaxation or other group therapies, but not as fund raising for the village hall. Hopefully you may wish to join us.

For those of you that may not know, or heard of, Christine, she runs North Yorkshire Holistics and Training at Holme Hill Farm, Holme Lane, Seamer. She does numerous therapies including massages, reflexology, aromatherapy, hot stone therapy, Indian head massage and reiki. A list is on display in the village hall. Her contact no. is 07710 631241.

***Christine Cooper***

## **ST MARTIN'S CHURCH**

The Church is now only open for Festivals and special events. There are none planned at the moment for the duration of this edition of Grapevine. However, there are events happening at Stokesley Parish Church to which all are welcome. They are shown in the advert on the next page

***Rev Ben Gunther/ Marie Groom***



# *What's on in Oct & Nov*

## **STOKESLEY PARISH CHURCH**

**Sat 1st Oct, 9.30-11.30am**

**Coffee & Cake & Harvest Kid's Crafts**



**Sun 9th Oct, 9.30am**

**Harvest Festival Service with kids activities** Donations: Middlesbrough Foodbank.



**Tues 1st Nov, 7pm**

**In Memory Service**



**Sat 5th Nov, 9.30-11.30am**

**Coffee & Cake & Fireworks Kid's Crafts**



**Sat 12th Nov, all day**

**Autumn Fair, Stokesley Town Hall**



**Sat 13th Nov, 10am**

**Remembrance Day Service, followed by parade**



**Sun 27th Nov, 4pm**

**Christingle**



## **SEAMER METHODIST CHURCH**

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

Services are all at **10.30am** and everyone is welcome to attend. The following lists those leading worship:

2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Rev Trevor Haigh (Holy Communion)
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Rev Rob Weir
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Peter Jackson
23 <sup>th</sup> October	Katherine Atha
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Ken Hudson

- 6<sup>th</sup> November Rev Rob Weir (Holy Communion)  
13<sup>th</sup> November Ron Kirk (**Note this service is a Remembrance Day Service and will be held in the Village Hall - see later**)  
20<sup>th</sup> November Rev Graham Peacock  
27<sup>th</sup> November Lesley Hopwood.

***REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 10.30 AM.***

The annual Remembrance Day Service is to remember those who have fought and died in any conflict. It also gives chance to remember friends and family they may have lost in conflict, the price of war and to honour and respect those who are no longer with us. It has extra meaning this year as we mourn the death of our Queen who served her people during the Second World War as a member of the Armed Services.

The Service will be held in the Village Hall (or more correctly, Memorial Hall), which was built and funded as a Memorial to those that died in the First World War, at 10.30 and will be led by Ron Kirk. It will include a 2 minutes silence at 11.00 . All are welcome.

**SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

The ***July*** meeting of the Parish Council was held at Seamer Memorial Hall. Two members of the public were in attendance. The following matters were reported: Planning applications were approved at Seamer Grange Farm (manager's dwelling) Snowdrop Cottage & Pheasant House in Seamer (extensions). A further application had been made at Tanton Road to use an existing farm building to house animals (chiefly pigs) – previously refused. The Police did not attend the meeting, but 6 crimes were reported in addition to a further discussion about the problem of violent crime from dangerous poachers affecting the farming community, which remains a serious problem for those affected. **There remains vacancies for a Parish Councillor and for the Parish Clerk role.** Financial and banking matters, as well as payments were all discussed and balances reported, including proposals that may be funded by the Community Fund, such as the forthcoming 'magic night'. No-one had turned up to address the meeting regarding the previously discussed private road widening issue at Bank Top. A letter had been sent to residents of The Green, who continued to park there after being advised they should not because of the serious highway safety risk. This will be monitored however until it is suitably resolved. Village maintenance issues were discussed and resolved as far as practicably possible in several locations, whilst others will be dealt with in due course. In addition, Steve Burton (village gardener) kindly attended the



meeting and appraised the meeting of his role and issues arising especially with maintenance of tubs and planters. An update was provided on Local Government reorganisation; there was an update on the Village Hall Committee and on issues like tree planting, Speedwatch and the portable illuminated speed sign shared with two other parish Councils known as 'VAS'. Website issues and associated communication were being dealt with to address some reported problems.

Minutes of this meeting (and agendas prior to meetings) 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 following the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council meeting on Tuesday September 20<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 and a form is available for applications to be made. 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*  
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Seamer Parish Council encompasses Seamer and Tame Bridge.

### **OIL CLUB**

Order date, 1<sup>st</sup> week of November.

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

Contacts, ***David Ward 01642 710333 or Gordon Reed 01641 71149***

### **SPEEDWATCH—KEEP SEAMER SAFE**

#### ***LATEST VAS RESULTS***

Hopefully all of you will have noticed that in late August/early September the Vehicle Activated Speed sign (VAS) returned for 3 weeks in Seamer

near Snowdrop Cottage. and moved to Tame Bridge on the 12<sup>th</sup> September until the 5<sup>th</sup> October. Feedback is shown in blue (with the previous results in brackets) follows:

### Seamer:

**21days** (21) from the 22/8/22. Speed limit 30 mph, Total just under **44000** (96000) vehicles travelled **from** the pond with an average peak of **257/hour** (495) weekdays between 4 and 5 pm. (There was a noticeable increase in the number of vehicles once the Schools went back) The maximum speed recorded was between **55-60mph** (60-65) on 23/8/22 at **10.34am** (7.45pm). Around **4%** (5) of the total vehicles were over 40mph. Overall average speed of **27.7mph** (33).

On a weekday the average number of vehicles over 30mph was **27 %** (31) and weekend **32%** (34). On Fridays between 4-6 pm, this increases to **52%** (57) with the average speed of those over the limit **33mph** (36). These are notably better results but maybe distorted by the fact it was School Holidays for at least the first two weeks of deployment.

### Tame Bridge

**17 days** (17) days from 12/9/22 Speed limit 40mph, Total vehicles **20741** (22,252) travelling from **Stokesley to Hutton** (Reverse direction to last time). An average peak of **110/hour** (140) weekdays between **2 and 3 pm** (7 and 8 am). The maximum speed recorded was **75-80mph** (85-90) on 1/9/9/22 at **3.45 pm** (8.25 pm) but there were many others at 70-75mph. Overall the average speed was **37** (36) mph. The average number of vehicles over 40mph was **26.5%** (17) with the average speed of those over the limit being **44.5 mph** (45). These results show the variation between direction of travel and only further sets of results will show if this is a consistent difference.



Last month PC Robyn Tyzack met up with members of the CSW group (Community Speed Watch) as they monitored traffic on Hilton Road, Seamer.

She was keen to see what we do, and said she was shocked at the number of drivers who sped up despite seeing her with the police van **and** the volunteers recording the details of those who were going too fast.

PC Tyzack added that Traffic Police policy on speeding is the 4 E's:

**Engage, Explain, Encourage and only as a final resort, Enforce.**

Seems fair to us! Happy driving, cycling and walking, to all you all and please, keep Seamer safe.

Community Speed watch Team

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING

### ***ENERGY REBATE SCAM***

North Yorkshire Police have received a number of reports over the weekend from residents who have received a text message to apply for the £400 energy rebate. **This is a scam.** The rebate is applied directly by the energy companies and you do not have to apply for it.

The text message encourages the user to click on a link and is then asked to input banking details. I suspect the format will then follow similar scams (Royal Mail Delivery/Covid contact) where the victim will subsequently receive a call claiming to be from their bank telling them they are monitoring suspicious activity on their account and they need to move their money to protect it.

Remember, the police or bank will NEVER ask you to move money to a safe account. You can report scam text messages by forwarding them to 7726 which is a free service

### ***NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME SURVEY***

We are delighted to invite you to take part in our annual Crime and Community survey. The survey is in its third year running, and we want to hear your views on crime, community, and your experience of Neighbourhood Watch. The survey is open to everyone across England and Wales, regardless of whether you are a Neighbourhood Watch member or not. All responses will be anonymised and aggregated, and everyone who completes the 5 - 10 minute survey can choose to opt-in to the prize draw to win one of four £25 Amazon vouchers.

The results will enable us as a charity to better understand crime and fear of crime, benchmark whether membership in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme or living in a Neighbourhood Watch area impacts crime levels, neighbourliness, and the willingness of communities to work together. This information is vitally important to ensure we can better target our work to meet your crime and community needs and concerns.

Please complete our survey by 26th October 2022 at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NWCCS2022>

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