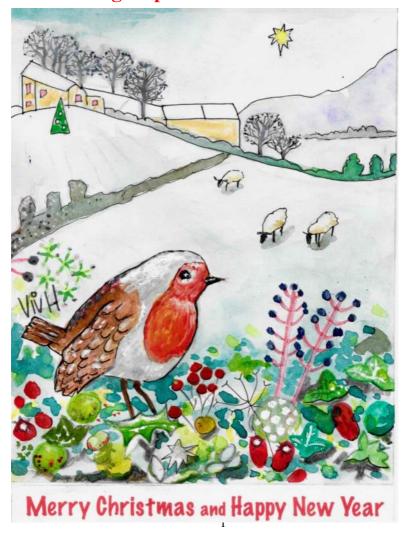
## The Grapevine

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#### **EDITOR'S NOTES**

It is that time of year when we need to thank all those involved in the production and distribution of Grapevine, those who organise events in the village and those who support them, the Parish Council, the Village Gardener and those who help keep the village looking good by watering tubs, litter picking and tree planting, speed watch teams, and all who help make the village a nice place to live. It has been an eventful year and many things have happened both good and bad, but if we continue to work together as a community I am sure we will make it through whatever the future brings.

#### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all

The next edition will cover February and March and articles should be submitted, please, by January 26<sup>th</sup> at 8.00. Thanks

#### **Dave Campy**

#### ST MARTIN'S AND STOKESLEY PARISH CHURCH

#### St. Martin's Church Seamer

**Holy Communion Service,** Christmas Day, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am.

#### Other Christmas services:

**Christingle service,** Stokesley Parish Church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm.

**Festival of Lessons and Carols,** Stokesley Parish Church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

**Carols with Bilsdale Silver Band**, West Green, Stokesley on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

Christmas Eve Crib Service and Carols, Stokesley Parish Church, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.

#### Other Events

**3<sup>rd</sup> December**: Coffee & Cake, Stokesley Parish Church, 9.30 - 11.30. This is a celebration of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, albeit two years late due to COVID. Come and join us for a special celebration. Children's activities.

7<sup>th</sup> January - Coffee & Cake, Stokesley Parish Church, 9.30 - 11.30.

25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>January - Snake Davis Concerts in Stokesley Parish Church at 7.30

#### Marie Groom/Judith Turland

#### VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND EVENTS

#### **POP IN**

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

#### POP IN CHRISTMAS PARTY Seamer Village Hall

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Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 11.30am FOR 12.00 TICKETS £5.00 Pooled lunch All welcome

**Telephone: Janet Bainbridge** 01642 715728 for Information

#### PILATES CLASS

Tuesdays, 6-7pm Seamer Village Hall

Mixed ability classes to suit everyone.

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

I am also a fully qualified and insured Sports Therapist, so if you have any injuries or medical conditions that certain exercises need adapting for, then please ask as I can do this, no problem.

You can either book online via:

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

or pay as you go at the class which is £5.

Any questions or to book your space

email - thehealthtoolkit@outlook.com or message on 07946324080
Please let me know if you would like to join in just for numbers and, please bring your own mat.



### Play and Stay Village Hall



Thursday mornings during school term time 10 – 11.30am for all pre-school children and their parents/grandparents/carers.



For more information contact Allison on *aroutledge7@sky.com* 



#### 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

#### 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)

#### BOOK CLUB

We continue to meet once a month usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the month at 8.30pm in the Village Hall.

We take turns to provide refreshments and choose the book to be read.

Our **January** meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm.

If you enjoy reading and a good chat please join us!

#### Ann Thomas

#### VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the hall quiz held on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Our quiz master Jim did an excellent job, as usual, setting the questions and hosting the quiz. Thanks also to Mark for stepping in as his assistant.

Thanks to Jane for coming up on Friday afternoon to help me get the

supper room and kitchen cleaned ready for the food preparation and to the ladies who helped with the sandwiches on Saturday afternoon. A big thank you to the people who stayed behind after the quiz to wash up and make sure the hall was left clean.

We made £312.87 much needed funds for the Village Hall and everyone seemed to enjoy the night, so well done everyone.

#### Joan Barnes

#### **MAGIC NIGHT**

After four years, we welcomed Middlesbrough Circle of Magicians back to



entertain us. What a brilliant night, everyone that came thoroughly enjoyed it. Four magicians did close up magic to four groups of people, each one moving round after ten minutes to another group.

After an interval for refreshments another magician continued with willing assistant Cole putting on a hilarious show of children's tricks and balloon modelling. Next it was the turn of Mark, assisting with the grown up tricks. Well done to you both.



This event was funded from the Community Fund and therefore free to residents.

Due to its success I'm sure it won't be long before we ask the Magicians back again.

#### Christine Cooper

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

We had a lovely service in our Memorial Hall led by Ron Kirk, attended by 17 residents.

The poppy display set off the front of the hall beautifully. Thanks to all who contributed to the display and helped prepare the hall before and after the service.

Donations of £70 were sent to The Royal British Legion.

#### Ann Thomas

#### SEAMER VILLAGE HALL 100+ CLUB

#### October winners were (126 members)

- 1<sup>st</sup> £20 23 Brian Aston, Stokesley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> £15 32 Jackie Durham, Hilton Road
- 3<sup>rd</sup> £12 83 Julie Allen, Hilton Road
- 4th £10 147 Paul & Andrea Kelley, Stainton Road
- 5<sup>th</sup> £ 6 17 Walter Pattison

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> £20 60 Moira Jinks, Tame Bridge
- 2<sup>nd</sup> £15 80 Jean Webster, Tame Bridge
- 3<sup>rd</sup> £12 160 Dave Thompson, Hilton Road
- 4<sup>th</sup> £10 110 Amanda Jones, Hilton Road
- 5<sup>th</sup> £ 6 109 Steven Quinn, Brackenhill Walk

For those members who joined last December/January, 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

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

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS



# CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS 3RD DECEMBER 2-4

Please let me know if your child will be attending, as Santa wants to make sure he has enough presents!

#### By email:

catcabcam@gmail.com

#### or on

Seamer Chit chat Facebook group.

Thanks

Ann Thomas.

## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWICH ON

#### 4th December 4pm

The tree was purchased this year by the Parish Council and will be erected and decorated by members of the Methodist Church.

Everyone attending is invited into the Chapel afterwards for refreshments and singing of Carols.

All children attending who are still at Junior school will also receive a small gift from the Church.



#### HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE BORDERS!

On the first day of Christmas
my true love sent to me
A haggis in a pear tree
On the second day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Two border doves and a haggis in a pear tree
On the third day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Three Bamburgh hens, two border doves and
a haggis in a pear tree
On the fourth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me



Four neep and tatties, three Bamburgh hens, two border doves and a haggis in a pear tree

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me Five puffins, four neep and tatties, three Bamburgh hens, two border doves and a haggis in a pear tree

Happy Christmas to all our friends in Seamer and at Labman. I can't believe it's a year since we left for the Northumbrian coast.

2022 hasn't been the easiest year (can't wait to toast in 2023) but we're enjoying our new seaside life up north.

All the best.

### Jo Batey, Ray and Jim the dog XXXX Yes I'm still bonkers! JEAN MARGARET PEACE R.I.P.

Jean Margaret Peace, of St Helier, Hilton Road, Seamer, passed away peacefully in October at the age of 94 after losing her beloved husband Bob five years previously. Bob and Jean were married for over 67 years, and moved to Seamer in 1968 after Bob was posted to Wilton with ICI. Bob initially moved into St Helier alone — with the lack of curtains at the windows and the dishes piled in the kitchen, local villagers thought he was a hermit at first. Jean soon followed with their three daughters (Julie, Terry and Susan) from Harrogate in the summer of '69 and made the house a more 'respectable' family home.

Over the years they transformed the back yard from a stony field into a beautiful garden adorned with lawns, roses, fruit trees and bushes, and were well known in the village primarily because of their ever-present beloved Bedlington terriers that were always close by (Bob became affectionately known about the village as 'Bedlington Bob'). Jean adored her garden, and also loved painting landscapes and still life - particularly flowers. They travelled extensively during their life together, but always loved coming back to Seamer with its beautiful views across to the Cleveland Hills. Seamer was their forever home and they cherished spending time there with their ever-extending family. Bob and Jean leave a legacy of three children, ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren, all of whom will miss them deeply but remember them fondly.

#### Richard Martindale (Grandson)

#### SEAMER METHODIST CHURCH

#### TIMES OF WORSHIP

Services are at 10.30am (apart from the 4<sup>th</sup> December which is the Tree Lighting service at 4pm and Christmas Day which is at St. Martin's Church at 9.15 am) and everyone is welcome to attend.

The following lists those leading worship:

4<sup>th</sup> December led by Rev Rob Weir at 4 pm Tree lighting and Carols.

11th December 1ed by Rev Rob Weir

18<sup>th</sup> December led by Katherine Atha, Carol Service

25<sup>th</sup> December led by Rev Ben Gunther in St Martin's at 9.15.

1st January United service at Carlton led by Rev Andrew Robinson

8<sup>th</sup> January led by Congregation

15<sup>th</sup> January led Rev Rob Weir

22<sup>nd</sup> January led Rev Graham Peacock

29<sup>th</sup> January led Christine Campy

#### CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE

We hope to do the usual Carol singing around Seamer and Newby again this year.

20th December - Methodist Church to Hilton and Stainton Road

21st December - Methodist Church to Holme Lane

22<sup>nd</sup> December - Newby

All are welcome . Meet 6pm at the Church for Seamer nights and 6pm at Newby Village Hall, for Newby night.

#### SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The *September meeting* of the Parish Council was held at Seamer Memorial Hall. Two members of the public were in attendance.

The following matters were reported: regarding village matters, more attention and measures were needed for the pond next year to control invasive duckweed. Councillor James Bainbridge would remove the hay bale put there put there to try to effect control. District Councillor Bridget Fortune is financially supporting a new bus shelter on that part of the Village Green where school children wait for the school bus, also paid for by the community fund (see later)..

A planning application was submitted under a notification procedure for the operation of a certified exempt caravan site on land to the East of Bridleway Farm, Seamer, North Yorkshire. An application for a first-floor extension to create 2<sup>nd</sup> storey and the construction of a single storey rear extension was submitted for Braecroft, Tame Bridge, Stokesley Middlesbrough under reference 22/02030/FUL. An application for change of use of agricultural land to equestrian for a proposed stable block, barn and hardstanding (part retrospective) was submitted for land to the rear of Lipperbruch OS Field 3100, Tame Bridge, Stokesley under reference 22/01941/FUL. The application under reference 22/01668/ MRC for variation of conditions attached to application reference number 76/0609/FUL (2/128/36/PA) for construction of an agricultural general purpose storage building on land and buildings at Tanton Road, Seamer (previous enforcement action pursuant to application 21/01847/MRC) was discussed with the applicant Matthew Nicolls who attended the meeting to advise Councillors of his proposals as a result of which the Parish Council agreed to issue a neutral response. For applications determined, a discharge of conditions attached to planning consent 22/00186/FUL for construction of a 2-storey rear extension was approved 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 (reference 22/00186/DCN). The VAT return still needed to be collated and submitted, which was an ongoing issue.

The police failed to attend the meeting, or provide a report, but had turned up at one previous village hall meeting, nevertheless.

Income and expenditure and the state of accounts were reported. Current balances stand at £26,014.37 (Community) £2899.75 (Bus Reserve) £4,015.69 (Current).

The ongoing parking problem still hadn't been resolved and would likely need to be reported to the police to address enforcement linked to highway safety.

Parish Councillors thanked Councillor Fortune, who agreed to provide £2000 towards the cost of a children's bus shelter on the village green for the school bus, with the balance of approximately £4000 to be paid for from the Community Fund. A topographic survey had been commissioned and a design commissioned and a potential date to install it in January 2023. Before this however, a seat, bin and sign would need to be repositioned.

Noted that the Magic Night funded by the Community Fund had been well supported and was an excellent event.

Other ideas for the Community Fund were to address the highway safety issue at Seamer Hill, provide monies towards photovoltaic panels for the Village Hall and a panel for the village pond linked to a pump to oxygenate the water to address the weed growth problem.

There was still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and there had been no interest in fulfilling the Clerk's role after advertising.

Reports were provided on council reorganisation, the village hall committee and maintenance of planters.

Minutes of this meeting (and agendas prior to meetings) are displayed on the noticeboards and on the website. An update from the November Parish Council meeting will appear in the next Grapevine once ratified following the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council meeting on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 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 (Acting Parish Clerk)
Seamer Parish Council encompasses Seamer and Tame Bridge.

#### BUS SHELTER

The Parish Council intends to provide a new shelter for schoolchildren on the village green where buses presently collect and drop off children travelling to and from school in the village. The shelter, which is expected to cost in the order of £6000 in total will be financed by the Community Fund and a grant allocation of £2000 made available by District Councillor Bridget Fortune, for which the Parish Council is very grateful.



A draft design has been drawn up and discussions are underway with the County Council and a suitable contractor. Further discussions will be held with others prior to the proposed contractual works being undertaken in January. The works will necessitate the relocation of the current bench, bin and possibly also a Public Right of Way sign based on the proposed layout plan. At present, school children have to

wait for buses without any shelter in bad weather and this shelter is expected to help.

The shelter will be of similar design to the one pictured—Arun design, barrel top, cantilever shelter Poster but coated in Dk green paint GWQ104a

#### **OIL CLUB**

Order dates:  $1^{st}$  week of January, March, May, September and November. Delivery: approximately  $3^{rd}$  week in the month.

Contacts, David Ward 01642 710333 or Gordon Reed 01641 71149

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

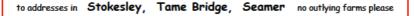
Neighbourhood watch produces a regular newsletter with useful information and offers about security, both physical and virtual. It is especially useful at this time of year when the average person suffers fraud losses close to £1000. The newsletter can be accessed at the following address:

https://s-url.co/uMUBA

### STOKESLEY SCOUTS AND GUIDES CHRISTMAS POST quides & scouts, brownies & cubs, rainbows & beavers

will deliver your 2022 Christmas Greetings

Minimum donation 20p per card



Last posting day - Tuesday Dec 20th

post boxes will be in

D.A.Grainge Bassleton's Fish Bar Style Yorkshire Store Springfield Co-Op Newcastle Building Society The Globe, Library Seamer Village Hall



Scouts

One delivery, in time for Christmas, of all correctly addressed cards.



#### TIME FOR A LAUGH

The following are taken from signs on actual buildings/vans Can you guess what the occupation/trade/business involved are?. Answers at the end of this Grapevine just before contacts.

- 1. Jamaican Me Hungry
- 3. Fishcoteque
- 5. Pine-oakeo
- 7. Jack the Clipper
- 9. Surelock Homes
- 11. Barbara Streisand
- 13. Hairy Pop Ins
- 15. Florist Gump
- 17. Vlad the Inhaler
- 19. Tequila Mocking Bird
- 21. The Rolling Cones
- 23. Iron Maiden
- 25. Pane in the glass

- 2. Melon Cauli
- 4. Abra Kebabra
- 6. Sew it Seams
- 8. Loft in Space
- 10. Back to the Fuchsia
- 12 Mata Doors
- 4. Spruce Springclean
- 16. Bonnie Tiler
- 18. British Hairways
- 20. World of Woodcraft
- 22. Jean Claude Van Man
- 24. Tree Wise Men

If you can think of any other "suitable" names please send them to **Dave** Campy (contact details at end of Grapevine) and he will add them in the next edition.

Submitted by Ann Thomas

#### INFORMATION ABOUT FORMER SEAMER RESIDENTS

In October, the Parish Council received a message from a Ken Varley as follows

"I'm sorry to bother you as I'm sure that I need to speak to someone else.

I am looking for someone who can point me towards historic records of Seamer.

I am carrying out family history research, and have traced family living in Seamer in the early 1800s.

It is a well known fact that Middlesbrough only had a population of 25 in 1801, therefore it is highly unlikely that Seamer would have more than a handful of residents at the same time. Some of those residents will be my ancestors.

The question is therefore, are there any registers of inhabitants anywhere that I can look at. Alternatively, is there a local historian who might have already researched the early 1800s in Seamer that I could contact.

The name(s) of the ancestors that I am interested in are MEDD or FLOUNDERS. Perhaps the family name still lives on in the village.

So far I have found that:

Robert Medd, born 1788 in Bilsdale, married Jane Flounders of Seamer on 7 Feb 1815 in Seamer.

They lived in Seamer with their 4 (or more) children until Robert died in 1823 aged 35. He was buried in Seamer. Jane remarried.

That is as much as I know."

We pointed him in the direction of Stokesley Parish Church. He replied a few days later with this message:

"I just thought that it would be nice to give you a little bit of feedback on my discoveries over the weekend as a result of your assistance.

Originally, I knew that Robert Medd (1788) married Ann Flounders in Seamer. That was just about all that I knew.

As a result of information passed to me by John Groom (from Stokesley Parish Church/St Martin's Seamer), I have discovered that

• Robert (1788) worked as a Cartwright in Seamer. They had a son who they also called Robert in 1818. Robert(1788) died in 1823 and was buried in Seamer

- Robert (1818) married Mary Ann Wilson of Hinderwell. They moved to Stockton on Tees.
- At Stockton, they had a son (called Robert) in 1848. Robert(1848) died in 1849, only 1 year old. The baby was brought back to Seamer for burial (As per information from John)
- After the death of the baby, Robert(1818) moved to Hartlepool & worked as a Coal Trimmer
- Robert(1818) died in Hartlepool in 1891 but was brought back to Seamer for burial (As per information from John)

Bringing the bodies back to Seamer suggests to me that the family certainly considered Seamer to be home. I wouldn't be surprised to find that they have a family plot & are all buried together

I will certainly be paying a visit to the graveyard to investigate further.

Thank you for your kind assistance, Regards

#### Ken Varley email ken.varley@gmx.com"

If anyone who reads Grapevine knows of where Ken can find other information, please contact him or me Thanks

#### Dave Campy

25. Glaziers

ANSWERS TO TIME FOR A LAUGH			
1 .Caribbean Restaurant	2. Greengrocers		
3. Fish and Chip shop	4. Turkish Restaurant		
5. Carpenters	6. Clothes alteration		
7. Hairdressers	8. Loft Conversions		
9. Locksmiths	10. Gardeners		
11. Hairdressers	12. Security Doors		
13. Pet Care	14. Cleaners		
15. Florist (easy)	16. Tilers		
17. Cigs and vapes	18. Hairdressers		
19. Cocktail Bar	20. Clothes shop		
21. Ice cream Van	22. Removals		
23. Mobile ironing	24. Tree surgeon		

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