

# The Grapevine

SEAMER & TAME BRIDGE MAGAZINE

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Well the festivities are over and we are back to the reality of life in winter. Like most people I have been suffering from a bad "cold" which left me deaf for a few weeks. I am still recovering so apologies for any mistakes/omissions.

**I am still looking for someone willing to help with the production of Grapevine, especially in the collection and editing of material. Please contact me if you can help.**

The next edition covers April (Easter) and May and articles should reach me by the 26<sup>th</sup> March. Thanks.

*Dave Campy*

### ST MARTIN'S AND STOKESLEY PARISH CHURCH

Sat 4 Feb, 9.30-11.30am Coffee and Cake, Kids Craft

Sat 4 Mar, 9.30-11.30am, Coffee and Cake, Kids Craft

Sunday 19 Mar, 9.30am, Mothering Sunday

All the above at Stokesley Parish Church.

*Ben Gunter/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.

We celebrated 14 years of Pop-in on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January with Cake! Happy "Birthday"!

*NOW & THEN* magazines are available to collect from the village hall when open (see Hall Timetable)

#### **PLAY AND STAY**

Held in the Village Hall Village Hall, **Thursdays 10 – 11.30am**, during school term time for all pre-school children and their parents/grandparents/carers. **Cost £2 per child**. For more information contact

*Allison* at [aroutledge7@sky.com](mailto: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*

## **PILATES CLASS**

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

You can either or pay as you go at the class which is £5, or book online via the website at : <https://gymcatch.com/app/provider/1491/events>

.Please let me know if you would like to join in just for numbers and please bring your own mat.

Any questions and to book your space contact

**Rachel Chapman**

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## **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 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)

## **ITEMS TO RECYCLE**

### **Used stamps**

Please save your used postage stamps to donate to charity.

Stamps need to be left with a 1 centimetre border all around.

### **Blister packs**

The blister packs from all your medicinal tablets.

### **Plastic milk bottle tops**

All coloured plastic milk bottle tops can be left at the village hall to be donated to charity.

Please make sure they are washed.

Thank you very much to everyone who has already given me used stamps and blister strips (the silver packet that contains your tablets). I take them to The Globe, Stokesley Library and they recycle them.

Please keep bringing all of these to the Village Hall or put them in the basket on the bench at the back door of No.21, The Green (In the back lane/alley).

*Ann Thomas*

(**Or aud Ann Thomas** which was the address on one full envelope of stamps that I was sent over Christmas! I take this as a real compliment which I believe was affectionately used as to me it means that, after 57 years in N. Yorkshire, I may possibly now be an adopted Yorkshire woman ! ).

**HALL TIME TABLE**

<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 Hall Committee meeting 7.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every second month) Seamer Parish Council 7.00pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every second month) Book Club 8—9.30 pm (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday )</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Table Tennis 7.00pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Play and Stay 10.00am</b>	<b>Bridge Group 7.00pm</b>

**SEAMER VILLAGE HALL 100+ CLUB**

**December winners were (126 members)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> £20 149 Julie Finch, Tame Bridge
- 2<sup>nd</sup> £15 9 Trevor Bollands, Leconfield
- 3<sup>rd</sup> £12 29 Ann Thomas, The Green
- 4<sup>th</sup> £10 49 June Brodrick, Leconfield
- 5<sup>th</sup> £ 6 97 Mike Cullingford, Manor Garth

**January winners were (126 members)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> £20 98 Walter Pattison
- 2<sup>nd</sup> £15 158 Ian McKenzie, Tame Bridge
- 3<sup>rd</sup> £12 45 Jim Kendall, Stainton Road
- 4<sup>th</sup> £10 88 Glen McGill, Leconfield
- 5<sup>th</sup> £ 6 138 Julie Roche, Tame Bridge

For those members who joined last February/March, 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*

### ***POP IN CHRISTMAS LUNCH***



On Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> twenty five residents and friends joined **Janet, Dianne and Irene** for an end of year pooled Christmas Lunch. What a spread we had, starting off with mulled wine and then enjoying a variety of main course dishes and finishing with delicious desserts. Afterwards, Ann Thomas presented a thank you gift voucher and a Christmas flower arrangement to each of them on behalf of everyone who had come to Pop in during the year. This was in recognition that each week they have kindly donated the scones, butter, jam and milk which has resulted in raising over £1200 for the village hall funds.

***A wonderful achievement and much appreciated by the Village Hall.***

## ***KAY REES'S RETIREMENT***



After serving on the Village Hall Committee for more than 25 years, Kay has decided the time has come for her to retire. During this time, she has been a dedicated member and for a while served as Chair to keep the hall open before it was initially refurbished in 2005.

### ***Here are some of Kay's achievements:***

1996 – Kay started a table tennis club with the purchase of a table tennis table and bats. In 2013 due to its popularity another table was purchased and the club is still as popular today with Kay an active member.

2004 – Kay started an indoor bowls club with the purchase of a second-hand mat and several sets of bowls. She still enjoys playing along with other residents – more for fun and the company. We wouldn't win any competitions!!

2006 – Quiz nights. Together with her friends Joan Barnes and Sue and Jim Scheilling as quizmasters, Kay started the popular Quiz nights which have taken place most years since and the last one we had in November was No. 26. Kay organised her last one in 2019.

Over the years Kay has also organised table top sales, card making days, run the tombola at Seamer Show with Joan Barnes and helped at Jumble Sales, Royal celebrations and many other events, the latest being the Platinum Jubilee last year.

As treasurer, I have been adding up the value these activities and events have contributed to the village hall funds and they amount to well over £10,000.

It felt a fitting time to present Kay with a gift from the Committee at the Pop in lunch in the company of other committee members and friends from the village. I had the pleasure to present her with a "Certificate" for her retirement, a thank you card and a David Austin rose bush for her garden. When her diary permits, we are also taking her out for a well deserved lunch.

***Christine Cooper***

## ***DO YOU NEED A LIFT TO STOKESLEY? TO THE SHOPS?***

A mini bus from Stokesley and District Community Care Association can pick you up at Seamer Memorial Hall every Monday at 11.10am.

It travels from Hilton and leaves Stokesley to return at 1.00pm. So you get around 2 hours in Stokesley.

You can phone to arrange this at 01642 710085 or let me know.

*Ann Thomas*

## ***JAMS & CHUTNEY FOR CANCER RESEARCH***

It is two years since I last told you about my friend Jenny Firman who in her spare time makes jams, jellies, marmalade, chutneys and pickles of every description to sell to raise money for Cancer Research UK. It has been a very challenging time for her as she was unable to sell her produce at events due to Covid 19 and this year the increase in cost of electric to produce it. However, she has done her best and this is a message from Jenny.

### ***This year's total***

*So, after a funny year of massive electric bills and not producing as much, I'm happy to tell you this year's total. I'll be handing over £700 which gives us a project total of £31,200. Not bad for a few jars of jam.*

*Thank you to all my regular customers and the folks who let me raid their trees. This money will be handed over to CRUK in due course and will go to provide much needed research in the Newcastle based lab.*

This amount has been raised in **twelve** years and is sent to Cancer Research UK to be used in the Newcastle research facility. I'm sure you will agree this is a tremendous achievement. Unfortunately, due to a change in family circumstances, Jenny may not be able to make as much produce to sell in the future. However, you can buy some of her jams and chutney in the village hall when they are available. You have been good customers for her over the last year raising more than £200.

If you would like to see what she makes and wish to place an order, take a look on her Facebook page.

Her details are:

Jenny Firman: Phone: **07725207515** Facebook: **easby charity preserves**

e-mail: **easbycharitypreserves@yahoo.co.uk**

With your help I hope she will be able to raise a lot more money for this very deserving charity. Many thanks

***Christine Cooper 01642 701733***

## **MOBILE POST OFFICE**

The mobile post office van comes to the village on **Tuesdays** from **11.15 – 11.45am** (note the new time) parking on the low green near the post box. It offers a full range of services and greetings cards, newspapers, magazines and sweets can also be purchased

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS**

Although it seems ages ago it only over a month so here are some of our high points.

- The Village Community Fund gave us £100!
- 25 children and their families came along!
- Santa came to see everyone , with a Pressy, but needs a new suit for next Christmas!
- All our helpers worked really hard to make it such a great afternoon!

Thanks Christine, Kath, Joan, Janet, Dianne, Gill, Viv, Val, Joanne and Christine.



**Next Workshops (Easter/Mothering Sunday Theme)**

**Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2-4**

**See you there**

*Ann Thomas*

## **SEAMER METHODIST CHURCH**

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

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

12<sup>th</sup> February led by Rev Rob Weir

19<sup>th</sup> February led by Ron Kirk

26<sup>th</sup> February led by Ken Hudson

Services in March will be every Sunday, but, at present, no preachers have been assigned.

**TREE LIGHTING AND CAROL SINGING**

Both of these events were very successful. The Tree this year was provided



by The Parish Council (thanks to Jayne Kendall for picking it up), erected and decorated by Dave and Les from the Methodist Church and superbly switched on by **Hugo Donaldson**, the child who was the lucky winner of the draw! Around 35 people attended. This was followed by a short service, mince pies, biscuits and hot drinks and a present for each under 11 year old child.

The carol singing this year was very well supported by people singing (around 20 each night) and generally having a good time, and by residents, many of whom provided sweets and snacks for the singers. In total over £700 was raised.

A big thank you to all who were involved either as givers or receivers!!

*Dave Campy*

## **SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE**

The *November* meeting of the Parish Council was held at Seamer Memorial Hall. Three members of the public were in attendance. The following matters were reported: A resident advised of problems with footpaths near the village hall and pub. Replacement gates had again been stolen from the Public Right of Way west of Seamer Hill, a straw bale still needed to be removed from the village pond and ongoing indiscriminate rubbish emanating from vehicles proved difficult to address. A resident reported the often-discussed condition of the footpath link to Stokesley and that no footpath was present over Seamer Hill, which NYCC was presently not prepared to address or fund. Planning applications were approved at Burnside, Seamer Road, Coldpool for a replacement extension with terrace above and for a single storey extension to a bungalow at The Green in Seamer Road. The Police did not attend the meeting, nor the village hall drop-in sessions and did not provide a report on this occasion. Financial and banking matters, were all discussed and balances reported, including a proposed increase of 7% in the precept, below the rate of inflation, as well as VAT, which may be reclaimed on qualifying items. The ongoing problem of resident parking and highway safety on the village Green was again discussed and Councillor Kendall agreed to contact the relevant occupiers of properties where the blockage was occurring. This will be monitored however until such time as it is suitably resolved. In terms of village maintenance issues, the proposed bus shelter project was discussed, noting receipt of a £2000 grant towards it from Hambleton District Council, courtesy of Councillor Bridget Fortune. Although there was now the full complement of Parish Councillors in post, the Clerk needed to report the current compliment of officials to the District Council. Jane McGill agreed to

take over the Clerk role, in the absence of any responses to the advertised vacancy. The annual stipend for the role was agreed to be increased from £300 to £500 per annum. Updates were provided on Local Government reorganisation and the Village Hall Committee, in particular.

Minutes of this meeting (and agendas prior to meetings) are displayed on the noticeboards and on the website. An update from the January Parish Council meeting (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January) will appear in the next Grapevine once ratified, following the March Parish Council meeting. The March Parish Council meeting is scheduled to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> March at the Village Hall, commencing at 7pm.

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***  
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Seamer Parish Council encompasses Seamer and Tame Bridge.

### **NORTHUMBRIA BASKETRY GROUP**

This Group promotes basket-making in a number of ways one of which is self help groups and they are supporting me in starting a new group in this area. For more details about Northumbria Basketry Group check out their website [www.northumbriabasketrygroup.co.uk](http://www.northumbriabasketrygroup.co.uk)

The group will meet in Seamer Memorial Hall on the **first Saturday** of the month from 10am to 3pm. The cost will be £15 per session plus £10 annual membership of Northumbria Basket Group. The fee includes materials, use of tools, hot drinks and biscuits. Members of the group work on their own projects without a tutor helping each other. Everyone is welcome even if they don't have any previous experience of working with willow. It is recommended that those new to basketry attend a workshop for beginners before coming along to the group. A Beginners

Workshop will be held on 1st April 2023 with a tutor for this meeting and the cost will be £35. Places on this workshop are limited and can be booked by contacting me at

[teesvalley@northumbriabasketrygroup.co.uk](mailto:teesvalley@northumbriabasketrygroup.co.uk).

The **first regular session** of the group will **start one week early on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023** at the original day is now Coronation Day. Places at the group session will need to be reserved at least a week beforehand to allow time for materials to be prepared. For further details contact

**Jane Chapman** [jcchapman10@gmail.com](mailto:jcchapman10@gmail.com)

### OIL CLUB

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

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

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

### Stokesley Scouts & Guides



would like to thank

everyone who

supported us with

the Stokesley Charitable



**Christmas Post Service in Dec 2022**

With your help we raised **£349.73** and delivered **905 cards**

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

Neighbourhood watch produces a regular newsletter with useful information and offers about security, both physical and virtual.

<https://s-url.co/uMUBA>

### NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Read and sign up to their digital newsletter to keep updated with news and stories from across North Yorkshire

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/ny-now>

### SPEED SIGN

The speed sign has been back in Seamer from the 11<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February before moving onto Tame Bridge until the 19<sup>th</sup>. Several people have commented that it is facing the wrong way.

It was decided that data about traffic passing through Seamer to Stokesley would be a useful comparison to that already available for the opposite direction. It still performs its prime function of alerting traffic that they are exceeding the speed limit but will now provide data about traffic flows and speeds of vehicles which are travelling through the village after passing many 30mph signs and down the hill on the relative straight road towards the pond. I have noticed already that the sign is activated by just about every vehicle whereas in the opposite direction many vehicles have

to slow down for the pond bend and junction and thus, are more likely to be within the limit on reaching the sign. Once we have analyzed the Data we will be in a better position to discuss any future action to reduce speeding through the village.

### *Speed Watch Team*

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