

The Grapevine

SEAMER & TAME BRIDGE MAGAZINE

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EDITORS'S NOTES

What a difference the clock going forward an hour makes to the feel of the days. It seems so much more daylight and thus makes everything seem much more cheerful. Lets hope we can look forward to a good summer, weather wise, at least.

My feeling of cheerfulness may also be due to the news that I have a helper with Grapevine, **Allison Routledge**, who has kindly (or foolishly) volunteered to help with putting Grapevine together (She has written a little article later introducing herself)

. I have done it for over 12 years and whilst I have enjoyed it, and will still be involved, the help in editing is vey much welcomed. Her contact email is allison.grapevine@gmail.com

It is hoped that a **special Grapevine** for the forthcoming **Coronation** will be produced and any contributions for that should reach Allison or myself by **April 26th**.

The next full edition of Grapevine will cover June and July and articles should be sent to both Allison and I by May 25th at 08.00 am. (Contact details on last page of Grapevine.). Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

Dave Campy and Allsion Routledge

ST MARTIN'S AND STOKESLEY PARISH CHURCH

The following are to be held at Stokesley Parish Church

- 1st April **Coffee & Cake**, 9.30 - 11.30 am
- 2nd April **Palm Sunday – Family Service** 9.30am and including Holy Communion
- 5th April **Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Garden**, 10.30am
- 6th April, **Maundy Thursday Service** Holy Communion with the Watch and Compline, 7.30pm (Rev Jon Dean)
- 7th April **Good Friday**. The Hour at the Cross 2pm. A time of prayer and reflection
- 8th April **Easter Vigil**. The Vigil and the Service of Light with Holy Communion at 7.30pm
- 9th April **Easter Sunday Service** , 9.30am, Holy Communion

At St Martin's Seamer,

- 9th April **Easter Sunday Service**, 11.30 am, Holy Communion
- 18th May **Ascension day Service** at 11am

Other events/venues

28th April **Seamer Church Coffee Morning**, Stokesley Town Hall,
9.30 -12.00



May 7th **Parish Picnic** at the Rectory, Stokesley, 2 .00 pm. Further
details in due course on our website.

For more information, visit www.stokesleyparishchurch.org.uk or our
Facebook page [@stokesleyparishchurch](https://www.facebook.com/stokesleyparishchurch)

SEAMER VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday April 4th at 7.30pm

Come along and show your support for YOUR village hall

What do you want from it? Any suggestions for new
activities and how best to use it for the good of the
community.

BOOK CLUB

Do you love reading? Fancy trying different types of books by authors you might not have considered?

Why not come along to Seamer book club, held in the Village Hall on the final Tuesday of each month at 8.30pm? We're a friendly group, where there's no pressure to have finished the book if you've had one of those months.

Books we've enjoyed recently (and the ratings out of 5 given) include:

The Swimmer by Graham Norton, an engaging and easy to read short story. 4.5/5

Maggie by Elizabeth Day, billed as a thriller, the book considers themes of infertility and domesticity. 3.5/5

Voyage of Innocence by Elizabeth Edmundson, a tale set in the 1930s exploring key themes of the day through the story of three young women. 4/5

All the Lights We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr, an epic story set in occupied France, this multi-award-winning book was unputdownable. 4/5

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah, a novel of wartime France, told through the eyes of two sisters and their different experiences of occupation. 4/5

Dirt Town by Hayley Scrivenor, a crime story set in the Australian Outback, and considering themes of community and outsiders. 3/5

March's choice was *Hope Nicely's Lessons for Life* by Caroline Day.

Why not come down to the Village Hall on the 25th April to find out what's next on the list?

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 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). 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

CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOPS



We had a lovely afternoon in the Village Hall with over 20 children and their families attending.

The children made cards, paper lizards and pom-poms, decorated hard boiled eggs, made chocolate krispie nests, decorated biscuits and cakes **and** had a good time. (As did many adults!).

Our Raffle winners were Jean Bainbridge, Rita McNicol, Barbara Hutchinson and Irene Thompson.

The Tombola was very popular and the children all took an Easter Egg home with them.

Many thanks to everyone who provided Tombola prizes and to all our wonderful helpers for their preparation and help on the day ... Gill, Jan, Dianne, Janet, Christine, Jo, Mark and Carolyn, Kath, Joan and Anne

This event was supported by The Village Community Fund. (Thank you too)

Ann Thomas

AIR FRYER FOR VILLAGE HALL FUNDS



A resident kindly donated this air fryer to the village hall as it has proved too small for their needs.

It has only been used twice and cost £60.

As the hall does not have any use for it, we are able to sell it to raise funds for the hall.

If you are interested in purchasing it, we are open to offers. It is in the hall if you would like to see it.

Please contact Christine Cooper on 01642 701733.



LOST PROPERTY

Have you left your gloves in the village hall. (2 pairs found).

Contact Christine Cooper on 01642 701733 or any committee member

HALL TIME TABLE

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

SEAMER VILLAGE HALL 100+ CLUB

February winners (128 members)

1 st	£20	86	Bill & Lynne Burn, Stainton Road
2 nd	£15	5	Doris Allen, Hilton Road
3 rd	£12	92	Christine Taylor, School Cottages
4 th	£10	43	Lina Garnett, Seamer Hill
5 th	£ 7	131	Pauline Sawney, off Hilton Road

March winners were (128 members)

1 st	£20	16	Christine Cooper, Hutton Rudby
2 nd	£15	96	Myra Robinson, Stokesley Road
3 rd	£12	46	Jimmy Hutchinson, Hilton Road
4 th	£10	75	Ethel Alton, Tanton Road
5 th	£ 7	87	Eddie Coates, Brackenhill Walk

Last year the 100+ Club raised £1,494. This was divided in half with £747 given out as prize money and £747 donated to the village hall funds. Thank you for your continued support.

For those members who joined last April/May, 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

NORTHUMBRIA BASKETRY GROUP

The **first regular session** of the group will **start on 29th April 2023** as the original day is now Coronation Day. **Future dates are**

3/6/23 and 1/7/23

All group meetings are in Seamer Memorial Hall **10am to 3pm** .

Everyone is welcome but they must contact me at least 7 days before to book a place so that I bring enough willow for everyone. Cost £15 per session

For further details and to book contact

Jane Chapman at teesvalley@northumbriabasketrygroup.co.uk

SEAMER VILLAGE CORONATION CELEBRATION

Sunday 7th May, from 12 noon.

Decorate a cake in Coronation style

Wear red white and blue

Design a stamp

Royal Quiz

Children's Quiz

And hopefully many more activities.

Bring your own picnic

**More information to follow, hopefully in a
special Coronation edition of Grapevine at the
end of April**

Faye Aspinall



HELLO TO ALLISON

My name is Allison Routledge, I have lived in Seamer for 17 years and have volunteered (foolishly some might say!) to help with gathering and editing of articles for the Grapevine. I think that it is a great village resource and hope you find it useful in terms of the information it provides and interesting, when articles are published.

Please let me know if you have anything you think would be of interest. Perhaps we could do a little bio of some of our villagers. I am sure there are lots of stories to tell! Let me know if you would like to be featured.

The first thing I wanted to highlight was the increase in fraud attempts and ask you to be very careful. I have heard many stories, some occurring locally, of criminals purporting to be HMRC, Utility Companies, your bank or even the police. They entice people to transfer money or even obtain cash over the counter from their bank.

I wanted to share a story with you, in the hope that it will stop it happening to anyone else. I worked at HSBC for many years and was shocked to hear this story from one of my friends who still works there. A lady approached for over £6,000 and the cashier probed, asking lots of questions (as they are now trained to do to prevent fraud). The lady responded that it was for roof repairs, that her family knew about it and it was the son of a neighbour who was completing the work. The cashier had no option, despite her best efforts, but to give over the cash. It turns out, however that a couple of crooks, purporting to be police officers, persuaded her to withdraw cash, purportedly to help them catch out the bank cashiers who were adding fraudulent notes to withdrawals!!. Hence they had briefed her about the story (lies) to tell the cashier. Though the lady eventually realised it was a fraud it was too late to stop them taking her cash.

I don't want to scare you, I just want to raise awareness. If faced with these types of request in person, or on line, please do nothing until you have spoken to family, friends, neighbours, people you can trust or even the police.

Allison Routledge email allison.grapevine@gmail.com

RECYCLING

Do you know what happens to the items we ask you to drop off at the village hall or at 21 The Green (back door) for recycling?

They are taken to the library in Stokesley and:-

Blister packs are sent to Terracycle via Superdrug.

Whilst they are very difficult to recycle global biopharmaceutical company Sanofi Consumer Healthcare UK and recycling innovators TerraCycle joined forces to launch the 'Little Packs, Big Impact' initiative. The program allows customers to recycle their empty over-the-counter and prescription medicine blister packets conveniently by dropping them off in dedicated bins at their local participating pharmacy.

These empty blister packs are then transformed into reusable raw materials using a unique recycling process – preventing the packets from spending a lifetime in the landfill.

Postage stamps are sent onto Teesside Hospice.

A number of charities take stamps in which they then sort out, and sell on to collectors and philatelists and this can be an excellent source of extra income for them.

Whether your stamps are recent or old, common or rare, wherever they come from across the world, every stamp can be saved!

Plastic milk bottle tops

You may start to notice that the coloured tops, green, blue and red are being replaced with white or clear ones. This is so they can be recycled easier. We collect all coloured tops and give them to Rea Funeral Services who weigh them in for Marie Curie and/or Fire Fighters charities.

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).

You can also recycle **ink cartridges** (which go to The Great North Air Ambulance), and donate pens (which are sent to schools) **separately** at the Globe (library). in Stokesley

Let's do what we can to save the planet!!

Allison Routledge email allison.grapevine@gmail.com

SEAMER METHODIST CHURCH

EASTER

Easter week is probably the most important time of the year for most Christians as it symbolises life and hope for a better life to come.

It starts off with what was thought of, at the time, as the high point of Jesus life as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was welcomed by crowds of people, with joy and happiness, as someone who gave them **hope** for a better future. This happened on what we now call Palm Sunday

However, that soon changed. Over the course of a few days, Jesus's popularity upset the establishment, who then plotted his downfall and eventually tried and condemned him to death on Good Friday leaving those joyous people deflated and **hope less**.

Two days later, on Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead and gave people **hope** again that there is a new better life still ahead. As Christians hope and faith are what we believe gives us comfort and why we pray and serve the community to the best of our ability even if it may upset the "establishment".

There is message in this for all people. . Life is full of highs and lows but if you continue to have hope that there will be a better life for **all** it may happen.

Happy Easter

TIMES OF WORSHIP (Sundays at 10.30 am except Easter Sunday)

2nd April **Palm Sunday** led by Rev Graham Peacock

9th April **Easter Sunday** led by Rev Rob Weir (Holy Communion) **at 9.00**

16th April led by Lesley Hopwood

23th April led by Ken Hudson

30th April led by Christine Campy

7th May **Coronation Celebration** led by Rev Andrew Robinson

14th May led by Rev Rob Weir (Holy Communion)

21st May led by the Congregation.

28th May **Pentecost** led by Ron Kirk.

Everyone is welcome is to attend any (or all!) of these services.

SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish council have not submitted their update in time for this issue.

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.

DEFIBRILLATOR INFORMATION

We have a defibrillator on the outside wall of the village hall, behind the notice board. Thankfully it is rarely needed.

When the defibrillator is in working order **a green light will be flashing.**

If you find someone who has collapsed **IMEDIATLEY CALL 999 & ask for Ambulance.** The Ambulance call handler will ask you some vital questions & then tell you what to do next. The Defibrillator is rarely needed, but if required **the operator will give you the code to unlock the cabinet. Press C for clear before you press in the code.** The cabinet has 2 catches at the side that also need to be opened. The Defibrillator is in a carry case with shoulder, strap, for easy use. Take the carry case to the patient. It houses the Defibrillator & pads but please **DON'T OPEN** the carry case until you are instructed to do so, by the call handler. Also please **DON'T switch on the Defibrillator & DON'T open the pads, until instructed to do so,** as it is often not needed. **There are adult & child pads** inside the carry case.

Thankfully, the Defibrillator is rarely used, but if it is needed, **THE AMBULANCE CALL HANDLER WILL EXPLAIN WHAT TO DO IN A SIMPLE, STEP BY STEP WAY.** Please put your phone on loud speaker, if you can.

If you have been instructed to turn on the Defibrillator, please remember to also **turn it off,** when finished, thus putting it back into standby mode. **The green light should be flashing, showing that it is ready for use again. Please contact me if the green light is not flashing.** After use please put the Defibrillator back into the carry case & back into the cabinet.

I hope that you will never need to use the Defibrillator. But if you do, it's natural to be anxious. However be reassured - the Ambulance call handlers will tell you exactly what to do. Thank you for being prepared to save a life!

Christine Campy, christine.campy@hotmail.co.uk or 07549134433

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>

OIL CLUB

Order dates: 1st week of May, September and November.

Delivery: approximately 3rd week in the month.

Contacts, [David Ward 01642 710333](tel:01642710333) or [Gordon Reed 01642 711495](tel:01642711495)

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH NEWS

Speedwatch has restarted after its winter break with the volunteers resuming their places on the road. Apparently, the ongoing efforts over the years has raised the profile of our village within North Yorkshire Police as evidenced by the recent deployments of the police motorbike in the village centre. If you want to keep up the momentum and make our village safer, then why not volunteer an hour or so of your time and support our Community Speedwatch? Contact Phil Hyman for more details

phil@philandviv.co.uk

LATEST RESULTS FROM THE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGN (VAS)

Seamer:

21days from the 11/1/23, Speed limit 30 mph. A total of 29665 vehicles travelled **towards** the pond (measured for the first time) with an average peak of **208/hour** weekdays between 8 and 9 am. The maximum speed recorded was between **60-65mph** on 24/1/23 at **midnight**. Overall the average speed was **28.3mph** This last figure is a bit misleading as to real speeds as it includes all those vehicles that would be incapable of achieving 30 mph ((bikes, tractors, cars pulling in/out of Leconfield/Tanton Road, etc - around 10% of the traffic). We are in consultation with the two other parishes which use the VAS to try and analyse the data in more detail.

On a weekday, the average number of vehicles over 30mph was **34%** and at the weekend **39.5%**. Their average speeds were **33.7 mph and 34 mph**.

Tame Bridge

(Figures in brackets are for the previous time VAS was used in the same direction)

19 days (17) days from 1/2/23 Speed limit **40mph**, Total vehicles **23173** (22,252) travelling from **Hutton to Stokesley**. An average peak of **130/hour** (140) weekdays between **8 and 9 am** (7 and 8 am). The maximum speed recorded was **80–85mph** (85-90) on 19/2/23 at **7.40 pm** (8.25 pm) but there were many others at 70-80mph. Overall the average speed was **35.8** (36) mph. The average number of vehicles over 40mph was **20%** (17) with the average speed of those over the limit being **44.5 mph** (45). For some reason, Wednesdays was a much lower percentage (**15%**) but slightly higher average speed (**44.7mph**) and Sundays higher in both (**24% and 45.1 mph**).

All these results do show that there is a consistent number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit and in some cases dangerously above that limit. Again we are in consultation with Crathorne and Potto, who share the VAS with us, as to how these results can be used to try and reduce speeding through our villages. We are limited by the software supplied by the manufacturer and the lack of a volunteer with data analysis Skills. **(ANYBODY OUT THERE WHO CAN HELP???)**

If you are concerned about vehicle speeds through villages and towns, contact North Yorkshire Council regarding them supporting the national **“20’s Plenty”** campaign to reduce the speed limit in towns and villages to 20mph. Thank you.

The Seamer Speedwatch Team.

DO YOU NEED A LIFT TO STOKESLEY?

A mini bus from Stokesley and District Community Care Association can pick you up at Low Green every Monday at 11.10am and returns at 1.00pm. You get around 90 minutes in Stokesley.

You can phone to arrange this at 01642 710085 or let me know **Use it or lose it.**

Ann Thomas

MOBILE POST OFFICE

The mobile post office van comes to the village on Tuesdays from **11.15 – 11.45am**, 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

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