

# The Grapevine

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## EDITORS NOTES

I hope you all enjoyed the coronation celebrations and the extra bank holiday. Whilst the weather is certainly getting milder I am not sure it will ever stop raining! Fingers crossed for the summer holidays are upon us and hopefully the nice weather we have at the moment continues.

In this edition I have suggested some days out/visits to entertain children (and adults) some of which are free.

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The next full edition of Grapevine will cover **August & September** and articles should be sent to **both Allison and I by July 25<sup>th</sup> at 08.00 am.** (Contact details on last page of Grapevine).



May I take this opportunity to thank Jill Hill (and her helper!) for all her work over the years with the production and distribution of Grapevine from its early days to the last edition (179). She has decided to retire. Sad for us but I hope she enjoys her retirement!!!

*Dave Campy*

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

The following events are planned

**Town Hall Coffee Morning, Stokesley on 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Coffee & Cake in Stokesley Parish Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 9.30 – 11.30**

**Coffee & Cake in Stokesley Parish Church on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 9.30-11.30**

**Strawberry Tea, featuring the GRAND DRAW in the Rectory Gardens on 9<sup>th</sup> July at 14.00 hours.**

Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit

[www.stokesleyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.stokesleyparishchurch.org.uk)

or their Facebook page [@stokesleyparishchurch](https://www.facebook.com/stokesleyparishchurch)

*Marie Groom*

### *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.

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

#### *PLAY AND STAY*

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

If you have any good quality complete toys for toddlers (large duplo building bricks) or a small soft play/playpen for babies that you could donate please contact me.

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**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**

email - [thehealthtoolkit@outlook.com](mailto:thehealthtoolkit@outlook.com) or message on **07946324080**

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★ **Pilates for the Menopause.** ★

★ **Open to anyone at any stage of the menopause.** ★

★ **Mondays 6-7pm in Seamer Village Hall £7 a class** ★

★ **Booking is essential** ★

★ **Message Rachel on 07946324080 to book your space or** ★

★ **with any questions.** ★

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**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.

## **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).

### **TABLE TENNIS**

Held in the village hall on Wednesdays from 7-9pm. Cost £2 per session.

Come along and join us, no experience required. Keeps you active and helps with fitness.

Contact **Mark** on [medinnov8@hotmail.com](mailto:medinnov8@hotmail.com) or just come along on the night.

### **CARPET BOWLS**

Held in the village hall on Tuesdays from 10am – noon. No experience required – we are novices. Come along and give it a try. The cost is £2 per session.

Contact **Christine** on **01642 701733**.

## **HALL TIMETABLE**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Pop in 10 - 12</b>	<b>Pilates for Menopause Class 6 - 7 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Carpet Bowls 10.00am</b>	<b>Pilates Class 6 - 7 pm</b> <b>Hall Committee meeting 7.30pm</b> <b>(1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every second month)</b> <b>Seamer Parish Council 7.00pm</b> <b>(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every second month)</b> <b>Book Club 8–9.30 pm</b> <b>(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>

## **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***

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

### **April winners (128 members)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£20	18	Sarah Polkey, The Green
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	129	Walter Pattison
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	27	Les Bland, The Green
4 <sup>th</sup>	£10	106	Michael Driscoll, The Green
5 <sup>th</sup>	£ 7	21	Marjorie Burn, Stainton Road

### **May winners were (128 members)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£20	146	Janet Bainbridge, The Green
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£15	89	David Picken, The Green
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	144	Maureen Marshall, Tame Bridge
4 <sup>th</sup>	£10	44	Craig Lewis, Tame Bridge
5 <sup>th</sup>	£ 7	78	Nick Walton, Stainton Road

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. Also if you want to set up an annual standing order to save the hassle renewing every year, Just let me know you have done it and the due date.**

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

**SEAMER VILLAGE HALL**

# QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7PM**

**£6**

New format - **DOES NOT** include  
supper

**Bring your own food and  
drinks**

**There will be a raffle**

Tickets from Christine Cooper

**01642 701733**

**Email:**

**[chris\\_cooper1@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_cooper1@hotmail.com)**

## ***NORTHUMBRIA BASKETRY GROUP***

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

## ***NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER***

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

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



# Strawberry Teas

14:30 – 16:30 Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

Seamer Village Hall, The Green, TS9 5LS

£5

Everyone Welcome



Proceeds to BARNES Scouts Indian School Project  
in conjunction with the Baas Educational Trust.



**North Hambleton District Scout Council (Scout Association District 12147340)**

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Registered Charity Number: 1120424 (England and Wales)

Web: [www.northalerton-scouts.org.uk/barnes](http://www.northalerton-scouts.org.uk/barnes)



## ***CORONATION CELEBRATIONS***

A good time was had by us all at the village hall as about 50 of us got together to celebrate King Charles's Coronation.



Picnics, quizzes, face painting, children's stamp design competition, drawings, cake competition and our singer Eric Robinson ensured a great afternoon.





We finished off with a cuppa and a piece of the delicious cakes brought.

The winners of the Best Decorated Cakes were

1<sup>st</sup>. Seb and Jess Swindon, Hilton Road.

2<sup>nd</sup>. The Lewis Family, Leconfield

3<sup>rd</sup>. Christine Cooper.

Many thanks to everyone who came and to the organisers:

Faye, Christine, Viv, Jo, all the tea makers and to Gill Burton who knitted all the great prize crowns

*Ann Thomas*



## PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO!

We are coming up to the summer holidays and no doubt some of you will be looking for ways to entertain the children or even the adults!



**Monks Farm** - <https://www.monkparkfarm.co.uk>. Lots to entertain the children with animals, petting corner, playground and trampoline. You can take your own picnic. Open 10am until 5pm.

**Hartlepool Tall Ships** event takes place 6<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> July and its free! With over 30 ships attending along with music, art, dance and performances.

**Lightwater Valley Theme Park**—<https://lightwatervalley.co.uk>

Rides tailored to children under 12 yrs. Includes treetop nets for all ages.

**Fletchers Farm**, Little Ayton is a working farm free to park with farm shop and café, a small playground and hopefully a little trampoline, if it has been replaced.! You cannot take your own food.

**St Peters & Pauls Church Stokesley**—A variety of crafts each month for children and coffee morning for adults. First Saturday of month (like the farmers market) 9-30 to 11-30.

**Dalby Forest** is the perfect family-friendly outdoor destination. Explore the forest on foot, bike or by swinging through the canopy on Go Ape Tree Top Adventure. There you'll find a whopping 13 walking trails, including easy-access routes perfect for families.

**Guisborough Forest** features not only a lot of natural wildlife but also loads of activities for the whole family to get stuck into, including an orienteering course, a trim trail, a sculpture trail, cycling trails, and 2 play areas.

One of the best days out I had with my grandsons was in **York**. We did pay for park and ride, visited the free York Railway Museum and headed into the centre where they enjoyed the street entertainers for a couple of hours. There was also a free dinosaur event on at the museum, so was a relatively cheap day out, but very memorable.

Look out for discount vouchers, M&S Sparks and Tesco Clubcard often offer discounts

*Allison*

### ***SEAMER METHODIST CHURCH***

#### ***CHURCH AND CIRCUIT RENEWAL AND GROWTH***

Life has changed and we live in a different world to the people who built our churches many years ago. Numbers are declining and the average age of our congregations continues to increase. Simply continuing as we are now could lead to most of our churches closing with any remaining being moved to another circuit. More importantly we will not be serving our members, the community or God as well as we should.

However, whilst we have the opportunity to grow and reinvigorate our church, in Seamer, this will only happen with members' commitment to, and involvement in, the process and with a knowledge of what the community of Seamer would like us to do. Our members are already involved with, and support, other activities within the village. We are therefore asking for your opinions on Seamer Methodist Church in general, and what we could do to encourage you to become more involved in it's work within the Church and Community of Seamer.

***Please contact Christine Campy/Dave Campy/any member of the Church with your views informally or formally.***

**Contact email:** [david.campy123@btinternet.com](mailto:david.campy123@btinternet.com) or leave a note in the post box on the wall of the Church.

#### ***TIMES OF WORSHIP (Sundays at 10.30 am)***

4<sup>th</sup> June led by ken Hudson

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

- 18<sup>th</sup> June led by Lesley Hopwood
- 25<sup>th</sup> June led by Rev Rob Weir
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July led by Ron Kirk.
- 9<sup>th</sup> July led by Christine Campy
- 16<sup>th</sup> July led by the Congregation
- 23<sup>st</sup> July led by Reverend Andrew Robinson.
- 30<sup>th</sup> July led by Rev Rob Weir (Holy Communion)

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

### SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

17<sup>th</sup> January and March 2023 The following matters were reported:

The ***January meeting*** of the Parish Council was held at Seamer Memorial Hall. No members of the public were in attendance.

The handyman had been asked to inspect reports of damaged footpaths near the pub as well as jet cleaning the village entrance gates and is expected to attend to these matters soon. **March update** The village handyman had still to attend to various maintenance matters including grass overgrowing footpaths near the village hall. The white gates had been washed and two further signs had been put up in Tanton Road and Hilton Road. Noted that further maintenance work would commence in the spring.

Noted that the hay bale in the pond had decomposed and would still have to be removed in due course. **March** Noted that payments were to be made by the Council to the Parish Council for maintenance of highway verges.

A problem with development at Sandall Rise reported, which was a planning approval supported by the Parish Council, due to bright entrance lights which gives the appearance of headlights in the middle of the road when travelling from Seamer in the direction of Stainton. This was to be reported to County Highways. **March up date** The Clerk had reported this to County Highways, but no action was proposed.

**March planning** - The ***March meeting*** of the Parish Council was held at Seamer Memorial Hall. Three members of the public were in attendance interested primarily in a planning matter at Leconfield, which had not yet precipitated a planning application. The next step would be for the applicants to submit a pre-consultation exercise for marketing bungalows, in order to gauge public opinion, which, not surprisingly looked as if it would be negative. The problem of a septic tank overflow was noted discharging from a property in Seamer Road in the direction of adjacent farmland and it was agreed to refer the matter to District Councillor Fortune.

Planning applications were under consideration for a first-floor extension above existing attached garage at 8 Croft Hills and for a detached dwelling and garage at Tanglewold in Stainton Road.

The Police had not attended any recent drop-in sessions, but a report had been received for the period 18/10/22 -6/12/22 which showed 2 nuisance complaints and 1 instance of fraudulent crime. **March update** The police reports are now sent electronically. The report for 01/02/23 -28/02/23 recorded 1 residential burglary and 1 attempted residential burglary and 1 incident of violence against a person.

*It is not clear if these happened in Seamer, I have asked the question - Allison*

Councillor Maureen Marshall provided a brief update on accounts and funding and details were available on the full minutes. **March update** VAT was in the process of being reclaimed and financial records were due to be submitted end of year to the accountant.

The North Yorkshire Prosperity Fund was already over allocated for the year, but next year might be worth applying for match funding on community projects.

Noted that a visit to, or meeting with, residents of The Green was needed to sort the ongoing highway safety issue. **March update** Noted residents of The Green had been visited by a parish Councillor as a consequence of which some improvements had been noted. The matter will continue to be monitored.

The focus for the community fund was the bus shelter, but no responses had been received to the mini-tender for preparatory works, but Councillor Marshall reported on better progress with the defibrillator proposed in Tame Bridge.

In addition, the Clerk and Councillor Marshall had held a meeting with Analec about solar pumps and chargers to oxygenate the water in the pond, to seek to deal with the alien weed problem. A Tree Survey was being commissioned for reasons of health and safety.

Footpath gates at Seamer Hill had not been stolen, but had been put in store by the farmer.

The Clerk role continued to be filled in a temporary capacity. **March update** The Parish Clerk role was to be advertised for a replacement.

The village Christmas tree would now be paid for by the Parish Council (Community Fund) and thanks were given to the previous benefactor for funding it for many years.

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.

**March update** 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

*Maureen Marshall, Acting Chair of the Parish Council*  
Email: [glenn.mcgill57@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.mcgill57@gmail.com)

### ***COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH NEWS***

You will have noticed that we have the VAS sign back in Seamer and may also have noticed that it is activated very often!

Since we restarted Speedwatch, we have noticed that our influence on speeding has reduced with a return to pre-speedwatch levels of speeding offences. In fact we are noticing that some drivers are actually reacting negatively to us by speeding up or ignoring our presence. We hope that as they receive letters from North Yorkshire Police they will begin to respect speed limits.

The sign will move to Tame Bridge in June for a further 3 weeks

[phil@philandviv.co.uk](mailto:phil@philandviv.co.uk)

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.***

### ***DEFIBRILATOR AT TAME BRIDGE***

Work on the installation of a Defibrillator continues and it is hoped will be completed in the near future. Further details will be in the next Grapevine

### ***MOBILE POST OFFICE***

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

### ***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 approximately 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***

### ***OIL CLUB***

The next official order date is the : 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.

If you need help with any oil order or related advice before then, you can still contact us, but be aware it is holiday time.

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

### ***NORTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING 999 CALLS***

We're asking people to stop and think before dialling 999 for non-emergency matters and to report them online following a significant increase in operational demand over the past 48 hours.

The combination of good weather, the start of half term and an influx in visitors to the county have resulted in a rise in calls in our Force Control Room.

In an emergency dial 999, but for non-emergency matters then please contact us via our website <https://orlo.uk/ZiNfx> or call 101.

If you accidentally dial 999, then please stay on the line. In a “pocket dial” situation the 999 operator passes the call to our Force Control Room. Our call handlers then have to try and ring the number back to establish whether it is a genuine emergency. This wastes time that could be used for answering genuine 999 or 101 calls.

Superintendent Fiona Willey is our Head of Customer Contact. Fiona commented:

*"The staff in our Force Control Room are working extremely hard to deal with the increased demand.*

*The sunny weather will inevitably lead to more calls so we're urging the public to consider if their call is necessary and if it's a non-urgent matter, could it wait until after the weekend.*

*It's also important that members of the public consider which service they need. There are many agencies out there that can offer help and support.*

*If it is a genuine emergency then we are here to help. Our staff are trained to triage every call through a threat, risk and harm assessment which leads to that call being prioritised accordingly."*

Further details on how to contact us can be found at:

<https://orlo.uk/V4fCH>

### ***A WARNING ABOUT THE DANGERS OF NITROUS OXIDE***

*North Yorkshire Police has seen an increase in reports of empty canisters of gas being found in open areas where young people congregate.*

*Nitrous Oxide can be extremely dangerous, so we're calling for parents to be vigilant for signs that their children are purchasing it.*

*People may believe that because the gas is widely available and easily purchased, that it's harmless. However, inhaling it can lead to unconsciousness and ultimately suffocation, as the body is essentially starved of oxygen. There is also evidence to show that people with heart conditions can be at higher risk of harm and that inhalation can lead to anaemia or long-term nerve damage.*

*If you see any suspicious activity where you think nitrous oxide is being consumed, please report it to the police via 101 or on the North Yorkshire Police website*

### ***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>

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