

The Grapevine

SEAMER & TAME BRIDGE MAGAZINE

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EDITORS NOTES

You may have seen me (and my friend Olivia) running round the village. As this year is my 60th birthday I decided to set myself a challenge to run 60 miles in 6 weeks and raise £600 for Alzheimer's Society.

I started off with Endure 24 when, with my colleagues from F W Capital, Development Bank of Wales and Olivia, we took part in a 24 hour relay (5 mile circuit) and managed to run 4 circuits in very hot conditions, in the night and early morning so had little sleep. So that was 20 miles and a



further 10 completed I hope to have the miles done by my birthday in early August. If you would like to sponsor me this is the Justgiving page.

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The next edition of Grapevine will cover **October & November** and articles should be sent to **both Allison and I** by **September 25th at 08.00 am**. (Contact details on last page of Grapevine).

Dave Campy

ST MARTIN'S AND STOKESLEY PARISH CHURCH

We have recently had 3 broken windows at the North -West of the church. It would appear that this is with an air gun pellet or similar. The windows are small triangular ones but being old glass require specialist expensive repairs. We have had further damage to the church last night (July 25th). A seat has been broken, 4 gravestones have been pushed over and more windows broken. If anyone can help with this or has any information please contact us. The police have been informed.

We are also hoping that residents can be very vigilant and ring the police if you see anything suspicious, so we can avoid further damage. Thank you.

Judith Turland Church Warden. Contact details are on the back page.

The following events are planned :-

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| August 5 th | Coffee & Cake in Stokesley Church 9.30 - 11.30 |
| 24 th | Concert by Colin Holt Band, 7.45 pm, Tickets £10, contact Phil Udal on 01642 712128 for information |
| 26 th | Seamer Church Coffee Morning 9.30 -11.30 Town Hall |

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 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

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

TEMS 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

June winners (128 members)

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

July winners were (128 members)

1 st	£20	146	Janet Bainbridge, The Green
2 nd	£15	89	David Picken, The Green
3 rd	£12	144	Maureen Marshall, Tame Bridge
4 th	£10	44	Craig Lewis, Tame Bridge
5 th	£ 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, 01642 701733

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>



I am sure you enjoy the tubs which are planted around the village and to keep them looking good during the summer months we are looking for volunteers to water a tub/s. If you have a tub close by and can spare the time please can we ask you to water them regularly please. Your help would be



appreciated. We are considering an “Adopt a pot” scheme for residents and local businesses—more details to follow soon.

DO YOU NEED A LIFT TO STOKESLEY?

A mini bus from Stokesley and District Community Care Association can pick you up at Low Green. The bus now comes to Seamer on Friday at approximately 10.10 am and returns at 12.00 noon Monday at approximately 11.10am and returns at 1.00pm. You get around 90 minutes in Stokesley. **Use it or lose it**

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

Ann Thomas

NORTHUMBRIA BASKETRY GROUP

The next session is 2/9/23

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

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION



This is a reminder for the children who came to the Coronation celebrations in the village hall on May 6 and took home a packet of sunflower seeds to plant. The closing date for the competition is on Saturday, September 16th. Please

measure the height of your tallest sunflower and take a photo of it and email both to me at chris_cooper1@hotmail.com. I will then let you know if you have won.

Christine Cooper

GET SAFE ONLINE TEAM

For many of us, today's home is a very convenient and smart place to live, with more and more devices responding to a tap in an app or the sound of your voice.

However, every device that's connected to your Wi-Fi is also transmitting data which could be of interest to criminals, not least your speakers, voice assistants, cameras, intruder alarms, cameras, door locks and security lighting. To find out how to protect your smart devices, read the Get Safe Online advice in the link below

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/smartdevices/>

DOWN AT THE FARM

The Country Trust charity works with primary school children from disadvantaged areas around the UK to help children learn all about farming, food production and the countryside, on working farms. Experiences that many of these children would never usually get. Jane



Corbett, who is the Teesside Country Trust Farm Discovery coordinator, has linked up with local farmer, James Bainbridge from Greystones Farm in Seamer, who kindly invites school children on to his farm where they learn all about farming beef cattle, producing eggs and how to grind

wheat to make flour. They get weighed on the weighbridge, sit in tractors and learn about horsepower and even get to watch a silage bale being wrapped. "A way of keeping my cows' sandwiches fresh for winter like you have cling film round your sandwiches!", explains James before they go for their lunch in Seamer Village Hall. Last year two groups from Brecon Hill Primary School in Middlesbrough and this year, two-year groups from Grangetown Primary School in Middlesbrough visited James's farm where they enjoyed a day to remember and returned back to school laden with trays of eggs and hopefully inspired to become farmers of the future with an understanding of how their food is produced and how important and amazing farmers like James Bainbridge are. To find out more about The Country Trust, go to <https://www.countrytrust.org.uk/> or call local coordinator *Jane Corbett* on 07980 862850 for further details.

QUIZ NIGHT HELD 3RD JUNE

The Quiz Night we held on June 3rd proved to be a huge success. This was the first quiz trying out the new format of bringing your own food as well as drinks. Forty-seven quizzers attended and with the proceeds of the raffle, £352 was raised for the hall funds.

Thank you to Jim for arranging the quiz and it was lovely to have Jo Batey back as his glamorous assistant and for her to bring her Mum as well.

During the half time break I had the pleasure to present Joan Barnes with a gift voucher, flowers and Thank You card on behalf of the village hall committee for all her help with organizing the suppers for the 26 previous quizzes which first started in 2006. This was appreciated by everyone there.

I would also like to thank the committee members and friends who stayed behind to clear away, which due to the earlier finishing time meant that I was back home shortly after 10pm.

Christine Cooper

A THANK YOU FROM JOAN

I would like to thank the Village Hall committee for the flowers and the gift card.

I have enjoyed helping with the Hall Quiz all these years and I would like to pay tribute to Kay who was the driving force at the beginning. When we were first involved with the hall, it was very rundown and had very little funds. We did what we could to raise money and get the hall going again, and with more people getting involved and more groups getting started it went from strength to strength.

It's lovely to see the hall now used so much by all age groups and with its centenary coming up, we should all have something to celebrate. Thank you all for the work you are doing keeping the hall going, especially Christine who I know still works hard fund raising.

I'm not giving up completely. I still plan to be queen of the tombola at the children's workshop. ☺

Joan Barnes

MESSAGE FROM JO BATEY

A previous resident of Seamer (who made a trip back to see us), Jo Batey, sent the following message:-

It's over 18 months since we left Seamer so I was touched when Jim asked me to help him present the quiz again. Mum joined me and it was lovely to

be back in the Village Hall which holds so many fond memories. And what a quiz, great questions which resulted in a tie breaker (the distance between Middlesbrough and London according to google) which the top teams then answered with just 1 mile separating them. The answer 251 isn't far off my round journey home had I not already been in the area dog sitting for a friend, it was clearly meant to be! I will say that it was so special I'd make the journey if Jim asks me again. It was lovely to see everyone and hear the Yorkshire accent! Thank you Jim for thinking of me.

Jo Batey

For those of you who couldn't make it to the Quiz, you can try this one instead:-

Summer Quiz

1. May, July and October are all months with 31 days but which of these months is longer?
2. Which of these does NOT mean “backwards not forwards” in a foreign language?
 - a) Inapol nu inainte
 - b) Geriye, ileriye dogru degil
 - c) Esrever ni hsilgne tsuj si siht
 - d) Rickwarts nicht vorwarts
3. If your newspaper has 20 pages – with the front cover as page 1 and back cover as page 20 – and you read every page, how many times do you have to turn the page?
4. What number between 1 and 100 has the most syllables when read out loud?
5. What well known 3 word expression is written in code below?

THODEEPUGHT
6. Which animal is one third cow and half goat?
7. Which is the odd one out?

Coffee, Dresser, Grammar, Potato, Revive, Uneven
8. What can be placed between 3 and 7 to produce a number that is bigger than 3 and smaller than 7?
9. Which of these has exactly fifteen letters in it?
 - a) Latin alphabet
 - b) English alphabet
 - c) French alphabet
 - d) Hebrew alphabet

10. A group of soldiers are on the parade ground, standing to attention and facing west. The sergeant orders them to “right turn, about turn, left turn”. Which direction are they facing now? North, south, east or west.
11. What are the first and last days of the week when written in alphabetical order?
12. Which same 3 letters can be added to the end of these to make three words?

TI ___, MAN ___, CAS ___

Answers at end of this edition (page 15)

SEAMER METHODIST CHURCH

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Jesus told a parable about a farmer sowing grain in his fields.

As the farmer scattered the seed some fell beside a path and the birds came and ate it. Some fell on rocky soil where the plants sprang up quickly, but the hot sun scorched them, due to the lack of soil, water and little roots, and they withered and died. Other seeds fell amongst thorns which choked the growing shoots. But some fell on good soil and produced a crop that was 30, 60, and even a 100 times as much as he planted. (*Mathew Chapter 13 v 1-9*)

The explanation of this story is

The hard path represents the heart of those who hear the good news about the Kingdom of God, but do not understand it.

The rocky ground represents the heart of those who hear the message and receive it with joy but fail to continue to be fed

The thorny ground represents the heart of those whose life is affected by the cares of life and money so much they choke out God’s word.

The good ground represents the heart of those who listen to the word, understands it and feeds on it and goes out and brings others into the Kingdom.

Come along to any of our services and hopefully pick up your seeds!!!

TIMES OF WORSHIP (Sundays at 10.30 am)

6th August led by David Sills

13th August led by Katherine Atha

20th August led by Ron Kirk

27th August led by Rev Rob Weir (Holy Communion)

Preachers have not yet been allocated for September services but a warm welcome will still be available!

SEAMER COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (CSW)

From a recent communication from North Yorkshire Police (as a reply to a request, from us, for information) and following chats with the Community Police Officer (during their visits to both Seamer Pop in and The Hub in Hutton Rudby), the following is a summary of their comments.

CSW is still very much a relevant part of the Traffic Bureau and we consider it instrumental alongside our other resources of the Safety Camera Vehicles and the joint work we do with other departments. When we have big planned operations, it is always brilliant to see a full show of strength from the Safety Camera Team, Community Speed Watch, Roads Policing, the Road Safety Team and colleagues from the Fire Service and the Council.

There are currently 86 different CSWs operating within North Yorkshire. Based on results submitted and recorded on a new database (still in the development stage), Seamer is one of busiest regarding traffic numbers and has one of the highest ratios of speeders to number of vehicles.

We will look to request some further visibility on Hilton Road from our Safety Camera Team.

Based on this, the speed watch results and the analysis of data from the VAS sign, we hope to present a case for further action to the Parish Council.

The latest VAS results are as below with the figures in brackets being the previous results in the same direction. We have a resident who is trying to get the data into a more coherent and consistent format but for now here they are.:

Seamer:

13 days (21) from the 23rd May to the 5th June travelling towards Stokesley, Speed limit 30mph. The maximum speed recorded was between 60-65mph on 26th May at 23.05. Overall the average speed was 28.5 (28.3).

On a weekday, the average percentage of vehicles over 30mph was 34.9% (34). Mondays and Fridays being much higher at 40%. At the weekend, this rose to 42.7% (39.5). The average speeds of those over 30mph on weekdays was 33.9 (33.7) and weekend 34.1 (34) mph.

These results show a worsening trend which our speed watches are also showing.

Tame Bridge

21 days (17) days from 5th - 26th June 2023 travelling from Stokesley to Hutton. Speed limit 40mph, Total vehicles 26843 (20741). An average peak of 131 vehicles per hour (110) weekdays between 7 and 8 am (2 and 3 pm). The maximum speed recorded was 70-75 mph (75-80) on 14/6/23 at 1.15pm (3.45 pm) and there was at least one vehicle per day exceeding 60mph. Overall the average speed was 36 (37) mph. The average number of vehicles over 40mph was 24% (26.5%) - Wednesdays being highest at 26.6%. The average speed of those over the limit was 44.2 mph (44.5). These results show a slight improvement from the last set so the VAS may be slightly reducing speeds up to the VAS sign.

The CSW Team.

SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The ***May*** meeting of the Parish Council was held at Seamer Memorial Hall. The full minutes of this meeting (and agendas prior to meetings) are displayed on the noticeboards and on the website. A summary is below:- Two members of the public were in attendance. The following matters were reported:

Village matters The village handyman had still to attend to various maintenance matters including grass overgrowing footpaths and in front of gateway signs at village entrances in Seamer and Tame Bridge.

Councillor Kendall will contact a representative to try to remove the decomposing hay bale from the village pond.

The problem of a septic tank overflow was noted near the property known as 'Fairwinds' and it was agreed to refer the matter to District Councillor Fortune based upon a letter prepared by the Clerk since no other forms of action had resulted in any positive action.

Village pond – The parish continue their attempts to solve the issues with the pond. Suggestion that a pump, powered by solar panels to tackle the alien duckweed growth are being investigated and costed.

Bus Shelter The installation of the school children's bus shelter is ongoing now that District Councillor Fortune has escalated it to senior staff at NYCC. A further contractor has been identified and hopefully this would be resolved and erected soon.

The issue of parking on the village green, restricting safe egress for all residents, was ongoing and would likely require a meeting with residents in due course. The Clerk will approach YALC for further advice, as the current highway situation remains hazardous.

The defibrillator at Tame Bridge has now been installed.

Planning applications Potential planning application for homes in Leconfield:- In spite of prompting from members of the public who attended a previous meeting on this topic in January, the Parish Council was unable to issue a formal response to the consultation letter issued by the District Council (now NYCC) until it had been received. Upon receipt, a response would be issued.

New Applications Received/Applications Under consideration:

Outline application with some matters reserved (considering access) for the construction of 4 no. dwellings on land west of Leconfield. Response issued by the Parish Council to object to the proposal.

Retrospective application for temporary siting of static mobile caravan at White Gates, Hilton Road, Seamer. Response issued by Parish Council to object to the proposal.

Construction of steel portal framed agricultural manure storage building at Seamer Grange Farm. Response issued by Parish Council not to object.

Proposed two Storey Side Extension at 12 Croft Hills, Tame Bridge. Response issued - no objections subject to clarification of parking matter.

Applications determined:

Non-material amendment for previously approved application at Burnside, Seamer Road. Approved 08/03/23.

Police – report received noting that in March, there had been a commercial burglary and in April 2023, there was a reported theft of a satellite GPS from a tractor.

North Yorkshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund –Grants are available under this fund over three years but year 1 is now fully booked. An expression of interest is needed for a project to kick start the process and this will be considered as a future funding prospect.

Parish Clerk Role –Glenn McGill who had undertaken the role for two years indicated that he was unable to continue due to work commitments and a replacement was being sought.

Tree Safety Audit – A finalised report and risk assessment had been produced and prices are being obtained to have the work completed.

Council Reorganisation – District Councillor Fortune noted that her role had extended significantly since the number of councillors had been reduced and the areas increased.

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.

An update from the July Parish Council meeting will appear in the next Grapevine once ratified following the next Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council meeting on Tuesday September 19th 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

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

OIL CLUB

The next official order date is the : 1st 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 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>

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

1. October as the clocks go back an hour!
2. c) It is says “This is just English in reverse”
3. 10. Many people think the answer is 9 as they forget to turn the back page
4. 77
5. Deep in thought
6. Cat (c from cow and at from goat)!
7. Coffee, If you take the first letter of every word and put in at the end it would spell the same word backwards – apart from coffee
8. A decimal point
9. English alphabet it is not to do with how many letters in the alphabets. Its that “English alphabet” contains 15 letters
10. East
11. Friday and Wednesday
12. TLE

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