

The Grapevine

SEAMER & TAME BRIDGE MAGAZINE

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Seamer Village Website: seamervillage.co.uk
or Facebook group: *Seamer Local's Chit Chat***



EDITOR'S NOTES

PLEASE READ - THE ORGANISATION OF GRAPEVINE WILL BE CHANGING.

Allison Routledge and Faye Aspinall will be responsible for the content of Grapevine. They will receive any articles from **ANYONE** who wishes to submit them (both regular and new contributors). They will also take on the role of finding any other suitable articles which can be included if space is available. Therefore, please let Allison and Faye have articles for future editions asap before the deadline date.

Any articles submitted after this date will not be included even if they are corrections to existing submissions. This we hope will mean that Grapevine can be edited and printed, Dave's Role, knowing nothing is missing or wrong. (hopefully). The possibility of an outside Commercial Printer being involved is another reason for these changes.

The next edition covers April and May and articles should reach us by the 26th May at 9.00 am.

If you have any other comments about these changes then please contact any of us

Happy Reading

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EASTER AT STOKESLEY PARISH CHURCH AND ST MARTINS, SEAMER

Palm Sunday – Sunday 24th March, 9.30a, **Family Service** with **Holy Communion** at Stokesley Church

Maundy Thursday Service Thursday 28th March, 7.30pm. **Holy Communion** with the Watch and Compline at Stokesley Church

Good Friday, 29th March, 2pm. **The Hour at the Cross** - A time of prayer and reflection at Stokesley Church

Saturday 30th March, 7.30pm. **Easter Vigil** - The Vigil and the Service of Light with **Holy Communion** at Stokesley Church

Easter Sunday, 31st March, **Holy Communion at:**
Stokesley Church at 9.30am and **Seamer Church at 11.30am**

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

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 page 5).

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**. For more information contact

Allison at: allison.grapevine@gmail.com

BRIDGE GROUP

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. Bridge is held in the Village Hall on **Thursday afternoons from 1–3pm**. **Please note the change of time for the winter months.**

Contact Yvonne on 01642 710804

NORMAL 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 so I know number-numbers, and please bring your own mat.

Any questions? Contact

Rachel Chapman

email - thehealthtoolkit@outlook.com or message on **07946324080**

PILATES FOR THE MENOPAUSE

This meets Mondays, 6-7pm in Seamer Village Hall Open to anyone at any stage of the menopause. **£7 a class** Booking is essential. For questions and bookings, message Racheal on **07946324080**

TABLE TENNIS

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

Seamer Village Hall

Saturday 23 March

2.00-4.00 p.m.

Decorate
an egg!

Tombola!

Make
Easter
cakes!



EASTER FUN

for children & adults

Make a
card!

Free
refreshments!

ALL WELCOME!

£2 per child admission

Supported by Seamer Parish Council

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CARPET BOWLS

Held in the village hall on Tuesdays 10am – noon. Cost - £2 per session

Come along and join us for a very informal game of carpet bowls. No experience required. You get gentle exercise, a good laugh and a tea/coffee break.

Contact *Christine on 01642 701733*

BOOK CLUB

We continue to meet once a month usually on the **4th 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 next meeting will be on the **27th February**

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** below).

Monday	Pop-In 10 - 12 am Pilates for the Menopause 6-7 pm	
Tuesday	Carpet Bowls 10-12am	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 8.30 pm (4th Tuesday)
Wednesday		Table Tennis 7.00pm
Thursday	Play and Stay 10 - 11.30 am	Bridge Group 1-3 pm

RAFFLE PRIZES

Firstly, Thank you to those who have given generosity in the past.

Do you have any unwanted Christmas or Birthday presents or other gifts that you will not use? If so, would you be willing to donate them to the Village Hall for them to be used as raffle or tombola prizes at our fund-raising events. They can be left at the hall when it is open for activities or you can contact :

Christine Cooper (chris_cooper1@hotmail.com 01642 701733) and she will collect them.

Thank you very much.

Village Hall Committee

SEAMER VILLAGE HALL 100+ CLUB

December winners (129 members)

1 st	£20	140	Barbara Newbould, Coldpool
2 nd	£15	1	Jenny Williams, Hilton Road
3 rd	£12	147	Paul & Andrea Kelley, Stainton Road
4 th	£10	85	Jim Scheilling, Hilton Road
5 th	£ 7	14	Lynda Moore, The Green

January winners were (129 members)

1 st	£20	80	Jean Webster, Croft Hills
2 nd	£15	91	Stephen Doughty, Brackenhill Walk
3 rd	£12	54	Kathy Mark, Tame Bridge
4 th	£10	101	Colin Quinn, Holme Lane
5 th	£ 7	69	Craig Williams, Hilton Road

In November the 100+ Club was 9 years old. Over the last year it has raised £1,534 of which £767 was given out as prizes and the other £767 donated to the village hall funds. Although the number of members has decreased to 129, it is still successful and much appreciated by the village hall committee members and we hope you will continue to support it.

For those members who joined in February/March last year, 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

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.

Plastic milk bottle tops

Only bottle tops from plastic cartons of fresh milk, please. Also, please make sure they are washed.

Ann Thomas and Christine Cooper

BRIAN ASTON R.I.P

We received the following message about Brian.

“We would like to report the recent passing away of my father Brian Aston, who died peacefully in hospital.

He was a member of the Parish council in the 1970/80s and I think Chair at one time.

The funeral for Brian is on Thursday 1st February, 11am, Loughborough Crematorium, .Leicester Road,, LE11 2AF, 01509 211373

Nigel & Heather Aston (son & daughter) “

We send our condolences, Brian and his wife Gwen were very active in the Seamer and Tame Bridge community.

SEAMER METHODIST CHURCH

TIMES OF WORSHIP

The following lists those leading worship at 10.30 am

4th February led by Peter Jackson

11th February led by Rev Rob Weir, *Holy Communion.*

18th February led by Rev Graham Peacock

25th February led by Ken Hudson

The preachers for services in **March** have not yet been allocated as the plan is still being worked upon.

A warm welcome is promised for anyone who would like to join us .

CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE

Another year of this was completed with the usual warm welcome from residents of both Seamer and Newby. A great time was had by the singers

and supporters especially as the weather was very kind to us. A total of around £700 was raised (money is still arriving from some people who missed out on our performances!!), so we assume the residents enjoyed it. Many commented “It made our Christmas”.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY (10th December)

A big thank you to all involved in this:

- The Parish Council for providing the tree,
- Dave, Les and workers from The old Blacksmith’s Project who helped erect the tree (too big/heavy to do ourselves!).
- Dave and Les for the tree decorations, Christine and The Kirks for inside the Church.
- Gill Burton for providing the knitted Mary, Joseph and Angel
- Ann Thomas for the coordination of the activities
- The members of the church for the refreshments afterwards
- Rev Rob Weir for his Nativity activity which was enjoyed by the children attending (and some of the adults!!).
- The Methodist Church for the Donation of Children’s Christmas Gifts .

A very enjoyable event for all who attended. (around 30 in number)

Seamer Methodist Church Congregation

SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Seamer Parish Council met on 2st November and a summary of the minutes is detailed below.

We continue in our efforts to find an authorised and reasonably priced contractor to prepare for and erect the bus shelter.

Winter plants have been put into the pots and we have ordered the plants for the summer when some of the pots will be removed and/or replaced.

Labman continue to assist with a solution to the aerating of the pond.

Following a tree safety audit an arborist is to undertake the required work.

Income, expenditure and bank balances were reported. Current Account £5,565.78, Reserve £3,561.24 and Community £34,517.15.

It was resolved that the precept for the coming year 2024/25 be increased to £6,000 from £5,590 to cover increased costs.

The police report showed no incidences reported in September with 3 in October, one of which was a stolen (and recovered) vehicle.

An update from the village hall committee advised they continue to consider roof repairs required to the building in particular the roof and lean too.

Minutes of this meeting (and agendas prior to meetings) are displayed on the noticeboards and on the website. . The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to take place on 19th March at the Village Hall, commencing at 7pm. **Please note that the May meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th May 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

Email: allison.seamerpcc@outlook.com

Seamer Parish Council encompasses Seamer and Tame Bridge.

SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 2024

We wish to provide advance notice of a change in the normal date of the parish council in May 2024.

This will take place on Tuesday 7th May @ 7pm.

ACTIVITIES FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Seamer Parish Council would like to thank everybody who responded to our Seamer Chitchat Facebook survey asking for the different age groups of the children we have in the parish. This is because we would like to offer activities in our village hall for our older children.

We would not presume to know what interests you have, or what you would like the opportunity to do in the hall. So on this basis we invite you to come and chat with us and perhaps create your own 'Parish Council' to organise some events.

If you would like to attend the proposed date for this meeting is **Friday 9th February at 6.30**

If you would prefer to tell us your thoughts via email you can get in touch with Councillor Amanda Cutler on amanda.l.cutler@outlook.com or Councillor Jayne Kendall on jaynekoopa@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing or hearing from you with your ideas..



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Contact our team

T: 01422 880 100

E: projects@yesenergysolutions.co.uk



THE COMMUNITY FUND

The Parish Council has recently awarded grants to the following:-

- Village Playgroup, Village Hall for the children's Christmas event and also for the lovely wool characters which were displayed over Christmas.
- We supported funds to the tree planters for tree guards for newly planted trees in the village.

These are examples of how we can help with events and initiatives in the village from the fund and we encourage you to submit requests, prior to completing the project or spend, as we are very keen to support eligible community projects which make the parish a better place to live.

SALT BINS

Please note that the salt bins have been replenished for the winter and we wish to remind people that this is to be used in public area like footpaths and not to be taken for people to use on their own drives. Thank you for your cooperation

Parish Council

NORTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY MESSAGING

(<https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk>)

Dear residents,

North Yorkshire Youth are having a 2025 Calendar Photo Competition "A YEAR IN NORTH YORKSHIRE", so if you have or, are, a young photographer aged 11+ and live in North Yorkshire - please see the poster on the [next page](#) for contact details or if you require more information..

TREES AVAILABLE FOR PLANTING

A number of villagers have been growing trees in preparation for planting. If you would like some to plant in your garden or land, then please contact:



Vic Brown kathryntanton1@gmail.com or

Mark Murphy medinnov8@googlemail

PLANTED A TREE IN 2023, PLANT MORE IN 2024

Tree Planting on various farms in Seamer will be taking place in early 2024. If you would like to be involved in helping plant, please contact:

Vic Brown 07722941934 ***email:*** kathryntanton1@gmail.com

Are you a young
photographer aged 11+
living in North Yorkshire?

2025 Calendar Photo Competition
“A YEAR IN NORTH YORKSHIRE”

Photos can be taken on any device and need to
represent North Yorkshire.

They can be landscapes, scenery or street photography,
with no people present, landscape format only - we want
to see North Yorkshire at its best throughout the year!

Closing date 31st August 2024



For more information and to enter:
contact Stef on **07398 149496**
or email **stef@nyy.org.uk**

T&Cs apply - see www.nyy.org.uk

Poster image is looking from Greston towards Reeth in Swaledale



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>

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

The community Bus now comes to Seamer on Friday at approximately 10.10 am and returns at 12.00 noon.

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.



MONTHLY HOUSE GROUP



An informal, faith based, get together at Tom & Ann



Thomas's house,



21 The Green, TS9 5LS



7th February at 7.30 pm



(Future meetings 1st Wednesday of the month)



Contact Ann on [07840133857](tel:07840133857) or



catcabcam@googlemail.com or simply come along



OIL CLUB

Nest Order dates: 1st week of March, May,

Delivery: approximately 3rd week in the month.

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

Stokesley Scouts & Guides



would like to thank
the patrons of



Seamer Village Hall

For your help in collecting the **Christmas Post in Dec 2023**

With your help we raised **£296.00** and delivered **867 cards**

LOCAL FARMING NEWS

Dave received the following email from local farmer Matthew Nichols (Manor Farm):

“We may not have met before but you may know of my family, the Nichols, at Manor Farm in the village.

I have been thinking of ways recently to engage more with the general public and more importantly the younger families of this world that seem a bit more disconnected with food, farming and the environment.

Us, as farmers, seem to take a lot of flack nowadays and people do seem to forget that we do still produce the majority of the food that we eat in this country and we also have the key to solve a lot of the world's problems, when it comes to climate change and human health.

I was wondering if it was possible, that we may be able to introduce a **Farmers Column** in the Grapevine magazine. I would be more than happy to write some articles explaining what is happening on the farm during each month of the farming calendar, include some educational things around farming and discuss what we are doing to enhance the environment along the way. This could be a monthly column, an every second monthly column, a seasonal quarterly column or whatever you

would like. It doesn't even have to just be me. I could try to get other farmers from around the village to take turns and write a bit about what they are getting up to too.

Alongside this I am hoping to engage with something called Farmer Time where we will facetime into classrooms across the UK to explain what we are doing on the farm and try to link it in with subjects they are learning at that time, as it pretty much can link with anything.

I would also like to try to host an open farm day at some point too however maybe not this year we shall see.

All in all I would just like to try and re-strengthen that link between Farming, Food, Environment and the Public, and increase their health and knowledge of what's around them.

I know its a bit brief but please let me know your thoughts.

Kind regards, Matthew Nichols”.

I have been in touch with Allison and Faye and both are in agreement that this would be an interesting addition to the Grapevine publication. Unfortunately it was too late for him to produce something for this edition but we look forward to one in the April/May edition.

If any readers have any thoughts about what else Grapevine should include then please get in touch with any (or all) of the following .

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SPEEDWATCH

Due to the poor weather it was decided to cease the Speed watches until probably the end of February. We should, however, be getting the VAS back in Seamer/Tame Bridge in the next week or so.

Speedwatch Team

LITTER PICKING

As the weather improves (hopefully) in February, it is hoped to carry out some organised litter picking around the village.

If anyone is interested in taking part, then please contact

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