

# The Grapevine

SEAMER & TAME BRIDGE MAGAZINE

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Firstly I need to apologise for the faux pas in the last edition. Suffice to say Jean Webster would like to confirm that she is very much alive, fit and healthy!

So at last we are having some weather more like we expect at this time of year. The children are breaking up for their long holidays and if you are looking to entertain them check out Seamer Chitchat on Facebook where Ann Thomas has just posted a long list of places to go to keep them entertained. We have agreed to fund some events in the village hall for them too. (see page 17). I expect you have seen the village plant pots in full bloom and am sure you agree they look very pretty. Our thanks go to Maureen Marshall and her husband for filling them, very much appreciated! Our thanks also go to the team who organised (and the Community Fund which funded), "The Big Lunch" event, it was a great success with an excellent turnout.

You will have noticed there are a number of properties for sale in the village each with different reasons for moving no doubt. This means we sadly say good bye to some longstanding residents but hope they remain in touch. I can send electronic copies of Grapevine if you send me your details. Of course on the flip side we are also welcoming some new residents into the village and hope you settle in quickly, feel welcomed and join in with some of the activities. We look forward to meeting you.

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Articles for the next Grapevine should be sent to us by September 22nd please and no later!

## **LET'S TALK RUBBISH!!**

North Yorkshire Council collects around 310,000 tonnes of household waste each year from over 300,000 properties. About 45 per cent of this is reused, recycled or composted.



As part of Let's Talk Local and Let's Talk Money, you told us that we should focus on providing the best value for money and tackling climate change. At the moment there are seven different ways of collecting your recycling. Having just one way of doing this would be more efficient and give you better value for money.

Like you, we want to keep our county attractive and clean so everyone can enjoy it. Collectively, by reducing waste and increasing our recycling, we can help conserve our natural resources, protect our ecosystems, save energy, and support our ambitions of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and carbon negative by 2040.

We know this is an important subject, so please tell us about your rubbish and recycling, so we can look at what we can all do to help achieve our goals.

There are several ways you can take part in Let's Talk Rubbish: You can fill in an online survey here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk> – the survey is on Commonplace, which is a safe and easy-to-use online tool used to engage with communities, by over 250 organisations including neighbouring councils in Leeds and West Yorkshire.

If you would prefer, you can pick up a paper copy from your local library, leisure centre or main local office and return it in the envelope provided. You can also email [letstalk@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:letstalk@northyorks.gov.uk) or call 0300 131 2 131 (please say 'Let's Talk' when prompted) to request a survey.

You can write to: Let's Talk, North Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Northallerton DL7 8AD. Accessible formats of the survey are available on request. Please share your views with us and encourage your colleagues, friends and family to do the same. The survey closes on 16 September 2024. Questions please email [LetsTalk@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:LetsTalk@northyorks.gov.uk) or call the number above if they want to speak to someone.

### **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. Contact Community Care to book a place on **01642 710085**

### **MOBILE POST OFFICE**

The mobile post office van comes to the village on **Tuesdays** from **10:25 to 10:55am**, 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**

Next Order date to be received by Sunday 4th August please  
Delivery: approximately 3<sup>rd</sup> week in the month. They can also organise boiler servicing and tank replacement discounts for you.

**Contacts, [David Ward 01642 710333](mailto:David.Ward@northyorks.gov.uk)  
or [Gordon Reed 01642 711495](mailto:Gordon.Reed@northyorks.gov.uk)**

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND EVENTS

### ITEMS TO RECYCLE (CAN BE LEFT IN VILLAGE HALL)

#### ***Plastic milk bottle tops***

You can leave your bottle tops – from the plastic cartons of fresh milk – washed please, at the village hall when it is open for activities or take them direct to Rea Funeral Services in Stokesley and place them in the box outside

#### ***Used stamps***

Please save your used postage stamps to donate to charity. I pass them onto Victoria Turton who comes to Book Club in the village hall. She has written this article about our stamp giving and the difference that we make by our kind gestures.

“Your used stamps can fund vital life-saving research into bone cancer. The Bone Cancer Research Trust undertakes pioneering research and offers information and support to those affected by bone cancer. Just 1kg of stamps can fund 1 hour of research. The trust accepts new, used 1st and 2nd class stamps along with foreign stamps. All you need to do is cut the stamp from the envelope leaving a 1cm border, take them to the village hall and add them to the new collection box in the book case to the right of the main door.”

Thank you [Ann Thomas](#)

Sadly, since our last edition we lost five of our parish residents, Derek Winterbotham, Seamer, Fiona Bell, Tame Bridge, Fred Pearson, Tame Bridge, Barbara Morley (formally of Tame Bridge) and Peter Charlton, Seamer We extend our condolences to their friends and families.

### POP IN

Held in the village hall on Mondays during school terms, so has finished for the summer re-convening on 9th September 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 and we continue through the summer holidays too. **Cost £2 per child.** For more information contact **Allison at:** [allison.grapevine@gmail.com](mailto: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. Held in the Village Hall on **Thursday's** from 7-9pm.

**Please note the change of time for the summer months.**

**Contact Yvonne on 01642 710804**

### PILATES CLASS

#### **DURING THE SUMMER THERE IS ONE 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 numbers, and please bring your own mat. Any questions? Contact Rachel Chapman email - [thehealthtoolkit@outlook.com](mailto:thehealthtoolkit@outlook.com) or message on 07946 324080

### **TABLE TENNIS**

Held in the village hall on **Wednesdays from 7-9pm**. Cost £2 a session. 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 10am – noon**. Cost - £2 per session. Come along and join us for a very informal game of carpet bowls, it's gentle exercise, a good laugh with a tea/coffee break.

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

### **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 next meeting will be on the **25th June**

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** ).

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

### **May winners (120 members)**

1st £20 105 Maria Mavin, Coulby Newham  
2nd £15 71 Mike Walton, Stainton Road  
3rd £12 119 Joanne Swinson, Hilton Road  
4th £8 34 Neil Bayliss, Stainton Road  
5th £5 137 Patricia Jackson, Tame Bridge

### **June winners were (120 members)**

1st £20 79 Linda Sayers, Brackenhill Walk  
2nd £15 146 Janet Bainbridge, The Green  
3rd £12 61 Louise Egan, Stainton Road  
4th £8 55 Caroline Walker, The Green  
5th £5 144 Maureen Marshall, Tame Bridge

### **July winners were (120 members)**

1st £20 6 Ray Batey, Berwick  
2nd £15 96 Myra Robinson, Stokesley Road  
3rd £12 12 Stephen Doughty, Brackenhill Walk  
4th £8 36 Sheila Hobson, The Green  
5th £5 29 Ann Thomas, The Green

For those members who joined in August/September last year, this means that you are due to join again. I will contact you by email, phone or call and see you. *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. You may have noticed that the number of members has dropped significantly over the last few months, for varying reasons. If you have recently moved here and would like to become a member or to rejoin, 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.

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## SEAMER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

### Minutes Seamer Parish Council AGM 7th May 2024

At the AGM held in the village hall, Maureen Marshall was elected as chair and Jayne Kendall as vice chair. The 2024 final accounts and audit were signed off by the council.

District Councillor David Hugill was in attendance and provided an update which included the election of mayor David Skaith, that a new local plan was in preparation and that savings were beginning to be evidenced following the transfer to unitary authority. He did point out that a large portion of the local budgets were committed to social care and SEN transport costs. He continues to pursue funds for the repair of the footpath at the Tame Bridge Stokesley Road junction. He commented that planning decisions were slow as there is currently a re-organisation of the planning department in progress.

We have re-engaged with the council to have the bus shelter erected and await new quotes.

Plants are due to be delivered and volunteers were requested to help plant them once they arrive.

We discussed the external printing of The Grapevine , a valuable asset to the village. Quotes were considered and a supplier approved.

The council approved the replacement of the bench on Holme Lane which was dilapidated and unsafe. Planning applications considered

APPLICANT: I Donaldson PROPOSAL: Demolish and replace single storey extension. LOCATION: 25 The Green Seamer Middlesbrough North Yorkshire

NO OBJECTION.

*Maureen Marshall, Chair of the Parish Council*

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APPLICANT: Mr Terence Tyreman

PROPOSAL: Application for the Installation of drive way gate posts with a height of 1.37m (Inc. decorative topping). New gates 1.2m Fence 1.22m (4') to front of property, for security and privacy.

LOCATION: Windhover Tame Bridge Stokesley Middlesbrough;

NO OBJECTION PROVIDED THERE IS NO OBSTRUCTION TO PUBLIC FOOTPATHS.

**POLICE REPORTS** – There was one incident in April (fraud) and 2 in March (residential burglary and violence against a person).

Bank Balances		
Business	£1,877.01	29/04/2024
Reserve	£7,052.51	29/04/2024
Total parish funds	<b>£8,929.52</b>	29/04/2024
Community	<b>£ 34,374.63</b>	

Bank balances were received.

The following payments were authorised or ratified:-

Electric bill £450 (if and when received) , Holme Lane bench remove, clear site and fit new one £70 and Grapevine printing costs circa £200 per edition.

Christine Cooper provided an update from the village hall committee. Events attendance was increasing across various regular activities and bookings were up. Basketry is very popular. Also, the hall is used by school children for lunch when on educational farm visits, and the parish council were very supportive of this initiative.

**COMMUNITY FUND**— The council ratified payment to Seamer Memorial Village Hall for £200 contribution to Children's Easter Workshops and approved 3 further applications to the Community Fund: -

£800 as estimated cost for replacement of carpet bowls mat.

£2000+ for the event "The Big Lunch" towards marquee in case of inclement weather as ticket sales were at good levels and hall can only accommodate 80.

Agreement in principle to circa £12,000 as contribution to village hall refurbishment if grant funding for 80% of total costs approved.

The next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday September 17th @7pm in Seamer village hall. 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 also 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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**Music through the decades**

@ Seamer Village Hall  
28th September 2024  
7-30pm

With local singer Faye Aspinall

Bring your own drinks and snacks

## Oneholmes Farm

Matthew Nichols has been contributing some wonderful articles to the Grapevine about farming in the village so I would like to add a little history of my time at Oneholmes.

Jane and I came to Oneholmes on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1967, having bought the farm from Walter Hall on his retirement. The purchase was on a “lock, stock and barrel” basis which means that the sale included about 15 cattle, 30 sheep, and one ram who took an instant dislike to me and headbutted me every time I went into the field! Also included was the machinery, growing crops, and tools, some of which we still use today, Mr Hall was, I believe, related to the Thomas family who then farmed Moor farm and Seamer Moor farm which lie to the west of Oneholmes. From the deeds it appears that all three farms were purchased from Trustees of a Lord Leconfield some years earlier. The other land I now farm at Applegrove farm was owned by the Barker brothers, who had bought it from the Stokesley estate earlier.

Though I am an “incomer” to this area, our family tree shows that my eldest cousin still farms the farm that was given by the Duke of Buccleuch to my multiple greats grandfather in 1593. The deeds say, “Having been kindly tenants (i.e. they paid their rent in kind which we think was horses) since past the memory of man” which under Scottish law is at least 100 years. Perhaps it is no wonder that from childhood I had always wanted to be a farmer!

At the outset of the war, my father was posted to a searchlight unit on the Yorkshire Wolds, trying to stop bombers reaching Middlesbrough. He moved with my mother to Ganton, near Scarborough where I was born. His eldest brother inherited the family farm, but he still itched to farm and bought a small farm in Harwood dale where I would spend time in the school holidays. He later bought a tenanted farm near Galashiels and, when the tenant gave up farming, he asked me to take it over and my son farms it now.

My childhood experience of farming after the war was much influenced by the wartime emphasis on food production when the government "WARAG" committees made farmers plough many grass fields and demand that crops, rather than grass, were planted right up to any hedge that managed to avoid being dug out. We must now leave a minimum two metre margin between hedge and crop!

On the farm, tractors began to appear but much of the work was still done by hand. At harvest time, tractor drawn binders cut the straw and bound it into sheaves of corn which were stooked in the field to dry hopefully! The sheaves were loaded on trailers and finally stacked in the barns. Later in the year, a threshing machine would arrive, travelling from farm to farm in the area. Men were shared by farmers as the machine needed a lot of labour including from farmers' wives providing sustenance for the day. The resulting corn was carried in 12 stone (76 kilo) bags up the granary steps or onto trailers to take to the railway station. As a boy, my job was to gather the chaff on a sheet and then carry it to the cattle yard for bedding. I hated barley chaff as it was so prickly.

Walter Hall gave me the very important drainage and farm maps of Oneholmes Farm which was originally known as "Racecourse Farm" as, before the Jockey rules were drawn up, Stokesley racecourse was an oval running along what is now Tame Bridge and back through the fields behind. The earliest map I have (1899) shows Oneholmes running right down to the Hutton Rudby Road but the 1920 map shows that Tame Bridge was taken from the farm for smallholdings for soldiers returning from the first world war. Each smallholding was complete with a small square cottage with the roof sloping up to a central chimney. There are still a few altered houses that have retained some evidence of the original shape.

Another "Blueprint" I have, dated 1921, shows all the main drains on the land, most of which are still in use today, also detailed measurements of the position of the spring which used to be the farm's water supply.

Today the emphasis on food production has faded. Much of our food again comes from abroad or from the artificial environment of a greenhouse or factory. Government now pays us for a multitude of "environmental" actions, many of which the industry had returned to already, as part of the recovery from their previous policy. The computer has enabled the creation of a mass of regulations which we have to observe and report on.

It is inevitable that each generation of farmers will, as they have in the past, need to react to the wishes of their customers but changes will of necessity take time as nature cannot be hurried and indeed will throw a spanner in the works from time to time. Our changing climate will create floods, droughts, heat and cold; each will affect every one of our customers and from time to time we will not be able to meet their demands, be it for "environment" or food.

*Robert Campbell*

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

2nd August Snake Trio in Stokesley Parish Church 7.30

16th August Stokesley Church Coffee morning (in Town hall)

9-30 to 11-30

23rd August Seamer Church Coffee morning (in Town hall)

9-30 to 11-30

5th September Saltburn Big Band 7-30pm Stokesley Church

27th September Stokesley Church Coffee morning (in Town hall)

9-30 to 11-30

First Saturday of each month there is coffee and cake in Stokesley Parish Church 9-30 to 11-30.

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

## **SEAMER METHODIST CHURCH**

### ***TIMES OF WORSHIP***

*The following lists those leading worship at 10.30 am*

*4th August led by Peter Jackson*

*11th August led by Rev Rob Weir - Holy Communion*

*18th August, Joint Circuit Service at Stokesley Methodist Church  
(no service at Seamer)*

*25th August led by Ron Kirk*

*We do not have the list for September as the rota is produced  
every three months and will not be published until Mid August. .*

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

### **Seamer Methodist Church Congregation.**

REV DANIEL PRATT MORRIS CHAPMAN

Many of you may remember Daniel and his family from his time with us at Seamer Methodist 8 years ago and/or from their regular visits to POP in before they left to take up a missionary post working with refugees in Milan, Italy. We took out shoe boxes full of essential items for Daniel and Grace to distribute to the refugees as well as £600 all kindly donated by local residents, businesses etc.

After three years they moved onto Rome to continue their work, living next door to the Pope (not quite, but they did meet him occasionally!). They have spent the last year in Uganda.

Just a few weeks ago, quite unexpectedly, we met up with him and his family at The Hub in Hutton Rudby to find that he is now back in the UK for the expected future.

He will be working at a Methodist based College, in Cambridge. We didn't have long to chat but he would like to occasionally come back to Seamer/Hutton and join us in services and at POP in as they have fond memories of their time here. He will be most welcome. and we hope to see them soon. *David and Christine Campy*

### **Time for a laugh**

Wife: Sometimes I like to mess with my husband and hide his stuff where he won't find it. Like I put his shoes in the shoe cupboard, his jacket in the cloakroom and his keys in the key box!

I just fired myself from cleaning.....I don't like my attitude and I caught drinking on the job!

I went to an aerobics class last week. I stretched, bounced about, fell over a few times it was agony. ....by the time I got my leotard on the class was over!

Today I am having a vision problem.....I cannot see myself doing anything at all!

Husband: What's for dinner. Wife: Nothing. Husband: We had nothing last night. Wife: I know I made enough for 2 days!

Have you had to walk 500 miles? Were you advised to walk 500 more? If so you could be entitled to compensation. Call the Pro Claimers now!

I was meant to be rich.....I can tell by the way I spend money!

What sort of music should you play when you are fishing?.....something catchy!

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<b>Tuesday</b>	Carpet Bowls 10-12am	<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 8.30 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</b> <b>10 - 11.30 am</b>	<b>Bridge Group 7-9 pm</b>

## Village Tubs

As many of you may know we do not currently have a village gardener and are in the process of finding someone to replace Stephen. This is proving very difficult so if anyone knows of someone who may be interested please contact Allison the PC clerk.

This year the tubs were completed differently to previous years. The community fund paid for the plants from Maynard's in Great Broughton. We purchased more mature plants which has made an instant impact. Whilst this is a more expensive method than growing from plug plants I am sure everyone will agree that they have put on a really good show. I would like to thank all the residents who have taken the time and effort to water them all on a regular basis although this year we have had quite a lot of help from the sky!!



We will continue to follow this process for the future to maintain the tubs.

Due to the lack of a gardener the village hall garden and the rose bank on Stainton Road have become rather neglected and if we are able to recruit a gardener, those 2 areas will be the main focus of their job. So if anyone is willing, or know someone who is, please get in touch.



We hope you like the changes we have made but please feel free to offer any suggestions for the future and these will be considered.

**Maureen Marshall Chair Parish Council**

## SEAMER VILLAGE HALL 100+ CLUB

The aim of this club is to raise funds for the village hall so that we can fund more projects and for it to become even more of a community asset. Membership is open to any adult resident within the parish – Seamer village, Tame Bridge and Coldpool and to any other adults who come to activities in the hall.

### How it works

You pay £1 per month / £12 per year and receive one number which is entered into each monthly prize draw.

Half of the money raised goes to the village hall funds the other half is divided into 5 prizes.

i.e. £150 raised = £75 for the village hall and 5 prizes of £25, £20, £15, £10 and £5.

To be able to run this Club we have a Gaming Licence from North Yorkshire Council which costs £20 per year.

### How to become a member

You can become a member at anytime

Please contact **Christine Cooper** on 01642 701733

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

I look forward to hearing from you.

Christine Cooper

### The Smithy

Due to this bumper edition the next instalment of “the Smithy” will follow in the next edition.

## **Only the lonely**

In today’s modern and busy world, it is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of life, often leaving ourselves very little time to care for ourselves and for those around us. With working hours increasing and ever more demands being placed upon us, it is hardly a surprise that what little time we have to ourselves is spread very thinly.

Sadly, because of this, people are spending less and less time visiting friends and family as the demands of modern life take their toll.

According to a survey by the Office for National Statistics in 2023, around a quarter (27%) of adults reported that they felt lonely ‘always, often or some of the time’. Studies have shown that loneliness can lead to higher levels of stress and can also impact on our mental health, especially if you have been feeling lonely over a long period of time. This can include depression, anxiety, low self-esteem and sleep issues.

With this in mind, we surely must try and find some time to connect to those around us and to help to combat feelings of loneliness amongst our friends, family and community members and for ourselves.

If you or a family member is experiencing feelings of loneliness, there are several suggestions below to help find support:

- Join an online community such as Side by Side (available 24/7) · [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com) to meet people who share your interests
- Volunteer for a local charity or community group in your area

Ask your GP to refer you to a social prescribing link worker who can refer you to local sources of support · Try a telephone befriender service at [www.befriending.co.uk](http://www.befriending.co.uk)

Different things work for different people, so try something that you feel comfortable with and do not put too much pressure on yourself. Make small changes and remember that you are not alone. *Faye Aspinall*

### **SPEEDWATCH AND VAS**

The VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed sign) was with us at Seamer from 27th May to 17th June. The data records an increase of 9% in the number of vehicles travelling through the village towards Hilton from the last period measured. The average speed and % of vehicles exceeding the limit remained the same. As was the case with Tame Bridge there is a noticeable higher rate of speed and % of speeders on the first day of the signs installation showing the sign did have an effect.

It was then moved to Tame Bridge for 3 weeks. It also showed a higher than previous number of vehicles per day. Average speed was very similar to the previous period, but the % of speeders was up. However, only one speed of 80 mph was recorded (at a similar time and same day to one previously) and there were much fewer speeds of 70/75 and also fewer exceeding showing perhaps some are taking note and reducing their speed. We have restarted our Speedwatch on Hilton Road but bad weather, illness and a reduced number of volunteers has restricted the number to less than once a week. MORE volunteers are needed to make this more effective.

Thank you Speedwatch Team

### **Sustainable pond aeration for Seamer.**

I know some of our residents have noticed the installation of a device into the pond. Labman have kindly spent some time designing and installing a solar powered aeration system. They said “After the recent installation of a traditional mains powered aeration system in Labman’s own pond , which significantly improved water quality, Seamer Parish Council reached out for help with their village pond.



Their challenge was to find a sustainable solution to help improve the water quality without easy access to power. Rising to the challenge, Labman developed and recently installed an aerator system which uses solar energy to constantly top up the battery. The system is set to enhance the pond’s health and help bring new life to the surrounding ecosystem. It’s been a rewarding effort to support our local community and environment”.

Our thanks go to Labman for their time in completing this project and look forward to seeing some improvement in the pond.

## THE BIG LUNCH

What a fantastic day we had. Good weather, a picnic, cake competition, fancy dress, sports, bouncy castle, archery, football, ice cream, hog roast, a bar and finishing with Faye – our resident singer.

After a lot of planning, everything came together and the event proved to be a huge success and enjoyed by all who came. It was wonderful to see so many children playing together – who knew there were so many in the parish. The event was funded by the Community Fund and made possible by the Bainbridge Family for allowing the use of The Green to have it on.

Thank you from Seamer Village Hall Committee and all the residents and friends who came along.



## Competition winners



Children's Decorated cake/s – There were 7 entries and it proved difficult to pick three winners so they were all 1st prize winners.

They were: Seb and Jess Swinson; Skye and Brooke Johnson; Matthew and Daniel Slack; Sunny, Rose and Vivian.

Children's Fancy dress: 1st Alfie Twiddle; 2nd Ellie Twiddle; 3rd Matthew Slack. Adult's Fancy Dress: 1st Tom Thomas; 2nd Ann Thomas; joint 3rd Christine Campy and Faye Aspinall.





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