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The Grapevine

Seamer & Tame Bridge Magazine



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Seamer Village Website: seamervillage.co.uk

 **Facebook group:** [Seamer Local's Chit Chat](#)

Save the Date

Seamer Village Hall BIG 100 BASH

This year the Village Hall is 100 years old. To celebrate this milestone we are planning to have a celebration event on **Saturday July 5th**.

We would like your ideas as to what you would like to have/do to celebrate and would you be willing to help us to organise it beforehand and/or on the day.

Please contact any committee member or email the secretary at seamervillagehall@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

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.



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**.



Editor's Notes

Welcome to the first 2025 issue of Grapevine and I hope you are all well and sticking to the New Years resolutions. Dry January? Perhaps you are going to eat more healthily?

Are you partial to a takeaway? Fish and chips is one of my choices and our favourite is Ayton Fisheries in Great Ayton. I read however that the humble fish and chips has risen in price over the last 5 years more than any other take away, with the average price rising by over 50%.



According to a recent YouGov poll, fish and chips is the second-most popular dish in the UK, behind just chips on their own. Introduced to the UK by Spanish and Portuguese Jews who had emigrated from the Netherlands, the meal became increasingly popular in the 20th century and was one of the few foods not subject to rationing during the Second World War.

But the UK icon has been subject to steep rises in costs before it can reach British plates. Fish has risen in price, in part due to a 35% import tariff on Russian seafood after 2022. Potato prices have also risen due to small crop yields across Europe and increased costs for UK farmers and fryers e.g. energy.

I did, however, still enjoy a portion when I had my grandsons to stay this week, as a treat for us all. The fish 'n' chips cost over £40 for 4 of us!!!

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The Children's Workshops

The Children's Workshops on December 7th were a great success even though it was blowing a gale that day!

Lots of children and their families came and made Christmas cards, baked mince pies, iced home made biscuits, made Santa's woolly reindeer, decorated the Christmas tree and had a great time.

There was the very popular Tombola, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Name the Elf, How many Sprouts in the Jar? and refreshments for all.

Santa arrived and heard of many wishes for gifts for Christmas Eve before giving every child a present.

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers...

Joan Barnes, Kath Cook, Dianne Cutler and her grandson Grayson, Christine Campy, Viv Hyman, Gill Burton, Faye Aspinall, Christine Baptist, Les Bland and everyone who helped decorate the Hall, were there on the day and cleaned up afterwards!

Many thanks also to Seamer Community Fund for helping Santa with his presents for the children.

Another excellent children's event in our Village Hall!

Ann Thomas



Stokesley Scouts & Guides



would like to thank
the patrons of



Seamer Village Hall

For your help in collecting the **Christmas Post in Dec 2024**

With your help we raised **£239.62** and delivered **684 cards**

oil club

Order dates, 1st week in November, January, March, May, September.

Delivery approximately 3rd week in the month.

They can also organise boiler servicing and tank replacement discounts for you.

If you need oil before then then call us we may still be able to order at a discount.



Contacts: David Ward 01642 710333 or Gordon Reed 01642 711495.

Church News & Services

Stokesley Parish Church with St Martins, Seamer

Activities, concerts and Easter services

Saturday 1st February, 9.30 - 11.30 Coffee and Cake and Kid's Craft.

Saturday 1st March, 9.30 - 11.30 Coffee and Cake and Kid's Craft.

Wednesday 5th March 9.30am Ash Wednesday Service, Stokesley Parish Church

Saturday 5th April, 9.30 - 11.30 Coffee and Cake and Kid's Craft.

Concerts in Stokesley Church

Saturday 26th April at 7pm. Concert - Apollo Male Voice Choir

Sunday 27th April at 3pm. Guisborough Big Band.

Easter Services 2025 at Stokesley Parish Church And St Martins, Seamer

Palm Sunday - Sunday 13th April, 9.30am

Holy Communion at Stokesley Church

Maundy Thursday - Thursday 17th April, 7.30pm

Holy Communion with the Watch and Compline at Stokesley Church

Good Friday - Friday 18th April, 2pm

The Hour at the Cross - A time of prayer and reflection at Stokesley Church

Easter Vigil - Saturday 19th April, 7.30pm

The Vigil and the Service of Light with Holy Communion at Stokesley Church

Easter Sunday - Sunday 20th April

Holy Communion at Stokesley Church at 9.30am and at Seamer Church at 11.30am

For more information, visit

www.stokesleyparishchurch.org.uk or our Facebook page @stokesleyparishchurch



Seamer Methodist Church

It was lovely to see so many people turn out for the Christmas Tree Lighting at Seamer Methodist Church on 1st December; and most of those (more than 30!) joined us in the Chapel afterwards for some light refreshments and a short service. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having you with us! All of our services (Sunday, 10:30am) are open to everybody, and we'd love to see more people more regularly - it's the thing that above all will help to keep the Chapel going - if you've ever wondered what it's like, come and find out!

Later in the month saw Chapel Members and a good few more from the village spending two nights singing Carols all around the village, with some of us then going to Newby the following night to sing Carols there too! We always appreciate the reception so many give us, and hope that we did our part to spread some Christmas Cheer across the village. As was mentioned in the previous issue of Grapevine, money collected from the Carol Singing this time is being shared between the Chapel and Action for Children (formerly known as NCH), a Children's Charity that historically has had a lot of links to the Methodist Church. The amount raised was £661.90.

Thank you all for your generosity; it makes a big difference to Seamer Methodist Church, and we hope that we can continue to make a positive contribution to the life of the village.

Our Preaching Plan is still in preparation at the moment, but there is a service every Sunday, with Communion happening once a month. Services are usually at 10:30am, but there is an exception on Easter Sunday (20th April in 2025) when we start earlier at 9am. If you'd like to know more about our services, please do get in touch.

Parish Bereavements

Sadly since our last edition we have lost two of our residents who would be known to many of you.

Douglas Hutchinson (Dougie) formally of Hilton Road and Ian McKenzie of Croft Hills.

We extend our condolences to their families and friends.

Ann Thomas's Retirement

After over 16 years as a committee member, Ann retired after the November meeting.

During this time, Ann set up the Monday Pop In, organised the children's Easter and Christmas workshops each year and the monthly Book Club, which have raised much needed funds for the hall.

As well as many other activities, Ann got residents knitting poppies to make the wonderful display outside the hall to commemorate Remembrance Day each year.



Another achievement was to apply for and succeed in getting a Lottery Fund grant to refurbish the hall which is now used by so many groups for varying activities.

Ann was presented with a thank you card, gift voucher and flowers at the Monday Pop In on it's 16th Birthday.

Cost of Living Support

There are support schemes and organisations in North Yorkshire which may be able to help or advise if you are worried about the cost of living, struggling to pay for essentials or looking for ways to make your money go further. See link below.

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/community-and-volunteering/cost-living-support-0>

Raffle Prizes

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 fundraising events?

They can be left at the hall when it is open for activities or you can contact me and I will collect them.

Thank you!

Christine Cooper
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Items To Recycle

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. 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."



Village Hall News & 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 £2. 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

Bridge Group

Held in the village hall on Thursdays from 1.30 to 3.30pm. 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 pay as you go at the class which is £7, 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 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 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 on the forth Tuesday of the month at 8.30pm in the village hall. but as December's date is Christmas Eve we will not meet until January 28th 2025! Then February 25th & March 25th. We take turns to provide refreshments and choose the book to be read. If you enjoy reading and a good chat please join us!

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).

Dancesize

We are hoping to start a new class in the Village Hall ,run by Olivia Hamm, in the New Year. Watch Seamer Chit Chat and the Village Hall Notice Board for more details!

Village Hall Timetable

Monday	Pop-In 10 – 12 am	
Tuesday	Carpet Bowls 10-12am	Pilates Class 6 – 7 pm Hall Committee meeting 7.30pm (1st Tues every second month) Seamer Parish Council 7.00pm (3rd Tues 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 1.30 to 3.30pm	

Seamer Village Hall 100+ Club

100+

November winners (120 members)

1st	£20	33	Pat Bayliss, Stainton Road
2nd	£15	104	Sylvia Ward, The Green
3rd	£12	16	Christine Cooper, Hutton Rudby
4th	£8	145	Warren Findlay, Tame Bridge
5th	£5	48	Joan Barnes, Leconfield

December winners (122 members)

1st	£20	92	Christine Taylor, School Cottages
2nd	£15	118	Sandra Burgess, Tame Bridge
3rd	£12	113	Nick Hill, Croft Hills
4th	£8	123	Graham Family, Stokesley Road
5th	£6	37	Gillian Jopling, Holme Lane

January winners (122)

1st	£20	110	Amanda Jones, Hilton Road
2nd	£15	96	Myra Robinson, Stokesley Road
3rd	£12	72	Melanie Coyde, The Green
4th	£8	147	Paul & Andrea Kelley, Stainton Road
5th	£6	44	Craig Lewis, Tame Bridge

In November the 100+ Club was 10 years old. Over the last year it has raised £1,480 of which £740 was given out as prizes and the other £740 donated to the village hall funds. Although the number of members has decreased to 122, 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 to April 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 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.

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

I look forward to hearing from you.
Christine Cooper

Seamer Village Hall - Annual General Meeting

Tuesday April 1st at 7.30pm

If you are interested in helping run the Village Hall and/or have any questions, please come along - with ideas for new ventures as well.

Everyone welcome.

We NEED new young (or old!) volunteers.



Tribute to Douglas Hutchinson

3.1.1929 -14.12.2024

Douglas or Dougie as he was known, was born on 3rd January, 1929 the son of Lionel and Ellen Hutchinson at Seamer Farm. He was the last of the family to pass away on 14th December, 2024 aged 95.

Dougie was a unique character, living in the village for all his life until he went into residential care a few years ago.

In his younger days Dougie loved to go to watch Middlesbrough Football Club play at Ayresome Park. He also played darts for the local team around the area and played dominoes in the pub with his friends. He was an amazing gardener and grew prize winning vegetables which he shared with his family and friends. Dougie also kept poultry and he loved going to the local village shows and won many prizes with his birds.

In his later years he enjoyed going to Seamer Grange Farm to help the Bainbridge family, especially at potato picking time and they said he was one of their best potato pickers even though he was over 80 years old.

Your unique character will be missed. R.I.P. Dougie.

Alan & Jackie Durham



Minutes Seamer Parish Council Meeting 1.10.24

District Councillor Hugill provided an update on NYC matters. Following a review, refuse collections will change, adopting a method successfully used in Selby. With 2 re-cycling bins and a general waste bin (this in addition to the green bins we pay for). Christmas trees will be collected in March 2025.

New local plan is in development and includes 3k proposed new house builds across the unitary authority with focus on health, wellbeing and job creation.

In terms of environmental issues NYC are trying to map all areas of natural beauty and valuable nature sites, engaging with farmers and land owners to build this information.

There is also a review of local council boundaries in terms of cover from elected councillors at NYC which should not impact the parish.

Progress has been made in erection of bus shelter with foundations completed and installation of shelter planned in January. Some additional enabling works are required and the purchase of sides to offer more protection to those using the shelter was approved.

First publication of The Grapevine by 3rd party supplier was well received with a more modern and professional look, although cost was a little higher than anticipated. Approved reducing the circulation to 4 times a year (currently 6) and review of quality of paper, print and colour with 3rd party supplier to reduce publishing costs.

Approved the works to maintain and make safe the tree in churchyard and obtain quotes for completion of works required. We have received a number of posters from the care association promoting their services and will include in Grapevine as space allows.

Village Pond

David Hugill provided an update re our concerns re the contamination of pond from water from the road. Highways have been to site and confirm there is only one drain into the pond on

Holme Lane. The pond has shown signs of improved health following installation of aerator and it was agreed that we would review in spring. It may be that a specialist pond review could be undertaken then if felt necessary.

Planning Applications

PROPOSAL: Application for single storey side extension and partial demolition of existing conservatory to convert to summer room with pitched roof

LOCATION: Fern Bank 1 Stainton Road Seamer Middlesbrough

APPLICANT: M And L Egan

NO OBJECTION

PROPOSAL: Installation of New GRP Transformer Housing and Cabinet

LOCATION: Labman Automation Limited Tameside Buildings Seamer Middlesbrough

APPLICANT: Mr Andrew Whitwell

NO OBJECTION

PROPOSAL: Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the construction of 3 No. detached 4 bed dwellings, associated hard landscaping and access road.

LOCATION: Hillcroft Stokesley Road Seamer Middlesbrough

APPLICANT: David Scott C/O Agent

OBJECTION due to traffic issues and previous decline reasons remaining valid.

PROPOSAL: Application to determine if prior approval is required for the conversion of an existing stable block to a 3no bedroom dwelling and with hardstanding parking area to the front and associated building works or operations necessary to convert the building

LOCATION: Oakdene Farm Seamer Middlesbrough North Yorkshire

APPLICANT: Miss Rachel Stonehouse

NO ACTION REQUIRED

PROPOSAL: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a two storey dwellinghouse with relevant amenity space and associated building works or operations necessary to convert the building

LOCATION: Oakdene Farm Seamer Middlesbrough North Yorkshire

APPLICANT: Charlotte Stonehouse
NO ACTION REQUIRED

Police Reports

There were 4 incidents in October 1 anti-social behaviour, 1 burglary (commercial premises) and 2 thefts.

Financials

The 2025/26 precept of £7,200 was approved for submission to NYC.

Bank Balances			
Business	£5,037.57	31/10/2024	
Reserve	£2,615.60	31/10/2024	
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Total parish funds	£7,653.17	31/10/2024	
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Community	£ 27,307.31	31/10/2024	

Village Hall update

Councillor Mark Murphy chair of the Village Hall Committee confirmed that the hall had been well utilised and they are working on further events to attract residents. Clerk had visited Hilton Parish Clerk with some suggestions tabled for events they have had success with. The survey of the building had been complete with no major issues identified

Community Fund

Application for Christmas gifts at children's Christmas event approved £150.

Minutes of this meeting and agendas prior to meetings are displayed on the noticeboards and on the village website. Residents can access information about Parish Council meetings in the following ways:

Attendance, by residents, at the bi-monthly Parish Council Meetings is encouraged, details of which are publicised in various locations e.g. Parish notice boards and website and grapevine articles, Parish Council minutes are displayed as above. Residents can contact the Parish council via email to discuss any matters that are of concern to them.

Any resident who attends forms part of the discussions and all viewpoints are taken into account when making a final decision on

any matters.

All matters relating to the Community Fund are also discussed at the Parish Council meetings.

Mareen Marshall Acting Chair of Parish Council email: allison.seamerpcc@outlook.com

Forthcoming Meeting Dates 2025

18th March, 20th May and 15th July 2025 (All meetings have a 7pm start time).

Ideas for the Village Hall?

We are interested to know if and how you could use the village hall resource. Currently regular pop-in, pilates and the Easter and Christmas events are well attended. The big summer bash was also very successful. We appreciate that times are changing and that if we want to attract a wider audience we need to put events on that appeal.

So with this in mind I am asking for your comments and feedback. Would you like to see:-

- Groups/artists that can be booked (e.g. Tom Powell who is a local guitarist sings lots of popular and current music.
- Bingo (or bongo bingo)
- Pantomime (external group will come and deliver in the festive season).
- Singing/ choirs
- Keep fit/yoga
- Dancing
- Karaoke

These are just some suggestions. Please feel free to suggest other options e.g. if you know someone who can entertain.

I am happy to receive your feedback to my email allison.grapevine@gmail.com and I expect my inbox to be flooded!!!!

Thanks
Allison

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