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# The Grapevine

Seamer & Tame Bridge Magazine



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 **Facebook group: Seamer Local's Chit Chat**

# Tame Bridge Tree Maintenance

The Parish Council is currently looking at getting some work done on the trees at Tame Bridge. Some of the magnificent willows are a bit straggly and dragging on the ground. The flowering cherry is also being smothered in ivy. The one streetlight is also covered by the willow preventing the sensor working efficiently. All we are planning to do is lift the willows a couple of metres and tidy back some of the scrub land that is underneath them and overgrown with ivy and nettles. Hopefully if this work is carried out this will open up the area under the trees and this can be kept back with regular cutting.

Maureen Marshall  
07772442270

## 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**.



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# Editor's Notes

Here is another bumper packed edition with updates on the events held recently in the village along with the summer children's workshops and a first aid course for all residents coming up in September.

Due to the size of this edition and that I have had limited time due to holidays and family illness, I have not included the parish council's summary. These can be found on the village website and the notice boards once they have been approved at the council meeting if anyone would like a copy emailing please contact me - allison.seamerpcc@outlook.com

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## Remembrance Day Appeal

I am appealing to all the residents who like to knit. Would you like to knit some poppies so that areas in the parish can be decorated for Remembrance Day in November.

They can be knit or crocheted in any shade of red wool. Patterns can be found online but if anyone requires one, please let me know. Wool and needles are also available.

Would you like to come to the village hall and have a regular knit and natter afternoon with tea/coffee and either knit or if you don't knit, maybe fix poppies onto netting?

I look forward to hearing from you.  
Christine Baptist - 07563 218372



# Speed Safety Van Deployment in Tame Bridge



## Figures up until the end of May 2025

Deployments between ½ to 1 hour at a time covering various days and various times of the day.

Deployments	6
Speeding offences	7
Seat Belt offences	2

It has been queried why the Speed Watch Motorcycle no longer does any visits to Seamer. Apparently, he has now retired and the site he used is no longer suitable, so no replacement has been put in place. The police do say if anyone has a suitable drive/entrance that could be used they would look at it.

## Speed Watch figures in Seamer

The Speed Watch team continue to monitor traffic in the village. Below are figures from last year and up until the end of May for this year. The team urgently need more volunteers so if anyone is willing to help please contact the Parish Clerk who will pass your details on.

### 2024

5231 vehicles monitored  
399 offences registered  
307 offences processed (276 sent letter 1, 23 sent letter 2, 8 committed 3rd offence and were contacted by Police)

### Up until end May 2025

2582 vehicles monitored  
238 offences registered  
209 offences processed (200 sent letter 1, 9 sent letter 2)

Speeding in Seamer and Tame Bridge is a hot topic for residents and following recent discussions with the new Police Sergeant at Stokesley we can hopefully get more action to help manage the issue.

# **Come and Meet your Local Community Police Officer**

**Monday 29th September**

**10 - 10.30 until 12**

**Pop In - Seamer Village Hall**



Following on from previous successful events, our Local Community Police Officer will again be visiting Pop in at the village Hall

**Please come along to meet and have a chat with them and other residents.**

**Raise any issues/concerns you have and get advice on keeping yourself and your property safe.**



**As a Bonus, you can treat yourself to a coffee/tea and delicious homemade scone!!**



# Seamer Memorial Hall 100th



## A Centenary Celebration to Remember

After months of planning and preparation, the Seamer Memorial Hall Committee proudly hosted a spectacular 100th Birthday celebration – an event that brought joy, sunshine, and community spirit in equal measure.

Held on the green opposite the Hall, the centenary party welcomed around 200 residents from across the parish. With entertainment, food, activities and even sunshine laid on, it was a fitting tribute to a much-loved village institution.

The day's festivities began with music from the Tees Components Brass Band, followed by a delightful performance from the Stokesley Primary Academy choir. Eric the Magician wowed children and adults alike, and local duo Paul & Kelly rounded off the entertainment with a crowd-pleasing set.

There was plenty for all ages to enjoy: a face painter who brought colour to cheeks both young and old, a busy art table, hook-a-duck, quiz sheets, a special 100 Board Game, under-5s play corner, and a lively round of family sports to end the day.

A highlight for many was the "Draw Your Hall" competition, with



entries from both children and adults. The winners were:

**Adult Winner: Graham Carter**

**Highly Commended: Madeline Masterson**

**Children's Drawing/Painting: Cole Kendall**

**Children's Colouring: Bethany Stockton**

The winning artwork will be displayed in the Hall.

The delicious food – burgers, sausage buns and drinks – was generously provided by Jayne Kendall of Opengate Yorkshire, with many residents enjoying their refreshments outside in the glorious late-afternoon sun. A technical hiccup delayed the ice cream man, but he eventually arrived to the great relief of everyone waiting for a cool treat.

At the heart of the celebration was a beautiful birthday cake, lovingly made by committee member Victoria Bagnall. It was ceremonially cut by Ron Kirk (who gave a short history of the Hall), Christine Cooper, and David Ward – the village's oldest lifelong resident. Fittingly, David's father and Christine's grandfather were both among the local young men honoured when the Memorial Hall was first built in 1925, following the First World War.

**The success of the day was thanks to many generous contributions:**



**The Community Fund and Noble Foods (donation of £500)**  
**Seamer Methodist Church (gingerbread men for the choir children)**  
**Seamer Farm Shop (fruit basket and voucher prize)**  
**Bainbridge family (use of The Green)**  
**Graham from the King's Head (use of the car park)**  
**Anne Graham (under-5s corner supervision)**  
**All committee members and volunteers – for their tireless efforts behind the scenes**

Winners of the 100 Board Game were:

**£20 Farm Shop Voucher – Zoe Burton**

**Fruit Basket – Pat and Neil Bayliss**

All children who took part in the sports received sweet cones as a treat.

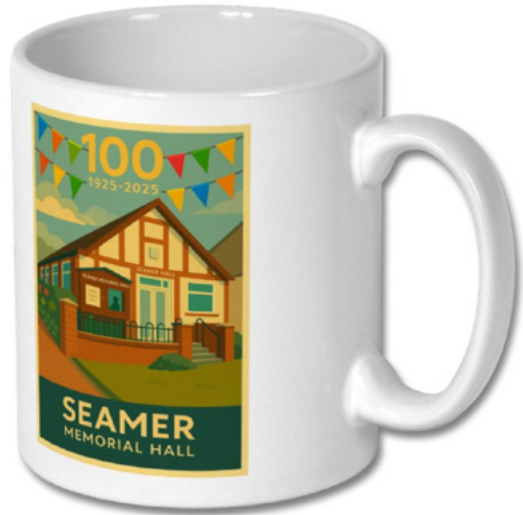
As David Ward so warmly put it:

**"The 100th anniversary celebrations were a resounding success, which I'm sure all the attendees would agree with. But let's not forget the tireless work of the small band of ladies on the Hall Committee - your efforts both before and during the day, even when most had gone home, did not go unnoticed. Thank you. You are a great asset to our community."**

As a memento of the day, each attending family received a special commemorative mug featuring an illustration of the Hall. For those who couldn't make it - or who'd like to buy extras - mugs are available for £5. Please contact Christine Cooper at [chris\\_cooper1@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_cooper1@hotmail.com) or call 01642 701733.

Lastly, the Committee is planning to create a photo album to mark this centenary. If you have any pictures from the day you'd be happy to share, please send them to: [seamervillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:seamervillagehall@gmail.com).

Here's to the next 100 years of memories, community, and celebration at Seamer Memorial Hall!





# SEAMER SUMMER 2025 LINE UP

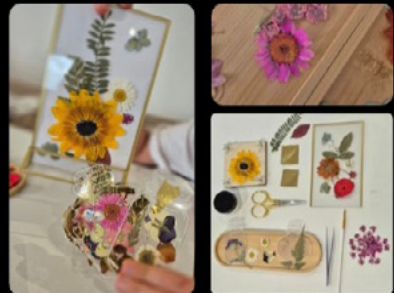
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**MINI  
BEAST  
WORKSHOP**  
**FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST**  
3:30PM - 4:30PM

**SEA  
GLASS  
WORKSHOP**  
**FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST**  
2PM - 3:30PM

**PRESSED  
FLOWER  
WORKSHOP**  
**FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST**  
2PM - 3:30PM

**POTTERY  
PAINTING  
WORKSHOP**  
**FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST**  
2PM - 3:30PM



BOOKING REQUIRED EMAIL : [FOODARTCOFFEE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FOODARTCOFFEE@GMAIL.COM)



## SEAMER MEMORIAL HALL

AN ADULT MUST STAY WITH THE CHILDREN THAT YOU BRING ALONG.

# Church News & Services

## Stokesley Parish Church with St Martin's, Seamer

### Events

Aug 12th	10-12 noon Craft morning for Adults
Aug 15th	Stokesley Parish Church Friday Morning Coffee in the Town Hall 9.30 - 11.30am
Aug 22nd	Seamer Parish Church Coffee Morning in Stokesley Town Hall 9.30 - 11.30am
Sept 6th	Coffee & Cake in Stokesley Parish Church 9.30 - 11.30am
Sept 7th	9.30am Family Service.
Sept 14th	10.30am Baptism and Confirmation service with Bishop of Whitby.
Sept 26th	Stokesley Parish Church Friday Morning Coffee in the Town Hall 9.30 - 11.30am
Oct 4th	Coffee & Cake in Stokesley Parish Church 9.30 - 11.30am with Children's Craft
Oct 5th	9.30am Family Harvest
Oct 12th	9.30am Traditional Harvest Festival.
Oct 20th/21st	Snake Davis Concert

All other Sunday Services are at 9.30am as shown on the website calendar.

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

## Seamer Methodist Church

### Summer Coffee Mornings

If you are missing the pop in at the village hall during the summer break and would still like to go out for a coffee, we have arranged that

on Mondays during this time that we welcome you to join us for a coffee each monday morning from 10.00am onwards.

Everyone welcome. Come for a coffee (or a tea) and a chat.

### **Times of Worship**

Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee is served at the close of each service.

03/08/2025 at 10.30am led by Christine Campy

10/08/2025 Holy Communion at 10.30am led by Rev Rob Weir

17/08/2025 At 10.30am led by David Sills

24/08/2024 At 10.30am led by members of the congregation

31/08/2025 At 10.30am led by Ron Kirk

The arrangements for September and October are not yet finalised but most services are at 10.30am. It is possible that the second Sunday in each month will be Holy Communion at 9.00am (look for local news regarding this. No news will mean the service remains at 10.30am)

One service in September has been arranged and is the harvest festival. This will be on Sunday 21st September at 10.30am. This is a good opportunity for the community to celebrate a season that is very significant in a rural community.

### **A New Seat**

Have you noticed the new seat in the garden of the Methodist Church. It is a very pleasant place to sit, especially when the sun is shining. It is there for anyone to use. Please use and enjoy.



## **Time for a smile**

The Rev Simon Smith is not too popular with many of his congregation because his shortest sermons are never less than 30 minutes, and rarely, if ever, engrossingly interesting.

On a recent Monday morning he met one of his congregation and remarked, 'I didn't see you in church yesterday'.

'You didn't', was the reply, 'it was too wet'

'But it's always dry inside', said Simon.

'I know', said the absentee, 'and that's the other reason for not being there!'.

## **Thought For The Season**

We give thanks for all who work to produce our food:

For the farmer, the transporter, and the shopkeeper.

We think of those who have little food:

For the hungry of the world and those who lack water or good soil.

We think of the leaders of the world:

That they will use their power for the good of all.

We give thanks to God:

For the time of harvest and the whole of creation

# **Community Care**

As a carer do you need a bit of time to yourself? Whilst safe in the knowledge that your loved one is being well cared for by our professional and caring staff.

Why not come along to have a look for yourself - there is no obligation.

We currently have spaces available.

Give us a call to arrange on 01642 710085

# **Stokesley Community Care**

## **Day Centre for people living with Dementia and Memory Loss**



**We are open:-  
Mondays &  
Wednesdays  
10am - 3pm**

**We provide a friendly and  
relaxed environment where  
people living with dementia  
can socialise with others**

**FOR MORE INFO**

 **01642 710085**



[daycentre@stokesleycca.org.uk](mailto:daycentre@stokesleycca.org.uk)

**Our Day Centre is led by  
trained, caring, dedicated staff  
alongside volunteers. We offer  
one to one and group activities  
and a hot lunch, with  
refreshments available  
throughout the day.**

The Centre is located on the first  
floor of Town Close in Stokesley,  
accessible by lift or stairs.  
Transport to and from the day  
centre can be arranged, we have  
two fully accessible minibuses  
and a car scheme to provide  
door to door service.



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# 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.**

## Free First Aid Workshop

You may have noticed that the new defibrillator has been fitted to the village hall. Of course if you ever need to use this you need to call 999 and they will guide you through the process. I am, however, sure we all know how important it is to have some basic first aid knowledge or perhaps a good reminder of skills you once learned at work or school? If so, you may be interested in this.

Seamer Parish Council are providing a free workshop for you to attend in the village hall. Hands on Heart Training will be providing the opportunity to learn or refresh some basic first aid skills and everyone is welcome. Please email [allison.grapevine@gmail.com](mailto:allison.grapevine@gmail.com) by Thursday 18th September to reserve your place.

We are also hoping that our councillors can attend so they can introduce themselves and perhaps you can stay for some light refreshments afterwards and to mingle for a while.

We look forward to seeing you.



## Hands on Heart First Aid Training

**First Aid  
ABC Workshop**

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Sept  
6:30pm - 8pm**

**Covering:**

**Airway management  
Breathing assessment  
CPR & AED**

**@ Seamer Village Hall**

# Village Hall News & Events

## Pop In

Is now taking a summer break and will restart on Monday September 8th in the village hall from 10am-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](mailto:allison.grapevine@gmail.com)

## Bridge Group

Held in the village hall on Thursdays from 6.30 – 8.30pm. It costs £2.50 per session and includes refreshments. Contact Yvonne on 01642 710804.

## Pilates Class

This group now meets on Tuesdays for two sessions 6 – 7pm and 7–8pm in the 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](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 Christine Baptist on 07563 218372.

## 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**

Book Club meets as usual on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 8.30pm. We take turns to choose the book for the following month and we also take turns to bring refreshments.

Our dates for the next few months are:

26 August  
23 September  
28 October

## **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).

## **Village Hall Timetable**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Pop-In 10 – 12 am</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Carpet Bowls 10-12am</b>	<b>Pilates Classes 6-7pm and 7-8pm</b>  <b>Hall Committee meeting 7.30pm (1st Tues every second month)</b>  <b>Seamer Parish Council 7.00pm (3rd Tues every second month)</b>  <b>Book Club 8.30 pm (4th Tuesday)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Table Tennis 7-9pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Play and Stay 10 – 11.30 am</b>	<b>Bridge Group 6.30 to 8.30pm</b>

# Seamer Village Hall 100+ Club

# 100+

## **April winners (122 members)**

1st	£20	31	Ann Woodward, Stainton
2nd	£15	17	Sue Wheeler, Manor Garth
3rd	£12	2	Richard Thompson, Tanton Close
4th	£8	86	Bill & Lynne Burn, Stainton Road
5th	£6	14	Lynda Moore, The Green

## **May winners (122 members)**

1st	£20	80	Jean Webster, Croft Hills
2nd	£15	97	Mike Cullingford, Manor Garth
3rd	£12	101	Colin Quinn, Holme Lane
4th	£8	87	Eddie Coates, Brackenhill Walk
5th	£6	70	Kath Cook, Hilton Road

## **June winners (122 members)**

1st	£20	69	Craig Williams, Hilton Road
2nd	£15	93	Trevor Gooding, Croft Hills
3rd	£12	99	Stuart Milner, Tame Bridge
4th	£8	94	Dennis Sanderson, The Green
5th	£6	73	Jayne Kendall, Stainton Road

## **July winners (122 members)**

1st	£20	65	Vivien Hyman, Hilton Road
2nd	£15	51	Odette Price, Stokesley
3rd	£12	88	Glenn McGill, Leconfield
4th	£8	38	Christine Baptist, Seamer Hill
5th	£6	4	Barbara Hutchinson, Hilton Road

For those members who joined in August to October 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 email 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.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Christine Cooper   chris\_cooper1@hotmail.com   01642 701733

# 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 on the book case to the right of the main door.

# Parish Announcements

## Parish Bereavements

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

Alison Rose of Stokesley Road.

We extend our condolences to her family and friends.

We would like to make this section for all announcements for families in the parish – births, weddings, anniversaries and deaths. If you have an announcement you would like to be included, please contact Christine Cooper at [chris\\_cooper1@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_cooper1@hotmail.com) or on 01642 701733



# Rights of Way

You asked about footpaths in Seamer Parish and I thought I would write to you about those over Oneholmes Farm.

We moved here nearly sixty years ago now and, one wet day some years later I decided to review our footpaths which originally were mostly Church or postmans tracks. One for example ran straight from our farmhouse to Seamer Hill Farm, the route to Seamer churches used by my predecessors many years ago. Another ran along the front of our kitchen window and on to Seamer Moor farm, okay I suppose for the cook to pass treats to path users or have a natter!

I had a think and decided to reroute them to the present configuration, one on the top of the hill joining the roads at each end mainly because of the views it opened up and the other a bit further away from the house, avoiding the dangers of the farmyard and on to Seamer Moor farm. In accordance with the rules we submitted this suggestion along with the deletion of the existing paths to the Council and the Ramblers Association who approved it, in the latter's case after an inspection. Signs were erected: stiles were built over the fences where needed and have since been mended from time to time as necessary. There is one small section of the original path left which joins the new lower path to Moor farm.

I have since made two successful applications for gates on the path nearer to Seamer which were approved on the condition that the gates were removed when there are no stock in the fields. Since the planting of the new hedge two more gates have been permitted but we have yet to build them.

We try to mow the top footpath from time to time to ensure easy passage but users seem to keep it down and to keep the stiles in good repair.

I hope those who use them enjoy the views and am grateful that most keep to the paths.

Yours Sincerely  
Robert Campbell



PUBLIC FOOTPATH >

# VE Day Celebrations

Our VE Day celebrations took place on Sunday 4th July in the village hall. To mark the 80th Anniversary a banner was displayed in the village on the railings by the road.

Although only a small number of residents came to celebrate, we enjoyed a lovely afternoon with music, quizzes and food brought to share. Several ladies entered the spirit of the day by dressing up in 1940's outfits.



# Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Sign Results

The speed sign was deployed in Seamer from the 9th June to the 30th June and at Tame Bridge from the 1st July to 21st July.

## Seamer Village

The results show that during this period of 21 days 61,080 vehicles travelled through Seamer from the pond to Tanton Road Junction. It is a big increase in the number of vehicles (nearly twice that of 2023 figures) but there is a slight drop in their overall average speed (from 28.3 to 28.1mph). The highest recorded speeds were 50/55 mph a drop from previous values of 60/65mph. Drivers seem to be lowering their speeds in general, but still too many (20,819) are still exceeding the limit of 30 mph (33%), that is almost 1000 per day! Saturday and Sundays were less busy but had higher average speeds and higher percentage of speeders.

## Tame Bridge

The results for Tame Bridge are only for 18 days due to road works being carried out near the VAS site and an early final reading due to requiring the results for Grapevine. The VAS was operating to detect vehicles travelling on the straight main road from Hutton Rudby to Stokesley before the turnings to Croft Hills and Seamer where the speed limit is 40 mph. The number of vehicles (21611) show a daily increase of 15% since last comparable results from October 2024. The overall percentage of speeders has increased from approximately 20% to nearly 25%. There was 1 vehicle recorded at 85mph, 2 at 80, 3 at 75, 9 at 70 and 34 at 65mph (the device reports results in 5 mph intervals). Whilst taking the results (about 2 minutes), with my car hazard lights flashing and me wearing a high vis jacket, two cars changed lanes at high speed to "avoid" me, with traffic coming the other way!

The Police get a copy of Grapevine and discussions with the Parish Council have taken place regarding the results and these, along with speedwatch results, are beginning to promote greater cooperation and more positive action.

Please help us to continue action by joining speedwatch (contact Phil Hyman, Maureen Marshall, Dave Campy or any other member of speedwatch), contacting the Parish Council or contacting the local Police regarding your concerns.

Thank you  
David Campy (07099 261440)



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