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The Grapevine

Seamer & Tame Bridge Magazine



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

Editor's Notes

Hi everyone,

Welcome to 2026 everyone! We are now in early February and I don't think we have seen the sun shine much at all, however I can see a few bulbs poking through so a reminder that spring will soon be here so hang on in there!

You will soon see the launch of a parish website which we have been obliged to have for security and governance purposes. We will have .gov email addresses too which should be more secure. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Carolynne and Josh for their support with hosting our information on the village website which will obviously continue to be a resource for the village. The parish website is purely for displaying the mandatory documents and we have included the Grapevine too. There should also be a link for the village website to the parish website going forward.

This edition sees two opportunities for you to have your say. One in respect of potential housing sites and the other where OFTEC are asking for your input in respect of low carbon heating options, particularly from those who use oil heating. Please take the opportunity to provide your comments and opinions.

We are also going to pop up some signs to encourage dog walkers to clean up after their dogs as we know this has been an issue in recent months. Please consider your neighbours and the environment and pick up the poo!!



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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.



Stokesley & District
Community Care
Association



Church News & Services

Seamer Methodist Church

Thank You

Thank you to all who joined us for the Carol Singing. A very big thanks to the generosity of the residents a total of £768.65 was donated during the evenings with £40 being received later. Thanks to the weather we were able, once again, to continue this seasonal tradition.

Thought For February to April

From Ash Wednesday on February 15 to almost the end of March we are in the season of Lent. As I was preparing thoughts for worship during Lent, I came across the following devotional thoughts:- As we journey through this sacred season of Lent, let's focus on uplifting one another with messages of love and hope. Small acts of kindness can create profound ripples in our lives and the lives of others.

1. "Your strength is inspiring; keep shining your light in the world."
2. "In moments of doubt, remember you're never alone on this journey."
3. "Every small act of kindness can change someone's day."
4. "Your faith can move mountains; never underestimate its power."
5. "Hope is contagious; share it freely with those around you."
6. "A warm smile can be a beacon of light in someone's darkness."
7. "You have the ability to make a difference; embrace it."
8. "In the midst of trials, look for the blessings that surround you."
9. "Your compassion can heal wounds unseen; be that comfort."
10. "Together, we can uplift one another and create a brighter tomorrow."

Welcome to Worship

01/02/2026 @ 10.30 am led by Local Members

08/02/2026 @ 10.30 am led by Christine Campy

15/02/2026 @ 10.30 am led by Peter Jackson

22/02/2026 @ 10/30 am led by Rev'd Rob Weir

Leaders of worship during March and April have not yet been appointed. There will, however, be worship at 10.30 am every Sunday during the month.

Easter Sunday April 5th the Worship time will be 9 am. Everyone is always very welcome to come and join.



Time for a Smile

A farmer put up the following notice about a bull in a field: 'ENTRANCE FREE. CHARGE LATER'.

St Martins, Seamer

Easter Sunday service
5th April at 11.30am

For more information, visit www.stokesleyparishchurch.org.uk or our Facebook page @stokesleyparishchurch

Speed Safety Van Deployment in Tame Bridge



Figures for 2025

Deployments - 17

Speeding offences - 17
Sent on speed awareness courses

Seatbelts offences - 4

Other offences i.e. on mobile phones - 3

SEAMER VILLAGE HALL

JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY APRIL 25TH

1 – 3 PM

ADMISSION: 50p INCLUDING TEA/COFFEE

DONATIONS OF

CLOTHES, BRIC A BRAC, HOUSEHOLD GOODS

PAT TESTED ELECTRICAL GOODS

BOOKS, RECORDS, TOYS



Items can be left at the Village Hall when it is open

for activities from **now onwards** or contact

CHRISTINE BAPTIST on **07563 218372**

who will be happy to collect from you

Goods can also be brought to the Hall on the day

from **11am**

Help is also required on the day

Congratulations Evie!

How good it is to share the success of one of our village children.

Evie is 11 years old and lives in Seamer and she has had a very successful 2025 competing with her show pony Seatshill Guinevere (Vera).

Evie qualified for some major shows including the Royal International Horse Show and the London International Horse Show. Evie went on to place 12th at the London International Horse Show, an amazing result against strong competition. A huge experience for any horsey girl - to be riding at the same show as some of her heroes!

Evie's season highlight was winning the Stars Champions of Champions First Ridden class at Aintree. A class with 47 competitors in which Evie and Vera were identified as very worth winners.

An amazing partnership between a girl and her pony where dedication, partnership and commitment resulted in a truly amazing season.

This was all topped off last month where Evie was announced as the British Show Pony Society Area 3a show pony champion.

A fantastic 2025!



Activity Classes Fee Rise

At the meeting of the Seamer Memorial Hall Committee on Tuesday this week, it was agreed, that as from the 1 February 2026, the cost of attending one of the following activity classes in the Hall, will rise from £2 to £2.50 per person per session.

Bowls Club
Bridge Club
Book Club

Table Tennis Club
Play and Stay

It was noted that the last review of the fees and an increase took place in 2022 and since then our hall costs have risen significantly due to the rise in inflation, energy bills etc, hence the need to increase the fees.

May I take the opportunity to thank you for providing these activities and supporting the hall, which is much appreciated.

Jane Armitage, Secretary, Seamer Memorial Hall Committee

Stokesley Scouts & Guides



would like to thank

everyone who

supported us with

the Stokesley Charitable



Christmas Post Service in Dec 2025

With your help we raised **£273.65** and delivered **646 cards**



**YOUR VILLAGE HALL
NEEDS YOU**

SEAMER VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday April 14th at 7.30pm

**If you are interested in helping to 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

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.

Village Hall News & Events

Pop In

Is held in the village hall on Mondays during school terms from 10am to 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. Cost £2.50 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 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 or message on 07946 324080

Table Tennis

Held in the village hall on Wednesdays from 7 – 9pm. Cost £2.50 a session. Contact Christine Baptist on 07563 218372.

Carpet Bowls

Held in the village hall on Tuesdays 10am – noon. Cost – £2.50 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:

February 24th

March 24th

April 28th

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

Monday	Pop-In 10 - 12 am	
Tuesday	Carpet Bowls 10-12am	Pilates Classes 6-7pm and 7-8pm 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 7-9pm
Thursday	Play and Stay 10 - 11.30 am Bridge Group 1.30 to 3.30pm	

Seamer Village Hall 100+ Club

100+

November winners (122 members)

1st	£20	20	Edmund Phillips, Tame Bridge
2nd	£15	106	Michael Driscoll, The Green
3rd	£12	136	Jane Bowles, Tame Bridge
4th	£8	30	Irene Thompson, Hilton Road
5th	£6	45	Jim Kendall, Stainton Road

December winners (122 members)

1st	£20	8	Rhona Bolland, Leconfield
2nd	£15	75	Ethel Alton, Tanton Road
3rd	£12	81	Grahame Armitage, Seamer Hill
4th	£8	64	Arnold Cook, Hilton Road
5th	£6	150	Hilary Spenceley, Croft Hills

January winners (121 members)

1st	£20	108	Helen Grunwell, Seamer Hill
2nd	£15	96	Myra Robinson, Stokesley Road
3rd	£12	84	Ann Clements, Tame Bridge
4th	£8	145	Warren Findlay, Stokesley
5th	£6	56	Tom McGowan, Yarm

In November the 100+ Club was 11 years old. Over the last year it has raised £1,446 of which £723 was given out as prizes and the other £723 donated to the village hall funds. Although the number of members has decreased to 121, 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.

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.

Blister Strips

These are how most medications come these days. I used to collect and send them on to Superdrug. This was stopped last year. I see that The Discovery Centre (library) in Great Ayton are collecting them now if anyone wants to leave them there.

Thank you - Ann Thomas

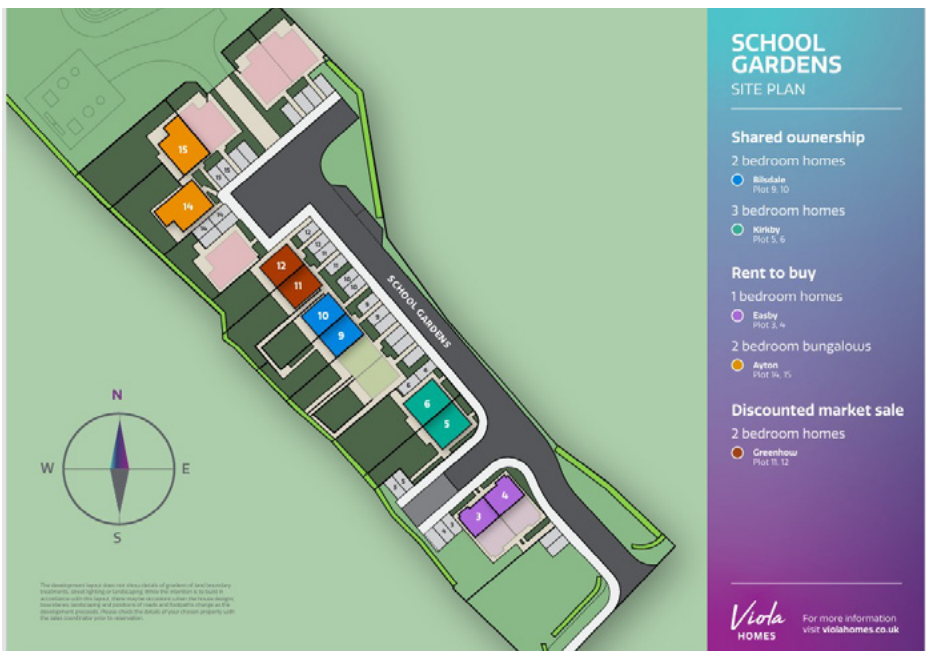


Affordable Homes

There are currently a small number of affordable homes being built in Ingleby Arncliffe. 4 homes for rent to buy, 4 for shared ownership and 2 for discounted market sale.

The planning requirements had a local connection criteria and to comply with the conditions the homes were offered people with a local connection to Ingleby Arncliffe/Ingleby Cross first. Their period of exclusivity runs out on 19th January. Following 19th January, applications opened up to the Stokesley sub villages for a further 4 weeks alongside Ingleby Arncliffe/Ingleby Cross applicants up until 16th February. This includes Seamer and Tame Bridge. Following that, should there be any unreserved homes left, they will be offered for sale on the open market.

Applicants must be able to evidence that they either live or work in these areas, have immediate family there, provide care to someone living there or have lived there for 5 years out of the last 10 to comply with the local connection criteria.



Local Plan Survey

You should have all received a letter from David Hugill and Rishi Sunak about the Local housing plan.

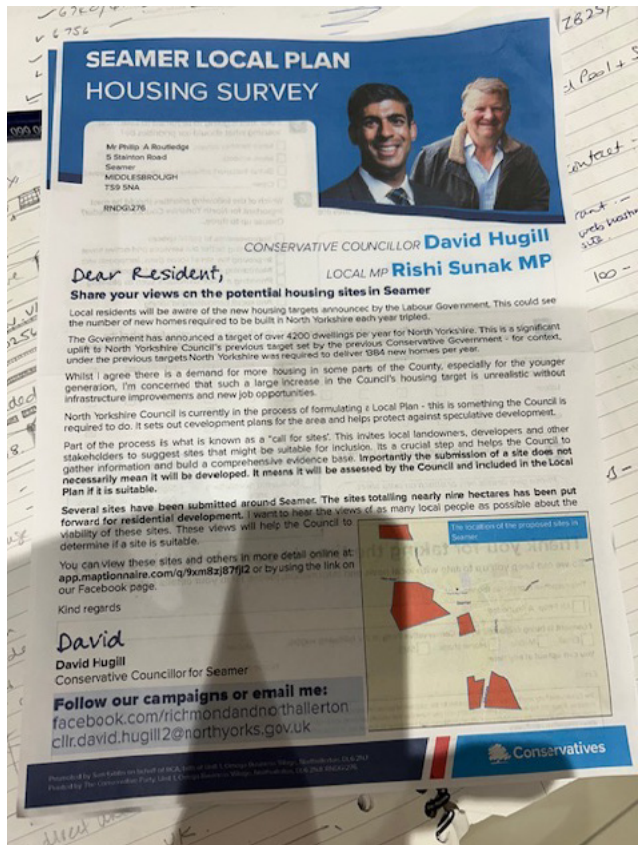
The letter shows some potential sites identified by developers and landowners where homes could potentially be built.

It does not mean that these sites will be developed but it does provide you with an opportunity to comment on the sites and identified and the number of properties this may involve. Please complete the survey and have your say.

The Parish council do have concerns about the potential number of sites and properties as they consider the village to not be "sustainable developments" i.e. with a lack of transport, services, amenities and play areas. Any questions please get in touch.

Seamer Parish Council

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Yorkshire Parish Liaison: Future Ready Fuel Campaign

Public Consultation – submit your response

You may be already aware that the government is currently consulting on alternative low carbon heating options. For households in rural parishes, this is important because many such homes may not be



Future Ready Fuel

easy to convert to the governments preferred low carbon solution (low temperature heat pumps) without significant cost and disruption.

OFTEC are asking for your input particularly from those who use oil heating.

For more information and to have your say, visit [Stand up for the future of your home heating](#).

The closing date is the 10th of February.

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,

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Could You Be Our Next Seamer Parish Councillor?

Do you care about our village and want to help shape its future?

We're looking for a new Parish Councillor to join the Parish Council and represent the views of local residents.

You don't need any previous experience - just an interest in the community, a willingness to listen, and a bit of time to get involved.

Parish Councillors help make decisions on local issues such as village facilities, planning matters, community events, and environmental improvements.



Training is available for new councillors and also covering many of the areas relevant to the role.

What's involved?

- Attending parish council meetings (every two months)
- Working with other councillors on local projects
- Acting as a voice for residents in the village

Who can apply?

- Anyone aged 18 or over
- Living in, or with a strong connection to, the parish

This is a voluntary role, but it's a rewarding way to make a real difference where you live.

If you're interested or would like to find out more, please contact allison.seamerpcc@outlook.com or speak to any current councillor.

Your village needs your voice - why not get involved

Closing Date for Applications: 28th February 2026

Parish Bereavements

Sadly, since our last edition we have lost four of our residents and three former residents who would be known to many of you.

In October	David Picken of The Green
In November	Amy Walker (nee Sanderson) formally of The Green Ray Hall of Tanton Close Andy Anderson formally of The Green Mike Walton of Stainton Road
In December	Gordon Felgate formally of Hilton Road
In January	Audrey Reeve of Tame Bridge

We extend our condolences to their families and friends.

We would like to make this section for all announcements for families in the parish – e.g. 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 or on 01642 701733.



Obituary – Mike Walton

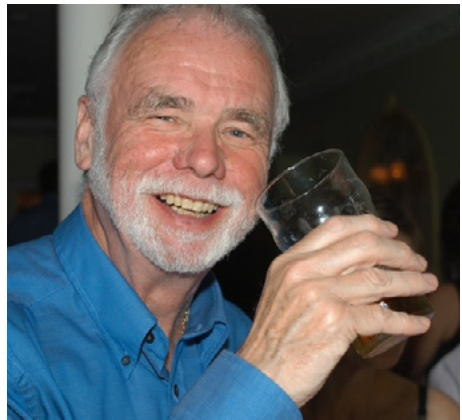
Died peacefully 26th November 2025 - aged 82 years.

Mike was a Seamer resident for almost 50 years, moving to the village with his late wife Fern and son Nick, looking for a family home. Born in Middlesbrough Mike qualified and went to sea in the Merchant Navy as a Mechanical & Electrical Engineer, where he enjoyed many adventures working on steam turbine ships throughout many continents. After coming ashore & working his way up the company, Mike later ran a contracting business based in Middlesbrough.

A Rotarian for over 40 years Mike was heavily involved in many charitable projects both for International and local charities and was Chairman of the Unicorn RDA Center at Hemlington throughout it's construction and Opening by Princess Anne in 1998.

Mike had many varied hobbies and interests of his own, but also helped for many years with various disabled sports training groups in the UK & abroad. A strong family man and great neighbour, he was always willing to give a hand with many memories of village parties and BBQ's with his many friends in Seamer.

A keen countryman Mike was often seen walking his dogs, with his wife Sue in the village and would always stop for a chat and welcome new residents.



Suggestions Wanted

The Village Hall is the hub of the village and has been now for over 100 years.

Unfortunately, it isn't getting used as much as it should be. Hopefully in the near future it is planned to renew the kitchen and storeroom and update things to make it more user friendly. We would like to hear from you for your suggestions for activities, classes etc that you would like to come to either on a regular basis or one off events. These could include sport, music, dance, keep fit, art, crafts, games, children's activities, coffee mornings, afternoon teas, charity events.

The hall is available to hire for Birthday parties, family get togethers, wedding receptions, funeral wakes, meetings. The hire charge is £10 per hour for residents and is suitable for up to 80 people and includes the heating and full use of the main Hall and supper room with tables and chairs, the kitchen which includes a cooker, fridge, microwave, dishwasher, hot water tap for drinks and crockery, cutlery and glasses. There are two toilets and a disabled toilet with baby changing facilities.

If you would like to book the hall, want more info or have suggestions for activities or events, please contact:

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Quiz Night



A very successful Quiz Night was held in the village hall on Saturday 15th November which raised £270 for its funds.

Thirty four quizzers in six teams took part and our quizmaster Jim certainly tested our brainpower with a diverse range of subjects from food to history. The results were very close with just one point separating the winners.

Thank you, Jim, for setting the quiz and to everyone else for your help clearing away at the end. Also, to everyone who donated raffle prizes.

Due to the decrease in the number of people attending, the future of further quizzes could be in doubt. There were more friends of residents attending this time than residents. It has been suggested that having food included in the ticket price again would be preferred to bringing your own but this needs people to organise it.

Would you be willing to do this?

It would be lovely to see more of you coming along and giving it a try – especially any of our new residents. It is a fun night and not seriously competitive. As a team you will be surprised what you individually know and what you learn from each other.

Hope to see you at the next quiz in April/May – Christine Cooper

Poppies



I received many lovely comments from parishioners about the displays of poppies for Remembrance Day last year, so I am going to start a Knit and Natter Group to meet monthly on a Friday afternoon in the village hall, to make more displays for other areas of the parish. I am appealing to all the residents who like to knit. Would you like to knit some poppies to make these displays? 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.

If you don't knit, would you like to come along to sew the poppies onto display sheets and enjoy the company of fellow knitters. Tea/coffee will be provided. If you would prefer to knit/crochet poppies in your own time at home, I would appreciate you doing so. The more poppies knit, the more displays we can have.

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

Wreath Making Event – Friday 12th Dec 2025

This event was very well attended and villagers enjoyed a lovely festive evening with delicious food and drink. Everyone went home proud of themselves for having made a gorgeous door wreath. Huge thanks to the Seamer Community Fund, who contributed towards to the cost for those living in Seamer Parish who attended. We hope to



Seamer Village Hall

Saturday 21 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

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