

VILLAGE PLAN

**SEATON ROSS TIMES**  
**June 2006 – Feast Issue**

VILLAGE HALL

The 150 Club winners for May are Mr & Mrs Andrews, Miss C. Benson, Mrs F. Iredale, Mrs E. Gardham.

The Village Hall is available for parties, events, etc at £6 per hour. For **bookings** please contact Peggy Hesketh 318613.

FEAST REMINDERS

**TOMBOLA** - the main Village Hall fundraiser at the Feast is the tombola. If you have anything you would like to give as a tombola prize please leave items with any committee member – ring 318613 for details.

**Have you had an idea to decorate your wheelie bin yet?**

Any theme will do so let your imagination run wild!! Give your green or blue bin a makeover – witty or wonderful – there are great prizes to be won! Decorate your bin to raise a smile or amaze on Feast day.

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*The Feast schedule is enclosed with this issue. Events are taking place throughout the day from 10.30 am onwards at the Village Plot, the Village Playing Field, the Village Hall/Field, the Church, and the Black Horse pub. All around the village are some open gardens and decorated wheelie bins.*

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Mr and Mrs Dussoye

Please can we have items for the July/Aug issue by the 7th July to Jane Henley or Anna Sheldon (aa.sheldon@virgin.net)

A meeting to discuss the questionnaire results was held on 25 April. A number of actions were agreed:

1. The Parish Council will
  - send a letter to the Local Authority about the outcomes from the questionnaire and their use for developing a village plan
  - start a village design statement ready for when planning rules change again
  - follow up a suggestion for a bin by the bench opposite the church.
  - discuss the possibility of having the footpaths widened to make it easier to walk, push a pram, etc., with East Riding’s Streetscene who are coming in July/August
  - also ask Streetscene about tree planting possibilities
  - send the police a copy of the questionnaire results and ask what can be done about speeding problems
  - organise a police meeting for the village
2. There will be a stand about the Plan at Seaton Ross Feast – to ask for ideas and volunteers to help.
3. Suggestions about social events/entertainment will be followed up:
  - a Mums and Toddlers group on a different day from Melbourne, if enough people are interested
  - a Farmers Market, perhaps once a month.
  - a Youth Club but there is one in HOSM every Thursday evening
  - a Pilates class if there is enough support. There is a Keep Fit class in Melbourne on Thursday evenings
  - a Book group or evening classes – what would you attend?

*We look forward to seeing you at the Feast*

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PAST TIMES

The Lady Well  
Seaton Ross

Places where water wells from the ground have always been venerated as sources of life, hence their almost invariable female dedication. The Neolithic practice of casting precious and sacrificial offerings into rivers and meres was, in some cultures, maintained long into the Iron Age and is even echoed in Arthurian legends.

## PAST TIMES - CONT'D

With the gradual introduction of Christianity into Britain, the worshiping of pagan water gods was repeatedly forbidden and numerous sacred wells were rededicated to Christian saints. The most common name was Lady Well.

The Lady Well in Seaton Ross is situated south of the village in the corner of a field and is approached by public footpath from the village. It is clearly marked on the 1851 and 1909 (revised) Ordnance Survey maps for Seaton Ross. The well is fed by an unseen source and is surrounded by a thicket of willows and tall weeds.

There is no obvious source of water for the water in the pool. On the north side of the pond is located a field drain piping murky water into a drainage ditch, while a few yards to the east of this pipe there is a strong flow of clean water entering the ditch from some unknown source. This could perhaps be the original Lady Well spring with its stream now used as a field drain.

The Revd. William Smith, from his 'Ancient Springs and Streams of the East Riding of Yorkshire in 1923' states from chapter 16 the following: -

*"In England, of the Holy Wells dedicated to the Saints of Christianity, the wells of Our Lady greatly exceed in number those of any other saint. Water throughout the ages has ever been regarded as the symbol of purity. Its presence is seen too in the tenets of Pagan mythology. The Norsemen had a Goddess eminent as the embodiment of purity and known to them as the Queen of Heaven. She was Freya, and her name is constantly on our lips in Freya's Day, or Friday. Freya the pure was associated in the minds of our forefathers with clear water as the special spirit of the springs and streams, and as such was worshipped by them. Some shadowy remains of her may be met with still in the White Lady so often supposed to haunt the neighbourhood of springs. Freya was represented by the Lady-Bird one of the most pretty of our insects and this, long before 'Our Lady the Virgin, Mother of Christ' was known".*

The origins of the Lady Well at Seaton Ross are unknown. The village had for many years a very prominent Roman Catholic presence and it is possible this could be the reason for its existence "Our Lady the Virgin Mary" – however, for how long it has been known as a Lady Well remains a mystery, as there are no known traditions connected with the site.

The Lady Well is part of the history of Seaton Ross and is worth preserving. Anyone wishing to visit the site should refer to the local Ordnance Survey map for directions.

Malcolm Young

## ST EDMUND'S CHURCH

### CHURCH SERVICES

***Holy Communion is celebrated in St Edmund's Seaton Ross every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 9.00 a.m.***

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	12.00 Feast activities, 5.00 pm Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 am Holy Communion
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.00 am Holy Communion

### YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION SEATON ROSS

20 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Garden at Roger Brook's Boundary Cottage Plant Stall and Raffle * <b><u>Note date correction</u></b> * <b><i>Open event - Everyone is welcome</i></b>
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Trip to Thirsk and Northallerton with Foggathorpe YCA
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Seaton Ross Feast (cake stall)
11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> July	Great Yorkshire Show (5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Meal out at the Windmill, Dunnington
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Driffeld Show
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Summer Lunch Viking Hotel, Goole
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Foggathorpe Trip to Lincoln and Doddington Hall – fish and chip tea
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Mrs Ward – Grandmother's Box - in the Village Hall

Seaton Ross Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association hold their monthly meetings in the Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month at 7.45 pm. Further details can be obtained from Joan Spencer (318463)