

Seaton Ross Playing Fields Association

Seaton Ross Playing Field may soon be gone - Our community and its children need YOU!

Our playing fields are under imminent threat of closure unless a new chairman is found. Although the committee has twelve voluntary members, including a secretary and treasurer, regulations state that without a chair it cannot continue in its current capacity and will have to fold. If this happens then our village park will cease to exist.

Contrary to some beliefs, our playing field and children's adventure play area is NOT funded by the council. It is supported and maintained wholly by residents of Seaton Ross who make up The Playing Fields Association (PFA) – a registered charity for more than 30 years.

From its inception, Seaton Ross PFA has created everything about our park from the purchase of the land and equipment to its annual maintenance and upkeep, for example a minimum of almost £700 must be raised each year for insurance premiums alone.

The committee meets once every few months to chat about how these funds can be raised. Recent years have seen some extremely successful events including children's Halloween parties, adult casino nights, family fun days, door to door quiz competitions and most recently an occasion that is fast making its popular mark on the wider community – the bonfire night firework display.

The value of a community park cannot be underestimated with estate agents citing its importance when selling homes to young families and couples planning to have children, along with grandparents looking to downsize but requiring a play area for visiting relatives. It almost goes without saying that the removal of such amenities can be detrimental to property prices.

This is just one of the practical issues related to the potential loss of our park but nothing compares to the loss that would be felt by the village children, which is why we are appealing to our community for help.

PFA secretary Suzanne Macey believes that the role of chairman doesn't necessarily have to be filled by a busy mother or father of young children who are trying to juggle family life with work or a career.

"It could be somebody that has recently retired and looking for a way to stay active," she says. "I know when my Father finished work he would have loved an opportunity like this, especially as he then had young grandchildren to take to the park."

The role could even be shared by a couple or two friends, willing to participate mutually. It is not a demanding position but our current volunteers are so busy with work, kids and various other commitments that they are unable to fill this role as well.

Seaton Ross Playing Fields are an asset to this village. If you think you can help then please come along to our next meeting at The Black Horse on **Monday 21st March 2011** at 8pm. Any input is greatly appreciated.

In the meantime if you wish to know anything more about the PFA, its community role or the position of chair then please contact Suzanne Macey on 01759 318413.

Grass Cutting

The committee would like to thank all those who volunteered and helped to maintain the Playing Fields last year by cutting the grass. A number of people have been providing this support for many years and it is very much appreciated.

The grass cutting rota will be issued in March and the committee would appreciate any additional offers of help with this job. There is a mower available and fuel is provided. Please telephone Suzanne Macey on 01759 318413 if you think you can help. Thank you in advance for your support.

YCW Open meeting -Everyone welcome!

Young, Old, Male or Female join the YCW at their meeting on **Tuesday 15th March** at the Village Hall, which is a talk by Kenneth Deacon entitled The Howden Airship station and some airships that used it. Get to know some local history! Tickets available at the door £1.00- per person.

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH

Mothing Sunday

Sunday 3rd April 2011 10.30am

An informal, child-orientated service for everyone.

All welcome.

Another family quiz all about nursery rhymes, poems and stories is available now from Nan Preston, Sunnyside.

£1 a sheet proceeds for the church. £10.00 prize for the winner

Closing date Sunday 3rd April

Winner announced during the Church service

Seaton Ross Village Hall

SEATON ROSS VILLAGE HALL 150 CLUB

January Prize Winners

Mrs J Atkinson
Mrs Lupton
Mr J Weber
Mr J Winnard

February Prize Winners

Mr G Murdock
Mr K Barber
Miss Hessel
Mr & Mrs J Booth

It is almost times once again to collect the subscription for the 150 club. Tickets are still £12.00 a year. New members are always welcome.

For more information ask Peggy telephone – 318616

AMSTERDAME 11 June 10 -14th 2011

We are two ladies from Seaton Ross, who, along with 13 others from our surrounding villages, are joining the Charity Adventure ladies bike ride to Amsterdam to raise £30,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care in June. All proceeds from this ride will go to Cancer Care in our area. We are planning to sell a quiz sheet around the village and hold other fund raising activities in Melbourne so please look out for our posters and flyers.

If you would like to sponsor us please contact
Annabel Spicer (318060) or **Debbie Lund** (318387)

OR use this link to visit the Just Giving website to donate, using our names www.justgiving.com/amsterdam11

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SEATON ROSS PLAYING FIELD'S FUTURE IN JEOPARDY

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Seaton Ross Feast - 2011

In spite of the committee's efforts there are not enough people to organise a Feast this year. There will be a meeting on Monday 14 March at 8pm in the Village Hall to discuss keeping the options open for next year, in the hope that a new committee can be formed or new ideas about the format for a Feast day are put forward. If you would like to contribute in any way please come to the meeting or ring 318411.