

SEATON ROSS TIMES

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PART TIME

Local businesses and useful services. This issue we have a short interview with Stuart Smith of LINK UP YORK ESTATE AGENTS (and Seaton Ross).

Stuart - Most of us have noticed a number of your boards around the village, is it mainly local people who buy the houses?

Thank you for noticing. We have had considerable success selling property in the villages East of York recently. I put this down to our City Centre location. The majority of purchasers for village properties East of York originate from York or are relocating from other areas of the U.K.

Invariably these potential buyers haven't initially even heard of the many desirable villages the East of York has to offer and therefore begin their property search by contacting a York City Centre Estate Agent like Link Up, who then offer viewings on suitable properties in a range of locations including Seaton Ross. Agents in the local market towns generally rely more on the limited local market, where people already know the villages on offer.

What is a HIP (House Information Pack) and how will it affect people wishing to sell their houses?

A HIP is a government requirement - you cannot market residential property without one after 1st June 2007. A HIP must contain: Index; Terms of sale; Evidence of title; For new properties, copies of warranties and guarantees; Standard searches (that is, local authority inquiries, plus a drainage and water search); and an energy performance certificate. We estimate (although we cannot be precise at this stage) that HIPs will cost around £500. At Link Up we have decided to arrange a HIP for sellers free of charge (subject to terms and conditions).

The final total raised by the *Black Horse* St Patrick's Day Party and extra events in aid of **MACMILLAN Cancer Support was £2107**. A great achievement for a small village.

TAPLIN'S MILK AND PAPERS

A big thank you to Taplins for their services over the last 19 years from Seaton Ross. Your milk and paper deliveries will be very sadly missed.

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Please can we have items for the June issue by the
7th June to

Jane Henley (318411) or Anna Sheldon (aa.sheldon@virgin.net)

The Priest Bridge Southfield Lane Seaton Ross

Before the lands around Seaton Ross were drained in the eighteenth century, the area was very marshy particularly to the east of the village where lay "The Ings" and "Everingham Carrs". These were low-lying meadows and pastures, usually marshy nature and liable to floods. The word "Seaton" in fact is derived from two old English words 'ton' meaning a farm or settlement; 'sea' a pool of water which would explain the marsh to the east of the village in earlier times.

The Priest Bridge at Seaton Ross was situated on Southfield Lane approximately fifty yards passed the road entrance to St Helens Farm as you travel south of the village towards Allberies.

Tradition has it that the Priest Bridge at Seaton Ross was part of the route used by the monks from Bursea Chapel who piloted travellers from Howden to York. It seems very likely that their route took them to Everingham or perhaps Shiptonthorpe, which of course lies on the old Roman road from York to Hull.

The bridge was probably wooden and built by local monks. In the Middle Ages some bridges particularly in larger towns had a chapel attached for the saying of a prayer for safe delivery on a journey and for the paying of what amounted to a toll. The tolls collected were used to finance the maintenance of the bridge.

The earliest record found on a local map of the Priest Bridge dates from the early 19th century and is clearly marked in William Watson's 1828 Seaton Ross book of roads. His book has the bridge situated near Reangamoor Lane south of the village along with "Priest Bridge Closes" and shows the bridge crossing over what is now the main Southfield Road. The bridge is also clearly defined on the 1851 and 1910 Ordnance survey maps. The 1851 Ordnance survey map also shows a footbridge south of Seaton Old Hall at the end of Reangamoor Lane along with many other footbridges no longer in existence. Were these old footbridges part of the travellers route? It does seem very likely.

The precise date or type of construction of the bridge is unknown but many of these bridges were associated with religious foundations or chantries, and chapels dedicated to the observance of requiems for the soul of a benefactor or patron saint which may sometimes be found nearby.

As the lands in the surrounding area were drained and passage became easier with improved road systems the use of the bridges diminished. It seems likely this was the case in Seaton Ross as more roads were built and overall the traveller could find more suitable and easier routes to use.

Very little evidence remains today of the bridge and we are left only to imagine what the crossing was like for all the many hundreds of travellers who crossed over it years ago.

The “Priest Bridge” is clearly marked on current ordnance survey maps for the area.

Malcolm Young.

VILLAGE HALL

The **150 Club Winners** for March were Mr A Parkin, Mrs E Kirk, Miss D Hessel, and Mr & Mrs Smith. The April draw will be made shortly.

For **Village Hall** bookings please contact Peggy Hesketh 318613.

The **Pilates Group** meet on Mondays 6.45-7.45pm in the Village Hall – fee £4 per session, £11 for 3 booked sessions - mat provided. All welcome.

The **Bowling Club** meet on Wednesdays 7-9pm in the Village Hall – fee £2, equipment provided. New members/beginners are always welcome.

OPEN FARM SUNDAY AT ROSE FARM 10th JUNE

Chris and Margaret Hunt are hosting an Open Farm Sunday, as part of a national event (info at www.farmsunday.org) to show people working farms. Just follow the signs to Rose Farm, South End and check posters around the village for details. Please remember to wear suitable clothing and footwear. Everyone is welcome.

TELEPHONE/BROADBAND CONNECTIONS

It appears that some people just moving into the village are having problems getting properly connected. Andrew Gill, Fairfield House, North End (tel 07787 158024) is putting together a petition for action. If you are also having problems please contact him giving your name and address.

ST EDMUNDS CHURCH – BIG BREAKFAST 3rd JUNE

This year's All Day Breakfast in the Village Hall in aid of the Church starts at 8.30am, with hourly sittings until the last one at 1.30pm. Tickets (£6 adult £3 child) from Nan Preston 318270.

PARISH COUNCIL

All villagers are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on Thursday 24 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. PC Dines or one of his team of community police, who include the village in their area, will talk to us about their role and answer questions. It is also an opportunity for you make suggestions for improving the village or to air any concerns.

There was no Parish Council election as only 9 people stood and so they all automatically become members of the Council. Your parish councillors are Gail Brockhouse, Eric Gardham, Jane Henley, Peggy Hesketh, Margaret Hunt, Paul Johnson, Robert Laycock, Christine Oglesby and Malcolm Young.

Dates for your Diary

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| Sun | 13 th | May | Holy Communion. 9am St Edmund's |
| Mon | 14 th | May | Pilates. 6.30-7.30pm Village Hall. |
| Mon | 14 th | May | Craft Club. 7.30pm Village Hall |
| Wed | 16 th | May | Bowling. 7-9pm Village Hall. <i>Every Wednesday</i> |
| Mon | 14 th | May | Pilates. 6.45-7.45pm Village Hall. <i>Every Monday</i> |
| Thur | 17 th | May | YCA Langlands Nursery and meal. <i>Booking required</i> |
| Sun | 27 th | May | Holy Communion. 9am St Edmund's |
| Sat | 3 rd | Jun | Big Breakfast. 8.30am-1,30pm. <i>Booking required</i> |
| Tues | 19 th | Jun | YCA Open Garden, Santon Church Lane. <i>All welcome</i> |
| Sun | 1 st | Jul | Seaton Ross Feast. <i>See below and schedule</i> |

Seaton Ross Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association are out and about until September. For information/booking events please contact Joan Spencer (318463)

SEATON ROSS FEAST 2007 – SUNDAY JULY 1st

The Feast Schedule will be enclosed with the next issue of the Times. You still have time to prepare your entries and decide which competitions you want to train for!

It's a Knockout – Feast Style

In the 70s it was must watch family TV for Friday nights. Well Seaton Ross is going bring their own version of It's a Knockout to the Feast this year. Anyone out there fancy there luck. We promise there will be water, obstacle courses and our very own Stuart Hall.

We are looking for 4 teams of 5-6 people, each team member must be over 16 years of age, so if you are interested please call Gail Brockhouse on (01759) 318167 / 07801 005633 or email at Gail.Brockhouse2@o2.com. Entry is charged at £20 per team (to contribute to the cost of the equipment) and we hope the teams will enter the fun spirit with a comical team name and fancy dress (optional).

Feast Church Display

The Feast display in the Church will be on the theme of Childhood with a nostalgic/historical slant. If you have toys, games, books, clothes, anything else interesting, and are happy to lend them for the Feast weekend, please let Jane (318411) or Cluny (318856) know. Many thanks.