

SEATON ROSS TIMES

May 2009

SEATON ROSS FEAST 2009

The Seaton Ross feast will be on Sunday 5th July 2009. We are hoping we will not be washed out 3 years in a row.

After the success of the plant stall last year, we need your support to be even better. Remember to take cuttings and save a few of your seedlings to share with the village.

To continue the sharing theme, we are planning a book stall. So bring along your books to swap. The craft and produce competitions will be advertised closer to the date, so watch out for more information on the village notice board.

- Finally we will be having a team event (theme to be decided) so if you would like to enter a team or volunteer as an individual please let me know. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help to organise let me know.

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YORKSHIRE HAS TALENT!

The Black Horse 5th July. We are holding an exhibition of local artists' work. Some will be for sale, some just to enjoy. Each item will be numbered so everyone who views the exhibition can be an art critic for the day. The item getting the most votes will win a bottle of champagne. For details ring Denise on 01759 318481.

THE SR TIMES

Fancy a go at editing? Have you ideas about what you would like in the Times? I have decided that the next issue will be my last one as editor. If you are interested in keeping the village informed, creating a new format and having a free hand in how it is all done please contact Jane Henley (318411) or myself (318602) for more information and help to get started.

This issue is sponsored by:

Dave & Denise Reid of the *Black Horse*

Please can we have items for the Aug issue by the
17th July

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VILLAGE HALL

The *150 Club Winners* for February were Mrs D Lund, Mr L Storer, Mr P Johnson, Mrs L Weber. March winners were Mr J Weber, Mr Todd, Mr & Mrs Brent, Mr & Mrs D Kirby. April winners were Mrs G Burnell, Mrs J Hill, Mrs V Buxton, Mr & Mrs D Waby.

The Open Garden event was very well attended, attracting a lot of visitors from some distance away. Fortunately the weather was also kind to us. Although all the money is not yet in approximately £600 was raised for Sue Ryder and £970 for the Village Hall. Many thanks to all those who opened their gardens, assisted in the Village Hall and who visited the gardens to make such an enjoyable and successful event.

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During a visit to London in 1840, William Watson contrived the idea of a new kind of instrument for finding a meridian line, for making and fixing sun-dials. The following article describing his idea was published in the Mechanics Magazine, February 1841.

Two tubes a b, c d, are to be fixed fast on the moveable part Q, so that one of them shall point to the pole star, Alrucabbah, while the other points to the fixed star, Capella. The line between the two joints or rings e f, on which the moveable part turns, is to make an angle with the horizontal board S, at the bottom, equal to the latitude of the place, and then (when the instrument is set right) this line will be parallel to the axis of the earth, and the pole star tube will be nearly parallel to it, being only about a degree and half from it. The other tube, pointing to Capella, makes an angle of about 45 degrees from that pointing to the pole star. Then, by setting the instrument on a level plane, and turning it about until the two stars can be seen through the two tubes, the edges of the square horizontal board at the bottom will point exactly to the east, west, north and south. No matter what o'clock it is when the observation is taken, nor what day of the month it is, nor what time of the year; any time will do when the two stars are visible. And when it stands upon the level plane the two stars cannot be seen through the two tubes, but only when it is set right in the meridian. The parallel lines on the bottom board being meridians, any of them can easily be marked upon the level plane on which it stands. And this two-tubed instrument may be used with equal accuracy in a different way, for when the two tubes point to the two stars mentioned, the bottom board will be raised either to the north or south side, according to the difference of latitude, without the observer being at the trouble of making any alteration or preparation for the difference of latitude. Any other two fixed stars would do for this purpose if they were at a considerable angle from each other, but many of them are not visible every night in the year. Perhaps the star Vega instead of Capella, would suit better for this purpose, as it is nearer to the equator, and nearer in the plane with the Pole Star and the Pole, and it is visible some part of every night in the year when the sky is clear. But Capella and the Pole Star never set in England, therefore they are visible at night, and every night in the year when the sky is clear.

The rough model of the instrument is shown opposite. William stated that he neither had time nor tools for making a perfect instrument and he hoped that anybody might attempt to make a perfect model if they thought it would be worth their while. The rough model drawing was sent in order to be sufficient to give an idea how the instrument was to be made and used. It is not known whether a perfect model was made or whether the instrument patented.

Malcolm Young.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This meeting is open to all villagers, to make suggestions for improving the village, or express any concerns which the Parish Council could address, or to ask questions about the work of the parish council.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held straight after the Annual Parish Meeting.

SEATON ROSS PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Quiz

We would like to thank everyone who supported us by purchasing our latest quiz. We hope you all had fun! We are pleased to announce the following

prize winners: 1st - Sharon Capper, 2nd - The Gray Family, 3rd - Mr M Baxter
Congratulations!

Many thanks to Langlands Nurseries, Stump Cross Caverns and Allerthorpe Lakeland Park for donating the prizes. Here are the answers:

1. Beach Boys	11. Blur	21. Badly Drawn Boy	31. The Jam
2. Paul Anka	12. The Alarm	22. Van Morrison	32. Bangles
3. Meat Loaf	13. Chuck Berry	23. Radiohead	33. Razorlight
4. Crowded House	14. Lightning Seeds	24. Coldplay	34. Wet, Wet, Wet
5. Stone Roses	15. Sting	25. The Corrs	35. 3 Degrees
6. Fats Domino	16. New Order	26. China Crisis	36. Gerry and the Pacemakers
7. Eric Clapton	17. Black Sabbath	27. Smokie	37. Whitesnake
8. Four Seasons	18. Atomic Kitten	28. Hot Chocolate	38. Kiss
9. Lulu	19. Erasure	29. Small Faces	39. Men at Work
10. Oasis	20. Adam Ant	30. Boney M	40. Steps

Look out for the next one!

Family Funday

Date: Sunday 14 June 2009 (weather permitting). Time: 3pm.

BBQ and games for all the family. Free entry. All Welcome. Any queries, please telephone Suzanne Macey: 318413. We look forward to seeing you.

Casino Evening

Another date for you diary! We will be holding a Casino Evening at the Village Hall on Saturday 15 August 2009. More details to follow.

Any prospective committee members?

Could you give a small amount of time to support a local charity? Our next meeting will be held at The Black Horse on Thursday 4 June 2009 at 8pm. All welcome.

Dates for your Diary

Mon	11 th	May	Pilates. 6.30-7.30pm Village Hall. <i>Every Monday</i>
Wed	13 th	May	Bowling. 7-9pm Village Hall. <i>Every Wednesday</i>
Tues	19 th	May	YCA Rocking Horse outing 2.00pm. <i>Booking required</i>
Sat	31 st	May	Big Breakfast. 8.30am-1.30pm. <i>Booking required</i>
Tues	16 th	Jun	YCA Meal at the Oaks. <i>Booking required</i>
Sun	7 th	Jul	Seaton Ross Feast.
Tues	21 st	Jul	YCA Open Garden, The Meadows South End 7.30 pm. <i>All Welcome</i>

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

ST EDMUNDS CHURCH – BIG BREAKFAST 31st May

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. Information. Booking and tickets from Nan Preston 318270.

There is a 'Sunday School' for all the children in the Anglican Group of Parishes in which St Edmund's is one, meeting at All Saints Church, Holme Upon Spalding Moor, 10.45 a.m. every first and third Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is celebrated in St Edmund's every second and fourth Sunday at 9.00am. In the week Holy Communion is celebrated in the Old School HOSM at 9.30 am every Wednesday. Rev'd Nigel Strafford. 01430 860379.