

# SEATON ROSS TIMES

February - March 2024

## St Edmunds Church

- **Holy Communion:** Services will be taking place at 9am on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February**.
- **Mothering Sunday:** Family service at **10.30am Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**, all welcome.
- **Easter Services:**
  - Palm Sunday: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March** at 9am (Holy Communion and distribution of palms).
  - Maundy Thursday: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm (Holy Communion, The Last Supper, followed by optional Gethsemane Watch until midnight - come and go as you please).
  - Good Friday: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm (Holy Communion, Liturgy of the Day).
  - Easter Eve: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** at 8.30pm (Easter Vigil Ceremonies and First Communion of Easter).Please note, there will be **no further services on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**.
- **Church flowers and cleaning:** Help is still needed two or three times a year to clean the church and put a simple vase of flowers near the altar. For more information, please ring Jane on 318411.

## Seaton Ross Playing Fields Association (SRPFA)

A huge thanks to everyone who supported the **Pop up Pub** held by SRPFA just before Christmas. Enough funds were raised to cover 50% of the annual running costs of your village playing fields. The SRPFA Committee are planning another **Pop up Pub** so please keep your eyes out for a flier with all the details.

## Festive Thanks

- A big **THANK YOU** to all who supported the **Christmas Charity Tractor Run**, organised by Terry and Mike Cole and Pete Rands. An amazing **£1,125.00** was raised for the **British Heart Foundation**. Thanks to **The Little Butty Bus** for the fantastic catering and **Melbourne Raceway** for allowing use of their land. Also the lovely gesture of mince pies and mulled wine from **Dial Farm** was greatly appreciated.
- **Remembrance Tree:** Thanks to all who supported this, **£165** was raised for **Cancer Research**.
- **New Year's Day Walk:** The Village Hall Committee hopes those who joined the walk enjoyed it, even though it had to be kept short this year because of the sodden state of the ground on all the local footpaths. Many thanks to Richard and Denise for leading it and researching beforehand to see whether any footpaths were walkable. The refreshments afterwards were much appreciated.

## Social Saturdays

The next **Social Saturdays** will be held on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February** and **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** (a week earlier than usual as 30<sup>th</sup> March is Easter Saturday) **10am-12 noon** in the **Village Hall**. Come along for a chat, refreshments and a chance to borrow/swap a jigsaw and books.

## Seaton Ross Toddler Group

**Toddlers and their carers** meet on **Thursdays** from **10.30am-12 noon** term time, in the warm and welcoming **St Edmunds Church**. The group is open to children from birth to school age but most who attend are between 1 and 3 years old. Activities include free play with building toys, crayons, chalks and sometimes glueing, followed by a snack, singing rhymes and action songs, sometimes with musical instruments. Each session normally finishes with 15 minutes or so of Playdough which all the children enjoy. If you would be interested in joining the Group please contact Val Featherby on 07947873874 or email [valfeatherby@gmail.com](mailto:valfeatherby@gmail.com)

## Village Hall Survey

You should have received this survey with your Seaton Ross Times. The Village Hall Committee wants to maximise its use, so please complete the form to let us know what events/classes/meetings you (and your family) would like to see being held there.

### Seaton Ross Parish Council (SRPC)

- **Meetings:** The next meetings will be on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** and **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** at **7.30pm** in the **Village Hall**. See agendas and minutes for the meetings on the Parish Noticeboard or <http://www.seatonrossparishcouncil.org.uk/home>. If you would like to contribute to the Parish Council meetings in any way, please contact the Parish Clerk on [seatonrosspc@gmail.com](mailto:seatonrosspc@gmail.com).
- **Precept:** SRPC sets its Precept rate in January each year. It is kept as low as possible and some years have seen no increase. However, cost increases this year mean it will rise by 3.65%, which is £19.02 on a Band D house. The Precept is taken through the Council Tax and used directly to support the village, eg the cost of maintaining and checking the defibrillator and the green salt bins for use as needed by parishioners (**yellow bins** belong to ERYC and are **only for** use on **highways**).

### Seaton Ross Ladies Group

All ladies (**no need to live in Seaton Ross**) are welcome to come along to **Seaton Ross Village Hall 2-4pm, usually the first Tuesday of the month**. You are asked to make a donation of £3 per visit to cover expenses. If you'd like any more information, please contact Margaret on 07960 493543.

**Tuesday 6th February** A talk about **Hearing Dogs For Deaf People**

**Tuesday 5th March** Margaret Hunt **'Through the years at Rose Farm'**

### Farm Women's Group

This group is open to **any ladies**, there is **no need** to have a **farming background**. Meetings take place the **third Tuesday of the month**, at **Seaton Ross Village Hall, 12noon-2.30pm**. You are asked to bring a plate, mug and a small amount of food for sharing as well as a donation of £3 per visit to cover expenses. If you'd like any more information, please contact Lynda on 01430 872026.

**Tuesday 20th February** Steve Baxter **'Fireman on call'**

**Tuesday 19th March** Pete Fisher **'Life as a DJ and an odd job man'**

### Dogs Meet and Greet

Seaton Ross dogs and their owners are invited to **Chapel Farm, Church Lane** for the dogs to mix and play freely with toys and tennis balls off the lead in a secure, fenced area. Meetings are throughout the year on the **second Saturday of the month, 10-11am** (the next meetings will be on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February** and **9<sup>th</sup> March**). It's fun on the day but also helps the dogs to socialise when they meet on their village walks. **2024** is the **ninth year** of these informal get togethers and everyone is welcome. Dog owners, if you are new to the village or have not been before do come along and give the group a try. For further information, please ring Davina on 318970.

### Topical Talks

The next talk will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** at **7.30pm** in the **Village Hall**, speaker to be announced. Look out for further information on the Seaton Ross and Village Hall Facebook pages and posters in the village. If anyone has topics they would like to see included or would be happy to give a talk, please contact Jane on 318411.

### Mobile Library

The library van will be outside the **Village Hall 2.05-2.30pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February** and **14<sup>th</sup> March**.

Remember to check the village website ([www.seatonross.org.uk](http://www.seatonross.org.uk)) for information and updates.

Please email [suzannemacey123@gmail.com](mailto:suzannemacey123@gmail.com) by Friday **8th March 2024** if you would like anything including in the April - May edition.