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Times of Change Revisited...

The last time I wrote a piece for the Villager was to introduce myself as Mrs Lynn Carini, the new Head of Seaton St Paul's C of E Junior School. I am now nearly a year in and I am still very proudly the Head Teacher. However, I feel like I have always been here. The changes have been vast and challenging.

The change that filled me with trepidation at the beginning of September has made me realise again how much I love my role, that being in a position where the decisions I make or we make as a team impacts families and our community. My first year in post has been about obtaining a balance of change and consistency for the whole school community, and having an understanding that some changes will happen over longer periods of time.

As my first year here comes to an end, I have enjoyed so much, School Sundays, Charity Events, Open and Parents Evenings, U dance, and Young Voices, Musical evening, Easter Bingo and community lunches. There is still so much to come

with sports day, summer fair, leavers assembly, transition days, football tournaments, cricket competitions and the carnival! We have had a wonderful volunteer in school helping us create a vision we had for a school garden and forest school. Parent's and grandparents have kindly donated items to help us to build an area that inspires outdoor learning.

I know that our community links over the coming years will go from strength to strength. Through opening our doors, getting volunteers into our school, visiting and walking in our local area and continuing to work alongside our Infant School.

Our year 6 children will experience change as they move to their next part of their educational journey to secondary school and the year 2's at Seaton Academy begin to think about their change when they come to join us, what we want for our children is not to fear that change, but feel excited about new times, it's the

same journey but just in a different direction!

With the Coronation of our Sovereign King Charles III I wonder what changes he will take us on as a country? What will the children we teach today have as their history tomorrow? What will the village they have grown up in look like when they have grown and have children of their own? What are the impacts of the changes and the decisions we make now on our future generations?

For myself, the legacy would be... not to fear change, but embrace it and learn from it. The journey is the best part, as we never really get to the destination – we will constantly evolve - we owe this much to our ourselves, each other and the future!

Thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome and a part of your community.

- - Mrs Lynn Carini
Headteacher

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SEATON (C OF E)

9.30am Sunday Parish Communion & Children's Church and Crèche.

9.30am Thursday morning Communion Service.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH CAMERTON (C OF E)

11am Holy Communion

Every 1st Sunday monthly

There is car parking available at the church but due to its location there are no toilet facilities.



Our next Messy Church will be on **Friday 16th June at 4pm**. Messy Church is a different way of 'being church' for families. Come along and join in on the fun. All children are welcome, just remember to bring an adult!

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ST. PAUL'S SEATON WIVES & MOTHERS

This month's Wives & Mothers will be on **Tuesday 13th June**, we will be hosting a Faith Supper, refreshments provided.

ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS' UNION

June's Mothers' Union meeting will be on **Wednesday 21st June at 2pm in the Church Hall**. There will be entertainment by Cockermouth U3A Ukulele Band, followed by refreshments. **Everyone welcome.**

LOAVES & FISHES LUNCHES

Loaves and Fishes lunch will be on **Friday 16th June, held at 12 noon** in the Church Hall. **All welcome.**

PARKING ON ST. PAUL'S AVENUE

Parking outside the Church Hall is strictly for users of the Church and Hall only. St. Paul's Avenue is a Private Road, and, whilst we understand parking is difficult in the area, we would request that the polite **'No Parking'** notices are observed at all times, particularly in the area of the disabled ramp access.

PARISH PRAYERS

Members of the community are invited to submit concerns/issues for prayer. In June, our focus is on Jackson Street, Milburn Croft and West Croft. If you do have any concerns or items for prayer, please do let us know. This is especially the case if you have family or friends who are ill, and we can ensure that they are included in our prayers and visits arranged if required.

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Seaton St. Paul's C of E Junior School will be holding community lunches **every Thursday at 1.30pm**. Lunch will cost £5 & this includes a main meal (roast dinner), dessert & tea/coffee. To book a place for this lunch, please contact Mrs Magill in the school kitchen on 01900 844651. Everyone is welcome & we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

RE-WILDING OUR CHURCHYEARDS UPDATE

About four years ago we decided to leave areas of uncut grass at St. Paul's and St. Peter's to benefit the flora and fauna of these areas. Pathways have been kept short whilst older areas or those not walked through are now only cut once a year.

To some visitors it may look untidy. However, over time seeds which have been dormant for perhaps many years have been given the opportunity to thrive once again. On a recent walk around St Paul's the following plants were seen: daffodils, bluebells, primroses, celandines, vetch, meadow buttercup, selfheal, speedwell, red clover, wild carrot, sorrel, snowdrops, crocuses, cleavers.

Last autumn yellow rattle seeds were planted, there are now large areas of seedlings. This plant is recommended to help control the growth of grass. Also, over 100 pot grown foxgloves, red campions and ox-eye daisies were planted, sadly none have survived - perhaps this is a case of 'right plant, right place'? If anyone has experience or ideas to help move things forward please contact us via the contact form on our website.

Currently our grass cutting costs are £732 a month for both sites, the cost being met through our regular worship contributions and donations. Our thanks go to Seaton Parish Council who support us each year with a £1000 contribution. Also, a big thank you to those volunteers who regularly carry out additional work at Camerton and to those who tend the Garden of Remembrance at St. Paul's. Donations towards grounds maintenance would be most gratefully received.

ANNUAL GIFT DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Gift Day on 28th May. The amount 'gifted' will be published in the next edition of The Villager.

SPONSORED SING

Opening 'Hymns and Pimms' on Saturday **July 8th** (12 noon) the choir will attempt to sing 50 hymns in 2 hours, raising funds for the Heating Appeal. There is no charge to come and listen (and join in if you wish) but Sponsorship in the form of donations during the sing will be welcome. There will be refreshments in the hall during the singing, together with a raffle and some stalls. When the singing is complete there will be the opportunity to have Afternoon Tea in the church hall. Tickets for the Afternoon Tea, priced £6.00 will be available soon.

SEATON LIBRARY

Opening Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 5pm

Tuesday: 10am - 5pm

Wednesday: CLOSED

Thursday: 10am - 5pm

Friday: 2pm - 5pm

Saturday: CLOSED

SCRABBLE CLUB

Are you interested in playing Scrabble? Our sessions held in the Library at 2pm - 4pm. Meetings are fortnightly. All welcome. For June dates and further information ask Seaton Library Customer Service Desk on 01900 68441.

SEATON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

The Seaton Baby & Toddler group meets in the Village Hall on **Thursdays** (term time only) **10am - 11.30am. £2 per Child.**

Including Tea/Coffee, Juice & Snack Children 0 - 4 years welcome. Walk ins welcome.

YOGA FOR SENIORS

Why not give it a try? You are welcome in Seaton Village Hall on Wednesdays 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Please bring a mat or a blanket to lie on. Loose fitting clothes is advisable (jeans not suitable). £3.50 per session. Contact Jo Hodgson on 01900 602898.

CAMERTON VILLAGE HALL

There will be no coffee morning at Camerton Village Hall until July due to holidays.

FIT 4 LIFE

A gentle exercise class for over 50s held in Seaton Village Hall every **Friday from 1pm - 2pm, £3.50 per session.** Suitable for all abilities. Contact Fit4Life on 01900 814782.

SEATON CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

Seaton Children's carnival **Saturday 10th June 2023.** Entries are being taken on Monday 5th June 5:30pm-6:30pm, Parish Rooms. Can all vehicles be removed, where possible, from the carnival route but most importantly Church Road Causeway Road and Low Seaton. Road Closures are in place from 12pm-5pm. Thank you for your continued support.

SEATON VILLAGE HALL

A big thank you to all that attended the Kings Coronation/Fun day at the hall on Saturday 6th May the turnout was brilliant! Thank you for your support. A massive thanks to Seaton Parish Council and The Lottery Community Fund who both funded this day.

The Village Hall will be holding their annual Motor Bike show on **Saturday 29th July**, 12noon to 5pm. A competition will be held for the Motor Bikes/ Scooters. Entry is £2 to enter the Blood Bike competition, all donations will be gratefully accepted. The Village Hall are hoping to have bike related stalls, Urban Grill will be available and an ice cream

van will be there. If you are interested in a good day out, come along!

There will be a function in The Village Hall in the evening **7pm - 12midnight** with the Hoochie Coochie Moonshine Band, again to support the Blood Bikes. Entry is by ticket only available from Mike on 07513167955 or Danny 07976577231. The ticket price is a donation which will be handed to the Blood Bikes.

SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes from the Parish Council meetings are available to read at Seaton Library every second Monday of the month. The meeting is held every third Monday of the month.

SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2023

The Parish Council is organising a Scarecrow Festival in 2023. It will take place between **8th & 22nd July**, when scarecrows should be displayed, with a Scarecrow Trail Day on 15th July. Entry is **free** & entry forms will be made available from mid-June in various outlets in Seaton. The Council is hoping for a good turnout!

THE VILLAGER

The July/August 2023 issue of 'The Villager' will be in church on **Sunday 25th June 2023.**

Please send items for inclusion to **seatonvillager@outlook.com** by **18th June 2023.**

There are currently 5 advertising spaces available on the back of 'The Villager'. If you have a local business and would be interested in taking a space or would like more information please contact us on **seatonadverts@outlook.com.**

FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

9th April

Janice Gurr (nee Walker) (62)

Formerly of Greengate, Seaton

9th May

Eleanor Pattinson (92)

Hunters Close

10th May

John Dixon Wilkinson (84)

Formerly of Main Road & High Seaton

16th May

James Francis Ring (85)

Calva Brow

18th May

Margarita May Mott (88)

Hazelgrove

19th May

Barry John Donoghue (70)

Lingbeck Crescent

Vera Smith (101)

Firth House

22nd May

David Allen Wood (99)

Barncroft Close

Melody Anne Forbes Martin (54)

Seaton Park

24th May

James Armstrong (87)

Croftfield Road

HOLY BAPTISM

7th May

Sienna Ridley- **St. Paul's**

Zaya Ashton Riley - **St. Peter's**

Divine Generosity






To be generous is to give selflessly, and to give more than usually expected.

If this is the case then God is the ultimate figure of generosity, because He gave us life, and this beautiful planet we live on.



Let us pray

Lord, we hear your call to generous giving in the way you meet our needs each day, and in the peace you give which passes understanding. Having received so much, we offer all we have, our time, talents and money for your kingdom. Bless these gifts for the work of your church. **Amen.**

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