

A NEW LIFE BY THE SEA



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Dear Homeowner,

I trust you are enjoying the beautiful summer weather. Filey is a stunning place at any time of year, but it has been especially grand this past month. You certainly chose the right year to move in!

This weather report inevitably leads me into the subject of our Gardens and again I must thank all those that have made a real difference to the site by weeding the beds. I think you will all agree the Brigg Court Gardens have been transformed over the last few weeks with the efforts of Homeowners and the additional hours put in by Garden Contractors.

Last week I watered some of the lawns, which are looking very dry and I have therefore taken the decision to inform our regular contractors to bring their hoes and edgers this Thursday and to delay the grass cutting for a fortnight. The lawns have hardly grown in most areas and another cut will only stress it further. So, I have instructed the gardeners to weed and edge along the west side of the site, around the communal lawn and along the front. If they make the progress I am hoping they will, we should have the grounds in reasonable shape by the end of this week. Which means those sharpened pitch forks can be put away until necessary!

We had two enjoyable communal events last week. It was great to socialise and deepen friendships, so I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you of other upcoming events being organised by sales. On **25th August** there is a 'Moving Solutions' event, on the **22nd September** there is a 'Summer Party' and on **19th October** a 'Cream Tea'. More details will follow but it may be worth popping these dates in your diary before it fills up.

I should tell you that the Window Cleaner contract is for a bi-monthly clean, so that is 6 times per year in total. I have had some enquiries as to why he hasn't been this month and so this explains why. He will next attend in early August. I shall give you the date when I have it. On this morning it may be worth closing your windows!

Finally, I now have the fobs for Chantry Gardens Homeowners to allow access to the Communal Lounge. If you could visit my office and sign my record sheet, I will provide each address with 2 Fobs.

Regards



William

More residents have moved in since the last newsletter and we welcome them. We hope you decluttered before moving as it makes life much easier. It could get crowded in the communal lounge soon. The communal activity lawn doesn't get crowded because it slopes and difficult to do anything on it but I am sure Peter at No. 8 will get something going shortly. We definitely ruled out 5 a side walking football as the surface isn't smooth enough and grass too long for putting. Beach volley ball is the latest suggestion. Now that the dropped kerbs are completed we thinking of holding time trials around the site for motorised scooters. If you don't own one you can hire them from Dixons in town.

William is greatly appreciated. Outstanding jobs are being ticked off rapidly which stops a lot of wittering and stress. The electrician turned up unexpectedly to fit the long outstanding blank plate in the laundry cupboard recently and one lady commented "He's a bit of alright" which surprised us all. No wonder good looking workmen come with an apprentice for safety purposes. I think you will guess who said that!

The Forever Green Team has made progress clearing the borders. Fat Hen had grown to a height of 3' and was in danger of seeding. Some areas have been adopted by residents which makes a difference. A bit of exercise and job satisfaction does wonders for the body and mind.

In July The Forever Green Team (residents) contributed over 50 hours of volunteer gardening time which would equate to £900 at £18 per hour which appears to be the going rate for gardening duties.

Cheers
JC and MK newsletter compilers

The U3A is up and running again see website <https://u3asites.org.uk/filey/> for activities.

U3A GOLF AT HUNMANBY HALL GOLF AND LEISURE

Tuesday from 9am to 10 am. Over 65 years price £8 for 9 holes or £10 for 18 holes Correct change only. Please pay in honesty box in car park

U3A TABLE TENNIS 1 – Wednesday 1-3pm in the upstairs room of St John's Hall on West Avenue.

U3A TABLE TENNIS 2 Fridays 10.30-12.30 in the upstairs room of John's Hall on West Avenue

SLIMMING WORLD

Feel the need to lose a few pounds? Cheryl runs the Slimming World sessions at St John's Church Hall, West Street, Filey Thursday mornings and evenings. 0791 210 9557

FILEY SOUTHDENE BOWLING CLUB – Lawn Bowls

A friendly club. Social bowling Tues, Thurs and Saturdays. Secretary Mrs Oriel Wing 01723 513587 Three of us have joined. If you wish to give it a try contact Mary K 07727 649461

Filey Bandstand Sundays 2pm-4pm (If weather inclement they will be held in the Methodist Church, Union St).

8 August Stape Silver Band
15 August Easingwold Town Band
22 August Hunmanby Silver Band

29 August Woodhouse Prize Band
5 September Swinton and District Band

Handy Phone numbers

Carpet Cleaning - Simon and the firm is Carpet Magic. His contact numbers are 01723 563307 and 07795233752.

TV aerial and satellite Specialist – Lee Adams 0780 4469734.

Wildlife sightings on site and in the area



Guy saw the Albatross and it created a stir when BBC Countryfile Team caught it on camera when they arrived at Bempton Cliffs to film their programme. The Countryfile programme broadcast was on Sunday 18th July if you use Catch Up TV.

Further facts Black-Browed Albatross - July 2021 An albatross appeared in the skies above Bempton Cliffs. It is said that if an Albatross follows your ship it is a sign of good luck. So perhaps the appearance of this legendary bird from the Southern Ocean is an omen for the summer ahead?

Prompting hundreds of birdwatchers to descend on the RSPB's reserve, Craig Thomas, the chair of the Flamborough Bird Observatory, told the Yorkshire Post that the bird was thought to be about eight years old and might be the same bird that briefly visited Bempton in 2017.

The sighting of an Albatross is a rare event. These spectacular birds, with a wingspan of up to eight feet, usually live on the Falkland Islands and South Georgia in the South Atlantic. Indeed, there is even an Albatross Island near South Georgia. The islands are some 8,000 miles from Britain.

Guy also reports sightings of Dolphins and seal pups on his daily walk along the cliffs.

Fox has a regular route and the Hare pays regular visits

Pheasants are squawking in the field above the site but we can't see them because of the tall vegetation.



Mouse Alert! A Field Mouse visited 3 Chantry Gardens on 26 July. Moussain Bolt fine-tuned its sprinting technique across the Patio then had the temerity to sprint back half an hour later, shot under the fence into Number 4. **Wood /Field Mouse**– *Apodemus sylvaticus*. The wood mouse is a 'stereotypical' mouse in terms of appearance and has a chestnut-brown back and white belly. Long tail, large ears and big eyes. Moves quickly by hopping/jumping. **Size:** 8-10cm with a very long tail of up to 10cm. **Habitat:** Often found in woodland and fields

Bungalows and apartments

All the bungalows have now been sold but apartments are still available. Visitors come onto site to view. Please try to get their details and pass on to Daniel and Camilla would like to thank residents for making the effort to come along and make these events such a success. We are planning more events in the future and everyone is welcome.

EVENTS

CROCHET – Ruth at No. 21 has offered Crochet lessons. The first session was on 26 July and should you wish to join them Ruth will be in the communal lounge again at 2.30pm next Tuesday 3 August. Ruth reported that the first session went very well.

Every Sunday until 30 October Lebberston Car Boot Sale starting at 6.30am.

5 August St Oswald's Day, our beautiful 12th century church, St Oswald's, is planning tours. For details contact johncl.clarke@btinternet.com

5 August 19.00 to 23.00 Majesty – A tribute to Queen, Filey Evron Centre.

9 August 12:00-13.30 Big Beach Clean Filey Coble Landing Slip Wall End. Public event organised by BBC Radio York. Pickers and bags provided.

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust is also organising clean-ups locally – see www.ywt.org.uk

12 August 19.00 – 23.00 Gimme ABBA back by popular demand. Dust off those platforms, put on those flares for a two hour nostalgic trip back to the seventies.

Filey Evron Centre

14 & 15 August various times Filey International Food Festival

Filey Evron Centre

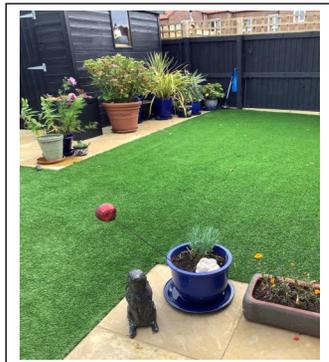
15 August 10.00 – 14.00 Wet Felting Workshop Hunmanby 83 Stonegate Road.

Spend a full day learning how to 'paint' a picture or abstract. This workshop will give you basic skills of wet felting. Tel 01723 890439

21 August 10.00 – 14.00 Grey Hare – Felting Workshop at Hunmanby 83 Stonegate Road

In this workshop you will be taught how to create a Hare full of character. A fun and relaxing opportunity. Tel 01723 890439

28 August-31 August RS Tera National championships 2021, Filey Sailing Club



Angela at No.2 organised "Easigrass" to replace the turf with AstroTurf and we are both delighted with the finished result. No more mowing on uneven ground. Angela's fence and shed has also been sprayed Grey. We both had extra slats on the fence to make it more private (Thompson Fencing).

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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE

- 1. Name, Age, Place of Birth.** Margaret Clarke (No.14), just got my bus pass, Sheffield
- 2. What is your proudest accomplishment?** "Adopting" an orphanage for HIV children when we were in India, persuading our company and a customer company to donate £30,000 a year. This enabled them to move to more suitable premises and celebrate their first year without any deaths! Many of the orphans are now grown-up, working and even married.
- 3. If you could live anywhere, where would it be?** Filey of course
- 4. What makes you laugh the most?** Playing silly games with our grandchildren. More to come soon we hope!
- 5. What would you sing at Karaoke night?** Born To Be Wild by Steppenwolf
- 6. Who would you want to be stranded with on a deserted island?** I would have said John but after our recent week in isolation I'm not so sure! We'd need some help though, so Monty Don, who could teach us to grow veggies and speak soothingly to us.
- 7. If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?**
1973 – passed my A-levels, started college, living my best hippy-chick life!
- 8. What's the most daring thing you've ever done?** Breaking up a bar fight in India's version of a Wild West saloon by standing up and shouting "Stop this right now". Funnily enough they did.
- 9. What do you do to keep fit?** Sea swimming with Filey Mermaids and Mermen. Walking back up the steps from Coble Landing in a wetsuit – a Joe Wickes workout in itself.
- 10. Are you related or distantly related to anyone famous?** My maiden name was Wordsworth and there is a distant link to the poet, going back many generations.
- 11. What is your favourite book to read?** I recently read The Salt Path by Raynor Winn, the true story of a couple who lost everything and made an impulsive decision to walk the 630-mile South West Coast Path. It's a life-affirming read and has tempted us to try the Cleveland Way (not all in one go though).
- 12. What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten?**
I was persuaded to try fried jelly fish in Singapore. Yuk.
(More on Margaret's exciting life on website below:
Website – <https://www.chantrygardens.org.uk/> send John johncl.clarke@btinternet.com with news, titbits & photos. Our newsletter is now a joint one with McCarthy Stone. We still do a print copy because some residents are not computerised. If you do not wish to receive a newsletter please let us know - John (No. 14) or Mary (No. 3)