

A NEW LIFE BY THE SEA

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McCARTHY STONE
Life, well lived



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Dear Homeowner

The days are now getting longer and hopefully soon we will have some Spring weather to soften the easterly sea breeze that I know so many of you enjoy! Winter may yet have a few surprises for us; I have a friend who resides in the country, and he reminds me every year that snow is far more likely at Easter than Christmas. That being the case I thought it worth mentioning that I salt the footpaths near the main entrance to the site and to Brigg Court on frosty weekday mornings. However, there is a pair of gloves, dustpan and brush in the salt container which you are always welcome to make use of at weekends or when I am on leave. There is also a snow shovel kept in the Bin Store should Global Warming prove inadequate!

Following discussions with homeowners there are two items related to Bathrooms that I thought might be of interest;

1. The Vanity Mirror

Aficionado's amongst you will know that the sensor on the front controls the light and that on the right hand side it has a demist switch that when pressed down heats the front glass surface and evaporates the condensation away following a shower. However, some of you may not be aware that on the left-hand side it has a shaver socket built in. On the photo you can see the shaver points, which are concealed by a cover that is lifted from the bottom. Very useful for electric toothbrush charges and the like.



2. The Shower Drain

This has a device to prevent drainage pipes from being blocked. Beneath the chrome cover (and white plastic cover beneath) there is a 'cup' which allows any sediment to settle in. Periodically (monthly), this needs to be emptied to ensure the water flows freely from the shower tray into the drain. The cup fits snugly and so I use a teaspoon handle to lever it up on one side so it can be picked up and emptied. Then replace the cup and the cover and the job is done. Some homeowners may find this difficult so for anyone living in Brigg Court (sorry Chantry Gardens) I have made an agreement with our Brigg Court Communal Cleaner Nick, and he will do this for £2. Please let me know if this interests you.



The Window Cleaners will next be on site on **Thursday 3rd February** Please close your windows on this day. Homeowners who live in apartments on the first floor in Brigg Court can expect a knock on the door as the window cleaning contract includes cleaning the outside of the patio and inside of the balcony which can only be done from inside apartments. If prefer not to be disturbed, please let me know in advance.

Finally, we have a few move-in's over the coming weeks. On **Friday 28th January** there are 3 new occupations, one on **Tuesday 1st February** and another on on **Friday 11th February**. Apologies for any inconvenience with removal vans. We look forward to welcoming new homeowners to our community.



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2022/23 Budget Meetings with Tony Hodge (Area Manager)

Meetings have been arranged to give the Homeowners an opportunity to discuss and raise any questions regarding the 2022/2023 budgets.

Chantry Gardens Budget: 10am Thursday 24th February in the Communal Lounge

Brigg Court Budget: 11am Thursday 24th February in the Communal Lounge

The meetings will be led by Tony Hodge Area Manager. If you have any specific questions you can send them to William in advance, although there will be an opportunity for general discussion. Tea and Coffee will be available but please remember to bring some change to cover the cost.

Thank You

Colin's Little Bus is not running for a week from 14 February – New Engine being installed

Tuesday 1 February 2pm – **Beetle Drive** with Joy

Monday 7 February 7pm - **Bingo** with Sue

Tuesday 1 March 1pm **PANCAKE DAY** or SHROVE TUESDAY arrives one day before Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a period of fasting or sacrifice Christians will hold where they will sacrifice something for a period of 40 days. Most people choose to give up indulgent foods such as milk, sugar and eggs. **Please watch the notice board for the notice from William.**

Monday	11.00am	Coffee
Monday	2.30pm	Recommencing 14th February Crochet with Ruth Ruth is also available to help you with knitting
Tuesday	11.00am	Coffee
Wednesday	10.00am	Armchair Keep Fit (approx. 25 Minutes)
Wednesday	11.00am	Coffee
Thursday	11.00am	Coffee: House Manager Drop In
Thursday	7.00pm	Film Night: Details on Notice Board
Friday	2-3pm	Techno Drop In (not Friday 28 Jan)
Sunday	11.00am	Coffee



If you went down to the beach near the sailing club last Sunday someone had done pebble art.

Very impressive and no doubt took quite a lot of time to produce, A nice way to spend Sunday

Stop Press Power Cut:

There was a power cut to 1153 Houses in the Filey area from 7.40am – 8.40 am on Thursday 27th January. It was caused by a faulty underground high voltage cable. This affected all of our site, a large part of Filey and was quickly fixed by Northern Power Grid rerouting the power around the affected cable. GTC manage the local grid and can be contacted on 0800 032 6990 for future incidents.

January has been a mixed month with very warm temperatures which attracted everybody and his dog to Filey over the new year holiday, the beaches were busy and fish and chip shops were overwhelmed with customers with long queues. Then freezing cold temperatures for a day or two and back to a warmer climate.

After much persistence from William we have had some success with Eon and have now been allocated an account number but bills and serial numbers are still to be sorted out. The owners of Bungalow 5 were surprised that the electricity meter for No. 3 was on their bill from March to December and bungalow 3 wondered why the estimate was low as the electricity reading was only from December.

Trying to estimate our arrears we have now got to grips with the conversion factor for the gas reading. Multiply the gas reading by 1.02264 then by multiply by 40 and then divide by 3.6 to show your usage in kWh. Multiply by the kWh charge. Multiply the standing charge by however many days you are working to.

Finally don't forget to add VAT at 5%.

Unfortunately we have had mysterious occurrences of residents been allocated to Scottish Power and nobody knows how it happened. One resident getting bombarded with phone calls and demands from Scottish Power when the details are not correct. If have not had contact with any energy suppliers please see William.

No doubt you have all read your McCarthy Stone big Black Book and remember to carry out your maintenance

BOILER (Bungalows only) when boiler cold check water pressure is between 1 – 2. If it goes below 0.3 it will cut out. See P4 of Boiler User Guide The appliance should be serviced at least once a year by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer. We have obtained details of an engineer - see useful information section to the right of this page. The engineer has pencilled me in for early March (I moved in 8 March 2021) and he has given permission for us to add him to our list of useful contacts.

AIME PENDANT In last month's newsletter William asked all the bungalow owners to test their Aime pendant in January and quarterly thereafter.

HINGES - Oil hinges every 6 months WD40.

COOKER HOOD – bi monthly clean metal grease filter.

LIMESCALE – For months there has been irritating marks on my taps which looked like scratches. Along comes William with his Domestos Professional Limescale remover and the fixtures in the shower rooms have never been as shiny. Being a Wessie (from West Yorkshire) we had lovely soft water so its hard work keeping up with all the limescale. Never had to do as much cleaning!

WILDLIFE

Guy still holds the record of seeing 97 Oystercatchers, we have only managed to see up to about 45.

Keen bird spotters descended on the Brigg recently to catch a glimpse of a Richards Pipet.

Bempton Cliffs is worth a visit at this time of year as birds are getting excited about producing young. Free entrance for RSBP members otherwise £3 November – February, £6 March to October. The RSBP visitor centre is open 9.30am to 5pm, parking for 74 vehicles and toilet facilities. Café open 10.30am to 5pm for takeaway refreshments. The Cliff Top trail is 2 miles long and the Nature Trail is 0.5 miles.

Useful Information

Jamie Daniel

Gas Registered
Engineer. 07825 630787

Handyman Wayne (WB Services)

has done a lot of work in apartments and bungalows 07774 913191
wbservices2018@gmail.com.

Lazer Radio Taxis

Filey 01723 515515

Scarborough 01723

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Usually charge £4 to White Lodge. No service on Christmas Day

Electrician Exley/Smith

Tel: 07540 182893

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.

Trouble with your feet?

– Angela recommends Michele Crawford 07904715635 and a new one Helen 07736 126726

Physiotherapist

Brian Jamieson

Ramshill Road

Physiotherapy

open 24 hours

01723 503133

07900 508658

Dial a Ride

Small bus, Tel 01723 354434 See website for area covered and prices.
<http://www.scarboroughdialaride.org>

ANGELA'S ADVENTURES

(Angela lives at Bungalow 2 – Author, member of the Literary Society, member of Richard 111 Society and loves history).

BEVERLEY Angela reports she had an enjoyable trip to Beverley, very impressed with the architecture and standing in the square one can see buildings from the 16th century onwards.

By Train from Filey an off-peak day return costs £9.70 with a Senior's Rail Card and takes 51 minutes. Station near the town centre so not too far to walk.

THE GREAT WOLD VALLEY only about 15 miles from us, a very interesting area which I visited with the literary society.

Do you know we live just 10 miles from the tallest standing stone in the UK. It's in Rudston church yard, and well worth a visit. Rather imposing and out of place in a village churchyard. It must have been a place where our pagan ancestors worshiped. There are traces of our ancestors all around the area, the great Wold Valley. The chalk river is said to have a parade of tumuli, down to the sea. Willy Howe barrow is a huge burial site, one of the biggest found.

Wold Cottage is where a meteorite landed in 1795, the largest recorded in England. ...long walk, little to see as it was removed, it has its own monument so worth a mention.

Sledmere House and Gardens

Sir Mark Sykes died in Paris 1919 of Spanish Flu, he was buried in Sledmere. With his family's permission his body was exhumed and samples taken for research & test vaccines against future pandemics. Sledmere Cross, and the Waggoner cross are of interest. (Spanish Flu killed 50m worldwide and 228,000 in Britain).

Sledmere House open June – Sept but the grounds, gardens, shops, Rare bred conservation farm and adventure playground open all year round Tuesday – Sunday (closed Mondays) 10am-5pm

Admission £11 per adult
Coach House Café open Tues – Sunday 10am-4pm

The Triton Inn, Sledmere, does delicious food, their 'Pork Diane' excellent....coffee, not so good,

WHITBY

As you know Whitby is always busy but there is a good bus service from Scarborough taking an hour.

X93 from Stand S at the Station

Scarborough to Whitby 08.50 then every hour. Coming back 10.36 then every hour

Newsletter – a joint effort with McCarthy Stone, William Stuart (manager), Mary Kenworthy, John & Margaret Clarke. Website maintained by John Clarke. <https://www.chantrygardens.org.uk>

We add useful contact numbers for various things but these are not recommendations by McCarthy Stone.

We are always looking for interesting features so see John at johncl.clarke@btinternet.com Bungalow 14 or Mary at Bungalow 3 mkpkenworthy@gmail.com



Rudston Monolith Above

Willy Howe Barrow below



Belting it out to ring in the New Year at Brigg Court



Brigg Court/Chantry Gardens New Year's Eve Party in full swing, with some enthusiastic karaoke singing! Thanks to Joy for organising games.



To clear their heads the following morning, a couple of brave souls from Chantry Gardens were up early to take part in an 8am New Year's Day swim. "It had to be done!"

It just goes to show what a great bunch of people live in our community. Looking forward to more fun, parties and fellowship in 2022.

Some great pictures from John and Vene (No.17) showing what a beautiful place Filey is, even this time of year. If you have any pictures please send them to Mary (No. 3) or John and Margaret (No.14)



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE



1. Name, Age, Place of Birth

Lulu Robinson, 11 but much older in doggy years, found in the South of France 10 years ago

2. What is your proudest accomplishment?

That must be when I found a gullible English couple mad enough to rescue me when I was thrown from a bridge into a canal – I've stuck like glue to them ever since. We've been on many adventures since, exploring Europe by barge, so I've been busy protecting them!

3. If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

Somewhere windy! I love my ears flapping in the wind so Filey is perfect (Or Bark-shire!)



4. What makes you laugh the most?

Lots of things, one time in France Mum chased and shouted at a man she thought had stolen me. Turns out the man had my doggy double! At least we found out who I am, I'm officially a Graffox (Griffin/Fox Terrier)



5. What would you sing at Karaoke night?

I have an eclectic taste in music from Elvis's "Hound Dog" to "Snoop Dog" and even a bit of Bach (Bark) or JC's request "Who let the dogs out"

6. Who would you want to be stranded with on a deserted island?

My Mum and Dad

7. If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?

2011, so I could bite the man who threw me off the bridge

8. What's the most daring thing you've ever done?

Rescued my Mum from a huge charging wild boar the size of a pony, whilst walking in Belgium. I was very brave and barked very loudly while Mummy ran off!

9. What do you do to keep fit?

Running

10. Are you related or distantly related to anyone famous?

No but, I was rescued by a very swish hotel barge, by some Americans who fed me biscuits, just like royalty



11. What is your favourite book to read?

A Dog's Guide to Humans, by Karen Davison

12. What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten?

Ha Ha, I snatched a huge, juicy ribeye steak from Mum and Dad's friends BBQ! It was delicious. I've never lived it down.