Newsletter from Irton Parish Council



October 2026





It’s been a little while…..

Dear Residents,

We hope this finds you fit and well.

As autumn settles in, one of the kindest things you can do for local wildlife is simply leave a part of your garden a little wild. Resist the urge to cut everything back or clear away fading plants, as decaying stems, seedheads and leaf litter provide valuable shelter for insects, hedgehogs and other small creatures through the colder months. A quiet pile of fallen leaves and dead wood tucked into a corner can become a warm, safe haven, helping wildlife rest and survive the winter ahead. 🍂🦔 Any budding wildlife enthusiasts could be extra kind and make a little hedgehog house. Remember though to not build those bonfires to early as they will be very inviting to our little hedgehog friends.

Talking about bonfire night… **Why do we celebrate Bonfire Night?** Well, back in 1605, a man called Guy Fawkes got involved in a very bad idea to blow up Parliament. Thankfully, the plot was discovered before it could happen, and people celebrated the King's survival by lighting bonfires.

Over the years, the tradition stuck, and now every 5th November we gather around roaring fires, enjoy fireworks, and eat far too many toffee apples. As for the Guy Fawkes effigy, it's a reminder that some plans are best left on the drawing board! 🎆🔥🎇

Bonfire and Fireworks Night

All welcome to come and join others at Alice Cottage, Irton from 6.30pm on Thursday 5th November.

Hotdogs, soup & Drinks will be available (No charge, but any donations to St Martin’s)

If you want, you can bring along a firework in memory of a loved one. This will be set off by the organisers at the event.



Village Maintenance Tender – Many residents will be aware that grass cutting throughout the village has been inconsistent and has not met the standard we expect this year. We have raised our concerns with North Yorkshire Council, which currently provides the service. In the meantime, we have readvertised the maintenance tender in the hope of attracting interest from independent contractors who may be able to take on this work. If you know of anyone then please let them know and ask them to email the Clerk.

Other information - We have reported several local concerns, including the large dead tree with falling branches, rusty telegraph poles and blocked drains.

We have also monitored vehicle speeds through the village and found that drivers generally appear to be travelling within the speed limit. We continue to monitor vehicles parking on pavements, as this creates a serious safety issue for pedestrians, families with pushchairs and other vulnerable pavement users as they may be forced into the road to get past.



Please park responsibly and ask your visitors to do the same. Together, we can help keep our village as safe as possible, especially as the evenings are getting darker.

Unfortunately Proudfoots have closed in Seamer but Tesco's are due to reopen in November. In the meantime, if you need a Post Office then there is one located at the garage in East Ayton and one at High Street, Eastfield.



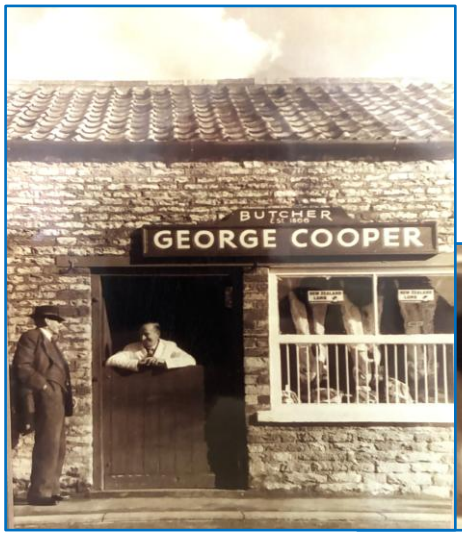
The Armistice Day Service of Remembrance will be held at Seamer & Irton War Memorial Hall commencing at 10.45am on Wednesday 11 November 2026. All welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.



Did you know our village used to have its own Butcher Shop?!

Can you work out which property it is?

And did you know it was selling New Zealand Lamb… The first successful shipment of frozen New Zealand lamb and mutton to the UK arrived in May 1882. Some local supermarkets stock it but traditional independent local butchers tend to prioritise British -reared produce nowadays.





If you have any old photos/maps which you would be willing to share, then please email them together with some information.

Contact us

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