

# SPOTLIGHT

## Seend & Bulkington



### Seend Fete & Flower Show

*Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August*

*on the Lye Field and in the Community Centre*

Don't miss it!



The Neighbourhood Plan group will have a presence at the fete and would like your input - AND they have a NEW WEBSITE:  
[www.seendneighbourhoodplan.org](http://www.seendneighbourhoodplan.org)

# August/Sept 2018

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE JULY

- 28<sup>th</sup> Seend Village Breakfast, Community Centre, 8 am to 10.30am  
31<sup>st</sup> Seend Parish Council, upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 7.30 pm

## DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

- 1<sup>st</sup> Salisbury Shuttle Shopping Trip call 01225 706526 by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July  
1<sup>st</sup> Village Lunch at the Well, Bulkington, 12.15 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Seend & District Ramblers, from Golden Fleece, Shaw, 6.30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 10.30am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fun in the Sun, Lye Field, 12.30pm (also 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>)  
11<sup>th</sup> Seend Fete and Flower Show  
14<sup>th</sup> CLT Steering Group Meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library; 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box:  
11.05 am Well In car park  
25<sup>th</sup> Seend Village Breakfast, Community Centre, 8 am to 10.30am  
26<sup>th</sup> Great Bulkington Railway train rides, 1-4.30pm  
27<sup>th</sup> SPNP Steering Group Meeting, Pavilion, 7.30 pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council, upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 7.30 pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm  
31<sup>st</sup> Back to School BBQ, Community Centre Patio, 6 pm

## DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Seend Village Breakfast, Community Centre, 8 am to 10.30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Coffee Morning, Seend Methodist Chapel, 10 am  
5<sup>th</sup> Village Lunch at the Well, Bulkington, 12.15 pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Salisbury Shuttle Shopping Trip call 01225 706526 by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
7<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 10.30am  
8<sup>th</sup> Ride and Stride event  
10<sup>th</sup> Licensing of Joshva Raja John, Seend Church, 7pm  
11<sup>th</sup> CLT Steering Group Meeting  
15<sup>th</sup> WEA Day School on Great Women Artists, upstairs in C Centre, 10am-4pm  
15<sup>th</sup> Summer Ball, Community Centre, 7pm  
**15<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT**  
16<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers – details to be advised  
17<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library; 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box:  
11.05 am Well In car park  
20<sup>th</sup> Seend WI Craft afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm  
27<sup>th</sup> SPNP meeting, Pavilion, 7.30pm  
28<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10am-noon  
29<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning, Bulkington Village Hall, 11am  
29<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest, Community Centre, 7.30pm

### **Newcomer to Seend?**

Call in at the shop/PO and ask for your copy of the **Welcome booklet**, which tells you all you need to know about the village.

Visit [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) and the Spotlight **facebook** page:

## Welcome to August/September Spotlight.....



The early summer certainly merited the traditional ‘Phew, what a scorcher!’ response. Some loved it. Some hated it. But we shall all remember it! We just hope there isn’t two month’s worth of rain just waiting up there somewhere ready to all fall at once. The drought will certainly have been a challenge for all the prospective Flower Show exhibitors. However, we are all in the same boat so don’t be put off entering!

As well as the remainder of the Saturday breakfasts to enjoy, we, of course, have the Seend Fete and Flower Show to look forward to (details of how you can help on p.5 ), plus a Summer Ball to show off your suntans and your posh frocks, an interesting Day School on women artists, the second Oktoberfest (back by popular demand) and not one but two Macmillan Coffee Mornings – on two different days fortunately! And, of course, Nosh and Natter Lunch Club returns from its summer break in September. Appropriately, the Ride and Stride event takes place on the same day that two members of Seend Pork Pie Cycling Club set off for John O’Groats.

Eagle-eyed readers will note that we’ve removed the ‘Personal Ads’ heading as we’ve had no takers for a while. You can still advertise items for sale or wanted by sending text in the usual way and leaving £2 (with your name) for us in Seend Shop.

The August edition of Seend Community Centre’s Quarterly Newsletter ‘Happenings!’ is enclosed with this magazine. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the October edition (copy by Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September please) can be emailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to Sue or Tessa – even if they have emailed you from their own email address – just in case they are not around. Joanna Goddard (828488) organises printing Mondays and also types up the items left at Seend PO. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401) and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising. ***N.B.*** *At the time of writing there are still one or two spaces for ads available for October 2018-June 2019 at a pro-rata cost. Contact Chris.*

**Lost emails:** Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents don’t receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa or Sue (see above) to check if all is well. And please note the following. **When sending emails to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk)** please include the word **SPOTLIGHT** in uppercase as the first word of the Subject. This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

**PDFs:** We cannot normally use PDF files of posters etc as they require a specific shape and space. Word documents – without any fancy formatting - give us the flexibility to adapt your wording and pictures to fit the space available. Thanks.

## VILLAGE EVENTS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

(For Bulkington events see pages 13-15)

### **AUGUST & SEPTEMBER in SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

#### **First Friday Coffee Mornings in the Lounge**

From 10.30am on Fridays 3<sup>rd</sup> August and 7<sup>th</sup> September. Come along for proper coffee, home-made cakes and a chat in good company! It's just £2 for coffee or tea - plus a refill - and a slice of cake. All welcome.



#### **Seend Summer Village Breakfasts**



Seend Summer Village Breakfasts continue. The volunteers have been hard at work so it would be great to see a good turn out to support them, bring along your weekend guests. Our delicious sausages and bacon are sourced locally from Padfield's Porkies and an English Breakfast starts from just £4.

Breakfast is served from 8- 10.30am on: Saturdays August 25<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> (not 18<sup>th</sup> August as previously advertised)

If anyone wants to help volunteer we always need a spare pair of hands – if you can contact Jenny Dalton on 07747 457204.

#### **Back to School Barbecue**

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 6 pm. Family (and dog) friendly BBQ on the patio. Rejoice! Back to school time. Bring the kids along. All welcome – plenty for all to do. Relax as you relish the thought of the kids returning to school – unless you are a teacher of course.



#### **Summer Ball** – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm

A chance to dress up! Tickets will be £25 to include a meal and disco.

#### **Nosh and Natter Lunch Club**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 12 for 12.30 pm

You need to book in advance by calling Pauline on 01380 828638. Only £5 for two courses – all home made of course. All welcome!



#### **Oktoberfest**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, doors open 7.30 pm

Celebrate the end of September as the Bavarians do. Come along to our Oktoberfest for a fun night of Bavarian music, German sausages, traditional games and beer drinking (other beverages are available). Tickets only £12.50 per person. Traditional dress optional.



## Brewery Inn

Monthly Fun Quiz – Wednesdays 29<sup>th</sup> August and 26<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8pm



### **Macmillan's 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 10am-noon in Seend Community Centre**

Coffee – Cakes – Games – Raffle – Bring and Buy – Chat!

Entry by donation.

Come along and support this very worthwhile cause!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VILLAGE INFORMATION**

*(Please let us know of any births, marriages, deaths, special birthdays, thanks, information etc that you would like to see included here.)*

### **THANK YOU**

Audrey Hill and family would like to express their thanks for the overwhelming number of letters, cards and messages of sympathy which they have received following Tony's death.

So many kind words; so many happy memories recalled; so much admiration expressed for his stoic refusal to give in to the disabilities with which he was left after his stroke. Your loving thoughts and prayers are a great comfort at this sad time.

Thank you all.

### **STANLEY THOMAS WILTSHIRE**

**9.5.1926-3.6.2018**

Apart from his National Service, Stan lived in Seend all his life. He loved this village. Son of Percy and Alice, he left Devizes Grammar School to join the Army at 17. He ended up in the Medical Corps and met his wife of 69 years, Joyce, working in the Bristol Blood Bank. He was posted to India for the last year of the war in the Far East. He returned to the UK to work for F Rendell and Sons Ltd in Devizes and stayed with them until redundancy in 1998 after 49 years service. Stan then drove vans for 15 years for his brother-in-law's company, Melksham Motor Spares. When he married Joyce in 1948, everything was on ration after the war including material. Stan brought satin back from India and Joyce's petticoats, the bridesmaids dresses and Joyce's wedding nightdress were all made from a silk army parachute. Stan and Joyce had four children John, Graham, Linda and Margaret. Sadly, Linda died shortly after birth. Stan and Joyce later adopted Stephen, the son of Joyce's sister Pamela who tragically died of a brain haemorrhage.

Stan played football, cricket and skittles for Seend for many years. Stan's dad, Percy, Stan himself, his two sons John and Graham and his Grandson John have all played in goal for Seend United Football Club. Stan was very successful in all sports, especially skittles where he won all the trophies possible, including the County

Singles Championship three times. In his later years Stan played cribbage for Seend Community Centre and he played this, like every other sport he undertook, with tremendous enthusiasm and will to win.

He always had time for his children no matter what the problem, and encouraged them to do well in whatever they were doing. He was always approachable and would listen and offer advice if asked. (Actually, he would offer advice whether you wanted it or not.) His open, approachable manner made him such a likeable man, not just amongst his family but among neighbours and friends and his skittles and cribbage connections.

Alas, most of Stan's friends from cricket and football have already left us - but keep your eyes open for a "Field of Dreams" scenario where you might just see Stan, Shaver, Sam, Jim, Joe, Pat etc having a game on the Lye Field.

Provided by John Wiltshire

### **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES**

**Road Closure - The Pelch** – a section will be closed from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August, so that Wessex Water can undertake sewer repair works.

#### **Inspection of the Accounts**

As per our Governance and Accounting regulations, members of the Parish can inspect the 2017-18 Financial Accounts. The dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights are: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Anyone wishing to take up this right should please contact the Clerk on 07706 850859 or email:

[clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk) The Clerk can then arrange a suitable time and place for you to look at the accounts file. All Accounting and Governance statements, including our Internal Auditor's report can be found on our website: [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Household Recycling** – From 30<sup>th</sup> July you will be able to recycle a lot more things. In addition to the usual plastic bottles and cardboard, you can include yoghurt pots, plastic trays, margarine tubs, ice cream tubs, and juice, milk and soup cartons. These can all go in your blue lidded bin. A poster will be put on the noticeboards and our website.

You still cannot recycle brown plastics.

#### **Parish Steward Tasks**

Don't forget to contact the clerk if you notice any highway problems that the Parish steward can fix on his monthly visits to the Parish. These can include drain and gully clearing, kerbside weeds, overgrown vegetation that restricts visibility or pavements, small potholes, etc.

## **SUMMER SPORT FOR CHILDREN:**

**Tennis:** Seend Tennis Club is running a three day tennis summer camp on 1st, 2nd and 3rd August. KS1 session 9.30am-12pm, KS2+ session 1-5pm. There are a couple of spaces remaining on each course. Full details available on the Seend Tennis Club website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/SeendTennisClub/Coaching/Camps>

**Fun in the Sun:** Wiltshire Council organised Fun in the Sun Sessions will be on the Lye Field on 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th August from 12.30-2pm, giving young people aged 5-11 years access to multi-sport activities provided by fully qualified sports coaches. Sports delivered may change on a week by week basis but will include tag rugby, cricket, football, dodgeball, tennis, rounders, athletics and team activities. Programme and consent forms from: <http://wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-fun-in-the-sun>

## **SEEND VILLAGE FETE UPDATE – 11<sup>th</sup> August**

Seend Village Fete (in partnership with Altfield).

First and foremost the committee would like give a huge thanks to all the local businesses that have donated prizes to our Grand Draw. We have received a number of wonderful ones, from dinners out at the Barge and Brewery, to dinners in, cooked by Eric Lepine, from a box of fantastic wines from 'The Daily Drinker' to a plane flight over the White Horse from Ian Seager. All will be raffled off on the day to help raise money for the village. Thank you!



The Irene Usher Hall will be open from the 6th-10th August (9am - 5pm) for all White Elephant and toy stall drop offs. We would prefer plants to be donated on the day so we can keep them at their best, however you can drop them off earlier if needed.

We do need your help collecting "Bottles" for the Tombola. Please do knock on a few doors and collect some vino, spirits, beer, foods etc from your neighbours. They can all be dropped off at the Brewery, the Pavilion or the village shop.

Tug of War entry forms can be collected from the Village shop, Community Centre and from all three village pubs. Get your team of six signed up and help us make this a fun annual village event! We've had great feedback but need entries to get things organised in time.

We want to say a personal thank you to all the helpers that will come out in force on the day. The Fete can't happen without you and your support is truly appreciated. It's always been a very special village event and one that we hope will continue for many years to come.

In 2019 we will be celebrating the Fete's 60th birthday and we would like to make it one to remember. At the moment the committee is made up of only four people - a lot to do for not a lot of hands. We would welcome some new faces. Are you good at fundraising? Is social media your thing? Maybe you have a skill we can use going forward? Do get in touch. Contact the team on Liam Bergin on 07738 269 739 or email [seendfete@gmail.com](mailto:seendfete@gmail.com)

## **SEEND FETE TEAS - CAKES AND SCONES NEEDED**

Calling all you lovely bakers out there: to make the fete teas successful we need loads of cakes and scones. Last year we served over 500 cuppas and sold out of cakes. Please bring contributions to the Pavilion in the morning of the fete. Many thanks.

## **SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

The headline this month is that we have A NEW WEBSITE. Take a look: [www.seendparishplan.org](http://www.seendparishplan.org) find it easy to use and informative. You will find:

- The date of the Steering Group's next committee meeting to which all interested parties, (parishioners or anyone who owns land or has a business here) are welcome.
- An archive of all Spotlight articles.
- An archive of our committee meeting minutes.
- A list of our activities thus far, including consultations that have been held.
- A list of links to documents relevant to creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- Details with relevant maps of the three settlements that make up our Parish.
- The Seend Road Safety Initiative.
- And lots of good photos showing various aspects of our lovely Parish.

Please let us know if you encounter any problems using the site, or if there is any other information you would like us to upload. You can do this via the 'Contacts' page where you will find a box for messages. As pieces of work get finished they will find their way onto the website for your comments. For instance, by the time you read this you will find 'A Vision for Seend Parish' there: this document follows guidelines set by various requirements, but we may amend it to include your comments if these concur with those guidelines.

Since we have got the help of our Consultants, Place Studio, we are making progress with the many jobs. Although it was always clear that this is a complex process, without the guidance of professionals trained in the field of planning law and experience of creating Neighbourhood Plans, we had become a bit stuck. So morale amongst us is better and the determination to complete the job has returned.

Before the next update you will have received a letter from us referring to Local Green Spaces in the Parish: do please respond as requested for it is your opinions that gives the NDP validity. And we plan to have a presence at the village events taking place through the summer, so please use the opportunities to inform yourselves of the progress.

- Seend Breakfasts: July and August. We expect to have an information stand available for inspection.
- Flower Show and Fete: August 11<sup>th</sup>, in the Community Centre and on the Lye Field. Again we expect to have an information stand, manned by various Steering Group Members.

All are welcome at the monthly open meetings, which take place on the last Thursday of the month: 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Pavilion. There will be no meeting in August, so the next one will be Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September. (Some members of the SG meet again between these open meetings to progress the background work).

Carola Thorpe on behalf of the S.P.N.P. Steering Group



### **THE SPPCC ARE OFF!**

So during this edition of Spotlight, you will see Ian Seager and Jenny Dalton of the infamous SPPCC (Seend Pork Pie Cycling Club) set off on September 8<sup>th</sup> on their epic adventure from Lands' End to John O'Groats.

Keep all of your fingers and toes crossed for warm sunny weather as they slog their way up the country for the third (and final) time! Keep an eye out on the Seend Pork Pie Facebook Page for photograph updates of their adventure. This year they will be raising funds for a very worthwhile cause: Parkinson's UK. If anyone would like to support here is the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jennifer-dalton2> or you can send a text message: JDCT75 £10 to 70070

Thanks, Ian & Jen!

### **SEEND COMMUNITY LAND & ASSET TRUST NEWS**

CLT Steering Group work continues towards incorporating the Community Interest Company, limited by guarantee, which will be the legal form for fundraising and the building of affordable homes for people of the parish of Seend. There is a general call for development sites for affordable homes, so if you own a site which you think could be offered for affordable housing please let the CLT Steering Group know. If you are not already a member of the CLT, joining envelopes are available from the Seend Post Office and Shop, the Library Phone Boxes in Seend Cleeve and Seend, the Community Centre and from the membership page on the CLT web site at [www.seendclt.org](http://www.seendclt.org). The next CLT SG meeting is arranged for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Steve Vaux, Seend CLT SG

### **SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL**

The Chapel at the end of Weavers Cottages was first opened in March 1774 by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. It has been in continuous use ever since. Currently there is only a very small membership and this may unfortunately result in closure of the Chapel in the near future.

Many people in the village may never have seen or visited the Chapel and the current members have planned a coffee morning on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September from 10am for anyone interested to call and see the Chapel and hear about its history and purpose. All would be welcome on 1<sup>st</sup> September or to any service held on the second and fourth Sundays each month.

Les Warren

## **LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION TO REPRESENT SEEND AT WW1 COMMEMORATIONS IN BELGIUM**

Members of the Seend branch of the Royal British Legion are to join thousands of others on a pilgrimage of Remembrance to the WW1 battlefields, culminating in a parade and ceremony in Ypres as part of the end of the First World War centenary commemorations. The RBL event known as Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90) takes place during 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August and will be one of the largest in the Charity's history.

GP90 will mark 90 years since the original RBL Pilgrimage in 1928 which saw 11,000 WW1 veterans and war widows visit the battlefields of the Somme in France and Ypres in Belgium, a decade after the conflict ended. That Pilgrimage ended with a march through Ypres to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Menin Gate Memorial for a ceremony to commemorate the launch of The Hundred Days Offensive and in remembrance of those who never returned.

Local Legion members Kevin Toft and Robin Heatley will represent the Seend Branch and the local community at the event, as Standard bearer and Wreath Layer respectively. They will tour some of the same battlefields and cemeteries visited by those on the 1928 Pilgrimage, before marching along the original route to the Menin Gate on the 8<sup>th</sup> August bearing our Branch Standard and a wreath. They will join a parade of more than 2,200 of other Legion representatives and dignitaries, including Civic and Military guests from the UK, Commonwealth and Northern Europe. Once at the Menin Gate, Robin will lay a wreath on behalf of the Seend Community. In addition to a tribute from the Branch Chairman (Col Nigel Knocker), it will contain a message from a child at Seend School, where the local Branch has given a series of talks to the children since August 2014, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of WW1.

Col Knocker comments: "Great Pilgrimage 90 is a unique opportunity for the Legion community to come together and to proudly bear our Standards along the same route in Ypres taken 90 years earlier by the veterans and widows of WW1. The Branch looks forward with pride to representing the village of Seend at this memorable event."

Roger Brind

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## **CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS**

Dear All,

We are fortunate to have a new priest joining our team in September. He will be licensed and welcomed into the 'Wellsprings Benefice' on 10th September at a service at Holy Cross Seend at 7pm. All are welcome to join us for this special service.

The following is a pastoral letter which introduces Joshva.

Yours in Christ, (Revd. Ali Bridewell)



My name is Joshva Raja John. People can call me 'Josh'. It is a privilege and joy for me to come and serve the Wellsprings Benefice as a house for duty priest based in Seend. I look forward to serve you humbly and faithfully as a disciple of Christ along with other colleagues. I thank all who made me feel welcome during my interview. My wife Rachel and my daughters Angeline (22) Jessica (12) and myself are excited to come from villages in North Warwickshire to villages in Wiltshire.

I come from the small village of Pannaivilai in the southern tip of India where my great grandfather worked as a mission pastor along with Amy Carmichael – a famous CMS missionary. After my postgraduate studies in Physics and New Testament, my Bishop invited me to become a missionary among the Tribal Nomad Communities of the Western Ghats where I used to walk for 16 miles on Sundays! I worked among children and young people in my diocese and used video and audio communication for Christian Education. I was ordained as priest in 1995. After ordination, I was sent to do research in Christian Communication at the University of Edinburgh and then returned to India to teach at a theological college in Bangalore. I also organised street theatre, muppets and audio-visuals for promoting health awareness in rural communities in India. We trained the Mother's Union, YMCA secretaries, World Vision and also pastors in the use of various community media in order to promote health awareness in India. I was then invited to the Selly Oak Centre for Mission Studies, Birmingham to train international and British leaders for the churches using postgraduate and research programmes. After training many clergy for ministry and mission for 12 years, I went to serve as a vicar in the Three in One Rural Parish of Curdworth, Middleton and Wishaw.

I have learnt a lot about rural ministry and will continue to learn in the Wellsprings Benefice. When I heard God's call to ministry I hesitated to come into full time ministry, but God has been faithful to me. He also made me enthusiastic to reach out to people within and outside the church - as a shepherd, a teacher, a learner, a listener, a carer, a mentor, a co-worker, an encourager and a servant. My licensing will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> September at the Holy Cross Church, Seend, at 7pm. I do hope you will be there.

In my previous parish, I was blessed with friends, volunteers, wardens, lay preachers and many other hard workers who enabled the churches to relate to their communities. I promoted the idea that the church is to serve the community and in turn the community then supports the church. For example, when I started dementia friendly church programmes people joined in and that brought the church and community close to each other. I strongly believe in God's purpose and plans for our lives and I pray that God's purpose of my ministry in this benefice is one of growth, service and building relations for the love of Christ.

My wife Rachel is a Mathematics teacher and a private tutor. She is keen to help anyone who is interested to improve their Mathematics. My elder daughter Angeline is a post graduate student in Physics and is working for an IT company in London. She plays the piano and viola. My second daughter Jessica is joining the Lavington

School from September. She will be looking for a piano and violin teacher to help her continue her lessons.

I play the piano, the violin and the Indian flute during my leisure time; I write and edit books for theological students; I like swimming, cycling and playing table tennis. We are excited to come, live and serve the people, churches and communities here in this benefice. God who has called us will never let us down - with God's mercy and grace abiding in and around us.

Joshva Raja John



## **CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER**

**The Benefice of Holy Cross, Seend, Christ Church, Bulkington and St. Peter's, Poulshot.** *You are welcome to worship at any of the services in any of the churches in the Benefice.*

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

#### **Parish Pilgrimage around all the churches in the Wellsprings Benefice**

At each church there will be a short act of worship, children's activities and refreshments.

9.00 am	Seend (with breakfast)
11.00 am	Bulkington (with coffee & cake)
12.00 pm	Poulshot (with soft drinks & nibbles)
2.00 pm	Potterne (with lunch)
4.30 pm	Worton (with soft drinks & nibbles)
6.00 – 9.30 pm	Marston Green (with a bring & share meal)

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend
9.15 am	Parish Eucharist at Poulshot
11.00 am	Morning Praise at Seend
6.00 pm	Evensong at Bulkington

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

9.15 am	Parish Eucharist at Seend
11.00 am	Parish Eucharist at Bulkington
6.00 pm	Evensong at Poulshot

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend
9.15 am	Morning Praise at Bulkington
11.00 am	Parish Eucharist at Poulshot
6.00 pm	Evensong at Seend

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

9.15 am	Matins at Poulshot
11.00 am	Parish Eucharist at Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Eucharist at Bulkington

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend

9.15 am Parish Eucharist at Poulshot

11.00 am Morning Praise at Seend

6.00 pm Evensong at Bulkington

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

9.15 am Parish Eucharist at Seend

11.00 am Parish Eucharist at Bulkington

6.00 pm Evensong at Poulshot

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend

9.15 am Morning Praise at Bulkington

11.00 am Parish Eucharist at Poulshot

6.00 pm Evensong at Seend

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

9.15 am Matins at Poulshot

11.00 am Parish Eucharist and Harvest Festival at Seend

6.00 pm Parish Eucharist at Bulkington

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity)**

10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Christ Church Worton

Every Tuesday at 9.00 am there is a short Benefice service of Matins (BCP) at Poulshot church

**From the registers**

**Baptism:**

We welcome into God's family;

Charlie Berry who was baptised at Seend on 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Marriage:**

We celebrate with;

Richard Carlile and Kelly Singer who were married at Seend on 7<sup>th</sup> July

**Burial:**

We commit to God's safe keeping;

Joe Baber whose funeral took place at Poulshot on 19<sup>th</sup> June

Norman Martin who was buried at Seend on 10<sup>th</sup> July

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**SEEND METHODIST CHURCH**

Dear Friends,

I am probably going to be uncomfortably both political and religious, but bear with me and talk about it when you see me if you want to.

I am writing as the current President of the USA is visiting our country and I find this man and all he stands for appalling (to say the least). And that is challenging me.

Because my faith demands from me that I show Radical Grace – that I demonstrate God’s love to everyone – God’s love that is undeserved and inclusive and extravagant and self-less that’s why there is the ‘churchy’ word ‘Grace’ to describe it. And I truly believe the world would be a better place if we could all find a way to be part of that. That causes us a struggle if we take it seriously *because* that sort of love can’t be deserved or earned and the inconvenient thing about it is that we have to respond to it and share it. As the New Methodist President of Conference said recently:

“God loves me just as much as the people I hold in high regard – those who have shown the kind of courage, wisdom or practical love for humanity that I can only imagine, and never achieve. It’s good to know that God loves me as much as God loves Nelson Mandela, the Pope or Margaret, my late, truly saintly, mother in law. It is much less comfortable to know that God loves people I despise, people who frighten me, and people who have acted in appalling ways, just as much as God loves me. I find that much more difficult to handle – how do I work out an ethic for grace-filled living that allows me to relate to Donald Trump or to the fascists, misogynists and homophobes who make the life of so many people a living hell?”

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/media/8500/presidential-address-2018.pdf>

This month’s challenge is for me every bit as much as I am giving you. Finding ways to fight the forces and authorities that cause all sorts of evils in the world and the animosity, distrust and disunity in our own communities, whilst also demonstrating true Radical Grace to those human beings who we see as being complicit in all this is not easy and comes at some personal cost.

So we can simply hate those who see things differently to us (whichever way that is) – and we can just bother ourselves with our own problems and our own little bit of the world because we can’t do anything about the rest – it is indeed a simpler way to be personally - but it does continue and contribute to the hate and evil that causes the problems in the first place. Or we can grapple with what it means to ‘love your enemies and do good to those who hate you’ (Matthew chapter 5 verse 44) whilst standing against injustice and for those in need as the bible tells us to in many places - and see if we might thereby change the world.

God bless, Wendy <><

### **SEEND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**

12th August 10am      Revd Wendy Tucker with Holy Communion.

26th August 10am      Mr Douglas Colborne

9th September 10am      Revd Wendy Tucker with Holy Communion

23rd September 10am      Mrs Pauline Tiller will conduct our Harvest Thanksgiving.

Gifts of tinned foods, packets of cereal, biscuits etc will be much appreciated and passed on to the Devizes Food Bank.

Everyone always welcome to any service. A coffee morning will be held at the Chapel on Saturday 1st September from 10am. See p. 7 for details.

Anne Salter

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

### **BULKINGTON LADIES' GROUP**

We had a very enjoyable BBQ evening with Neville & Thelma in June. The weather came up trumps, and the trains were running on time, so many thanks to them both.

Our event for August is to visit Lacock Abbey for a performance of "Alice in Wonderland" on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Tickets are pre-booked. Karen Lock has the details 828328. Please bring a picnic, lightweight garden chair and suitable clothing for the weather as it is an outside performance. Gates open at 6 pm and the show starts at 7pm. We want to be there at 6pm to get a good spot and have our picnic.

Our September meeting is an entertaining talk by John Craig who is a retired Chief Fire Officer for Wiltshire. It is entitled "Going to Blazes". You will remember him as part of the music group who came to us in May. The meeting is at 7.30 pm in Bulkington Village Hall. There will be the usual cheese and wine and raffle.

Our best wishes go to Angela who is recovering from a heart operation in the BRI.

Liz Futter 828485

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Images of Costa Rica</b> <b>Volcanoes, Rainforest, Birds and Butterflies</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come and enjoy Maureen Allchin's illustrated reflections on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 at 7.00 pm in Seend Pavilion, Rusty Lane, (SN12 6NS). Tickets: £12.00 (to include a Ploughman's Supper) from Anne Saywell (828931) or Phyl Yarde (828116). Licensed bar and raffle. Proceeds to the Friends of Christ Church, Bulkington</p>	
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### **BULKINGTON'S MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 11am until the cakes run out!

Bulkington Village Hall, SN10 1SW

Claire and Penny invite you to join us for tea/coffee, cake and a good old chat, with monies raised going to Macmillan. There will be refreshments and cakes, The Great Bulkington Railway, Lucky Dip and colouring for the kiddies, craft stalls, tombola and plenty of friendly faces to sit and have a chat with. We raised a fantastic £600 last year and our 'café' had a wonderful buzzing atmosphere. Come along, we would love to see you.



Claire Jones (07793 038635) and Penelope Morgan-Elliott (07528 069130).

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on 20<sup>th</sup> August and 17<sup>th</sup> September, 11.05-11.30am. Please support this. It really could be a case of use it or lose it .....

## **RIDE + STRIDE for CHURCHES**

Visit Wiltshire's beautiful churches and chapels to raise money for your own church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. A sponsored cycle ride or walk will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September between 10 am and 6 pm. Refreshments are provided at most churches. Please contact Liz Futter 828485, for a sponsor form and details of churches that are open.

**The Church-hosted Bulkington Village Lunch**  
will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
at 12.15pm at The Well.

Contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (828116). New people are always welcome to join us.  
It is a good social event for the entire village and area.

Join Me For Lunch



All welcome to  
**THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP**  
for the Wellsprings Benefice

We next meet from 2- 4pm on 6<sup>th</sup> August at 14 Chestnut Drive, Bulkington.  
Contact Janet Rawlings on 828732. Then on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 4 Northfields,  
Bulkington. Contact Anne Saywell on 828931.  
Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



**Benefice BUZZZ Group**  
will meet on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
at 3.30pm at Sue Noad's, 38 Little Willows, Semington.  
Phone 870343.

Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant group,  
led by Rev. Jane Knowles

## **BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"**

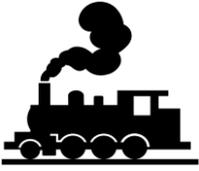
The draw for the "100 Club" took place at the village lunch in The Well and the winners were :-

£40	No. 17	Gavin Yarde
£30	No. 68	Oliver Coles
£20	No. 72	Alan Dunlop
£15	No. 19	Anne Saywell

Congratulations to the winners!



Phyl Yarde



## **Great Bulkington Railway Train Rides BANK HOLIDAY Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

The private miniature railway will be open for ‘diesel’ powered train rides for adults and children of all ages on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August from 1300 until 1630 hrs. **Light refreshments** will be served by the Ladies of Christ Church in the village hall. Google ‘Great Bulkington Railway’ for demo video. Twice round for only one pound – season ticket for unlimited rides £5!

We are located on the corner of Mill Lane in the village of Bulkington, (near Seend) next to the village hall. There is a thousand feet of railway track, a 40 foot long tunnel and lots of workings signals. We have ride on carriages for our passengers. Toilets and shelter (if it rains) are available in the Village Hall. Satnav- SN10 1SW

We take no expenses - **all profits** will go to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**.

Nev Boulton, Station Master - Tel. 01380 828 101

### **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**



#### **SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

*www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111*

Our quarterly newsletter, ‘Happenings!’, is enclosed with this magazine and has news of events past, present and future.

AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

#### **SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS**

##### **Salisbury Shopping Shuttle 1<sup>st</sup> August and 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Please ring Rex or Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 to book seats on the Salisbury Shopping Shuttle by Monday 30th July for the August shop, and by Monday 3rd September for the September shop.



Thanks, Rex

(You can find the Shuttle’s scheduled services timetable on the village website: [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) and just click on ‘Seend Shuttle.’)

#### **Seend Shuttle News:**

As you probably know the Seend Shuttle takes children to Seend School every morning during term time. The first run is the Bowerhill run starting at 7.55am with pick up points at Redstocks/Hornchurch Road/Pilot Roundabout and Falcon Way arriving at school at approx 8.15am. The second run is for Seend Cleeve and takes in the High St./The Stocks/ Seend Cleeve and The Brewery getting to school at 8.40am. Pick up points can be adjusted depending on demand. From September there will be seats available every morning on the first run and on occasional mornings on the second. If you are interested in your children using this service please send all enquiries to Robin Thornton 01380828669 or [rthornton2005@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rthornton2005@yahoo.co.uk)

We have a small but dedicated team of drivers for this run, the other service runs and for private hires, and due to drivers retiring it is getting smaller. Please, if you have some time to spare, have D1 on your license and would like to do a little voluntary work please consider driving our lovely bus. Maybe you are a grandparent of one of the school children and would like to take them and their friends to school , or some friendly and grateful folk shopping or drive them to the races and enjoy a day out with them . If you are interested even if it's only once in a while please email Alison Cobbing or Pete Wallis on [seendshuttle@gmail.com](mailto:seendshuttle@gmail.com). Many thanks.

## **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

### **IN MEMORIAM**

This month we remember:

Herbert Parfitt	D Bty 157 Bde Royal Fd Artillery	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1918
Allan Armstrong	1st/4 <sup>th</sup> Bn Wiltshire Regt	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1918
William T Ferris	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn Leinster Regt	6 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1918



They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old, age shall not weary them nor the years condemn, at the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

It is also with great sorrow that we report the death of Stan Wiltshire, a very long term member of the Royal British Legion, who died peacefully, aged 92, on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018. Our sympathy and thoughts go out to his wife Joyce and his family at this difficult time.

### **Standard Bearers Competition:**

It is much regretted that our Standard Bearer, Kevin Toft is unable to compete this year due to long term business commitments.

### **Drumhead Service:**

This was held on the Lye Field on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 and was well attended by nearly 40 people. On completion tea and cakes were enjoyed in the Pavilion and £187.20 was made in aid of the Royal British Legion through the collection and refreshments.

### **Dates to Note**

**Committee Meeting and AGM:** The AGM will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 commencing at 1930 hrs. This will be immediately followed by the next Committee meeting. Both meetings will be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre.

**Remembrance Day Events:** The usual Parade and service will be held in the Church of the Holy Cross, Seend on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Further details will be published in October's Spotlight.

Roger Brind



### **WEA DAY SCHOOL**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September, Paul Chapman is returning by popular demand with a Day School on Women Artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, which promises to be fascinating. It's in the upstairs room at the Community Centre (not accessible to wheelchair users unfortunately) from 10am-4pm. The cost is £30. Please book online at [wea.org.uk](http://wea.org.uk) or call 0300 303 3464, quoting course reference C3529606. Tea and coffee are available, but please bring a packed lunch.

### **100+ CLUB DRAW**

The Lye Field 100+ Club draw for July took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> July The results are as follows:-

£30.00	No. 102	Mr B Hunt
£25.00	No. 56	Mrs P Mansergh
£20.00	No. 162	Mrs J Rogers
£15.00	No. 84	Mrs S McCulloch
£10.00	No. 81	Mr B Powell



Congratulations to all the winners. Remember, you have to be in it to win it! Contact me if you want to join in the fun and help to raise money for the Lye Field at the same time.

Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee

### **BOUNCY CLUB for babies and toddlers**

We are meeting back on Wednesday 5th September from 9.30-11.30am in the Pavilion, so please spread the word and pop in!



### **SEEND WI**

It was decided to postpone our planned Skittles evening on 11<sup>th</sup> July at the Community Centre, as it coincided with the World football semi-final match between England and Croatia!

There will not be a WI meeting or Craft Group in August. Our next planned WI event will be a visit to the Wilts & Swindon History Centre Archives in Chippenham on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The next Craft afternoon will be on Thursday 20th September 2 pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't have to be a member of the WI to take part.

All meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise notified. For more information, please contact Joyce Harvey on 01380 828511 or check [www.seendwi.weebly.com](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com)



### **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 24 members enjoyed a skittles evening with shared supper organised by Tessa. There were prizes for the highest scoring team as well as highest scoring lady and gent.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the scheduled walk for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July was cancelled.

The evening walk has been changed to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August leaving 'The Golden Fleece' Shaw at 6.30pm with a meal afterwards.

September 16<sup>th</sup> walk – leaders Bob and Brenda. The start of walk is not yet known but members will be notified by email.

The annual weekend away will take place on 19/20/21<sup>st</sup> October where members will stay at Lynton and two walks have been planned.

New members always welcome.

Lin Salter 01225 706451

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

The end of the school year is close but there are still lots of things happening at Seend School until school really is out for summer.



Holly Class are enjoying their topic on Mini-beasts and have recently been making some very scary looking spiders out of pom-poms and pipe cleaners. The children have also been spending time outside in our school grounds looking for Mini-beasts that they can examine under the microscope.

Last week, the children from Oak and Holly treated the school and parents to a 'work in progress' singing concert. It was fantastic to see all the children showcasing the singing that they have worked on with Mrs Schonfeld all year, as well as their learning on percussion instruments.

Chestnut and Sycamore children are rehearsing for the summer production of 'What a Knight.' With the help of FoSS, we have also purchased some new costumes this year. When the children are rehearsing, the rest of the staff have been busy making props and designing the back drop. We're looking forward to the performances on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Holland, who is our Science leader at Seend, took some of Chestnut children off to Melksham Oak Community School this week to take part in the Science Fair. As part of the fair, the children had to demonstrate some experiments to other children from different schools and have activities for other children to take part in. The activities looked very exciting from what I saw!

So, as the end of the school year draws to a close, all thoughts are already on next year! The new reception children have been for their first visit and had a great time, and the Year 6 children have been to their new secondary schools too. Miss Holland is looking forward to the summer holidays more than any of us as she is getting married! We all wish her and Marc much happiness on their wedding day and in their future lives together.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher

*(We send best wishes to Nicola, too, as we understand she is leaving the school to embark on a new venture.)*

## **SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS**

On Friday 29th June we held our sponsored obstacle circuit around the shade of a tree as it was so hot. The children all made the circuit many times. A child suggested putting a bean bag on their head to do the circuit. All the children wanted to have a go!!

Thank you family and friends for your support and generous amounts of sponsor money. So far we have raised £733 which is a great amount for our funds. We want to buy some craft items and renew some toys.

We welcomed Ben on July 7th for two weeks. He was a student on work experience and the children enjoyed playing and talking to him. He interacted with them really well.

We have spaces for children aged two years to school age in September. Just pop in and see what we offer.

Happy Summer Holidays, Good Luck to the seven going to school. We'll see the rest back on September 3rd.

Rose Dick (Playleader) 828003

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## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

*NB. The following minutes are a shortened version of the full minutes taken at the Parish Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018. These have not yet been ratified by the Parish Council and may be subject to change. A full copy of the minutes can be found on our website: [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)*

**The meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June** was attended by six Councillors with Mr James in the Chair, and Mrs Sue Bond (Clerk). Apologies were received from Mrs G A'Bear, Mr Nicholls, Mr Padfield, Mr Wiltshire and Councillor Jonathon Seed.

**Minutes and Matters Arising** - The Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> May meeting were approved.

### **Matters Arising**

**High Street Resurfacing** – The Chairman felt that a good job had been done, and that more areas had been covered than expected. There had been some traffic problems on Bollands Hill, and they had been exacerbated by the closure of the A365 at Sells Green following a road accident on 12<sup>th</sup> June. **Barge Bridge Pipes** – The Chairman thanked Mrs Vince for the planting. It was now a case of keeping them watered. A piece had gone into Spotlight asking for volunteers to help maintain them.

**WW1 Trees** – at the last meeting, the Lye Field Trustees offer to plant five trees was accepted. A discussion is now needed on the type of tree and exact location. The Parish Council would purchase the trees in the Autumn. **Winter Weather**

**Preparations** –an audit of the grit bins in the Parish showed most in good condition, but the salt/grit inside was very hard. The Clerk would ask Wiltshire Council if the

existing salt/grit could be taken out first before they re-fill them. The decision on how much new salt should be ordered for our own salt spreader and the two council-owned grit bins in Rusty Lane, was deferred until the next meeting as Mr Wiltshire, who stores the salt, was not at the meeting. **Best Kept Village Competition** – In the first round of judging the judges had given Seend a good report and it had the highest marks in its category of medium size village in the Kennet region. The Chairman congratulated Mr Williams and his team of volunteers.

### **Police Matters**

PC Charly Chilton is the Community Coordinator and covers Trowbridge, Bradford on Avon and Melksham. Contact: [charlotte.chilton@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:charlotte.chilton@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk).

**Incidents:** 30<sup>th</sup> May – Non-injury RTC – fencing damaged at Sells Green.  
12<sup>th</sup> June – RTA - concrete mixer lorry and car at Sells Green on the bend where lorry turned over. Investigations are continuing and one male remains in hospital.

**Highways:** The Clerk attended the CATG and reported that the balance for the remaining financial year is £8,867 after the monies allocated for schemes approved in last financial year, ie our Church crossing and Bell Hill road safety measures. **Bell Hill Crossroads** – The engineer has requested a topo survey and we await the results. So no date yet for work to begin. **The Pelch** –will be closed from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August, for Wessex Water to undertake sewer repair works outside number 74.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - Mrs Vince reported that we should now have received the £7,300 grant funding from the Groundworks Trust. A Green Space consultation notice will be put in Spotlight so that residents can vote for a particular green space from those short-listed by the NPSG. The Community Assets have now been mapped. The Parish Council has subscribed to the Online parish mapping service to help with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Melksham Area Board** - At the April meeting, the discussion focussed on becoming an Age Friendly community and the attendees put forward projects that they would like to see delivered. Of the many projects put forward, the Area Board has highlighted the ‘outdoor seating’ project. Many residents wished to walk into our towns and villages more frequently. However, without a suitable place to rest on the way they were reluctant to do so. Melksham Area Board Councillors have agreed to ring fence £3,000 for any parish or town council who wish to apply for matched funding for safe seating such as a bench. Councillors discussed this, but thought that Seend Parish had a good number of seats around the Parish and could not think of any places where a new bench was needed unless residents could suggest places. The next **Area Board meeting** takes place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, venue to be confirmed.

### **Planning Matters.**

**Application Number: 18/04575/FUL** - Site Location: Toad Hall Park Lane Seend Cleve SN12 6PT

Proposal: Small Extension to Garage. All Councillors voted in favour.

Application Number: 18/04576/FUL - Site Location: Toad Hall Park Lane Seend Cleeve SN12 6PT

Proposal: Provision of external enclosed access lobby. All Councillors voted in favour.

Application Ref: 18/05261/FUL - Site Location: Darralls Cottage, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6RQ

Proposal: Demolition of existing house and outbuilding and erection of replacement dwelling. All Councillors voted in favour.

Application Ref: 18/05972/TCA - Site Location: Seend Park, High Street, Seend SN12 6NZ

Proposal: Work on trees in a Cons Area. T1 Beech Tree – Fell. T2 Lime, Tree – Fell, T3 Chestnut Tree – reduce by 30%. All Councillors voted in favour.

**Correspondence** - The Clerk reported that from 30<sup>th</sup> July, residents will be able to put a greater range of plastics into their blue recycle bin. The Clerk will put the details on the website and on noticeboards. The Clerk distributed some guidance on how to respond to planning applications. This would also be put on the Parish Council website on the planning page, as it would be helpful to residents who may wish to comment on a planning application.

**Internal Auditor's Report** - Overall this was an extremely good report, with very little to criticise with the way the PC is working. There were three recommendations. Full details can be found on the website.

### **Financial Matters**

There were 11 cheques for signature.

Bank reconciliation to end of April 2018 - £22,609.25

AGAR Governance and Accounting Statements - formally approved .

Publishing of the Accounts – Following last month's vote to exempt the PC from the limited assurance review by External auditors, the AGAR Governance and Accounting statements, along with the Internal Auditors report, need to be published on our website along with other financial documents. The period for anyone wishing to inspect the accounts is between 2<sup>nd</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> August.

**The dates of the next two meetings are:** Tuesdays 31<sup>st</sup> July and 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm at Seend Community Centre. Contact Details for Seend Parish Council Clerk: Sue Bond. Telephone 07706 850859 (office hours and answerphone service) Email: [clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

## **NEWS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

As I write we are experiencing one of the hottest and driest spells of weather in many people's memory. This causes all sorts of problems. In the countryside hay making was completed in glorious weather but some farmers are now having to feed fodder to animals simply because the grass has withered. Wiltshire Council is being asked to make more regular bin collections because of the heat and we are also seeing the top

surface of tarmac melt and be removed by traffic on some roads. However these problems are minor when compared to the appalling effects of the nerve agent attack being experienced in Salisbury and Amesbury. The tragic death of an Amesbury resident makes this crime one of murder. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her friends and relatives. There are also effects on tourism and other businesses, and worry about further dangers from the nerve agent source. All levels of government and public service are doing their utmost to investigate, decontaminate and secure a sound and safe future for the local people. We all wish them well in their work in the weeks to come. Wiltshire will get through this and the resilience of Wiltshire folk to date is an example to the country.

In spite of the tragic events in Salisbury and Amesbury local government must go on even through the strain that the attacks have put on local resources. Part of this normality is to press on with council meetings at County, Town or Parish level. At Wiltshire Council the July Council meeting said farewell to long standing older persons' Champion Brian Warwick after thirty years voluntary service, adopted a major County plan for housing site allocations, discussed social services, budget and electoral review issues, passed a motion banning sky lanterns and flying of helium balloons in Wiltshire as well as approving a plethora of administrative measures. Parish Councils make similar decisions at their level of government. In Seend we have been addressing local development concerns, continue to deal with road safety issues and it is great to see our Community Land Trust go from strength to strength. In the meantime we all look forward to summer – or have we already had our summer? Like all issues only time will tell.

Jonathon Seed

## **SEEND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS**

Got sporty kids? See info on summer activities on p.5.

### **Cycling :**

We are very pleased to report that Dial Close stalwarts Simon and Jan Harding completed a 21 day bicycle ride, separate bikes, not a tandem, from Land's End to John O'Groats in late June covering a total of some thousand miles. This had been a long term ambition and Simon recommends the ride if you would like to feel twenty years younger. Does the Tour de France beckon ? *(No ! Simon)*  
*(And don't forget Jen and Ian are doing the journey in nine consecutive days next month! What a fit village we must be. Eds.)*

### **Football :**

Last month's Spotlight selection of France Croatia and Brazil as the three likely winners of the World Cup has proved to be remarkably accurate. Well done to Rob and his team in putting on the England matches for a large village crowd to enjoy. I hear that the video of Andy and Harry's celebration dance following the Columbian penalty shoot out has gone viral. *(Other big-screen venues were available. Eds.)*



### **Tennis :**

The men's team continue to chalk up victories and now top the division by the very narrowest of margins as we go into the last three games. Promotion for a second season looks to be on the cards but to win the division as well would be a tremendous result. **Stop press:** Won 7-1 against Malmesbury on 17<sup>th</sup> July.

The women's Seend /Urchfont combination continue to do well and look as if they will finish mid table whilst the mixed are presently lying in 4th place in their division.

This is the first year for probably a decade when no matches have been hampered by the weather.

The village courts were given a deep clean at the start of July but will probably need resurfacing before long.

Finally the Chippenham and District Tennis League annual dinner and presentations will take place in the Seend Community Centre on Saturday 13th October with tickets to be available shortly.

### **Short Mat Bowls :**

Colin tells me that there is little to report this month save that the boys have been hard on the practice mat in the Community Centre. Great to hear that Colin is back on the road to recovery and ready to lead the lads into the new season.

### **Cricket :**

The informal Seend XI, although more like XIV, match against a Bishops Cannings team went ahead on the 22nd July. The tea featured a magnificent display of cakes scones and sandwiches much appreciated by players and onlookers alike.

Dan Crossman captained the team with three Waylens in the slips. The full match report will have to be delayed until the next issue because of the publishing deadline.

### **Running :**

Seend were well represented in the Bishops Cannings 5000m Dash on 14th July with Tom Jackson, Matt Wordsworth, Dan Crossman, Dr.C, Paris and Freddie Goddard all coming home with their medals having run the gruelling 5.56 kms.

Your columnist also completed the course in a modest time which remains confidential.

*With no Spotlight next month all results etc to the roller end by 12th September please.*

Frankie Goddard on 01380 828488.

## **BITS AND BOBS**

### **THE SEEND FUND – Your local fund**

Remember the Seend Fund is your local fund. Anyone living in or closely associated with Seend can apply by e-mailing the secretary ([anitashea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anitashea@hotmail.co.uk)) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY. If you find yourself in financial difficulties the fund might be able to help with anything from school uniforms to heating bills. Don't hesitate to send details, saying how much you need, what it is for and when you need it by. Even if the fund has helped you before, your request will be sympathetically and confidentially considered. Although the fund is intended to help individuals, if there are any organisations or groups who need support to include someone with special needs in an educational activity, or who know of members who are struggling financially, the Fund may be able to help.

### **GET YOUR BAKE ON IN AIR AMBULANCE WEEK**

If you like cakes then why not host a bake sale or bake off and help Wiltshire Air Ambulance to keep flying and saving lives? Bake Off for Lift Off is our theme for National Air Ambulance Week, 10<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

We're asking individuals, community groups, schools, colleges and businesses to get their bake on and fundraise for our lifesaving charity. Organise a bake off with your friends, family or colleagues, hold a bake sale, dress up at a Mad Hatter's Tea Party or hold a Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Join us in our mission to Bake Off for Lift Off and help us save lives. Register your interest by emailing [bakeoff@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk](mailto:bakeoff@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk) or call us on 01225 300536. Let us know what you're planning to do and we can send you your pack to kick-start your fundraising!

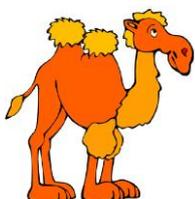
*Registered charity number: 1144097*

**Steeple Ashton Films** are having a summer break and will be back in October.

### **EDINGTON FESTIVAL SUPPER**

Edington Festival Musical Evening & Supper is on Wednesday 22nd August at 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets from Hugh Hancock, by post from Dunge Farm, West Ashton, Trowbridge, Wilts BA14 6AX, by email at [pcc-t@hancock-office.org](mailto:pcc-t@hancock-office.org), or by phone on 01225 754626, £25. Cheques payable to Edington Priory Church Music Evening.

**Date for your diary:** Russian Choir Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>!



**And finally...**

What do you call a camel with three humps? Humphrey.

**USEFUL CONTACTS:** *Please tell Spotlight if your group's contact details change*

**Church:** Revd Ali Bridewell. 01380 739064. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Len Murray, 828513, Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; LPAs: Jane Goman 827121, Liz Futter 828485, Rosie Forsey 828843, Len Murray 828513, Sue Noad 870343, Sue Rose 871665, Hilary Hutchings 828129, Tina Yockney 827139.

Bell Tower Captain: L Murray 828513.

**Irene Usher Memorial Hall** (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250

**Bulkington Village Hall** - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

**Seend Community Centre** - 828796. Bookings: 07703 814111. Seendcommunitycentre.com

**Seend Shuttle: Enquiries:** [seendshuttle@gmail.com](mailto:seendshuttle@gmail.com) or Alison 07951 030491

**Seend Parish Council Clerk** – Mrs Sue Bond 07706 850859 [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Seend's Wiltshire Councillor** - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 [jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Seend Village Website:** [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) – webmaster Neil Yockney 827139.

**Seend School** - 828334

**Bulkington Website:** [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk)

**Rights of Way Warden** – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

**Seend Fund:** 01380 828757

**MP Claire Perry**, 01380 729358 (M-F 9.30am-1pm) [claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk)

**MEP** - Graham Watson 01458 252265. **Melksham Area Board** – 07917 721371

**Police:** PCSO Maggie Ledbury ( Internal:101 Ext 77436089 or Mobile: 07471028939

**100+Club Draw** – Karen & Steve Cubberley – [steven@cubberley.com](mailto:steven@cubberley.com) - tel: 828423

**Book Clubs** - the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617

**Bouncy Club** – Rebecca De Voogd 07840 382351

**Cricket Club** - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

**Fawlty Players Panto Group** - Tessa Doe 828617 & find Seend Village Pantomime on facebook

**Fete** – Liam Bergin – [liam@thirdberg.com](mailto:liam@thirdberg.com) or 07738 269739

**Flower Show** –Carole Vince 828579

**FoSS (Friends of Seend School)** Peter Kay, [friendsofseendschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofseendschool@gmail.com)

**Historic Houses Club** - Mary Warren 01225707357 or Neil Yockney 827139

**LINK Scheme** - 075320 55560

**Lye Field Committee** – [www.seendlyefield.org](http://www.seendlyefield.org)

**Neighbourhood Watch** - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606;

Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.

**Preschool** - Rose Dick (Playleader) 828003

**Poetry Group** - Tessa Doe 828617

**Ramblers** - Gerald Salter 01225 706451

**Royal British Legion** - Roger Brind 828830

**Seend CLT** – [www.seendclt.org](http://www.seendclt.org) [info@seendclt.org](mailto:info@seendclt.org)

**Seend Singers** - Bob McCulloch 828508

**Short Mat Bowls Club** - Colin Waldeck 828946

**Table tennis** – Chris Brooker, 828047

**Tennis Club** - Ric Ellinger 828687

**Theatre Club** - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612

**WEA** – Tessa Doe 828617

**Wheelchairs to borrow** - Sue and Graham Jones in Seend Cleeve, tel: 01380 828354

**WI** - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Gill Acornley 01225 707218

**Wine Circle** – Steve Parsons 07974 347487 or Simon McManus 07896 711764

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Sat	8.30 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Sun	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
Bank Holidays	9.00 - 10.30	Closed

\* note early closing