

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS'
41ST VILLAGE PANTOMIME

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Seend Community Centre
Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st February
at 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd February at 7pm

*Tickets £6 (£3 children) from
Seend Post and Provisions, Seend
Community Centre and The Brewery
Inn, Seend Cleeve.*

*Proceeds to local organisations and
good causes including Alzheimer's
Support, Wiltshire*

February 2020

DIARY DATES FOR LATE JANUARY 2020

28th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm

29th Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

1st Elvis tribute + Retro disco fundraiser for Dan Williams, C Centre, 7.30pm

3rd Mobile Library; 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box:
11.05 am Well Inn Car Park

5th Bulkington Village Lunch, Well Inn, 12.15 pm

5th Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury. Call 828757 by Monday 3rd

5th Historic Houses Club AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm

7th First Friday Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 10.30am

8th Taste of India, Pavilion, 6.30 for 7pm

11th CLT Meeting, The Pavilion, 7.30 pm

14th Boundary Changes meeting, Melksham Assembly Hall, 6pm

15th LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH'S SPOTLIGHT

15th Launch of SPNP, Pavilion, 10.30am to 1.30pm (presentations 11am, 12noon & 1pm)

15th War of the Roses Day School, upstairs in Community Centre, 10am-4pm

16th Seend and District Ramblers, details tba

20th Seend WI Craft Afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4 pm

20th-22nd 'Jack and the Beanstalk' village panto, Community Centre 7.30pm (7pm Saturday)

25th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm

26th Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm

26th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm

SOME DIARY DATES FOR MARCH 2020

1st Table-top sale in aid of Seend Baby & Toddler Group, Community Centre 12-4pm
(call 827115 or email elebraney84@hotmail.co.uk to book a table)

4th Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury. Call 828757 by Monday 2nd

6th First Friday Coffee Morning, Community Centre Lounge, 10.30am

7th Soup Lunch, Bulkington Village Hall, 12-1.30pm

8th Last service at Seend Methodist Chapel, 3pm

21st ABBA Sensations, Community Centre, 7.30pm

Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?

Visit www.seend.org.uk, www.bulkington.org.uk and the Spotlight, Seend Community Centre and Seend Village Group **facebook** pages.



Welcome to February Spotlight.....

Just when you thought you'd survived the festivities, family fun is coming to Seend Community Centre during February half-term holiday – see the panto details on the front cover.

And there are plenty of other social activities on offer: an Elvis impersonator at a fundraiser, various club and organisation meetings, lots of eating and drinking as usual (including an Indian cookery demo and supper), plus some nourishing food for the mind at a Day School about Shakespeare's treatment of the Wars of the Roses in his history plays.

There are a lot of important procedures going on in Seend at the moment – the Neighbourhood Plan is 'going public', the Community Land and Asset Trust's planning application for affordable housing in Seend Cleeve is nearing completion (potential residents with a Seend connection are encouraged to apply), proposals for a boundary change and a reduction in the number of Parish Councillors will affect the village adversely, in the Parish Council's view, and the Lye Field is setting up a 'fighting fund' to continue its opposition to an individual's claim of a right of way across the recreation field. You can read all about these issues within these pages.

You can volunteer to drive for the Link Scheme, go on a rota to clean the Seend Shuttle, join the team organising Seend Fete, open up your garden in Seend Cleeve, or join the Bulkington Village Hall Committee. Do enjoy our new feature 'Nature Notes' on p.21, and read the enclosed 'Happenings!' Community Centre newsletter.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the March 2020 edition (copy by Saturday 15th February please – see p.24 for future deadlines) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post & Provisions. 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. Volunteer printers or delivers can contact Joanna or Fiona.

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

SEEND EVENTS IN FEBRUARY AND BEYOND

(for Bulkington events see pages 13-15)



FEBRUARY IN SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

First Friday Coffee Morning - February 7th from 10.30 am - no need to book just turn up! Just £2 for coffee or tea (plus a refill!) and a slice of cake.



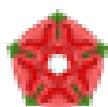
Nosh and Natter Lunch Club – Wednesday, 26th February, 12 for 12.30 pm. Only £5 for two courses and tea/coffee. Book by phone to Pauline on 01380 828638 or 828401

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Presented by Seend Fawltly Players – so you know what to expect!

February 20th – 22nd at 7.30 pm (7pm on Saturday)

Tickets £6 or £3 for children, available in the Centre or from Seend Post & Provisions and The Brewery Inn. Proceeds will be donated to local charities and to Alzheimer's Support Wiltshire in memory of ex-Fawltly Player Mike Ridgway who was one of their major supporters. Raffles will be run by local organisations for their own funds. Interval bar and refreshments available.



Day School with Allan Phillipson

Shakespeare & History: The Real Wars of the Roses

Saturday 15th February 10 am-4 pm. Fee: £25 to include coffee/tea and cake but please bring a packed lunch. Please call 01380 828946 to book.

“Shakespeare’s earliest plays deal with the most turbulent period in English history.

This day-school shows how Shakespeare used history: what he kept, what he left out, and how he melded events into drama.”

TGIF – Every Friday from 6 pm in the bar. The popular weekly get-together for members and guests. Free nibbles!



Coming in March:

ABBA SENSATIONS – widely regarded as one of the best ever Abba Tribute Acts are returning to the Centre for another fantastic evening **on Saturday 21st March at 7.30 pm** (doors open 6.45 pm). Tickets are just £17 and on sale now at the Centre, Post & Provisions, or online at www.seendcommunitycentre.com and our facebook page. A great evening’s entertainment for all age ranges.



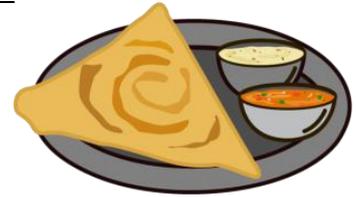
BREWERY INN

Wednesday 26th February - Monthly Fun Quiz, 8pm

1st FEBRUARY, 7.30pm – Fund raiser for Dan Williams! in the Community Centre with Elvis Tribute, local disco, RetroDJ with his magic photo booth, together with raffle prizes and auctions, to raise money to buy Dan a “bionic” leg.
Tickets, £25, from Robin and Anita Heatley (01380-828491)

A Taste of India

Curry Night with Cookery Demonstration by Rachel Raja followed by supper and a display of Indian dancing on **Saturday 8th February 6:30pm for 7:00 pm** at **The Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend.**



There will be a choice of curries, a licensed bar and raffle.
Tickets £15pp available from the Village Shop 01380 828250
Jenny Phillips 01380 828822 and Tina Yockney 01380 827139.
Proceeds to Seend Church.

Stop Press: Table-Top Sale in aid of Baby & Toddler Group – March 1st.
See diary inside front cover.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VILLAGE INFORMATION

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



Seend Community Link Scheme

Trouble getting **out and about?**

We can help with **transport.**

Link is a team of **volunteers** who assist residents in the area who are **elderly** or incapacitated and are **unable to use public transport.**

For more information or to join us as a volunteer driver please get in touch.

Telephone 07532 055560 - [www.seend.org.uk/seend link](http://www.seend.org.uk/seend_link)

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND SONGS - CLEEVE HOUSE

Thank you to all who attended the concert on 10th December. It was very well received and your contribution - in aid of Wiltshire Young Carers - amounted to £300. This included £50 - the amount received from a raffle of a Christmas Cake, kindly donated by Robin and Anita Heatley.

Support like this is so crucial for this local charity - thank you all once again.

Bob McCulloch, Leader - The Seend Singers

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly, we have lost three people recently who were all very important to Seend in years past.

We are very sad to report the death of **Lilian Smallshaw**, late of Dial Close but more recently living in Romsey. Lilian kept Spotlight magazine going, almost single-handedly, for many years in the days when everything had to be typed from scratch rather than largely digitally cut-and-pasted from documents and emails as it is now. She was also very active in the church, especially with floral arrangements, and together with late husband John was responsible for starting the Nosh and Natter lunch club and reviving Seend Summer Saturday Breakfasts. She deservedly received the British Empire Medal for services to the community. Our thoughts are with her family.

Don Hyde, resident of Sells Green for over 60 years, peacefully passed away on 13th January 2020. He will be sadly missed by Heather and the extended family. In village life he was active in the Seend WEA, Gardening Club, Theatre Club and over a 60 year period, a proud and sometimes successful competitor in the annual Seend Flower Show. The funeral is to be held at Holy Cross, Seend at 13.30hrs on Tuesday 4th February 2020.

Betty Smith: Betty (and Bob) lived in Seend Cleeve for many years and she was much involved in many aspects of Seend life. Sadly she died on 19th January, aged 92, and although she had been frail for the last few years, her death happened quickly and very, very peacefully in Worthing where she has lived for the past three years. Funeral details aren't yet finalised, but if you do want to be in touch with Betty and Bob's daughters, do email Eve on eve@eismith.com.

SEEND COMMUNITY LAND AND ASSET TRUST NEWS

Thank you to all of the people of Seend who contributed to the recent public consultation events for the proposed affordable housing scheme at Park Farm, Seend Cleeve. The final consultation session was held on 10th January, when the architect showed the 3D presentations of the street scene, the floor plan of the 10 affordable homes and the materials for roofing and external finishes. The street scene images and plans shown at the 10th January event are available on the CLT web site at www.seendclt.org.

PKA Architects and White Horse Housing Association are now working on the planning application and costs. It is expected that the planning application will be submitted in January 2020. Meanwhile, the www.Homes4Wiltshire.co.uk housing need register remains open for registrations. Any parishioner wishing to occupy one of the new homes is encouraged to contact Belinda Eastland at White Horse Housing Association. The next CLT meeting is planned for Tuesday 11th February at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane. All are welcome.

Steve Vaux, Seend CLT

CRIB FESTIVAL

Well, that was quite a Crib Festival last December! Cribs represented images of the Holy Family from Russia to Peru, from New Zealand to Iceland and many places in between. 110 of them! Equally visitors came from London to Bath, from Swindon to Salisbury and many places in between to enjoy seeing them.

Our thanks to those who loaned their beautiful, fascinating cribs and those who travelled many miles to see them. Thanks to those who helped in setting up the exhibition and then taking it down again; who helped with serving coffees and tea; who put up and took down the posters and who welcomed and looked after our visitors. A very happy occasion!

Anne Saywell

LOST PROPERTY

Two children's jackets/coats have been left at the Pavilion. One is a fur lined parka style age 8/9 years. In the pocket are 2 colouring sheets named "Paige" and an empty Christmas card envelope addressed to "Lilly".

The other is a boy's red quilted jacket age six years. No pocket contents. Please contact Liz Futter on 01380 828485 if they are yours.

SEEND VILLAGE FETE 2020



You heard it here first... We can feel it in our bones.... This year's Fete is going to be warm, dry and the sun will shine all day long!

The planning has started on the 61st Fete. The date for your diary is the 8th August 2020. (Strictly no holiday allowed to be taken over this very important calendar date!)

We're always on the lookout for volunteers to help with the event planning and fundraising. Please do get in touch with Liam Bergin (07738 269 739).

Toy Stall - Each month we will be collecting for the Fete. We have started with toys / children's books - a post-Christmas clear out of old toys to make room for the new.

This year we are introducing an element of quality control across the Fete. We are grateful for all donations however, a lot of time and energy was spent last year sorting through what we could or couldn't sell. Please ask yourself before you donate, would you buy it? Is it broken? Is it incomplete? We would like items that we can sell to make money for the village so please donate the best things you can afford to give.

We will also be offering drop-off dates throughout the year for the 'White Elephant Stall' along with a brilliant new stall, 'clothing'! More details to follow.

To stay in the loop, please sign up to our Facebook page @seendfete where we will share regular updates, ask your opinion and respond to your questions. Alternatively check out our website seendfete.co.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Liam & Nicole

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEER BUS CLEANERS



It would be very helpful if one or two kind people would offer to join the rota of those who clean the Seend Shuttle minibus. If they do we won't have to each do it more than once a year. If you haven't got an outside tap or a suitable parking space Pam and Dick Church have offered the use of their barn at Whites Farm to clean it in. Let me know by e-mailing anitashea@hotmail.co.uk or phoning 828757 and I'll add you to the list. If you are not qualified to drive the bus we'll organise someone to deliver it and pick it up again. Many thanks. Anita Shea

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Seend Parish Council urgently needs your support!

The Community Governance Review is a process to provide an opportunity to review and make changes to governance arrangements to town and parish councils. This is to ensure that they continue to be reflective of the identity and interest of local communities, and that they are as efficient and effective in their governance as can be. There are two CGR schemes affecting Seend Parish. Details of both can be found on Wiltshire Council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr> Just follow the links to see the Schemes.

The second stage of the Community Governance Review has now begun. This involves a wider consultation with the community which runs from 6th January until 21st February. There is an on-line survey that anyone can complete. This is your opportunity to give your views on any of the Schemes. To find it, please go to: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-cgr> and click on the online survey link. As well as completing the on-line survey, there are a number Public Consultation Meetings that people can attend. Two will already have taken place before the end of January. The next relevant date for Seend parishioners is Friday 14th February at the Assembly Hall, Melksham at 6pm-7.30pm

BOUNDARY CHANGE: The first (Scheme 11) is a request from Melksham Without Parish Council to move the existing boundary between Seend Parish and Melksham Without Parish to follow the Kennet & Avon Canal further eastwards from Melksham Park Farm to the drain running northwards towards Carnation Lane to encompass all the farmland north of the canal and the BRAG (Bowerhill Residents Action Group) canalside picnic area. We have mentioned this in the November issue of Spotlight.

Seend Parish Council Response - Seend Parish Council strongly believes that the boundary should remain unchanged. MWPC's arguments for changing the boundary relate solely to the BRAG picnic area with no mention of Giles Wood and the neighbouring farmland which would have to move as well. The owner of Giles Wood is very much against this. The Kennet and Avon Canal in its rural setting is an important feature of Seend Parish and forms a vital part of our identity. It features

very strongly throughout our Neighbourhood Plan documents. This area acts as a green buffer between the rural parish of Seend and the urban parish of Melksham Without. There is a concern that if the boundary line is moved, the land may be encroached upon for further housing development.

Our full submission can be found on our PC website www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk Please take the time to read it. Also on the website is this letter of objection from the owner of Giles Wood.

A letter from the owner of Giles Wood to the chairman of Seend Parish Council.
(reproduced by permission)

I understand that Melksham Without Parish Council is proposing boundary changes which would involve Giles Wood becoming part of their parish rather than remaining in the parish of Seend.

As the owner of Giles Wood, I am strongly opposed to this boundary change. The last time that this suggestion was made (2015) and public meetings run by Wiltshire Council were held in the Melksham Assembly Rooms, I attended on both occasions. It was obvious to me that Councillors speaking on behalf of MWPC had a hidden agenda other than the reason proffered viz that they were unable to insure volunteers working on the BRAG picnic area as it was outside of their jurisdiction. I felt that if the boundary changes were made, the land grab effected would then enable them to expand Bowerhill housing beyond the old railway line and right up to the K&A canal.

The wood planted in 1993 by my late husband and myself is now a wonderful public amenity. The wood along with the farmland north of the canal and indeed the BRAG picnic site forms a buffer between the expanding housing areas and the canal and enables residents of both Seend and Bowerhill to escape to an area of beauty, peace and tranquility. I walk the towpath and the wood daily and meet many walkers who value these assets. I would like to continue to make Giles Wood available to residents from both parishes, but to do this I need it to be controlled by my own parish, Seend.

At present, both in the wood and on our pasture land fronting Semington Brook, we permit walkers to wander at will on permissive paths as well as ROWs. It is also used by schools in Bowerhill and by many local Scout groups. There is no vehicle access and as a result some effort is required to access the amenity by those who value and physically care for the trees and their environment.

I am fearful that if Seend loses control and building is permitted to expand this amenity would be lost. Sadly in the past we did experience some rare vandalism, but the regular walkers now ensure this no longer takes place. If access were easier, I think the seclusion now so valued would lead to the wood being used by a different group who would not think twice about lighting fires, damaging trees or leaving litter. In that case, I would have no option other than to fence the bridleway on both sides and restrict access to any other permissive paths in the wood and probably the fields.

I currently manage Giles Wood on my own with the assistance of an annual visit from a forester. I have a felling licence which enables me to thin trees as areas become overcrowded and tree crowns become blocked for light. I have some physical assistance from a local agricultural work, but no financial or grant assistance whatsoever. There are over 5,000 British trees and many wild flowers in the wood, some trees being planted by local residents in memory of those they have lost.

My husband was very proud of our wood. He wanted it to be enjoyed by children and adults alike as he had so enjoyed playing in woodland in his own childhood in Wiltshire. I would like it to be kept as a haven. Please do not sanction this land grab attempt and let one of Seend's green spaces be lost.

NUMBER OF PARISH COUNCILLORS: The second (Scheme 83) is about the number of parish councillors who sit on Seend Parish Council. There has been a request from a single resident for this to be reduced from 11 to 9. They believe a lower number would improve local democracy.

Seend Parish Council Response – Seend Parish Councillors discussed this request at its November PC meeting and agreed that they would not want the number reduced. Seend is a large parish with four distinct areas: Seend main village, Sells Green, Seend Cleeve and Inmarsh, plus a number of outlying farm areas such as Broad Lane/Bath Road and the outer farms on the Trowbridge Road. The spread of councillors that Seend PC currently has is fairly spread around the parish enabling a fair representation at council meetings. We are comparable with other parishes of a similar size. There was also concern that if the number of councillors was reduced to 9, the workload on the parish councillor would be too onerous. The role is a voluntary one. Councillors don't stand for a political party but on a desire to do their best for the community they live in. Unlike some parish councils we have always been able to fill all our councillor vacancies, either at election time or in between following a resignation. This is the opinion of just one person, as the PC has never received any other correspondence on the matter. Our full arguments for keeping the number of parish councillors at 11 is also on our website.

PLEASE CAN WE URGE ALL RESIDENTS TO TAKE THE TIME TO LOOK AT THE TWO REVIEW REQUESTS AND TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE SURVEY. WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THE VIEWS OF SEEND PARISH COUNCIL.



THE CLEEVE OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 13th June 2020, 13:00 - 18:00 hrs

Calling all gardeners! If you live in the environs of Seend Cleeve your participation in this event would be most welcome. It is just for one afternoon and much enjoyed by participants and visitors alike. For further information contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 or Katie Morgan on 07961 348421. Further details to follow later. We look forward to hearing from you.

SEEND LYE FIELD - RIGHT OF WAY DISPUTE

Just to give the village an update on the Right of Way dispute across the Lye Field. It looks like we will be heading for a full court hearing sometime over the summer of 2020 -dates yet to be confirmed.

Since the village meeting in July 2019, a great deal of time, energy and expense has been incurred trying to resolve the issue prior to court action, however neither party is prepared to withdraw their claims and the case looks as if it will only be resolved through legal channels and a judge's decision. Mr MacDonald is not prepared to withdraw his claim and the Trustees believe the RoW no longer exists.

As mentioned on 23rd July 2019, the Seend Lye Recreation Field's assets have been dramatically reduced fighting this action (over £50K to date) with more likely to be expensed. To ensure that this important village facility can continue to be maintained and function in a way it has for over 50 years, we will be setting up a "fighting fund" to help cover the legal costs incurred. We will have this set up within the coming months when more details will be provided. We hope the village will support the Trustees in this action, to ensure we continue to enjoy this wonderful amenity at the heart of Seend village.

Ric Ellinger, Chair of the Trustees - Seend Lye Recreation Field.

SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP **FEBRUARY 2020 UPDATE**

The Neighbourhood Plan goes public! Finally? Well not quite as it is still in DRAFT, so that any comments you have may be used to amend the document, and we will also be asking statutory bodies, such as Historic England and Wiltshire Council for their comments.

Save the date! On Saturday 15th February it will be launched at the Pavilion, and over six weeks between 15th February and 28th March people who live, work or run a business here in Seend Parish will have the opportunity to look at the draft of our Neighbourhood Plan and give us any comments you have. Our Neighbourhood Plan needs your feedback so we can complete the Plan and submit it to Wiltshire Council before the final Referendum. You don't need to respond to whole plan; there may be areas of specific interest to you. All comments made during the consultation period will be reviewed and, if necessary responded to, and amendments may be made.

Our Plan sets out a vision for our Parish over the next 10 years, with objectives for what we want to achieve in order to make the vision a reality in terms of planning. The main part of the plan is the 'Planning Policies' which link to our objectives. Neighbourhood Plan policies can only influence development that requires a planning application.

Our Parish Neighbourhood Plan draft also includes a practical projects section, such as improvements to the footpaths, highway safety, pedestrian safety, enhancement of the environment, and improvements to the leisure facilities. This is not a formal part

of the document as only the policies are examined, but they do link to the planning policies and are about practical initiatives.

The launch will be a 'Coffee Morning' in the Pavilion and we hope to see many of you there between 10.30 and 1.30pm. There will be a 10 minute presentation at 11am, 12 noon and 1pm. Thereafter the NDP draft will be available on our website, (www.seendparishplan.org) and also as hard copies in the Community Centre, the Barge, Brewery and Three Magpies pubs. Comments can be made via the comments form on the website, or by post, on a comment form if possible, to our Chair, Georgina A'Bear c/o the Parish Clerk. The deadline for comments is 28th March.

On the NDP website you will find more evidence base reports that you can view in advance of the 'Regulation 14' consultation. These reports underpin the Neighbourhood Plan and are also in draft form and can be commented on at anytime via the contact page of our website.

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

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Thou art dust!

We all share at times a fragile life and we become vulnerable. A temporality of life suddenly overwhelms us. Being reminded on Ash Wednesday, the committed Christians are ready to face any suddenness or realities of pain and suffering along with joy and peace that come to everyone's life. The priest says by putting ashes on forehead "Remember thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return." (Gen. 3:19) on Ash Wednesday.

This statement reminds us of a few things. First, it reminds us of death and a vulnerable life that we have. This does not create a fear or guilt in us. Rather this prepares us to face it and work through it with faith and courage. We, Christians see the cross not as the symbol of a cruel death rather a victory over death. Though the death is real and so the pain and the suffering are part of our lives, yet there is not only hope but the assurances of life through death as Jesus had defeated death through the cross and resurrection. It is not that we look forward towards death rather with faith we become stronger in facing death and realities of life here and now along with the promise of the life in God after death. This reminds us that we have a beautiful life to live, celebrate and be joyful. I can live life in abundance that Christ has promised to each one of us. This teaches us that there is a dignity to each one of our lives; some disciplines can enhance the joy of this life and some duties may extend our lives. This may be one of the reasons the forty days that we celebrate as Lent days in the church. Using ashes we ask people for self-discipline (at times some people do not take alcohol or try to give up smoking), some take up special duties (such as fasting or praying or meditating or reading the Bible) and some reflect on themselves in order to recognise, appreciate and talk about their dignity and of others. Therefore, Ashes on our forehead on Ash Wednesday reminds us that in spite of our vulnerability and temporal life, we can enjoy the best part of our life together with God. Jesus uses the parable of rich fool in order to highlight by saying, God said to

him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself (Luke 12:20}.

Secondly, this statement reminds us that we have connections to the earth and her beings. We are interconnected, interrelated and interdependent on earth for our lives and resources. Human beings are given the power of caretakers to serve, maintain and manage the earth as a place for continued life. We as human beings are interconnected, interrelated and interdependent. The purpose of our lives is complete only when we love other beings as we love ourselves. During the lent season, we give special time for prayers, do charity and support the church. When there is fire in Australia, we pray and help people and nature. When there is a climate of war in the Middle East, we are concerned about peace because we are interrelated, interconnected and interdependent on each other.

Within this one life let us face and continue to fight the realities of life with faith in resurrected Christ and we show our solidarity with those who are affected by the natural disaster and conflicts in their country. We pray for the sick and vulnerable people and please do not hesitate to give any names for prayers. At times some people may get better through our prayer and some may get comforted by our prayers. We will be happy to welcome you all to the church for our Ash Wednesday services on 26th February.

Revd Joshva John



CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2020

The Parishes of Holy Cross, Seend, Christ Church, Bulkington and St. Peter's, Poulshot part of the Wellsprings Benefice

You are welcome to worship at any of the services in any of the churches in the Benefice.

Sunday 2nd February (Candlemas)

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend
9.15 am Holy Communion at Poulshot
11.00 am Café Church for Candlemas at Seend
6.00 pm Evening Prayer at Bulkington

Sunday 9th February (3rd Sunday before Lent)

9:15 am Holy Communion at Seend
11am Holy Communion at Bulkington
4pm Evensong at Poulshot

Sunday 16th February (2nd Sunday before Lent)

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend
9:15 am Morning Praise at Bulkington
11.00 am Holy Communion at Poulshot
6 pm Evensong at Seend

Sunday 23rd February (Sunday next before Lent)

9.15 am Matins at Poulshot
11.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
6.00 pm Holy Communion at Bulkington

Every Tuesday at 9.00am there are Morning Prayers at St Peter's Poulshot.
Every Thursday at 8:30am there are Morning Prayers at Christ Church Bulkington.

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Tommy Breach on 12/1/2020 at Bulkington.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH

Services for February & March

9th February	10 am	Revd Wendy Tucker - Holy Communion
23rd February	10 am	Mrs G Mann
8th March	3 pm	Revd. Wendy Tucker - Chapel Anniversary & Villages Together.

Following this last service on 8th March, it has been decided to close the Methodist Church and decisions about the future of the building will be decided by the Area District Office of the Church in Bristol. This will include discussions with Seend Community Land & Asset Trust.

More details of the last service will be included in the March issue of Spotlight.

Les Warren

Dear Friends,

I've just been into a supermarket and there among the bread products were packets of heart-shaped crumpets. Of course by the time you are reading this there will be heart shapes everywhere. Saint Valentine, whatever his story, has become the patron saint of love and around his festival on the 14th February we are inundated with symbols of love everywhere we look. And of course, once the 15th arrives all those symbols will have been eaten (well the chocolates and the crumpets and other edibles), recycled, or discarded, or perhaps put away as keepsakes – and whatever is left in the shops will be sold off at a discount.

Romantic love is a wonderful thing while it lasts, and it can be the foundation for lasting, mutual care and relationships, but like the cards and the gifts and the chocolate and the crumpets, it is often soon gone or sold cheap.

But love is very important: - family love, love of our friends and neighbours, love for humankind as a whole, as individuals, as groups, love for creation, for all of life on our planet, for ourselves. Without love, that gives us a focus, a passion, a reason to act positively for others we would miss so much that is good in our lives. Real love is

not cheap, or easy, or disposable, it's not always shiny or fluffy or tasty. Real love can be difficult and unrewarding and costly and unrelenting – but as the song says, it's what makes the world go round.

The Bible has a lot to say about love – asking us to love one another, to love God and to love ourselves. It tells us to love because God has first loved us and God's love is unconditional – that love doesn't care who we are, what we look like, what we have done, whether we are rich or poor or have a GSOH (good sense of humour) and it is never-ending and we can never do anything to earn it, or anything that will stop it.

For those of us who follow a faith, we are asked to share that love, to pass it on and follow God's example, and that is not easy, and we often fail as we are human, not divine. If you find it hard to love, or feel you fail at times the passage below helps us with some instructions. But also being reminded just how much we are loved by the one who will never stop loving us can make it easier.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. May you know just how much you are loved and share that love with everyone you meet.

God bless, Wendy <><

BULKINGTON NEWS



There will be a **Soup Lunch** at Bulkington Village Hall on Saturday 7th March from 12 noon - 1.30 pm. Adults £6 Children £3. Come and enjoy home made soup, cookies and tea/coffee. Proceeds to Devizes Food Bank and Bulkington Church. Tickets from Liz Futter 828485 or pay at the door. Please let us know of any food allergies.

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The bi-monthly management committee meeting was held on Wednesday 15th January when we sadly learnt that Angela Reade our chairman intended to resign due to her continued ill health. She will be sorely missed by all. However this does leave us with a vacancy on the committee and we would be most grateful to hear from a volunteer to join in our management team. The Hon. Treasurer reported a slight growth in our assets with only a modest bill to pay for the recent plumbing work in the toilet and kitchen for new water heaters. The AGM of the Hall will take place on Wednesday 13th May at a time to be announced & we would welcome members of the public. The hall is presently rather underused and we would remind everyone that it can be used for Christening, Private, Birthday, Group, Wake Events & **Table Tennis** (Full-sized table, with bats & balls for only £5.00/hour). Children must be supervised by a responsible adult. Bookings Roger Futter on 01380 828485.

Nev Boulton 01380 828101

The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch

**takes place on Wednesday, 5th February
at 12.15 for 12.30pm 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



BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"

The Big Bumper Draw was held on the 4th December and the winners were :-

£75	No. 36	Tom Suggitt
£50	No. 9	Felicity Price
£35	No. 81	Jim Elliott
£25	No. 53	John Breach
£15	No. 61	Rosie Forsey



Congratulations to the winners! We always hold the draw at the Village Lunch in The Well (lots of witnesses!) which is a lovely social occasion for villagers and friends and visitors from elsewhere - everyone is welcome - so we hope to see some new faces at our lunches in the New Year.

Contact Phyl Yarde on 01380 828116 for details.



THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 3rd February at 14 Chestnut Drive. Please contact Janet Rawlings on 828732. New people always welcome.

Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

Our meeting for February will be on Thursday 27th at 7.30 pm in Bulkington Village Hall. As we haven't yet had our planning meeting, I am unable to tell you the topic. Our planning meeting is on Thurs 30th January in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. There will be the usual bring and share refreshments and raffle. Hope to see you there.

Liz Futter 828485

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 3rd February, 11.05-11.30am. Good to see that people are supporting it.

Benefice Buzz Group

This will meet at 33 Littleton Willows, Semington BA14 6LQ
Wednesday 5th February at 3 p.m. Contact Sue on 01380 870343.
Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant group.



SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE welcomes you to the events listed in the front of this magazine – and, looking further ahead, in our enclosed newsletter ‘Happenings!’. See also seendcommunitycentre.com and our facebook page. Seend Club subscriptions are due by the end of March, with a discount if paid before February 1st. To book the hall or rooms call 07703 814111.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The next meeting of the Seend branch of the Royal British Legion will take place on Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm upstairs in the Village Room in the Community Centre.

A note for the diary: Our next event will be a celebration of St George's Day with entertainment. It will be at the Community Centre on Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm. More details to follow.

Jenny Phillips

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



December's walk saw 23 members complete a five mile walk led by Penny and Ron. We started at the plantation car park at Roundway Hill and followed tracks and footpaths to Oliver's Mount and back. One heavy shower did not dampen spirits and it was a thoroughly enjoyable walk which finished with mulled wine and mince pies.

On **Sunday 19th January**, 15 ramblers walked approximately five miles in beautiful sunshine, starting from Monkton Farleigh. They walked to Farleigh Rise, passing through Browne's Folly, with lovely views over Bath. Then on to the Avenue, leading to South Wraxall, returning back through the lanes. Many thanks to Denise for leading the walk.

The next walk will be on **Sunday February 16th**, leaders Tim and Sandy, 01380 739235/0783540892. Details will be emailed to members as usual. New members always welcome.

Sandy James 01380 739235



SEEND WI

Our first meeting of 2020 was very busy. In addition to paying our annual fees, members voted on which Resolution, taken from a list of five topics, they would like discussed at the WI National Conference later in the year. These are issues relating to current problems of the day.(e.g. a call to increase potential stem cell donor registration). If approved and adopted by members, then pressure is exerted on the Government to progress matters further.

Then it was time for something completely different. Under the expert guidance of Karin Meek members each made a beautiful card using the art of Quilling. This involved the use of strips of paper that can be rolled, shaped and glued together to create decorative designs. It was great fun and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The speaker at our next meeting on 12th February 2020 will be Gordon Brockman and the talk will be entitled “My life as an Auctioneer and how to spot Fakes”.

The next Craft afternoon will be on Thursday 20th February 2020, 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't have to be a member of the W.I. to attend.

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



HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB, AGM

This will be held on Wednesday February 5th in the Irene Usher Hall, at 7.30pm.

As well as recapping on 2019 visits, we hope to offer ideas for 2020.

Any one not currently a member, but interested in hearing about the club, is welcome to attend

For further information please contact Mary Warren 01225 707 357 or Len Murray 828513.

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS

It's panto time again! If you're one of those people who says they don't like panto, may we suggest you give this one a try? The accent is on silliness rather than spectacle and reaches the parts other pantomimes don't reach. That's what we like to think anyway. Details on front cover.

And if you've enjoyed our St George's Day/Shakespeare's Birthday celebrations in the past – or our recent entertainment at the WI's centenary do - you may like to know that we will be providing something similar at the British Legion's St George's Day dinner on 25th April.

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

Salisbury Shopping Shuttle: Please phone me on 828757 by Monday 3rd February to book your place on Wednesday 5th. Please also see our request for bus cleaners on p.6. Thanks, Anita Shea.



(The Shuttle's scheduled service timetable can be viewed on seend.org.uk)

100+ CLUB DRAW

The Lye Field 100+ Club draw for **November**. The results are as follows:-

£30.00 No. 102 Mr B Hunt
£25.00 No. 15 Mrs R Bailey
£20.00 No. 69 Mrs Hutchinson
£15.00 No. 10 Mr P Wyatt
£10.00 No. 19 Ms J McManus

Special Christmas Draw

£75	No. 182 Mr R Thornton
£50	No. 117 Mrs L Puntis
£35	No. 114 Mrs K Cubberley
£25	No. 19. Ms J McManus
£15	No. 56 Mrs P Mansergh

January Draw

£30	No.107 Mrs J James
£25.	No. 54 Mr P Jackson
£20	No. 67 Mrs H Bames
£15	No. 156 Mr C Hawkins
£10	No.186 Mrs S Nichols



Congratulations to all the winners. Alison Bottomley, avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk

SEEND PLAYGROU



We welcome Ava, Hettie and Oliver this term, and hope they enjoy their time with us.

Our Christmas Fair went very well in December. A big thank-you to Amy for organising it all. Also thank you to Nicky, Nic, Sim and Chris for setting up and clearing away. Also thank you to everyone who helped with the kitchen, raffle and on the door. We made a great amount of money - £961 – for our funds. Thank you to everyone who came along to support us. Thank you to Brian Hunt for being Father Christmas at the Christmas Fair and at our Christmas Party on the last day of term. Our Nativity went well, and was very well attended. Thank you all for your support.

This term, our topics are colours, numbers, shapes and the children's interests. Our last day of term is Friday 14th February. We return on Monday 24th February.

Rose Dick (828003)

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

As there was no Parish Council meeting in December and with the double issue of Spotlight (Dec/Jan) it feels a little odd to give an edited version of the November PC minutes in this February issue of Spotlight. A full copy of the draft minutes can be found on the Parish Council website. Below is a summary of newsworthy items.

Neighbourhood Plan – The remaining draft NP documents (Locally Valued Heritage Assets Report, Seend Approved Conservation Statement 2 and Seend Parish Community Facilities Evidence Base Report) were signed off by the Parish Council. The Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan Draft (NDP) is hoping to be launched on Saturday 15th February for its Regulation 14 Consultation Stage. This is pending the signing off of the draft NDP by Seend Parish Council at its meeting on 28th January.

Highways – CATG Highway improvement Requests. Church Crossing now has the high friction surface painted across it. Now waiting for the pedestrian crossing sign to be put up. Bollands Hill speed review and feasibility of village gateways awaiting a site visit to be arranged with the Senior Highways Engineer. Expected to take place end of January. Bell Hill review of signage also to be discussed during site visit.

Precept - The Precept budget meeting took place on 4th November with five Councillors on the Precept budget committee. Each budget heading was discussed with recommendations for some increases to cover inflation and others to remain the same or be reduced. The main recommendation was to reduce the Highways budget from £3,500 to £1,500. But to increase the contingency budget by £1,500 to £3,500. There would still be funding for highway projects, but by moving the money to the contingency budget instead enables more flexibility on what it is spent on. The Precept budget committee recommended that the Precept be increased to £20,381 for the 2020-2021 financial year. This is a small rise of just £368 from the current year (2.87%). Each band D household would pay a total of £38.34/pa for the 2020-2021 year (£37.27 in the current financial year), an increase of £1.07 per band D household. All Councillors approved the Precept budget recommendation for 2020-2021.

Dog Fouling in the Parish. There have been a number of complaints about dog fouling in the parish. This time it is in the Rusty Lane and Dial Close area of Seend. But it is an issue that is an ongoing problem for the whole Parish. Whilst the majority of dog owners are responsible, there are clearly a few who are not! It is a finable offence. Please stop this anti-social behaviour. Owning a dog comes with responsibilities and that is to clear up after your dog when out walking. Dogs should be kept on leads when they are in residential and community areas and when crossing fields with livestock.

Community Foundation Surviving Winter Fund – Wiltshire Community Foundation administer a Surviving Winter grant of £300 per person to help vulnerable residents pay for winter costs:

(<https://www.wiltshirecf.org.uk/SurvivingWinter2019>). Warm and Safe has been a referral partner for some years, however, this year Wiltshire Community Foundation has reduced the number of referral partners to just two: Warm and Safe and Age UK.

The referral partners help clients complete the application form process and compile the necessary evidence for Wiltshire Community Foundation to make their decision. Although there are now only two official referral partners, it does not preclude any individual, relative, family friend, professional or organisation helping someone gather the relevant information required and provide it to Warm and Safe or Age UK to complete the application process. The grant is administered on a first-come-first served basis and it is in two rounds this winter. First Round has closed but Round 2 opens 13 January to 20 March 2020. Please go to the website www.wiltshirecf.org.uk/survivingwinter2019 for further details including eligibility.

NEWS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

How things change in political circles. Only a matter of weeks ago our future was uncertain. Then came a general election and, whatever your political affiliation, we at least have stability for the foreseeable future. By the time you read this Brexit will have happened and Great Britain will once again be a sovereign state outside the European Union.

Our future will depend on how the Government negotiates with the EU. All of this has an effect on all of us and especially our national fiscal strength directly affects our local government fortunes. Wiltshire Council is once again setting a balanced budget with a rise of 2% in Council Tax and an additional 2% Social Care levy; so a total of 4%. The Police and Crime Commissioner is struggling to set a budget for the police precept in the absence of a national police budget settlement. However it looks as though he will opt for a 5.5% rise meaning an additional £1 per month on a Band D Police Council Tax precept.

Talking of Police and Crime Commissioners, I have decided to run for that office myself in May of this year. Many people ask me what the PCC does. It really is quite simple in that police forces in England have their local policing policies and local police budgets overseen by a Police and Crime Commissioner elected by local people. Chief Constables are accountable to and appointed by the local Police and Crime Commissioner. However operational policing is entirely separate and is the sole responsibility of the Chief Constable. So it is a big political job. Most PCCs are also local Councillors but I want to see how the role works out before I make a decision on whether to stand again as a Councillor in 2021.

Jonathon Seed

SEEND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS

Football: I called by the Lye field on Saturday 11th January to watch the second half after Seend had netted 7 in the first half alone with no response until midway through the second period when The Stiffs, from Steeple Ashton, were awarded a penalty. The final score was 8-1 to Seend who are now in the lower part of Division 2 in the Trowbridge and District league.



Congratulations to Seend's Luke Ballinger who netted twice for Melksham against top of the table Frome in a 4-1 victory. We must also mention Matt Purdy who has just headed off to the States on a one-year football training break from his studies at Cardiff University. Football is certainly on the up again in the village.

Tennis : The new league season is only a matter of weeks away.

Seend will be entering a new mixed doubles team in the league so any newcomers keen to join please let me know.

The men's team will seek to continue their climb through the rankings in division 3 having won divisions 6, 5, and 4 in the last three seasons.

Cycling : The Seend Pork Pie Cycling Club continues with their weekend outings with some of their members, including the Gabriels, aiming to complete the Land's End to John o' Groats trip later in the year. Not forgotten are the Seend Cleeve Cycling Club who, Ric Ellinger tells me, take matters very seriously.

For Sale : seasonal Lycra leggings, hardly worn.

Christmas Lights : The committee again this year carried out a tour of the village lights on both Christmas Day night and again on Boxing Day, just to ensure that no stragglers were overlooked. The village lights we saw were a triumph.

The clear winner had to be Number 43 The Lye, complete with some strobe effect refractive laser that showered the house and roadway with moving dappled pockets of light, best experienced after an evening in the Community Centre bar.

Highly commended were Rew Farm and 2 Dial Close. However, disqualified for numerous breaches of virtually all recent health and safety legislation was Manor Cottage.

The Turf : Unfortunately Altior, our tip for the King George on Boxing Day, did not make it to the starting line but he may still have some success later in 2020.

The first classics are not until May when the 2000 and 1000 Guineas come around again. In the meantime the Cheltenham Festival starts on March 10th, our each way Gold Cup tip being Lostintranslation with Santini attracting our traditional 50p on the nose.

Short Mat bowls : The boys lost at Crudwell in their last away match, but all enjoyed the full breakfast at theMalmesbury on the return journey.

Skittles : The Melksham Skittles League finished December with Seend A midway in the Premier Division and Seend B and Seend C ending up third from the top and third from the bottom respectively in Division 2.

Athletics : Seend's Owen Lythel came second in the Wiltshire cross country finals in December and he and his brother Morgan have both been selected to run for Wiltshire in the inter counties cross country event to be held at Loughborough in March, so many congratulations to Seend's foremost running family !

A Happy New Year to all of Seend's athletes and particularly to those who have resolved to take up more sport in 2020.

Sports news and results by February 14th please to Frankie Goddard on 828488

NATURE NOTES



Birds choose their homes in the winter months. Now is a good time to clean out existing nest boxes, make repairs and erect new ones.

Different types of boxes suit different bird species to assist them to keep safe and warm. Put them near bushes and trees at a suitable height for extra safety and preferably facing north east, away from the strong summer sun.

Children could do environment impact assessments on their gardens and surrounding open spaces to plan suitable sites and to plan planting bushes, shrubs and small trees for future food sources. No need for a totally tidy garden; try to have wild patches with dead wood for insects, bugs and other fauna to flourish.

A small pond always attracts wild life of all types; birds, frogs, toads, dragonflies, damselflies etc. There are plenty of cheap suitable liners available in DIY outlets. Some birds, such as robins, have already paired up. Most songbirds love mealworms, available from most pet outlets.

Please would cat owners consider buying collars with bells on for their pets and try to keep them in before dusk and dawn when birds are very vulnerable to predation in poor light. Over a thousand species of birds are threatened with global extinction and urgent action is required to prevent irreversible damage to our bird life.

For helpful hints and tips visit www.songbird-survival.org.uk. At this time of year natural food sources are in short supply, so please ensure bird feeders are topped up (and clean) and clear water readily available in bird baths, especially in frosty weather. The annual garden bird watch is imminent, so enjoy seeing, naming and recording all the different species – maybe including some winter migrants (fieldfares, redwings and waxwings from Scandinavia).

John Goman

BITS AND BOBS

PERSONAL ADS

You can advertise non-commercial items for sale, wanted etc here for just £2. Please leave the money for Spotlight in Seend Post & Provisions or deliver to 6 New Buildings, Seend Cleeve. Thank you.

HOLIDAY CARAVAN IN SWANAGE

A 4/6 berth immaculate, and well equipped static caravan sited at Swanage Bay View Holiday Park is available for hire. It has 2 bedrooms, a sunny West facing deck, with hill and bay views, parking for two cars, and is situated in a quiet cut-de-sac within the Park, which has a cafe, bar, gym and pool. This, together with easy access to the beach, heritage railway and surrounding countryside makes this a great base to explore the Isle of Purbeck. The caravan can be hired for full weeks or short breaks at competitive rates, For further details please contact Anne Ewing on 828557 or 07881 444787, or check out ukcaravans4hire.com, reference 9850.

THE SEEND FUND – YOUR LOCAL FUND

Remember the Seend Fund is your local fund. Anyone living in or closely associated with Seend, including our close neighbours in Bulkington and Poulshot, can apply by emailing the secretary (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.

THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTH WILTSHIRE 2020

February 5th: Great Railway Stations *Ian Swankie*

March 4th: A Tour of Big Ben *Tim Redmond*

We are a friendly group who enjoy hearing about a wide range of arts based subjects. Many people from this area and beyond appreciate them – do come and join us!

We meet in the **Assembly Hall, Melksham**
from 10am for coffee and at **11am for a one hour lecture.**

For more information go to tasnorthwilts.org.uk



® Fairtrade Fortnight 2020 - 24th February - 8th March

Find out more about the impact of our shopping habits on the environment and the livelihoods of the producers, particularly women cocoa farmers in West Africa, at an event in **Devizes Town Hall on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30 pm.** called **Ethical Shopping**. There will be Fairtrade refreshments. Entry is free – donations welcome.

STEEPLE ASHTON FILMS AT THE VILLAGE HALL, STEEPLE ASHTON (DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM FOR REFRESHMENTS)

15th February - Downton Abbey (PG)

Tickets £6 from Steeple Ashton Village Shop.

Reservations can be made. Ring Alison Wilson on 01380 871345

The much loved series has transferred admirably to the big screen. The full cast is back including Maggie Smith together with some new but well known faces. “Steeple Ashton Films deserves our continuing support. It’s a wonderful, shared, community experience that cannot be allowed to wither and die.”



LOCAL MUSICAL EVENTS

Trio Paradis bring their popular **Palm Court concerts** to Trowbridge Town Hall on the first Thursday lunchtime of every month. Free entry with a retiring collection. Refreshments available. For more information, including programme, visit <https://www.musicians southwest.com>



EDINGTON ARTS

Date for your diary: The 2020 season kicks off with the superbly talented young brothers Jun and Yuuki Bouterey-Ishido, playing piano and cello, on Saturday 21st March, at 2.30pm.

Tickets are as ever £20/15/10, from Chrissy on 01380 831256 or sue@edingtonarts.org. Edington Angels have a 10% discount, and young people aged 18 and under come free.

CONCERT AT DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL MEMORIAL HALL

Michael Haydn St Ursula Mass on Friday 31st January 2020 at 1930

Musicians: The Choir, Choral Society and Orchestra of Dauntsey's School

Tickets: no tickets required, free admission, all welcome

Don't miss this gem of a concert - Dauntsey's School are delighted to perform Michael Haydn's rarely heard St Ursula Mass.



LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

For our summer concert we shall be performing the jazz inspired cantata 'The Pied Piper' composed by one of our accompanists, Tim Price, plus some African music and more traditional classical pieces. Rehearsals began on Thursday 10th January and we meet every Thursday, 8 for 8.15pm - first session free! No previous experience or sight reading skills are necessary. More information from our musical director on pboyagis@gmail.com

A Date for your Diary

Friday July 10th – Lavington Community Choir Summer Concert

SPOTLIGHT CONTRIBUTIONS DEADLINES

Regular and occasional contributors to Spotlight may like to make a note of the proposed deadlines for sending in contributions for Spotlight for the rest of 2020.

They are:

March edition - February 15th

April edition - March 14th

May edition - April 18th

June edition - May 16th

July edition - June 13th

August/September edition - July 18th

October edition - September 12th

November edition - October 17th

December/January edition - November 14th.

And Finally.....

Post-Christmas problem: "I'm addicted to cold turkey, and I don't know the best way to quit."



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

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Bell Tower Captain: L Murray 828513.

Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion bookings – www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html or 828970

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 or Alison 07951 030491

Seend Parish Council Clerk – Mrs Sue Bond 07706 850859 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk

Seend Village Website: www.seend.org.uk – webmaster Neil Yockney 827139.

Seend School – 828334 **Seend Fund:** 01380 828757

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

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

Police: PCSO Adam Almond (Mobile: 07825658345 adam.almond@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

100+Club Draw – Alison Bottomley - avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk

Book Clubs - the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617(+ Brewery)

Bouncy Club – Rebecca De Voogd 07840 382351

Cricket Club – Brian Hunt 828581

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

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Flower Show – Carole Vince 828579

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Lye Field Committee – www.seendlyefield.org

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WEA – Tessa Doe 828617

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

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