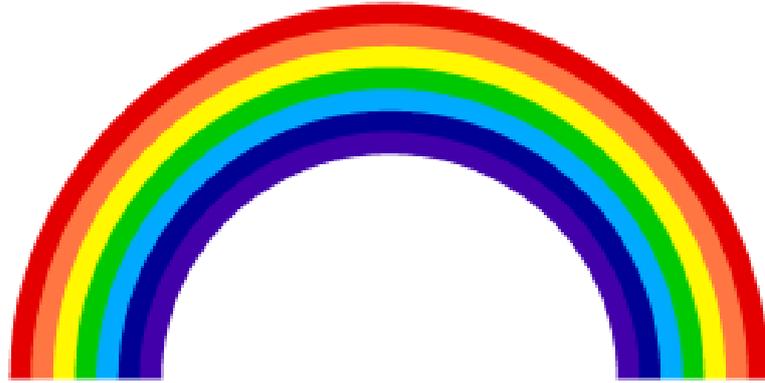


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SEEND & BULKINGTON



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JUNE 2020

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE 2020

6 th	D-Day Anniversary
13 th	Queen's Official Birthday
13 th	Official start of funding campaign for Seend
15 th	LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY SPOTLIGHT
20 th	Summer Solstice
21 st	Father's Day
24 th	Midsummer Day
27 th	Armed Forces Day
30 th	Parish Council Meeting - online

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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.

Welcome to June Spotlight.....



This is the edition of Spotlight when we usually enclose a brown envelope and ask for donations towards printing costs of the magazine. Obviously, that's neither possible nor appropriate at the moment. But don't worry – we shall find ways of requesting your money in due course!

As we write, the pros and cons of schools partially reopening are still being fiercely debated, people are taking advantage (some sensibly, some not) of being able to drive long distances for a day out and there seem to be more supermarket delivery/click and collect slots available. (*Hooray for the latter! Ed.*)

'Virtual' events are really taking off – read details of a virtual Seend Flower Show, virtual Seend Cleeve Open Gardens, Zoom Parish Council meetings and the socially distanced Big Picnic alternative to Seend Fete. We have photos of virtual VE Day celebrations too. We understand some groups of friends even had a virtual Beer Festival on May 2nd!

We do hope people are accessing our online magazine – otherwise your editors have just wasted a week each of their lives! It would be good to hear from you to confirm that we are reaching an audience. Just email spotlight@seend.org.uk – especially if you have something to report of interest to the residents of Seend and Bulkington.

NICE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING DURING LOCKDOWN

John Hardwick has continued to put out burnt wood pictures for children to take home and colour, Yvette and others are still sewing scrubs and masks.

The Fete committee's fundraising campaign for the village has already topped £1000 – and it hasn't officially started yet!

Stacey Vaux has given us a list of what pictures to put in your windows for children to spot in June:

Week 1- Holidays

Week 2- Stars

Week 3- Father's Day

Week 4- Sports Day

A REMINDER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES: THE SEEND 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 may be able to help. The Trustees promise complete confidentiality. Don't hesitate to send details, saying how much you need, what it is for and when you need it by. The fund can't make huge donations, but may be able to help carry you over in this very difficult time.

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**.



We are still operating during the crisis and can help with 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)



SEEND VILLAGE FETE 2020 THE BIG PICNIC



Dear villagers

Let's kick off with our Fete update by sharing a few good news stories! We set the challenge to think creatively as to how to raise some money during lockdown. The response has been a brilliant start, to what we hope is a summer of fundraising. Thank you to those who have already supported our efforts! Yvette Rowe has been making face masks from materials gifted by the village and selling them through the shop for a fiver. She is getting us all ready for life after lockdown!. To date (20th May) she has raised over £200. Liam has been out snapping his portraits around the village, capturing this moment in time for us all to reflect on. He has shot over 30 portraits and has raised over £650. Katie Crabtree generously baked us an amazing cake which we raffled off and which raised £180! And this is just the start... All details have been posted on our Facebook page @Seendfete.

The start of June sees us launch our "The Big Picnic" event. This will be the climax of an 8 week fundraising campaign which officially launches on the 13th of June. We hope you all to get involved to either raise money and/or contribute, what you would normally have spent on Fete day. Like Katie, Yvette and Liam, we would like to encourage everyone to support the cause. We are thinking creatively as to what might be achievable over the coming months allowing us to celebrate our amazing community by the end of it.

"The Big Picnic" itself takes place on the 8th August (Fete day) and much like we saw on VE day, we are inviting you to have a picnic with your family, your friends, your neighbours and/or your street (depending on what is deemed safe)

Please note this fundraiser is a 'cross community' fundraiser, with the proceeds being split across the various clubs and organisations within the village that have been negatively affected by Covid. It celebrates 'Team Seend' as a whole.

From the 13th June our online fundraising page will be live where you can all see the running total of what's been raised to date. With your help, how much we can we raise for the village? £2,000? £5,000 maybe even £10,000?

Let's see eh! Challenge on. Get in touch if you have an idea for a sponsored event and we will help you bring it to life!

More details will be published on our Facebook page and in the village shop. Until then do have a think and let us know if you are able to help in way of raising funds, donations or indeed time to help us organise and spread awareness.

Further updates will follow in due course. Until then keep safe, stay home, safe lives... or stay alert or don't go out. Most importantly keep washing those hands and wear those amazing facemasks Yvette has made.

Your Seend Fete Committee

#thebigpicnicseend2020

#teamseend

#fundraisingforourcommunity

#seendfete2020

SEEND FLOWER SHOW 2020

Rather than think about abandoning this special village event, the Flower Show Committee would like everyone to join in an online version.

Coronavirus lockdown means that lots of us are using the time to be creative.

Whether it be growing things or making things, taking photographs of your views from the bunker that is home, please think about sharing them.



We will create a refined on line schedule for photographs of your entries so please check out the web page for details nearer the time. Meanwhile start taking photographs of your gardens, produce, baking, handicrafts anything you are pleased with and might share with the wonderful community that is Seend Parish.

www.seendflowershow.org.uk

Keep safe, get creative whilst saving lives.

Carole Vince



SEEND CLEEVE OPEN GARDENS CANCELLED– or maybe not?

This biennial fund raising event for Seend Church, due to take place on Saturday 13th June has understandably been cancelled. However, we plan to bring you a snapshot of the gardens that would have been open, plus some others.

For those who were intending to participate in the Open Gardens this year it would be great if you would send a few of your best garden pictures to Neil Yockney at neilyockney@btinternet.com. Please send by 13th June. The pictures will then be available on the Seend Website – www.seend.org.uk/picture_gallery.shtml from mid-June. Sandie Lewis of Seend Cleeve, is planning to prepare a collage for inclusion in the July edition of Spotlight.

Thanks and happy gardening.

The following was received by the Parish Council for publication in the parish magazine –

DON'T DELAY SEEKING MEDICAL HELP BECAUSE OF CORONAVIRUS

People living in Wiltshire are being advised not to let worries about coronavirus stop them asking for medical help for themselves or their children if they become ill, have a serious accident or have a concern about their health. They are also being warned that not seeking medical help for symptoms that could be the early warning signs of serious conditions such as cancer could be putting lives at risk.

The warning comes as new data shows a considerable drop in the number of people coming forward to ask their GP for help and advice during the coronavirus outbreak. Recent statistics show that, in Bath alone, the total number of weekly referrals from GPs to the Royal United Hospital have fallen from around 2,000 at the beginning of March to 300 at the end of April. In Swindon, the average number of patients being sent by their GP to the Great Western Hospital for further investigations into symptoms that suggest cancer each week has dropped by more than 200 to 80.

Dr Ruth Grabham, Medical Director at BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire CCG, said the statistics made for worrying reading because the drop in numbers “is not because people are not experiencing symptoms.”

“While it may seem that coronavirus has put a stop to most aspects of everyday life, the one thing it hasn't stopped is what's going on inside our bodies,” she says. “Now more than ever, we need to pay attention to anything that isn't normal and seek help early on.

“For example, if you notice blood when going to the toilet, or if you've found a lump that wasn't there previously, or if you've just noticed something odd that is causing you to worry, you need to speak to your GP.

Should the symptom be the early warning sign of something serious like cancer, that delay in seeking help could have serious implications for how successful possible treatments may be.”

Although GP practices across the region have adopted new ways of working, such as establishing isolated clinics for potential coronavirus patients, the practices themselves are still open to offer care, treatment, advice and peace-of-mind.

The same also goes for emergency departments at the three hospitals in Bath, Swindon and Salisbury, all of which continue to be open 24 hours a day for people with a genuine and life-threatening health concern.

Additionally, all healthcare facilities in the region, as well as those elsewhere in the country, have put in place stringent infection control measures to ensure that the risk of contracting coronavirus while visiting a hospital or GP surgery remains low.

- Details of which services continue to open, as well as how to get in contact, can be found online by visiting www.bswccg.nhs.uk
- For information about local hospital services visit <https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/>, www.gwh.nhs.uk or www.salisbury.nhs.uk
- Further information on how to stay well throughout the coronavirus outbreak can be found at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19.

Dom Hall

Communications & Engagement Specialist – Strategic Projects
NHS Bath and North East Somerset,
Swindon and Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group

SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

June 2020 Update

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have met with our Consultants, Place Studio and Vicky Burvill our Link Officer at WC on Zoom, to work through your comments and make some amendments to our Plan where it was thought to be appropriate. Thank you to all who gave thought to this.

We have finalised the spreadsheet of comments, which will be an appendix to the Consultation Statement (required to be submitted to Wiltshire Council with the Neighbourhood Plan). We are currently working on the amendments and when we have finished that, probably by the end of June, we will be able to submit the NDP to Wiltshire Council (Regulation 15), who will hold a Regulation 16 consultation. There is another six-week minimum period of consultation. The Plan will be examined and a report issued setting out whether the Plan meets the basic conditions. If any modifications are needed they will be made before proceeding to referendum. That final stage still feels a long way off, especially now that no referendum will be held before 6th May 2021. But we need to keep the pressure up so that we get an early place in the queue....!

It is five years since the Steering Group set out on this journey. En route several members fell by the wayside but the six who remain to see it to completion have worked well together. We had a celebration dinner to mark the completion of Regulation 14 just before the lock-down, but that now seems rather premature. It is frustrating to know that we must wait another year before we can hold the Referendum. Nevertheless this is minor compared to other events, and it reminds us that 'nothing is certain'.

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



CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

It's really good to gather each Sunday for our virtual on line services with people from across our team of churches within the Wellsprings Benefice.

Please see wellspringsbenefice.co.uk for details of how to join our services.

But we know that not everyone is able to join us this way. Not everyone has a computer, smartphone or internet access, and in some of our villages broadband speeds can be a bit variable!

The Church of England has launched a new free phone line of hymns, prayers and reflections. If you have friends, relatives or neighbours who aren't on the internet, do let them know about this special new service.



Ali Bridewell

BULKINGTON NEWS

BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"

As all our usual gatherings are not allowed at the moment, I did the May draw with the Rev. Maureen Allchin and Anne Saywell as witnesses and the winners were:-

£30	No. 56	Bev Kerslake
£25	No. 29	Robert Yarde
£20	No. 78	David Raby-Cox
£15	No. 54	Sandra Woolnough
£10	No. 4	Rev. Maureen Allchin



This was the last draw for this year bringing the total prizes given out by our "100 Club" to £4500, an amazing amount for our small village.

As we cannot mix or call on each other and some people may be suffering financially at the moment, we have deferred the start of the new 100 Club year from the 1st June to the 1st September but everyone can renew their subscriptions at any time up until

then (and of course we always welcome new members) ready for another successful year. For details of where to send your subscriptions contact me at any time on 01380 828116 or phyllisyarde@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Phyl Yarde

The Mobile Library is currently not running, but please check @WiltshireMobileLibraries (Facebook) or @WiltsLibraries (Twitter) for updates.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

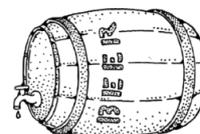
There is little to report on this month for most organisations, but see the inside back cover for contact information for when things are happening again and you want to join in.



Happenings!

You may have noticed that the **Community Centre's quarterly newsletter** was conspicuous by its absence with the May issue of Spotlight because, well, there is not much "happening" just about anywhere at the moment!

This time of year the Centre usually buzzes with spring and summer activities such as the much missed Beer Festival (oh dear, there were some very glum looking faces around the village on that sunny weekend!). On the plus side, this meant the trusty team of volunteers did not have to drag their hungover bodies up to the Centre the following morning armed with mop and bucket for the clean-up! I jest – we all missed it and, yes, even the clean-up/post mortem which is always done cheerfully!



Others are no doubt missing the regular monthly "First Friday Coffee Morning" and the popular "Nosh & Natter" lunch club which would normally meet on the last Wednesday of each month.

"We'll meet again ...tra la la" – you know we shall, we miss you!

The Skittles and Short Mat Bowls teams will be needing to brush up their skills in due course – and we'll never know whether the Cribbage Team "C" could have managed to claw their way up the league tables (I suppose anything is possible!).



The BBQ team are all no doubt keeping their skills up to date ready to fire up and welcome you all – hopefully later in the season – and, not least

I'm sure we're all looking forward to just getting together on a Friday Night in the Members' Bar for a friendly chat over one of Rob's cocktail creations, a G+T, or a pint of your favourite brew! What a party we'll all have!

Until then, enjoy the sun and cheers!

dawnsmethurst@hotmail.com

SEEND WI

Whilst W.I. activities have been curtailed, nature has proceeded unabated in glorious sunshine. The gardens look amazing, bursting with colour and full of beautiful butterflies and interesting insects. The lovely weather has also helped to enhance our daily walks around the Wiltshire countryside.

Members would have been pleased to see the WI bunting displayed around the village, on VE day. This had originally been made for the village fete so it was good to put it to another use and it certainly helped to raise our spirits.

Although we are still unable to meet, Seend WI continues to send out occasional newsletters to members, with quizzes, photographs and items of interest as a way of keeping in touch with each other.

Despite the lockdown, a full programme has been prepared for 2020/21 for when we are able to resume meetings. If you are not currently a member of WI but are interested in finding out more, do contact us and we shall be pleased to share our future plans with you. Non-members are always welcome and can attend one meeting without any obligation to join.

In normal times 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

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Hope this entry finds all its readers safe and well?

Sadly two of our planned walks have already been postponed and although some restrictions have been lifted, I'm not sure when we will be able to meet as a group to RAMBLE!!

On a positive note, I have it on good authority that many of our members are out walking footpaths, roads, byways and towpaths keeping their fitness levels up (and keeping their sanity) so that when we are able to meet they will be raring to go.

I am sure many of you reading this are finding places to walk you didn't know existed and have found a new love of walking, to keep that new love alive, when we are unlocked, come and join us. We will greet you with open arms (from a distance) and help you discover new places to walk, but until then enjoy your local walking.

Take care and stay safe.

From all members of Seend & District Ramblers

NOSH AND NATTER



All of us at N&N send you our very best wishes during this difficult time; we have missed the lunches and the lovely chats during the lockdown and we are very much looking forward to starting up again. As soon as we are able we will be back in the kitchen, cooking and chatting! Thank you all for the support over the years and we are ready for the next time.

Best wishes from Mary, Les, Anne, Jenny, Brian, Fiona, Joyce, Frank and Pauline

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Sadly the Drumhead Service to be held on Sunday June 28th has been cancelled in view of current events.



100+ CLUB DRAW

The Lye Field 100+ Club draw for April

£30.00	No.186	S Nichols
£25.00	No.121	M Manser
£20.00	No.3	A McMillan
£15.00	No.20	R Hawkins
£10.00	No.136	R Church



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.

Alison Bottomley, Seend Lye Field Committee

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council meetings

Following the UK lockdown on 24th March, the government introduced and passed the Coronavirus Act which has introduced a number of measures to allow for government at both national and local level to continue, so that important decisions can still be taken. From the Parish Council's perspective, this has allowed for a number of changes:

- The requirement to hold a meeting in a physical place is removed and meetings can take place entirely virtually. This can be by telephone or video conferencing.

- The Regulations remove the requirement for local authorities to hold annual meetings, and provide that current appointments will continue until the next annual meeting of the authority, or when the local authority determines. This provides, in the absence of an annual meeting, continuity of membership. The Annual Parish Meeting has been cancelled and any election of chairman and vice chairman that usually occurs at this meeting will be carried over until 2021.
- Removes the requirement for a common period for the exercise of public rights and extending the deadline by which the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) together with any certificate or opinion issued by the local auditor must be published from 30 September 2020 to 30 November 2020.

28th April – Parish Council Meeting

Whilst the March PC meeting did not happen, the 28th April meeting was held using ZOOM which enabled all Councillors to take part in the virtual meeting on line from the comfort of their own homes. 9 of the 11 Councillors managed to take part including our Chairman Terry James who is currently locked down in Toronto. Only 2 Councillors had some technical difficulties which meant they couldn't hear the meeting but we will get this sorted for the May meeting. In addition to the Councillors there were a number of parishioners listening in to the meeting.

A reduced agenda was got through quite smoothly.

Acting Chairman and Vice Chairman

Whilst Terry is still in Canada for the foreseeable future, it was agreed that Mrs Anita Heatley should continue as Acting Chairman until Terry returns, and Mrs Georgina A'Bear to become Acting Vice Chairman.

Planning Applications

It was noted that Wiltshire Council, in line with other Councils in England would continue to process planning applications. Therefore the following 3 applications were discussed and voted on by Seend Parish Council.

Application Ref: 20/02213/FUL - Site Location: Park Farm

Proposal: Erection of one four bed self build house and 10 affordable houses.

A vote in support – 6 Councillors voted in favour of the planning application being approved. There were 2 abstentions and one declaration of interest. It was agreed that in submitting a comment in support of the application, there should be some conditions placed on the approval.

- That there should be no parking on the road during construction.
- The conditions outlined by the Protection Officer in his report should be adhered to.

- All technical issues raised by the other consultees Public should be set as conditions if the application is approved.

Application Ref: 20/02787/FUL - Site Location: The Stables, Cleeve House,

Proposal: Retrospective application for ancillary accommodation.

All Councillors approved.

Application Ref: 20/02940/FUL - Site Location: Seend Park, High Street, Seend

Proposal: Proposed construction of a hard surfaced tennis court with surround fencing.

There was one declaration of interest, but all other Councillors approved this application.

Community Governance Review

It was reported at the meeting that Melksham Without Parish Council had withdrawn its CGR request to move the boundary line between Seend and Melksham Without.

Since the PC meeting, the Clerk has received the details of the Community Governance Review committee's draft recommendations following the first round of consultations. For details of the two Schemes affecting Seend, see extracts below:

Scheme 11 – Boundary Change between Melksham Without and Seend.

A request was also received from Melksham Without Parish Council for transfer of an area north of the Kennet and Avon Canal including a picnic area maintained by the Bowerhill Residents Action Group and Giles Woods from Seend to Melksham Without. It was suggested this resulted in a more natural boundary and reflected the community use and interests. The scheme was surveyed as Scheme 11.

Seend Parish Council opposed the proposal.

During the course of the review the Parish Council amended its proposal to exclude the area of Giles Woods, a privately-owned area of woodland which was made available to the public. Seend Parish Council also opposed the amended proposal.

Many arguments in opposition to the proposal related to ownership of the land or supposed planning matters which were not valid criteria on which to determine the review, and in any case planning considerations would not be impacted by which parish the area was located within. It was also noted that a parish boundary running along the canal in this area could be considered clearer and more natural.

However, the Committee was not persuaded there were any governance improvements that would occur if the proposal, amended or otherwise, were approved, which would also require a change to the Electoral Divisions of Bowerhill and Devizes Rural West. Whilst there was some disagreement about how many residents from each parish utilised and had community interest in the area, it was the case that residents from one area could access and maintain an area in another

parish, and the Committee did not consider there was sufficient evidence to justify changing the parish boundaries in terms of community or governance.

Scheme 83 – Reduction in the number of Seend Parish Councillors from 11 to 9.

The Committee also received during the initial phase of the review a request from a member of the public that the number of parish councillors representing Seend Parish Council should be reduced from eleven to nine. This was stated to be in the interests of democracy, noting that there had not been elections to the parish council for some time. The scheme was surveyed as Scheme 83.

The Parish Council opposed the proposal, stating there was no public support for a reduction in parish councillors, and that the number of councillors was appropriate for the scale and diversity of the parish and the work it undertook. It was stated that vacancies to the council were generally quickly filled.

The Committee was persuaded by the arguments of the Parish Council. The number of parish councillors for Seend was not unusual or unreasonable, and many parishes and wards in the council area did not have contested elections. There was no evidence to suggest the parish was ineffective or that a reduction in parish councillors would improve its governance, whilst a reduction in councillors could reduce the effective representation of the community, where there did not appear to be significant support for any reduction.

What Happens Next – These draft recommendations will go out for a further public consultation until 10th July. Consideration of the submissions will take place through July/August. In September, the final recommendations will be submitted to Full Council for approval.

Full details of the draft recommendations made by the CGR committee for all the Schemes put forward can be found on our PC website.

Police Matters

- 01.04.20 – two girls were running and were subjected to a tirade of verbal abuse by a boat dweller on the canal near to Spout Lane.
- 20.04.20 – a trailer and digger were stolen from old Station Yard to the value of £15000.00
- 22.04.20 – a fail to stop car chase from Semington to Row Lane, Seend Head resulted in the arrest of a male and a female from outside Wiltshire for traffic offences.

PCSO Janet Gould also said that due to the Covid-19 outbreak Wiltshire Police has been busy patrolling open public spaces, play areas, community venues, public houses to check the public is maintaining social distancing and also responding to reports by concerned residents of Covid-19 social distancing violations. Due to concerns along the canal towpath between Sells Green and Semington the Melksham PCSOs have been carrying out bike and foot patrols to prevent any breaches of the peace.

Neighbourhood Plan – see separate report in Spotlight

High Street Resurfacing – this should have taken place during the week of 23rd April. It's currently programmed for the 29th May, weather dependant, notices will go up approx 2 weeks before the start, it will be allowed to settle then swept a few times then the studs will be replaced along with any lining approx 2 weeks after the surface is laid. Schedule is weather dependent.

Street Signs - following the renovation of the Perry's Lane sign, the Clerk has asked if the Parish Steward can do the same for the Weavers Cottages sign and the one at the top of Inmarsh Lane.

Prescription Collection Service

Anyone who is self-isolating due to age or vulnerability can get their prescription medicines collected and delivered to them during this period of lockdown. Please contact the clerk on 07706 850859 or email clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk. Please allow some notice so that collections can be grouped and not needed to be collected on the day of the request.

NEXT MEETING

This will take place on 26th May. The June meeting will be on 30th. The agenda will be put on noticeboards, as usual, the week before the meeting. Details of how to listen into the meeting will also be publicised.

Coronavirus

Wiltshire Council has produced a COVID-19 Community Pack which contains useful contact numbers and websites for advice etc. A copy of this is on our Parish Council website: www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk Wiltshire Council's webpage on this is: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus> This will give all the latest information in Wiltshire on COVID-19 in the coming days and weeks ahead. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

If anyone is self isolating and needs assistance with errands, deliveries or someone to talk to, there is a Melksham Community Support Team who can help. Please ring 01225 809265 or email support@melkshamcommunity.co.uk.

We will keep our website and noticeboards updated with any information we receive from Wiltshire Council.

Weekly Support Group

Is there anyone in Seend Parish who is feeling the strain of the lock-down and who would like to join a once weekly support group conducted on zoom...? It would take place in the evening 6.00pm (probably Wednesdays) for 1 hr. Contact Carola Thorpe (carola.thorpe1@gmail.com)

News from Wiltshire Council

We have now endured seven weeks of lockdown in a bid to beat the deadly COVID-19 virus. All of our lives have changed and sadly there have been fatalities. None of us (including the Government) really know how this crisis will move forward but we must at least try to move forward safely. Hopefully the latest rules will allow just a tiny bit more “normality” as we edge towards that goal.

In local Government Wiltshire Council continues to operate, albeit in a very low key mode and with the operational lead taken by officers of the Council. The main aim is to look after the vulnerable and shielded in our society and this has proved to be incredibly costly with reports of a “black hole” in excess of £25million being opened up in the finances of the Council. At some stage the Councillors who are responsible for the Council will have to account for the control of this spending we must assume that robust fiscal controls were in place. Inevitably there will be a financial spending review in the near future.

Wiltshire Council has also been cautious in the introduction of virtual accountability and in spite of central Government moving quickly to allow virtual meetings the first tier of Wiltshire local government has been overtaken by many Parish Councils in local democracy. Locally, I congratulate Seend and Poulshot Parish Councils for their excellent Zoom Parish Council meetings and it is of note that these meetings were attended by many more local residents than would have attended in the village hall. As in many aspects of our current lives there are some definite advantages to the COVID way of working which we will need to consider as we move out of the crisis.

Finally, I am getting expressions of concern from residents at the very quick removal of services by Wiltshire Council and the slower reintroduction of socially distanced services, again in spite of Government encouragement to do so. Our first priority must always be to look after the vulnerable in our society but we must also not lose sight of providing a service to those who pay for all of the services a Council has responsibility to deliver. Included in this list of services are Household Recycling Centres which have reopened albeit in a very limited way.

As your local Wiltshire Councillor I will continue to hold the administration of Wiltshire Council to account on your behalf - as soon as the Council introduces a virtual system to do so!

Jonathon Seed, Wiltshire Councillor for Summerham and Seend
Chairman Melksham Area Board

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HOLIDAY CARAVAN IN SWANAGE

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FOOD BANKS

With self-isolation and school closures adding to demand, food banks are going to be of vital help to the community. Don't forget to leave a donation at your local supermarket if and when you go shopping. Thank you.



THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

During the current lockdown we would like to notify you of the services still available through The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust to those over 60 or 18+ with a registered disability.

Our team of Home Security Operators are still securing the homes of victims of house crime and domestic abuse. Our office team are on hand to give telephone support and advice on

a range of home security issues. Please call 01380 861155 and leave a message, your call will be returned within a few hours during working hours.

Our operators are also delivering Personal Protective Equipment for Wiltshire Police across the County.

Our team of Stay Safe Online volunteers are available to offer telephone advice on a range of issues from improving cyber security awareness, to cyber and scam prevention advice and signposting to future advice and resources. Please call and leave a message on 01380 861191 and someone will get back you shortly.

EDINGTON ARTS

Edington Arts are delighted that they have managed to reschedule the Operatunity concert which was to have been on May 9th.

It will now take place as an afternoon concert on Sunday October 11th, the day after the Choral Workshop. Full details in due course. www.edingtonarts.org.



The
Edington Music Festival
A Festival of Music within the Liturgy

2020 EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL CANCELLED:

It is with great regret that the Directors of the Edington Music Festival have

had to decide to cancel this year's festival, the 65th, which was to have taken place from the 23rd – 30th August.

Director Richard Pinel says, "However, the festival in 2021 will still be the 65th, and we will be able simply to move this year's programme to next year. We have all the music and themes for each day in place ready for re-activation. It will be a doubly celebratory week of glorious music in an environment which is very dear to all of us who are involved in this unique event."

Preparations are also being made for 'Edington Online' during the festival period. We will celebrate our core tenets of friendship and fine liturgical music through a series of online videos, making use of archive material and new virtual-choir recordings along with readings and thoughts for the day from our regular team of festival participants and clergy. Information and updates will be posted on the website, www.edingtonfestival.org and through our Instagram, Twitter and Facebook pages.

Anne Curtis

And finally.....

"What do we want?"

"Anagrams!"

"What ho! Wet. New mend?"

"Own!"

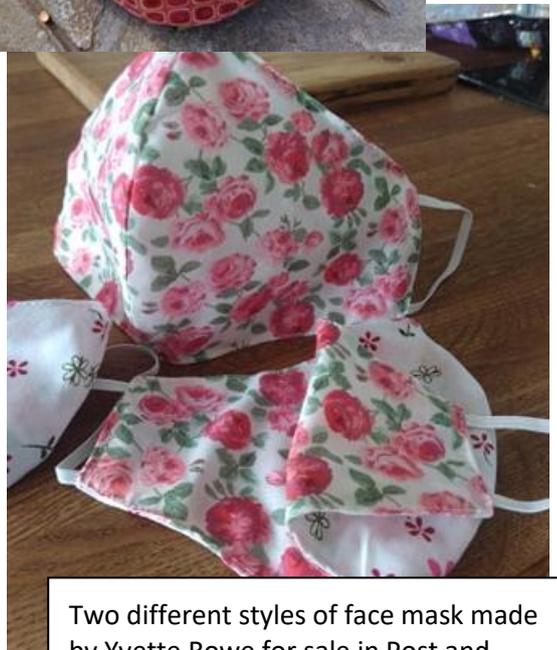


Actually – our 'And finally' is a little premature as there are photos on the following pages so please carry on.....

Some photos of May lockdown happenings:



Katie and the amazing chocolate and strawberry cake that was raffled and raised £180



Two different styles of face mask made by Yvette Rowe for sale in Post and Provisions, and some of the fabric choices. Proceeds to the village fundraising campaign.



Making some noise for key workers on a Thursday night.

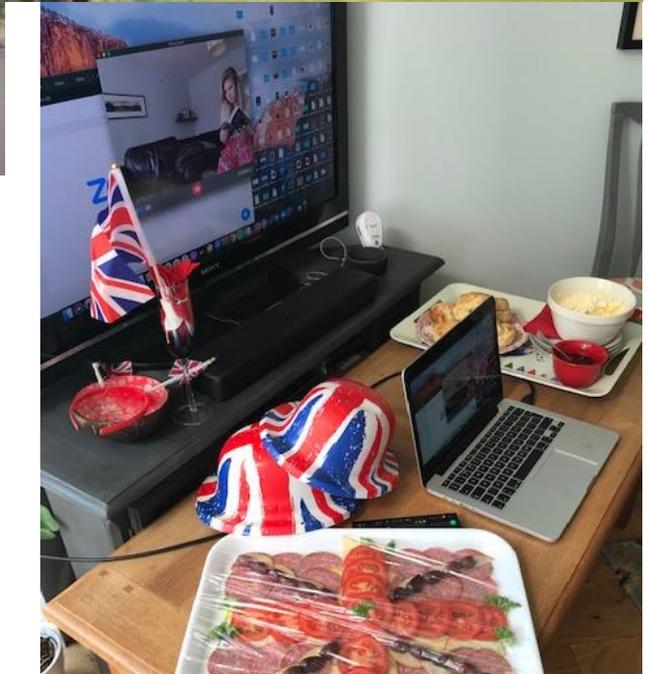


Socially-distanced VE Day celebrations in Seend, Seend Cleeve and Bulkington.





Bunting in Seend – and a VE Day virtual quiz!



Rosie (8) and Ava (3) commemorate VE Day



And something to look forward to.....



#teamseend

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

Church: Revd Ali Bridewell. 01380 739064. Revd Joshva John, 01380 828137. Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07938 270815. Churchwardens: Seend: Len Murray, 828513, Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mike Rose 01380 871665; 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 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

Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

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

Police: PCSO 6039 Janet GOULD - Mobile 07471029772 –janet.gould@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

Fete – Liam Bergin – liam@thirdberg.com or 07738 269739

Flower Show – Carole Vince 828579

Football – Trevor Vowles

FoSS (Friends of Seend School) Peter Kay, friendsofseendschool@gmail.com

Historic Houses Club - Mary Warren 01225707357 or Neil Yockney 827139

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee – 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 - Sandy James 01380 739235

Royal British Legion – Jenny Phillips 828822

Seend CLT – www.seendclt.org info@seendclt.org

Seend Singers - Bob McCulloch 828508

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Table tennis – Chris Brooker, 828047

Tennis Club – Liam Bergin 07738 269739

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 Joyce Harvey 828511

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