



SPOTLIGHT

*Seend
& Bulkington*

**DECEMBER 2021
& JANUARY
2022**

DIARY DATES FOR LATE NOVEMBER

30th Seend PC Meeting, Seend CC 7.30 pm

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 1st Bulkington Village Lunch, The Well Inn, 12.15pm
- 2nd Rededication of Seend War Memorial (invited guests only)
- 3rd First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend CC Club lounge, 10.30 am
- 4th Seend Wine Circle, Seend Community Centre, 8pm
- 6th Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.15 am Seend Cleeve phone box
11.05 am Well Inn car park
- 10th Seend Playgroup's Nativity
- 10th Seend Shuttle Trustees AGM, Kennet Room, Seend C Centre, 7.30pm
- 11th Christmas Bingo, Seend Community Centre, Eyes down at 8pm
- 12th Seend and District Ramblers, Avebury, 10am
- 15th Nosh and Natter Christmas Lunch, Seend CC 12 for 12.30 pm
- 16th Bulkington Ladies' Christmas Lunch
- 18th Seend & District Ramblers, Skittles Evening, SCC 8 pm
- 21st Christmas Draw, Brewery Inn
- 22nd Quiz Night, Brewery Inn
- 24th Choice of parties at Seend Community Centre or The Brewery!
- 31st Choice of parties at Seend Community Centre or The Brewery!

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY 2022

- 1st New Year's Day Walk 11am, followed by soup in the C Centre
- 3rd Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.15 am Seend Cleeve phone box
11.05 am Well Inn car park
- 7th First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend C Centre, 10.30am
- 12th Road Closure – Berhills Lane
- 15th **LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT**
- 14th Blues Night, Seend Club bar, Community Centre,
- 16th Seend & District Ramblers – details tba
- 19th Seend WI Craft & Chatter
- 22nd Burns Night supper and dancing at Seend Community Centre
- 25th Seend PC Meeting, Seend CC 7.30 pm
- 26th Nosh and Natter, Seend CC 12 for 12.30 pm
- 26th Quiz Night at the Brewery Inn

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 DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022 SPOTLIGHT

With a bit of luck and an equal amount of caution, this festive season could be a lot more festive than a year ago. There are certainly a lot more events planned – although of course everything depends on the Covid situation at the time.

The churches will obviously be very busy over this period, with Carol Services etc listed in the Church News section. The ‘Messy Church Crib Service’ sounds particularly, er, interesting! There’s also a range of local festive music events listed in the ‘Bits and Bobs’ section at the end of the magazine plus, of course, lots of village happenings in the Events section on the next page and in Bulkington News. Enjoy!



Just in time for publication, we have heard that Seend Branch of the Royal British Legion has had their invitation to attend the rededication of Seend War Memorial on 2nd December accepted by a V V V VIP! See the RBL entry in the magazine.

Also see ‘Stop Press’ about the CLT housing development on the last page. And congratulations to the Brewery on their inclusion in the 2022 Good Beer Guide!

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the February 2022 edition (copy by Saturday 15th January) 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. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401), Jan Field (827140) for printing and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising. Potential volunteer deliverers or printers can contact Fiona or Jan.

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

PDFs: We cannot normally use PDF 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 DECEMBER AND JANUARY 2022

Seend Community Centre invites you to.....



CHRISTMAS WINE CIRCLE - Saturday 4th December, 8pm. This event is always popular so if you haven't reserved, please do so quickly. Tickets £12 to include wine and cheese nibbles. Booking in advance only, please contact seendwinecircle@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS BINGO! -Saturday 11th December – Eyes Down 8 pm. Free entry, pay per card – Raffle - Bar. All welcome! Super prizes to be won on this fun evening.

NOSH + NATTER - A festive lunch with wine (other drinks available) will be served on **Weds 15th December**. 12 noon for 12.30 pm. Still only £5 for a two course meal this December! From January, the price will be raised to £7.50, which is still excellent value! (First price increase since 2009.) The January lunch will be on **Wednesday 26th January**. Tel: Pauline on 01380 828638 or 07879 494429 for info and to book. **N.B. If you book then can't attend for any reason PLEASE let Pauline know. Ten people didn't show up for the October lunch which caused considerable problems.**



FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING - 3rd December and 7th January 10.30am. No booking required. Get a coffee or tea (plus a refill) and a slice of homemade cake for just £2.50! All welcome!



CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY in the Members' Lounge Bar from 6 pm. There will be **Mulled Wine, homemade Mince Pies** and some musical entertainment for **carol-singing!** Bring your Christmas guests along and join in the festivities!

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY with "the Singing Herdsman" in the Members' Bar. Come along and see in the New Year amongst friends and neighbours. **Late Bar.**



NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK - January 1st - meet at 11 am in Rusty Lane for a 90 minute or so walk around the village (expect mud and stiles!). Return to the Community Centre for a bowl of warming home-made soup and other snacks. Tom will be opening the bar for those in need of a pick-me-up!

MUSIC IN THE BAR – A 'BLUES' NIGHT WITH HOWLIN' MAT – Friday 14th January from 7 pm. Entry is free but we welcome donations (suggested £5) for the musician.



BURNS NIGHT - Saturday 22nd January. The annual night of Scottish celebration with a traditional supper, a 'wee dram' and of course some lively dancing to the Band! Tickets £24 on sale soon from the Bar and online at seendcommunitycentre.com (table bookings will be possible).



BREWERY INN DECEMBER AND JANUARY EVENTS

Tuesday 21st December – Christmas Draw
Wednesday 22nd December – Quiz Night
Christmas Eve – Festive Singalong
New Year's Eve – Live Music with 'Sour Apple'
Wednesday 26th January – Quiz Night

We're in the 2022 CAMRA Good Beer Guide!

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. N.B. We are aware that not everybody we lose from our villages gets an obituary or notice printed here. We rely on from friends and family for this to happen.)

THE SEEND FUND - A REMINDER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

If you find yourself in financial difficulties, struggling to keep warm or pay for food, the fund is here to help. In the past it has contributed towards a variety of things:

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| * Rent Payment | * School Trips | * Food |
| * Household fuel | * Medical Equipment | * Vet bills |
| * Electrical appliances | * Musical instruments | * Training |
| * School and work clothes | * Wheelchairs | |

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.

The Trustees promise complete confidentiality. Please don't hesitate to contact the fund, saying how much you need, what for and when you need it by. The fund can't make regular or huge donations but may be able to help carry you over to better times.

SEEND SHUTTLE AGM

The trustees will be holding their AGM on Friday 10th of December at 7.30pm in the Kennet room in the Community Centre.

You are very welcome to attend. You can also read the annual report on the Charity Commission website if you wish.



CLERK VACANCY – SPRING 2022

The current clerk is looking to step down from the role at the end of this financial year (end March). This is an early heads up about it because this Spotlight is a double-issue (Dec/Jan).

This is a paid position with salary, working 12 hours a week, from your own home. The role requires excellent administration and writing skills, minute taking (not as bad as you might think!), good communication skills and account management using excel spreadsheets. An eye for detail and accuracy is essential. Personal qualities of integrity, discretion, objectivity, and impartiality are key to the role. Further information will be put on the PC website including a job description and application form. The post will be more widely advertised sometime in December with a deadline for applications to be sent in by mid January (actual dates to be confirmed). We would hope to interview in late January/early February and for the successful candidate to start at the beginning of March so that a reasonable handover period is given.

If there is anyone who may be interested and would like to find out more, please get in touch with the clerk, either by email or phone. She will be happy to discuss what the role entails. There is already information on the role of a parish clerk on the website. www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk (under Councillors heading). So please read this first before getting in touch.

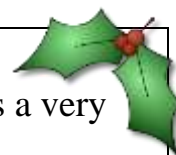
Email: clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk Tel: 07706 850859

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Sarah and Andrew Chard would like to wish all friends and neighbours a very merry and healthy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We won't be sending cards this year, but will make a donation to WaterAid instead.

As has been our practice in recent years, we will not be sending cards to friends who live locally and with whom we can exchange Christmas greetings personally. Instead we will make a donation to a local charity and this year we have chosen the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. We hope you have a happy and relaxed Christmas. With all good wishes for 2022. **Richard & Marion Whitehead.**



SEEND THEATRE CLUB

A date for your diary:

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd February 2022

7.30 p.m. The Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend

Guest speaker: Gill Morrell of Shakespeare Live “The Seven Ages of Man”

Meet our members and hear our plans for future trips. Wine and nibbles too!

All enquiries to

Marion Whitehead (01380 828612) or Ken Harvey (01380 828511).



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Road Closures

Berhills Lane, Seend and Rowde – 20th December 9.30am-3.30pm.

Berhills Lane (Part), Seend; from the property known as Berhills Farm in a north easterly direction to its junction with The Common. To enable: BT to carry out pole test and associated works.

Alternative route: via Berhills Lane (unaffected length), Durlett Road, Hawkstreet, A342, B3101, A361, A365, Berhills Lane (unaffected length) and vice versa.

Berhills Lane, Seend and Rowde – 12th-31st January 2022

The road will be closed from its junction with Sells Green to its junction with The Common. To enable Gigaclear to carry out excavation works to lay cables.

Alternative route: via Sells Green, A365, A361, Marsh Lane, High Street, Cock Road, The Common and vice versa.

Councillor Vacancies: There are still two Councillor vacancies. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk.

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – 2nd June 2022: Do any parishioners have any suggestions as to how the Parish should celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2nd -5th June? So far, the Community Centre are planning to hold a barbeque before lighting the beacon in their grounds on Saturday 2nd June. The beacon has been lit for previous Jubilee celebrations. Please let the Clerk know of any ideas you may have.

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



FLOWER SHOW 2022

The Flower Show Committee is pleased to report that Julia White has now taken over as Chair/Secretary of the Flower Show.

If you are interested in joining the committee or just helping on the day in any way please contact Julia or any of the other members.

julia.white@bioss.co.uk 01380 827082

<https://seendflowershow.org.uk>

CHRISTMAS WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DATES

Waste and recycling collection dates will not change over the Christmas and New Year period, as waste collection crews will be working as normal on Bank Holidays Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th December 2021 and Monday 3rd January 2022.

Garden waste collections **will stop** for two weeks over this period as normal. The last collections will take place on Friday 24 December and they will restart on Monday 10 January 2022. Residents can check their waste, recycling and garden waste collection online at wiltshire.gov.uk/WasteCollectionDays

Household recycling centre (HRC) opening times and dates will change over the Christmas and New Year period and residents are advised to check online before visiting an HRC at wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres

HRCs that normally open on Fridays will be open on Christmas Eve, 24 December from 10am but will close at 1pm. All HRCs will be closed on Saturday 25, Sunday 26 December and Saturday 1 January 2022. Other than on these dates, the centres will open as normal on their specified opening days.

CHURCH NEWS

Pastoral letter December 2021

In 2020, many of us experienced a Christmas when so many of the ways we traditionally mark the season were suddenly denied to us.

This year, of course, we hope and pray that many of the familiar experiences that help Christmas come alive will return to our homes, our churches and communities. But whatever else December brings, it will offer us an opportunity to enter more deeply into the joyful mystery that lies at its heart: God becoming human in the birth of Jesus Christ.

The last few years have shown us that life is messy, sometimes overwhelmingly so! Our lives don't often end up neatly packaged and orderly. We have an idea of what a perfect day and the perfect Christmas looks like and strive toward it, but we

never reach it because perfection is not reality. I have discovered that part of living in contentment is understanding that our lives are messy, challenging, busy, and sometimes chaotic and not as we planned. The reason our lives are messy is that we are messy and sometimes hurting or broken. Our hearts and desires are often messy and at times pull us away from the peace that God desires for us and the freedom in which He wants us to walk.

At Christmas we celebrate God coming to earth and entering our world through the incarnation of a tiny baby. That baby grew up and we discover over and over in the Bible, that Jesus moved toward people's mess and miraculously helped them.

Whether it was a blind man beside the road, a woman caught in adultery, or a lame man lying beside a pool, Jesus stepped into their situation and showed them that His love was more powerful than their mess. God didn't love us from a distance. God stepped into our messy world to save us and set us free. Jesus is not afraid of our mess. He wants to be in it with us and help us in the midst of whatever we are facing. Love is messy. Jesus wants us to follow His example and run toward others' mess. We live in a world where people naturally run away from other people's junk. People are dealing with pain, hurt, and difficulty all around us. Life gets overwhelming and struggles can weigh us down. We are not called to love from a distance. We are called, like Jesus, to be willing to step into the mess with others who are hurting and help those who are tired and wounded. We are called to be in it with them and point them to God. What is the mess in your life that feels overwhelming to you? What is it in your life that is weighing you down? Who around you is hurting and needs you to step into the mess with them?

At the heart of Christmas is a loving God who wants to show us that He is who the Bible says He is. God didn't just step into the mess 2,000 years ago. He is ready and able to step into what we are dealing with right now. And as we love others the way God loves us, we get to see God come through and do what only He can do.

In our services this year we want to celebrate what is at the heart of Christmas which is an invitation to everyone to discover – or rediscover – the good news of God's saving love as revealed in the birth of Jesus. It is also a challenge to each of us to ponder in our hearts – as Mary did – what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean for us now and in the years ahead. Our church families from across the Wellsprings benefice look forward to sharing and celebrating the good news of Christmas with you. For details of all our services and other activities see the Wellsprings Benefice website <https://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk/> .

And if church, in its traditional sense, isn't for you then why not give our new gathering, called Quest, a try? Quest is a fully inclusive place to faithfully and safely explore life's questions, find friendship, peace and meaning. We will start meeting every Saturday from 8th January, in the late afternoon, at Poulshot Village

Hall. Keep an eye out nearer the time for details and timings on our Facebook and Instagram pages as well as our website <https://quest4faith.org/>



Wishing you a very happy Christmas and that you will know God's love, peace and presence in your life. With love and prayers,

Ali (Rev'd Ali Bridewell)

CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2021

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

Sunday 5th (Advent 2)

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Worton
10am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
10am	Holy Communion	Seend

Sunday 12th (Advent 3)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10am	Morning Praise	Worton
10am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
6pm	Carols by Candlelight	Marston Chapel

Friday 17th

3:30pm	Messy Church Crib Service	Potterne
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Sunday 19th (Advent 4)

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
6pm	Carol Service	Potterne
6pm	Friends of Bulkington Carol Service	Bulkington

Thursday 23rd

7pm	Carol Service	Seend
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Christmas Eve

2pm	Blessing of Crib Service	Bulkington
6pm	Carol Service	Poulshot
6pm	Carol Service	Worton
11:30pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Potterne
11:30pm	Midnight Holy Communion	Seend

Christmas Day

10am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
10am	Holy Communion	Potterne
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
10am	Holy Communion	Seend
10am	Morning Praise/Holy Communion	Worton



Sunday 26th (Christmas 1)

NO SERVICES

SERVICES IN JANUARY

Sunday 2nd (Christmas 2/Epiphany)

10am Benefice Epiphany Holy Communion Seend

Sunday 9th (Baptism of Christ/Epiphany 1)

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Seend

10am Morning Praise Bulkington

10am Holy Communion Potterne

10am Holy Communion (BCP) Poulshot

10am Morning Praise Worton

Sunday 16th (Epiphany 2)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Worton

10am Holy Communion Bulkington

10am Morning Praise Potterne

10am Holy Matins (BCP) Poulshot

4pm Evening Prayer Seend

Sunday 23rd (Epiphany 3)

10am Holy Communion Potterne

10am Holy Communion Seend

10am Morning Praise Worton

4pm Evening Service Bulkington

4pm Evening Prayer/Evensong (BCP) Poulshot

Sunday 30th (Epiphany 4)

4pm Benefice Service (including licensing of LWLs) Seend

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

You are also welcome to join us at our new informal gathering called Quest, starting on Saturday 8th January, and then every Saturday, at 5.30pm at Poulshot Village Hall.

For details of our recorded services please visit our website (details below).

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

*** Because of recent high numbers of Covid cases locally, we are currently asking you to remain seated and wear a mask in church, including whilst singing. Socially distanced seating is available for anyone who feels vulnerable. If you feel unwell or have tested positive, please stay at home.

We hope to reduce these restrictions in the near future. Please keep checking our website for the latest information.

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Billy Breach on 21st November at Christ Church, Bulkington.

No weddings or funerals this month.

BULKINGTON NEWS

BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH

The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch takes place on Wednesday, 1st December 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.

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Mondays 6th December and 3rd January 2022 11.05-11.30 am

It is good to see that people are supporting it.



THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 6th December at 46A Bulkington. Please contact Phyll Yarde on 828116.

New people always welcome.

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

The January meeting will be on Monday January 10th.

Please check nearer the time for the venue.

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

On Thursday 16th December we are having a Christmas lunch at The Barge in Seend Cleeve. If you haven't already done so, please give your menu choice to me asap.

Our January meeting will be on Thursday 27th at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. We will be entertained by Music and Mirth who will be singing "Songs from the shows". There will be the usual refreshments and raffle.

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas.



Liz Futter 828485 Karen Lock 828328

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



Seend RBL held their AGM and committee meeting on 21 October in the Community Centre. Chairman, Robin Heatley, said he would remain in post for one more year. All other officers and committee members remain.

Poppy Collection - Unlike last year, a team of poppy sellers toured the Parish. Grateful thanks to all the collectors and those who generously donated and also to Kevin Toft, our Poppy Appeal Organiser and Secretary, for co-ordinating it all.

Armistice Day – 11 November – On a lovely sunny morning, representatives of the RBL and other villagers gathered at the war memorial to observe the two minutes' silence.

Festival of Remembrance – 13 November – Kevin Toft, Seend and Wiltshire County Standard Bearer, paraded at the Royal Albert Hall and branch committees members, Dave Beaumont and Steve Lloyd, were in attendance.

Remembrance Sunday – 14 November – The Act of Remembrance was observed by a large contingent of the RBL marching to the church pausing at the war memorial to lay wreaths. RAF, Seend Parish Council, WI, Seend school and Melksham Scouts and Cubs also laid wreaths. This was followed by the annual service in the church where the names of those who have given their lives in both World Wars and subsequent actions were read out, followed by a two minute's silence. The service was taken by the Reverend Adrian Burholt.

Rededication of Seend War Memorial - 2 December - Seend RBL are delighted to announce that HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, War Memorials Trust Patron, will be attending a short ceremony for the Rededication of the Seend War Memorial in its 100th anniversary year. The Lord-Lieutenant along with Wiltshire civic dignitaries will also be in attendance. HRH will be arriving at 1050 and will meet members of the Wiltshire and Seend RBL as well as some relatives of those named on the war memorial and also representatives from the village. After a short ceremony in the church, HRH will lay a bouquet at the war memorial along with the Lord-Lieutenant, Mrs Sarah Troughton, and Robin Heatley, Chair Seend RBL who will be laying wreaths. The ceremony will end with the National Anthem. Attendance in the church will be by invitation only (due to security) but children from Seend School and Seend Playgroup have been invited to wave their flags in Church Lane on her departure to Devizes at around 1130. Police cones will be in place in Church Lane early that morning as parking there will be reserved for civic guests only.

Date Next Meeting - Thurs 20th Jan, 7.30pm, Kennet Room, Community Centre.

Anita Heatley, Public Relations

SEEND 100+ CLUB

November Results

1	No. 151	F Teasdale	£50
2	No. 191	R Collinson	£25
3	No. 34	M Burden	£25
4	No. 37	B Tilbury	£15
5	No. 17	D Park	£15



Many thanks to members of the Table Tennis Club who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

The festive season gets underway at the Centre with wine tasting, coffee morning, a festive lunch, Bingo and other events in the Bar – see in the Events section!

And yes, it'll soon be time for **2022 Membership Sign-up!** Full Membership is £12.50, Senior Membership £11.00, both with **£1 early bird discount available throughout January**. Online subscriptions will be available via our website and of course also available at the Bar. We hope you have appreciated the “free subscription” during 2021 and will show your continuing support for the Centre in 2022. And please see enclosed voucher.

A big thanks to our Members for supporting us during a difficult year.

Season's Greetings and very best wishes for a Happy New Year to you all!

www.seendcommunitycentre.com

seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com



SEEND WI

For our November meeting, our guest speaker Lt. Colonel Tim Jallard gave a talk on “Looking after Salisbury Plain” which has been used for army defense training for 130 years. Delivering training is complex as the army also has stewardship of the 35,000 acres of chalk grassland. This is home to some rare birds, flora and fauna, managed with the co-operation of local farmers. The army is also mindful of the 2,500 archaeological sites in the area. Salisbury Plain has been used for various films and we were given a fascinating insight into the making of “1917”. It was a very interesting and informative talk and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

At our 8th December meeting, under the tutelage of our own Anne Ewing, members can make a sugar craft robin before enjoying some festive treats!

The January meeting on 12th January will continue in the craft theme with the making of silk screen printed cards led by guest speaker Nicola Davis.

If you are not 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.

All regular 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 WI CRAFT AND CHATTER

There will not be a Craft meeting in December. The next meeting will be on 19th January 2022. Bring your own craft work (e.g. sewing, knitting etc) or just pop in for a cup of tea, cake and a chat. It is open to everyone, membership of the WI is not a condition to come along. There will be a small nominal charge.

Joyce Harvey



SEEND THEATRE CLUB

The next important event in the Theatre Club's calendar is the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Pavilion on Thursday 3rd February at 7.30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Gill Morrell of Shakespeare Live who will give an entertaining dramatisation of "The Seven Ages of Man".

The winter/spring programme continues with two matinee trips to the Playhouse Theatre in Salisbury. The first of these is to enjoy "A Grand Night for Singing" on 10th February. This is a musical revue with a new story line around well known Rodgers and Hammerstein songs. The second is a month later on 10th March for the Agatha Christie classic "A Murder is Announced".

In April we have a trip to the Bristol Hippodrome to see the musical "Chicago". This has been well supported and is now fully booked. As far as the future programme is concerned we are awaiting more information from the theatres in our area and further trips will be arranged as soon as details are available.

The Committee has been considering ways to make it easier for members to book events and pay annual subscriptions (set at £5 per member for 2022). Consequently we are trialling payments by bank transfer for those who use electronic banking as well as continuing with cheques for those who prefer our traditional system.

Members will receive full instructions on the procedure to follow.

The Annual General Meeting will be an excellent opportunity for members to get together and hear about our plans for the future. We always welcome new members and if you would be interested in finding out more please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or Marion (01380 828612).

Ken Harvey



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Our November walk was well attended with 17 members starting from the car park at Castle Combe. Reg & Wendy led the group on a 5 mile circular walk through the golf course and followed the river to Longdean, from here they followed footpaths and tracks back to the car park via the village. A lovely walk on a dry autumn day.

Walk on **December 12th** will be led by Penny and Ron and will leave from the National Trust car park at Avebury at 10am for a 4.5 mile circular walk. This will be followed by the traditional mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday December 18th will be the skittles evening in Seend Community Centre at 8pm. There will be an American supper and an optional lucky dip where members are asked to bring a gift to the value of £5.

Future dates: January 16th 2022 – leaders Jo & Colin
February 13th 2022 – leaders Anita & Pete
March will be the AGM, date to follow.

As this is the last Spotlight of 2021, we would like to wish all readers of the Spotlight a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that 2022 will see us getting back to normality and invite you to join us for a ramble in our beautiful countryside.

Take care everyone.

Sandy

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS

Don't worry if you hear piggy noises coming from the Community Centre on Sunday evenings. It's just our panto rehearsals getting a bit lively. Tickets for **'Little Red Riding Hood' on 24th-26th February next** will be on sale in late January. **We are pleased to announce that there will be a guest appearance by 'The Singing Herdsman' aka Chris Waylen.** Pigs and a herdsman – what more can you want from a rural village panto?

If you are a potential scenery painter or shifter, props maker or box-office organiser please contact either Anita on 828757 or Tessa on 828617. Thanks.



SEEND PLAYGROUP

We enjoyed some walks around the village looking at all the leaves changing colour. On Thursday 11th November we marbled painted poppies and took them with us in the afternoon and had photos by the war memorial in the churchyard. On 19th November we will be decorating biscuits to sell to parents to raise money for Children in Need. Also the children can wear fancy dress and bring in a pound.

In December we will be recording our nativity rehearsals and having the recordings put on memory sticks for the parents to buy. On 10th December we will be welcoming back parents to watch the nativity and a coffee morning afterwards. We will finish this term with a party on 17th December and hopefully have Father Christmas come along to give the children presents. Term 3 starts on Tuesday 4th January. We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Rose Dick (Playleader), 01380 828003

SEEND SCHOOL

What a great start to this term we have had!

Harvest: A huge thank you to you all for your generous Harvest donations for the Food Bank which were gratefully received and put to very good use. A certificate of thanks from the Food Bank is on display in the main reception area.



Remembrance: We had a special remembrance Worship and laid the Seend School wreath at the church on Sunday 14th November.

Children in Need fundraising: The children in school are looking forward to raising money for this fantastic cause on Friday 19th November-the theme for the day will be spotty or yellow clothes and we will look forward to seeing some great outfits and raising money in the process!

There will be lots happening in the school in the run up to Christmas so please check the school website for updates <https://seend.wilts.sch.uk/>

Catherine Iles, Pupil Services Officer

(See photos of some of the above activities in our online colour supplement.)

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

26th October Parish Council Meeting

Gigaclear – An interesting slide presentation was given by Mr Andrew Kerby, Community Engagement Manager (SW) for Gigaclear Ltd. This is the company that is installing fibre broadband cabling in the Parish. Avonline contractors have been employed by Gigaclear to carry out the cable installation work, but Gigaclear do oversee the work and Wiltshire Council highways inspectors do check and sign off the reinstatement of the pavements and roads. The Clerk is hoping to get a copy of the map of where the installation works are being carried out in the Parish and a rough schedule of the works. This will be put on the PC website. It is hoped that all the cabling work in the Parish will be completed by the Summer 2022.

Attendance – 7 Councillors and two Councillor apologies.

Local Councillors Matters - Councillor Reay reported that Wiltshire Council had just approved funding of £275,000 for their electrical vehicle charging initiative in an effort to bolster EV charging points in Wiltshire up to 2024. It was proposed that the council empowers, city, town and parish councils through a grant scheme to build on-street EVCPs on council owned land. Up to £2,500 per site with a total funding of £70,000. The council would then operate and maintain those EVCPs and will actively seek opportunities for home to street charging. As a parish council, Seend may want to consider installing a charging point, although she said that as the majority of residents had driveways where they charge their vehicles from their houses, it may not be regarded as a priority for the Parish Council. School Travel Plan – Councillor Reay said that she had emailed Seend School to find out whether they had a travel plan, but had not yet had a response.

Minutes & Matters Arising - School Access – The Chairman reported he and 3 other Councillors had had a meeting with the headteacher, White Horse Federation Estates Manager and a parishioner. They were reluctant to agree to re-open the access through the school as insurance and health & safety concerns were cited as reasons to keep the route closed. The Estates Manager said he would look into the possibility of creating a route around the edge of the school field with it being fenced off from the school. However, the Chairman thought that this was likely to be very costly. There was a discussion about the possibility of getting the bridleway known as Bradley Lane upgraded so that it could be an alternative route, but it was agreed to wait until the Estates Manager came back to the PC before investigating this. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – the Clerk said that the Chairman of the Community Centre would be happy for the Beacon to be erected in the grounds of the Community Centre. The Community Centre had not yet thought of doing anything to mark the event, but thought it would be good to talk to the Lye Field, Church, WI and PC to see if a joint celebratory event could be arranged. It was suggested that the Clerk put a piece in Spotlight asking parishioners what type of celebrations they might want.

Police Matters – Incidents in the Parish

17th Oct - 2 x break-ins in Pelch Lane.

17th Oct - 1 x break-in in Perrys Lane.

18th Oct - 4 x break-ins in Bollands Hill.

House to house enquiries were carried out with no identifiable information.

21st Oct, around 7pm – accident at the top of Bell Hill. No injuries.

Highways - Updates – The Clerk said that there was still no date for the two **metro counts**, or when the work will begin on the crossing point between Inmarsh Lane and Spout Lane. CLT request to extend the **30mph limit in Seend Cleeve** to include the new housing development. The Clerk said that the residents of New

Buildings and Little Mitchells Farm had been sent a letter asking if they wanted to be included in the extension. Only three residents responded, all stating that they did not want New Buildings to be included. The Councillors then discussed where the 30mph should be extended to and it was agreed that the Barge bridge would be a good stopping point. It was also agreed that in order to get the Highway Improvement Request into CATG for the meeting on 9th November, that the two issues of extending the 30mph speed limit and canvassing Seend Cleeve residents on their views of reducing the speed limit to 20mph should be separated, and to wait to see the outcome. This resolution was agreed by all Councillors.

Rusty Lane – Councillor Reay said that she had spoken with the Head of Countryside Management and a meeting was to be arranged with all parties. The Clerk said that she had also been contacted, and was sorting a date for a site meeting. The Clerk said that there had been no response from the landowner regarding the ditches.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mrs A’Bear said that she and the Clerk had prepared an assessment form in excel format that Councillors could refer to when considering individual planning applications and whether they met the criteria in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Councillors had been circulated with a copy of this individual assessment sheet. The Clerk had also produced assessment sheet to record all planning applications and whether they met the NP planning criteria, and to also record whether Wiltshire Council’s planning team mentioned the NP in their Officers report.

Planning –

Application Ref: PL/2021/07830 - The Hatch, High Street Seend SN12 6NW

Proposal: Works to make stable dry and usable as a storage area, including cladding the walls with insulation, placing of battens over the cobblestones on floor with wooden floor over, repairs to window and repair (or where necessary replace) any rotten/damaged boards in attic floor.

PC Comment – Object (reasons for objection can be read in the full version of the minutes on the PC website)

Application Ref: PL/2021/08918 - Spout Lane, Seend SN12 6PF

Proposal: self-build sustainable construction of 1.5-storey, 2-bedroom dwelling with off-road parking and garden space.

PC Comment – Approve.

Application Ref: PL/2021/09705 10 Dial Close, Seend

Proposal: 1 x Silver Birch tree - fell 1 x Silver Birch tree - reduce by 4m 2 x dead trees – remove.

PC Comment – Approve

Application Ref: PL/2021/09387 - 51 Sells Green

Proposal: Proposed car port.

PC Comment – Approve.

Application Ref: PL/2021/09542 - The Close, Seend Manor, High Street, Seend

Proposal: Various tree works.

PC Comment – Approve

Application Ref: PL/2021/07552 and PL/2021/07000 - The Lamb on the Strand

Proposals: Demolition of existing outside dining facilities and play equipment and construction of new Alfresco dining areas, kitchen and pizza oven with servery/bar and entertainment stage. A new access corridor to bar areas of the Inn.

PC Comment – Whilst outside of Seend Parish, the impact of some of the plans would affect some parts of the parish. The PC agreed to send in a letter of objection.

Finance –

Cheques for Payment – Total of 12 cheques approved. These included the annual donations to the Seend Church, Seend Link, Seend Community Bus, Age UK, Citizens's Advice Bureau and BRAG.

Bank Reconciliation to end of Sept 2021 - £37,778.57 (this includes the 2nd instalment of the Precept payment.)

Date of next meetings – 30th November and 25th January 2022 (no meeting in December).

NEWS FROM TAMARA REAY

Could you be a Foster Carer?

You may have seen that a new campaign has launched to find foster homes for 23 children and young people who live in the Devizes area. Wiltshire Council began targeting local areas this summer starting with Trowbridge. It's now hoping the campaign for the Devizes area will help local people who are thinking about fostering to take the next step by finding out more.

Foster carers do an amazing job however the council needs more people to step forward and take up this vital role. In return you will be provided with support and training and the right payments so that it can be a vocation. If you have a spare room and want to help local children stay in the Devizes area, please visit www.fosteringwiltshire.uk or email fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk

Calling Young People Who Want to Make a Difference

Young people may be interested to know that The Wiltshire Youth Council will start in 2022, with representatives from secondary schools elected to speak out on issues that are important to them. Elections will take place at the end of January and interested young people should ask for more information at their school.

Wiltshire Youth Councillors will have the power to:

- Meet up with Wiltshire Council leaders and have their say on local decisions;
- Work with area boards to ensure funding for youth projects has the right impact;
- Inspect services to ensure they represent young people's best interests;
- Communicate with their peers so young people's views are properly represented;
- Become a shadow youth cabinet member for a particular area of interest.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone across Devizes Rural West, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am very much hoping that 2022 will see further normality return, whilst some of the benefits of the pandemic such as flexible/hybrid working, and using Zoom to help keep in touch with family and friends, become permanent features in our lives.

As your Wiltshire Councillor, my 2022 to-do list includes resolving the continuing flooding issues in Potterne, championing speeding and road safety issues in a number of communities, and working with Sustainable Devizes to implement plans to mitigate climate change. I am also hopeful that we will receive positive news from the Department for Transport in relation to Devizes Gateway Station.

Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

Tel: 07711 824864 Email: tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk



SEEND SPORTING and DRAMATIC NEWS

FOOTBALL: Inevitably, and full of congratulations, we have to start with the Seend United Football team under the guidance of their player-manager and coach Jake Sainsbury. In

the local Trowbridge and District league the team remain unbeaten at the top of division 2. Their only loss this season was in the first week of November in the cup against Heytesbury who play in a higher division. The final score was 2-4 despite Seend dominating the second half, having a hat full of opportunities when the ball just would not hit the net. The number of spectators was very encouraging. At the moment watching the village team is the best free entertainment for miles around.

The league stats are : played 14. Won 14. Goals for 83 : Goals against 7. Top scorers; DJ Wheeler 30. Matt Purdy, Mark Reynolds and Tom Rooney all on 11.

There are 3 matches to go in the league, including home fixtures on the 20th and 27th November when, hopefully, the league trophy will already be in the cupboard, so come and support your village team. In the new year the team will be playing in 3 further cup competitions. **STOP PRESS:** League now won! Well done all!

ATHLETICS: Whilst many in the village still go out for their daily or weekly jog, no doubt with eyes on Tabitha Stockham's Christmas raffle which usually comes with a compulsory "fun" run, Owen Lythel, the fastest thing on two legs in the

village, is now running for the Avon Valley club in the Gwent cross country league with his next race, a Brecon 10K, in the second part of November. Owen normally runs 10k in under 37 minutes so he should do well in that raffle.

TENNIS: Seend have a mixed doubles team in the Chippenham and District winter league and have performed well so far. The next match will be at home at 11am on 21st November when we are fielding Harry Waylen with Scout Johnstone plus Louis Ball and Lottie Churchill. That is followed by an away matches at Chippenham and Devizes in December. Do come and watch and support your village team. Any aspiring match players are most welcome to come and meet the team and it also gives a chance to see what the league standard is. Winter league matches are only once a fortnight but are keeping the team on its toes ready for the main season that starts in April next. **STOP PRESS:** 8-0 victory on 21/11/21.

CYCLING: Seend's own cycling group, the Pork Pie Club, known to all, Ric tells me, as The Porkies, continue with their regular outings to their favourite haunt in Eddington, the farm shop next door to the gastro-pub there. Naturally if the Seend Shuttle is already booked then, as a last resort, they saddle up.

RUGBY: Congratulations to Rees Lythel who has been selected for Bath Rugby's DPP.

DRAMATIC: Seend's sought after film extra Henry Stafford-Charles, managed and voice coached by his mother, is presently filming on location with Apple TV playing an American POW airman directed by the man who brought us ET. Which reminds me Henry, if you get Spotlight behind the wire your mother said would you please phone home when you get a moment. We all look forward to seeing Henry on the big screen as soon as the cinemas open up again.

My recommendations, both on BBC iPlayer, are 'Good Trouble' and 'The Outlaws', the former set in LA and the latter in Bristol, plus of course Henry in episode 2 of "Pursuit Of Love"

SHORT MAT BOWLS: Colin tells me that the good news is that all the boys have now had their booster jabs but the not so good news is that it has had little impact on their performances on the green carpet, or should I say rug, it's just so easy to go wrong nowadays. Anyhow there are few results to report as Colin leads the team out on November 12th for their first winter league match. Good luck boys...the Community Centre bar needs your support.

All news for the first edition of Spotlight in the new year by 13th January please by which date the evenings will be getting lighter. We have postponed "dog bite of the month" until Spotlight's next outing as the editor is not sure if that counts as a field sport.

Frankie Goddard. 07854 660582.

NATURE NOTES

COP26 (Conference Of Parties)

Action not words! All of us can contribute to helping to save our planet – here are a few reminders of what has been said. The paraphrasing is as accurate as possible:

The UN stated that we are digging our own graves.

As individuals we must all try to make a difference.

Stop treating nature like a lavatory and a vast rubbish dump.

We can all help to reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere.

Start small, aim big, increase positive activity step by step.

We know what needs to be done so let's get on with it and try not to feel hopeless about the future.

Plant more trees and hedges to soak up the carbon. They are the lungs of the earth – there are an increasing number of organisations which can help. There is no more time to sit on our hands as the cost of inaction will bring the one minute to midnight scenario to the nightmare of catastrophe.

As HM The Queen reminded us, changes to the way in which we treat the planet are vitally necessary for the sake of our children and their children's children.

The World is in our hands!

Re Spotlight November issue, page 19.

It was sickening to read of the putting to death of a hedgehog in the Lye Field Play Area for Children. It was deliberately stamped upon. This is one of the worst reports of animal cruelty that some readers had ever heard of. Should anyone know about this incident, and the perpetrators of it, it would be their civic duty to contact the Police and the RSPCA.

Hedgerow Wildlife Decline

The hedgerow network is our largest nature reserve. 130 species of our living wildlife are associated with hedgerows including Hedgehog, Hazel Dormouse, Brown Hairstreak Butterfly and many bird species. Planting more hedgerows will help the climate too, as a significant amount of carbon sequestration is attributable to hedgerows according to the ORE (Organic Research Centre). This is the time of year to bulk up your existing hedges and plant new ones. If you've put up a fence recently, plant a suitable hedge alongside it with suitable species to help garden birds, and bats too.

Where have all the birds gone? Currently there appears to be a crash in some populations of our iconic birds, e.g. Blackbirds and robins are not singing to guard their territories as they normally do in autumn. Why? Probably because there aren't sufficient birds for territories, so they don't have to - due to lack of competition.

Should others have alternative explanations, please let us know through the village magazine etc.

Look out now for wintering migrants, such as Redwings and Fieldfares from Scandinavia. Leave windfall apples on the ground for them and even put out ageing fruit from your fruit bowl.

Otis Tardis

BITS AND BOBS

MELKSHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY



*Tuesday 7th December at 2p.m.
in Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS
Flower Arranging demonstration -
"Christmas with a Difference" with Carole Stables
Guests welcome: £5 to include refreshments*

WILTSHIRE NATIONAL GARDEN SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone who enjoyed our gardens this year . We have raised so far in Wiltshire over £92,000, with still more funds coming in. Looking ahead:

Pre-Order the Garden Visitor's Handbook 2022 - National Garden Scheme (ngs.org.uk) and you can order our Christmas products at www.ngs.org.uk/shop
Watch out on the web site for **autumn/winter programme of online talks**.
It is easy to sign up to the **newsletter** on our web site for all things to do with the scheme.



THE WILTSHIRE GUILD OF SPINNERS, WEAVERS AND DYERS CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

on Friday, 3rd and Saturday 4th December 2021, 10.30am - 4.00pm
at St Mary's School Buildings, High Street, Steeple Ashton, BA14
6LY
(behind the Village shop).

All items are handcrafted by our members, perfect for that special gift!

LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

The choir meets at 8pm every Thursday at Market Lavington Community Hall.
New members are welcome to turn up and try us out at no charge. No previous experience is necessary, just a love of singing. www.lavingtoncommunitychoir.org



CHRISTMAS MUSIC EVENTS

CALNE CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

(Conductor Philip Springate)

*This is a **FREE** community concert with all the traditional and seasonal favourites. Everyone is welcome. There will be a retiring cash collection in aid of the Calne Food Bank and other local charities.*

Saturday 18 December 2021 at 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Calne.

MELKSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are so pleased to be back and singing. Do please support us on the 11th of December in the United Reform Church in Melksham at 7.30pm. We'll be performing Rutter's Te Deum, Ola Gjeilo's Ubi Caritas and part one of Handel's Messiah along with some Christmas carols. Tickets are £12.50 on the door.

WHITE HORSE OPERA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St John's Church Devizes on Saturday 18th December at 7.30pm.

The first half will be a performance of Faure's Requiem in memory of those we have lost during the pandemic. Following a break with mulled wine and mince pies we will continue with beautiful Christmas music and traditional sing-along Carols.

Tickets are £10 from Devizes Books and online at:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

Covid precautions will be in place



RETURN OF THE ADVENT CONCERT!

Saturday 4th December at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church.

The choir of Keble College Oxford, with Paul Brough conducting a memorable evening of Advent and Christmas music.

Demand means you need to book as soon as possible. Tickets remain at £20/15/10, with 18 and under free, and Edington Angels have their usual 10% discount. The North and South Aisle seats (£10), will be unreserved and audience members may sit where they like within these areas; all other areas will be reserved and seats allocated. Anyone wishing for socially distanced seating should please let Chrissy know as soon as possible on 01380 831256 or Sue at sue@edingtonarts.org when you book your tickets. We hope to offer mulled wine and mince pies during the interval. Let the festivities begin!

The Marchioness of Lansdowne invites you to the
The Festive Food & Gift Fair 2021 in aid of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

At Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort, Calne, Wiltshire

Wednesday 1st December 4pm-8pm

Tickets £15 to include wine and canapes, in advance

Thursday 2nd December 10am-4pm

Tickets £5, in advance or on the door

For further information and advance tickets please visit:

www.bowood.org/bowood-hotel-resort and click on 'What's On'



THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTH WILTSHIRE

Lectures have resumed in the Assembly Hall in Melksham!

December 1st: The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy: Ballet in Imperial St.
Petersburg

January 12th: Beauty in Truth: Present and Future Botanical Art and Illustration

February 2nd: The Great Velazquez At Court in Madrid

For the time being, whenever possible, lectures are simultaneously transmitted via zoom. Members receive a link via email. Lectures start at 11am but members can arrive earlier to chat and have a free cup of tea or coffee (providing they bring their own mugs). New members are always welcome. Visit our web site for more details: tasnorthwilts.org.uk

Our Society continues to support local schools in art-based projects. If you have a project in mind and need additional funding, contact Karen Hellewell 01225 867726.

CHRISTMAS TREES £25 ANY SIZE

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Open the first three weekends in December 10.30 am - 4pm



HOUSE WANTED

£500,000 is burning a hole in my back pocket, waiting for a detached house in the Devizes area (including surrounding villages). It will have 3+ bedrooms and a downstairs office and will not be beside a busy road, on an estate, in a close or too near other properties. It will have room for parking 3 cars and a caravan, and ideally will have its nose within walking distance of a shop and its back side overlooking a field. A wood-burning stove or provision for one is essential. Something which needs a BIT of work doing on it will be considered. If you have a suitable candidate and would like a quick move, please contact Jonathan at houses@dentron.co.uk (not a company).



And nearly finally..... (*Unashamedly stolen from the 'I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue Appreciation Society' facebook page*):

‘Sad news. The person who invented inflatable footwear has popped their clogs.’

Don't forget to look at our online colour supplement, which this month includes Seend School activities, Seend's most famous cat, junior football, a bit of autumn colour and Twenties Night.

www.seend.org.uk/spotlight.shtml

STOP PRESS - SEEND CLT NEWS

The latest information the CLT has concerning the Park Farm affordable housing project is that the on-site start date has moved to the first quarter of 2022. This is due to economic factors affecting materials and labour markets in the construction industry. Meanwhile, Seend Parish Council has already applied for the required speed limit change and early indications from the Community Area Transport Group are that they will support an extension to the 30mph speed limit to include the development, but only once the houses have been built.

Steve Vaux, Seend CLT

**Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!**

from the Spotlight team

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

Church: Revd Ali Bridewell. 01380 739064. Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07938 270815. PCC Secretary: Anne Ewing, 828557. Churchwardens: Seend: Len Murray, 828513; Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mike Rose 01249 248516; LPAs: Liz Futter 828485, Rosie Forsey 828843, Len Murray 828513, Sue Noad 870343, Sue Rose 01249 248516, Hilary Hutchings 828129, Tina Yockney 827139. Bell Tower Captain: L Murray 828513.

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

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

Seend Community Centre – To contact please e-mail seendcommunitycentre@gmail.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 – Tamara Reay 07711824864 tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

Seend School – 828334

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

DevizesArea Board – 01225 718352 Support Officer: tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk

Police: PCSO 6039 Janet GOULD - Mobile 07471029772 –

janet.gould@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

MP: Danny Kruger -email:danny.kruger.mp@parliament.UK Devizes Office 01380 711425

100+Club Draw – Alison Bottomley -

avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk

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

Cricket Club – Brian Hunt 828581

Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe

828617 & Seend Village Pantomime on fb

Fete – see Lye Field

Flower Show – Julia White 01380 827082

Football – Jake Sainsbury

FoSS - Nick Collinge-Cubberley,

friendsofseendschool@gmail.com

Historic Houses Club - Mary Warren

01225707357 or Neil Yockney 827139

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field– www.seendlyefield.org

Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Hunt

(Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells

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828946

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Tennis Club – Sarah Pearson - 07980

744420

Theatre Club – Ken Harvey 828511;

Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA/Day Schools – Tessa Doe 828617

Wheelchairs to borrow - Sue and Graham

Jones in Seend Cleeve, tel: 01380 828354

WI - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Joyce

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