

# SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

FEBRUARY 2021

## **DIARY DATES FOR LATE JANUARY**

- 26<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
28<sup>th</sup> Start of Prayer Course  
29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Great British Bird Watch

## **DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2021**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day (Chef Eric Lépine's special Valentine's Day menu for collection from Pavilion, Seend or Village Hall, Keevil. Order by 10<sup>th</sup> February. Email [ericlepine@silkwise.co.uk](mailto:ericlepine@silkwise.co.uk))  
20<sup>th</sup> Deadline for objections to the repainting and re-gilding of Seend Church's clock face. To enquire about undertaking the work contact Len Murray or Anne Ewing. See Stop Press in Bits and Bobs at the end of the magazine.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Feb-2<sup>nd</sup> March Fair Trade Fortnight  
23<sup>rd</sup> Parish Council Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> Jo McManus's sponsored run for Avon Needs Trees

N.B. Mobile library is not operating during lockdown.

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Visit [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk), [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk) and the Spotlight, Seend Community Centre and Seend Village Group **facebook** pages.

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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 February 2021 Spotlight**



For many years the subject of the front cover illustration for February Spotlight has been Seend Fawltly Players' village panto. This is the first year since 1980 that there has been no panto – oh yes it is! We hope it can return next February. The only other important date we can find for this month is Valentine's Day so we've gone for that instead. If there's no valentine around, just give yourself a big hug and tell yourself how wonderful you are. Because you're worth it.

If things have gone as planned, by now the majority of those deemed most vulnerable to Covid will have had their first vaccination. We still need to be cautious as those vaccinated may still be able to contract and pass on the virus to others, but maybe the gloom of the past 12 months is on its gradual way out at last. Fingers crossed.

We are all grateful not only to the medical staff, but also to all those other frontline workers – teachers, carers, farmers, shop staff, police, community workers, refuse collectors, postal workers, public transport and delivery drivers and many more who have kept daily life going. We would also like to thank the printing and delivering volunteers for getting this edition of Spotlight out to you all in difficult times.

You will find in this magazine a list of local businesses that offer delivery or collection services for those who are unable or unwilling to go out shopping, compiled by Ele Braney. Thanks Ele.

Don't forget to have a look at our online colour supplement on [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk) – this month featuring seasonal photos of our villages and pictures from Avon Needs Trees relating to the planned community woodland, orchard and ponds above the canal. And please support Jo McManus' sponsored run in aid of this project!

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### **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:

- \* Rent Payment
- \* Food
- \* Household fuel
- \* Electrical appliances
- \* School and work clothes
- \* School Trips
- \* Medical Equipment
- \* Vet bills
- \* Musical instruments
- \* Training
- \* 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](mailto: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.

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## **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.)*

### **SUPPORT AVON NEEDS TREES BY SPONSORING LOCAL RESIDENT JO – RUNNING 10K AROUND LOCAL VILLAGES, DRESSED AS A TREE!**

Thanks to everyone who has supported Avon Needs Trees by donating and by buying gift cards. The charity is well on its way to buying the 19 acres between Bollands Hill and Rusty Lane – but Covid is making all fundraising extremely difficult. In order to buy the land in spring, more help is needed. If you would like to see this land turned into community woodland, orchard, meadow and ponds – contributing significantly to carbon lock-up, improved biodiversity, natural flood management and community green space – then please do donate or get in touch. We hope that this land will become a valuable resource for everyone living in Seend.

**A fun way to support us is to sponsor Seend resident, Jo McManus. She will be running 10k around the local villages on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February dressed as a tree to help us raise the funds we need. Several villagers have offered to help her create her costume which will apparently have native wildlife in the branches so it promises to be spectacular! You can find out more and sponsor her via her JustGiving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/seendtrees>**

You can still order gift cards through the ANT website - we send a card to the person of your choice, indicating how many square metres of land you've helped buy – each square metre is £2.50. The cards show some lovely scenes of the land we are buying. We are also selling beautifully illustrated booklets, designed for children, giving a brief history of the ancient Forest of Pewsham. These can be sent to the person of your choice by emailing [contact@avonneedstrees.org.uk](mailto:contact@avonneedstrees.org.uk) and a donation of £5.

Many thanks. If you'd like to see us planting next winter, please do support us now.

Nikki Jones, Chair, Avon Needs Trees.

*(See online colour supplement for photos connected to this article.)*

### **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.

### **Covid Vaccination Transport**

Please do remember that if you need help getting to your vaccination appointment the Link Scheme is here to help.

If you would like to become a volunteer driver, we would love to hear from you.

To book a journey or to find out more about the driver volunteer role, please call

07532 055560. [www.seend.org.uk/seend\\_link](http://www.seend.org.uk/seend_link)



## **PEGGY HAWKINS (NÉE RANCE) 21/04/1922 TO 21/11/2020**

Peggy was born in Sells Green, in a two-up and two-down cottage more or less opposite the now caravan site, which was just a meadow in those days. The cottage is still there, one of three which shared an outside water tap halfway down the garden that used to freeze in winter. Then Peggy and her brothers and sisters would have to take buckets up to the spout in Spout Lane, which never used to freeze for some reason, to fetch fresh water. Peggy was happy there with her two brothers and four sisters - nine people living in a little cottage, with much topping and tailing at bedtime, conditions later to be repeated with Peggy's own family in a house about 50 yards from where she grew up. Peggy and her husband Ted moved into that first house together in Sells Green which became 'home' as her kids knew it.

Peggy used to play with her siblings in the fields and climb the tall elm trees, which were around the edges of every field in those days. She would also play by the canal, skating in the winter and swimming in the summer in the clear water by the swing bridge. She learnt to swim at Baldham Mill at Seend Head when she was in the Seend Brownies, aged seven.

At 14 years old she went into service for Mr Bedell, the manager of Lloyds Bank in Melksham. After two years the Bedells and Peggy moved to Lloyds Bank in Devizes marketplace. Her room was in the attic space. You can see the dormer window right in the middle of the roof to this day. In September 1939 Peggy was at the bank babysitting the Bedells' children when she heard loud banging on the front door. Somebody shouted through the letterbox that it was the WRVS with the last five evacuee children from London. She had to take them in, make up beds and get Ovaltine for them. Then she had to get word to the Bedells who were at a civic do in the town hall. They were none too pleased when they got back but had to do as they were told. She was only 17 at the time. Imagine that happening now.

The first of her and Ted's children, Janet, the only girl, was born in 1941, followed by David in 1942. David was a young baby when Ted was sent away with the 14th army to the Far East on the MV Stirling Castle, returning in 1945 on the same ship. On his return, they picked up their lives again and the next 10 years brought four more sons: Brian, Richard, Christopher and Andrew. Peggy's whole life revolved around her family and looking after her husband who had returned with many health issues from the war and the jungles of Burma. She also managed to work three jobs at the same time for the Bedells, the Frossards at Moety Manor in Spout Lane and the Wards in Upavon.

Peggy had 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She loved the little ones around her, and in turn they loved spending time with her. Peggy never had a lot, but she sprinkled love like confetti and received it back in torrents. A little dynamo of humanity, in our eyes a true angel. Have a well-deserved rest nanny Hawkins. God bless you.

All the Hawkins family would like to thank Rev Ali and Rev Adrian for a lovely service.

## **DELIVERY AND COLLECTION SERVICES IN SEEND**

<b>Food</b>	<b>What They Offer</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Padfield Porkies	Pork Meat Boxes	Padfieldporkies.co.uk 01380 828755
Nathan Clark Spa Farm	Cheese, eggs, dairy, pork pies, ham, black pudding, bacon etc	spafarm.co.uk 07830105398 Facebook – Direct message
The Gourmet Brownie Kitchen	Yummy Brownies!	Thegourmetbrowniekitchen.co.uk
Eric Lepine Artisan Chef	Ready meals, homemade sausages & scotch eggs, pork scratchings, bread etc	ericlepine@silkwise.co.uk 07787557599
Hollychocs	Chocolate boxes, chocolate making kits	hollychocs.com
The Brewery Inn	Pizzas, burgers, Sunday lunch etc...	thebreweryinnpub@gmail.com 01380828463
Post & Provisions	Veg Baskets	postandprovisions.com
The Three Magpies	Take away pub menu, Sunday lunch , cook at home pies etc...	thethreemagpies.co.uk 01380828389
Ashton Farm	Fruit & veg, flours, yeast, grocery items, Marshfield ice cream, cleaning products etc	ashtonfarms.co.uk 01380870758 (Check minimum orders)
Poulshot Lodge Farm	Steak, sausages, roasting joints, veg, eggs, jams, bbq meats	poulshotlodgefarm.co.uk 01380827202
Pinkney Farm	Eggs, beef boxes	07973136712
<b>Drink</b>	<b>What They Offer</b>	<b>Contact</b>
The Daily Drinker	Wine	thedailydrinker.co.uk 01380827291
Stealth Brew	Draught beer, IPA, stout, ale, gin, cider etc	stealthbrew.co
The Brewery Inn	Take away drinks (Delivery only)	See above
Ashton Farm	Soft drinks, spirits, beers, cider, wine etc.	See above
<b>Other</b>	<b>What They Offer</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Melksham Groundcare Machinery	Sales, service and repair of garden machinery	morethanmowers.co.uk 01380 828867
Pinkney Farm	Flowers	See above

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Parish Steward Tasks** - A reminder that the Parish Steward spends two days in our Parish every month to undertake any tasks that are requested of him. So if you know of anything that needs doing, ie repair of small potholes, pavement clearing, hedge cutting to improve visibility, drainage and ditch issues, please let the clerk know and she will put it on the list. The Flood plan sub-committee of the Parish Council is keeping an eye on all drains around the parish ensuring they are kept clear of leaves/debris. We know there are issues with some of the drains in Spout Lane, and these have been reported to Wiltshire Council. It is hoped that the gully sucker (vactor unit) will have attended to these by the end of January. Unfortunately, there is only one of these machines covering the whole of Wiltshire, so it is in high demand around the county and their resources are stretched.

**MyWiltshire** – This is the on-line reporting service for any number of issues such as fly-tipping, streetlights out, potholes, dog fouling, litter and much more. A direct link to it is on the Parish Council website as well as Wiltshire Council's own website. You can also report the problem to the Parish Clerk who has an account and can report the problem on your behalf.

**Copse of Trees in Dial Close** - The Parish Council will be undertaking some tree pruning on some of the trees at the entrance to Dial Close. Whilst the ownership of the land to the right of the pavement is unknown, we are seeking permission from Wiltshire Council who currently manage this area, to do the necessary work. Planning permission has to be given for work to trees in a Conservation Area. Anyone with views on these proposed works and land ownership should contact the Parish Clerk.

**Local Government Elections** - County Council, Town and Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for all the seats in the respective councils. Seend Parish has been affected by the recent electoral review of the Wiltshire Council unitary division boundaries conducted by the Local Boundary Commission for England. This means that the old division of Seend and Summerham will no longer exist and Seend Parish will be moving into a new ward known as Devizes Rural West Division which will come into effect for the May 2021 elections.

Wiltshire Council local authority area is divided into 98 areas known as divisions and each is represented by one Councillor. All 98 seats will become vacant for May 2021 elections.

Our County Councillor Jonathon Seed will not be standing for re-election. He will instead be standing as a candidate for the Police and Crime Commissioners election which will also take place in May. This should have taken place in May 2020, but because of Covid19 was put back a year. Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) are elected for a four-year term to oversee how crime is tackled in a police force area. Their aim is to reduce crime and ensure the police are effective.

**Becoming a Parish Councillor** – In May all 11 current Parish Councillors will have to stand down but they can re-apply alongside anyone else who wishes to stand. If

there are more than 11 candidates, then an election will be held. If there are 11 or fewer candidates then the election is deemed uncontested and all candidates will automatically become parish councillors.

It is in the interests of democracy that an election is held and an opportunity provided for parishioners to vote for the candidates of their choice. So this election provides an opportunity for anyone who lives or works in the Parish, and are on the electoral roll, to become a Parish Councillor.

The election timetable begins, I think, in March and details will appear in due course on the Wiltshire Council website: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections-town-parish>. What the role of a Seend Parish Councillor entails can be found on Seend Parish Council's website: [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

**NHS Number and Covid Vaccine** - Make sure you and your family dig out your NHS number and have a copy of it to hand as it may be needed when you are contacted for the COVID jab. You can find your NHS number on NHS correspondence or on prescriptions.

**Public Urged To Be Vigilant To Scam Vaccine Messages** - Following reports in other parts of the country we are warning the public to be wary of messages claiming to be from the NHS asking the recipient to apply for their vaccine.

At a time when people are already feeling anxious and eagerly awaiting details of the impending vaccine, scammers are using this to their advantage to commit fraud. If you receive such a text, don't follow the link or share any personal or financial details. The link will take you through to a fake NHS website which is purposefully designed to exploit vulnerable people. Thankfully reports have been relatively low, however there has been an increase in the last two months. The vaccine roll-out brings further hope of fighting coronavirus and keeping people safe. Now that this is imminent and has been so widely covered, some people may be more easily misled.

You will be contacted by the NHS when you're invited to receive the vaccine which will be offered in hospitals, some pharmacies and local vaccination centres run by GPs. Remember that the vaccine is free of charge, at no point will you be asked for payment details. (The NHS Clinical Commissioning Group has launched **a new website for vaccination queries from the public**. Questions relating to the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine can be answered by visiting <https://www.bswccg.nhs.uk/latest-covid-19-updates>.)

DS Sean Tregunna commented: "Although we've not been made aware of any cases in Wiltshire yet, it's likely to only be a matter of time before we are. The text message some people have received was shared on social media ... and although this does help to raise awareness of the issue, the most vulnerable may not be on social media themselves so we're asking people to share the information and warn their friends and family. The scam has also been reported as being conducted over the phone, the caller often asks for a number to be pressed on their keypad, resulting in a charge likely being added to their phone bill, so you simply need to hang up. We're keen to prevent as many people falling victim to these scams as possible and urge people to not only share the warning but if they do receive a suspicious text, forward it to 7726

which is free of charge." If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call on 0300 123 2040.

**CENSUS 2021 IS COMING** - Households across Wiltshire along with the rest of England and Wales will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. The census is a ten-yearly survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets. Those residents who are unable to complete the Census digitally will be supported by a phone helpline, a network of Census Support Centres or by ordering a paper Census.

"A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed," said Jonny Corbett, the Census Engagement Manager for the area covered by Wiltshire Council. "This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them". Census day is on Sunday March 21st 2021 with households across the country receiving letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. For the first time there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces which accords veteran status to them as part of the new Armed Forces covenant, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Initial results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations. Residents can be assured that the Census form is completely confidential and personal data is not shared until the Census is opened up 100 years later. On that subject Census 1921 will be available for research early in 2021.

For more information visit [census.gov.uk](http://census.gov.uk), follow @CensusWiltshire on Twitter or contact Jonny Corbett by email at [jonathan.corbett70@field.census.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.corbett70@field.census.gov.uk).

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## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **PASTORAL LETTER**

Dear Friends

It is almost 11 months since the first Covid lockdown and the situation seems to be getting worse rather than better. We hear stories of ambulances queuing with patients destined for hospital A&E departments; routine operations being cancelled; care for non-covid conditions being scaled back and, in some areas ceasing, at least temporarily.

When will it end? Will the vaccine really stop the pandemic? How long before life can return to 'normal'. How much do I need to do to keep myself and my family safe? There will be so many questions and worries that we have.

It's easy to be fearful when things aren't going well or when we are faced with challenges and conflict in our life. One of the psalms that I find most comforting is Psalm 46 which speaks of God's defence of his City and people:

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

<sup>2</sup> *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;*

<sup>3</sup> *though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

In the midst of their struggle, God tells His people to wake up and recognise who's on their side. He says (verse 10):

*"Be still, and know that I am God!*

*I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."*

So in effect God is saying, "Stop striving, stop fighting, and stop trying to do things on your own. Stop stressing about the battle ahead and trust me. I am the Lord. I am your refuge and your strength. You have nothing to fear or worry about when I am with you."

In the midst of conflict and life turmoil, sometimes we just need to open our eyes, step back, stop what we're doing, and acknowledge who God is and what He can do. Doing so provides comfort in the chaos and peace in the midst of struggle.

<sup>11</sup> *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

The acknowledgement of who God is and that he is in control helps us to take our worries to him in prayer. This is a prayer for hospital staff and medical researchers:

*Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick,*

*and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.*

*Strengthen them with your Spirit that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

You can find other Covid related prayers on the Church of England website:

<https://bit.ly/38jmCpz> which you can also assess with this QR code.

Stay safe and God bless you.

Liz Starling, Licensed Lay Minister – Wellsprings Benefice



### **CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2021**

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

Following the Government's recent announcements, and having discussed the situation with Church Wardens, we have made the following adjustments to our pattern of services, as set out below.

It is with regret that we will be limiting ourselves to one weekly

service which will be zoomed at 10:00am from Christ Church at Worton and Marston until at least Sunday 28th February.

**Sunday 7th February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)**

10 am Morning Praise

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Sunday next before Lent)**

10 am Holy Communion

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb (Ash Wednesday)**

Time tbc Holy Communion

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

10 am Morning Praise

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)**

10 am Holy Communion

We will continue with morning prayer via Zoom at **9:00am on Wednesday and Friday mornings**. We will also continue with evening prayer, led by Rev Joshva, on **Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm**.

A study course, based on prayer, starts on **Thursday evenings** from 28<sup>th</sup> January. See below. During the course the usual Thursday evening prayers will not take place.

All of our churches, except Christ Church, Worton and Marston, will be open for private prayer between 9:00am and 5:00pm each Sunday. Anyone attending our churches for private prayer are reminded to check-in (on paper or using the NHS app) and adhere to the covid safety notices displayed.

**All services, prayers and the study course will be live streamed via Zoom.**

The link is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6778119535>.

Please visit our website [www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk](http://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk) for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.

**From the Registers:**

**Funerals**

Joanna Goddard on 20<sup>th</sup> November at Seend.

Peggy Hawkins on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Seend.

No baptisms or weddings this month.



The Prayer Course is an eight week journey through The Lord's Prayer which will help you grow and deepen your prayer life. We are running an online course on a Thursday evening. The course will begin on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021. When you sign up, you will be sent a Zoom meeting link for the course.

**To sign up for this course please contact Revd Ali on 01380 739064 or email Sarah on [sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com](mailto:sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com).**

## **The course is split into 8 sessions...**

**Why Pray?** - unpacking the importance of prayer and the different topics covered during the course

**Adoration** - exploring how we can enjoy God's presence in praise and worship

**Petition** - recognising the importance of asking God in prayer

**Intercession** - thinking about the importance and power of praying on behalf of others

**Unanswered Prayer** - tackling the challenges and realities of prayers not being answered

**Contemplation** - discovering how to spend time with God in silence to enrich our relationship with Him

**Listening** - unpacking the practical ways that we can tune into hearing God's voice

**Spiritual Warfare** - looking closely at the ways we can pray God's kingdom come in the midst of a spiritual battle

Each session includes a video (which we will watch online together) and then discussion groups (for which depending on numbers, we may break into small online breakout groups). There's no pressure to take part in the discussion...you are welcome to listen to the discussion of others. The Prayer Course has been developed by Pete Greig and his team at 24-7 Prayer.

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## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

### **Bulkington "100 Club"**

We held our Big Bumper "100 Club" draw in December and the winners were :-

£75	No. 16	Roger Marsh
£50	No. 86	Tina Fagan
£35	No. 89	Bev Kerslake
£25	No. 6	James Love
£15	No. 43	Sue Noad



Congratulations to the winners! We will continue to hold our draws whenever restrictions allow through this difficult time (if necessary with the witnesses at the correct distance) so good luck to all our members for a win in the near future!

Phyl Yarde

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## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**



AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

### **SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

A happy new year to everyone from Seend Community Centre.

Sadly we have no reopening date in sight but we very much hope to see you all at the Centre as soon as we are able to open our doors.

The Centre is still being used by an Alzheimers support group every week as this is an exempted activity. We are delighted to be able to offer space for this important work.

Although we have nothing else firm in the diary, we have pencilled in a couple of possible dates in hopes of a 2021 Beer Festival and we will populate the diary with other community events as soon as we can be sure it will be safe and permitted. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates once restrictions start to ease.

As always, the Committee is very grateful to the village for the support we have been offered during these difficult times.

Hatty Stafford Charles, Chairman

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## **100+ CLUB DRAW**

### **December Results**

1	No 24	J Dalton	£100
2	No143	S Lythell	£50
3	No 94	J Padfield	£50
4	No 9	M Burden	£50
5	No 153	O Collinson	£50
6	No 45	L Garton	£25
7	No 15	R Bailey	£25
8	No 31	R Dick	£25
9	No 37	R Balnave	£25
10	No 36	L Warren	£25



Thanks to the children and parents at Seend Playgroup who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley.

## **SEEND WI**



The days are getting longer at last. Despite the rain and mud, snowdrops are emerging; a welcome sight to lift our spirits. There is light at the end of the tunnel from one of the darkest winters we have had in living memory.

What better way to spend a cold January evening than being transported, via Zoom, to hot sunny Africa from the comfort of our own homes, by courtesy of our speaker Hazel Cooke. She called her talk “Pensioners camping under the stars”. It related to a camping holiday spent in South Africa a few years ago. Although the trip was organized through a provider, conditions were quite basic. It did, however, enable her to photograph many wild animals which she showed as part of her presentation. The Committee is finalizing plans for future Zoom meetings and details will be sent out in due course.

For members, a full programme has been prepared for 2021 for when we are able to resume meetings in the hall. The National Federation of WIs continues to offer a wide range of talks and courses online, which members can access for a small fee.

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 me on 01380 828511 or see [www.seendwi.weebly.com](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com).

Joyce Harvey



## **SEEND FLOWER SHOW 2021**

As this new year, in exceptional times, unfolds, we have no way of knowing what effect this will have on our much loved annual event. One thing is certain, lockdown will again see our creativity skills burnished, we will have time at home.

I hope you enjoyed seeing everyone's efforts displayed in the window of Post & Provisions last year in the weeks before the due date of the show. What an amazingly industrious bunch you are. It was gratifying to see so many people support the virtual flower show experience. The committee have yet to meet, virtually, to discuss this year's Flower Show. I feel it is not likely to resume the real experience in the present circumstance. Please read Spotlight and check the website for further news.

[seendflowershow.org.uk](http://seendflowershow.org.uk)

The committee were very sad to lose a much valued member, Joanna Goddard, her commitment and generous support to our endeavours will be deeply missed.

If you are interested in joining and wish to find out what it entails please contact us.

Carole Vince Chairman [cajvince@googlemail.com](mailto:cajvince@googlemail.com)



## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

Happy New Year to all Spotlight readers from all at Seend & District Ramblers. Hope that you are all keeping well.

Not much to report again due to the current restriction but I have it from good authority that many members are still pounding their local footpaths, byways, bridlepaths, tow paths and pavements keeping fit and well ready to resume group walking as soon as it is allowed. The way things are looking, at the moment, the February walk will not take place and the AGM in March is also looking doubtful but more information next month.

Take care, keep well and keep walking.

Sandy James, 01380 739235

## **SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB**

A Happy New Year to you all. Normally, at this time, we would be holding our AGM. However, as to be expected, this is postponed.



There were no trips possible in 2020, and we wait patiently until later in the year, before any arrangements can be made for 2021. All subscriptions paid will be carried over. Meanwhile, keep safe and well.

With our best wishes, from Len, Tina, Neil and Mary

## THE SEEND SHUTTLE

**Update:** As you can guess the bus is not taking any children to school until they all return, hopefully after the half term break. Any fares that have already been paid will be carried over until then.



The only regular bus trip at present is the pick-up from Bromham to Melksham on Tuesday mornings. Five passengers are allowed, the bus is sanitised and everyone wears masks during the journey. There are sometimes spare places on this trip. The bus leaves from the Barge car park at ten past nine. If you need to get to the shops and this would be convenient you can phone Pete Wallis on 07734 303919 the day before to find out if there is space and arrange where to be picked up.

Anita Shea



## SEEND SCHOOL

Firstly, can we say Happy New Year to you all, and welcome back to a new term. When we broke up in December, none of us were expecting our return to school to be like this I'm sure. Whatever the circumstances, it is lovely to have the children back and ready to learn.

As well as some school news, our main focus will be Wellbeing. There is no doubt that another lockdown, which again includes Home Learning, will at times be difficult for you, your children, and even the teachers and support staff in school! As always everyone is doing an amazing job, despite the challenging circumstances.

Thank you again for a very successful first virtual Gold Book Assembly last Friday. We aim to do this every Friday from now on, as a way of connecting the whole school together. We are also aiming for Fridays to be named 'Fun Fridays'. Last week, pupils could wear non-school uniform, this week the theme is **crazy hair Friday!** We look forward to seeing all your crazy hairstyles if you wish to join in.

We thank all of our families for your continued support. We know that many of you are juggling children of different ages, multiple on-line lessons, as well as working yourselves. It has been amazing to have our 'virtual classrooms' full, every day, of children engaged in their learning. We can't wait to have everyone back in school, but until then, stay safe, look after each other and keep in touch.

Catherine Iles, Pupil Services Administrator



## SEEND PLAYGROUP

In January we welcomed Joseph, Eleanor and Charlie and hope they enjoy their time with us. At the end of November we did the nativity three times to include every child. It was recorded, and a child's uncle put it on memory sticks for the parents. It was a great success. Thank you to everyone who gave raffle prizes and bought raffle tickets. We raised £219, plus £11 from guess the weight of the jar of sweets and from the sale of the memory sticks we raised £58. The Christmas party was a good day full of games and fun. The children brought their own party food in their own lunchboxes.

The Government have kept us open this time, which is pleasing the parents and the children. Our topics this term are colours, numbers and weather. Half term is Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February. We return on Monday 22nd February.

Rose Dick (Playleader)  
01380 828003



## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

The Seend War Memorial was unveiled by Field Marshal Lord Methuen GCB, GCVO, GCMG on 8<sup>th</sup> February 1921. A short Service of Rededication had been planned to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month but in the light of the current lockdown restrictions this has had to be postponed until a later date.

In view of the ongoing pandemic, no plans have been made for our usual annual events which will be discussed again at our 15<sup>th</sup> April meeting.

Anita Heatley, Public Relations

We offer help and support to members of The British Legion, anyone who has served in the Armed Forces or members of their families. If there is anything I can help with, please contact me on: 01380 828888/07791 157060 or [pjoreilly@btinternet.com](mailto:pjoreilly@btinternet.com).

Christine O'Reilly, Welfare Secretary

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## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

*NB. The following minutes are a shortened version of the full minutes taken at the Parish Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020. These have not yet been ratified by the Parish Council and may be subject to change. A full copy of the minutes can be found on our website: [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)*

The meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November was attended by nine Councillors with Mr James in the Chair, Mrs Sue Bond (Clerk), Councillor Jonathon Seed and Tamara Reay (new Conservative candidate). Apologies from Mr Paul Manning and Mr Martin Wiltshire.

**Local Councillor Matters** - Councillor Seed reported that he had got an extension to the consultation period for the proposals for the Melksham Bypass until 17<sup>th</sup> January.

He said that final approval of the CLT planning application for affordable housing at Park Farm was waiting on the signing of the S106 agreement that confirms that the housing will be affordable homes with priority to Seend and then after that to neighbouring parishes. He suspected that whilst all the main parties had probably signed the agreement, the delay was likely with the lawyers. The Clerk confirmed that this was what George Clarke, Chairman of the Seend CL&AT had also told her.

Tamara Reay introduced herself as Councillor Seed's replacement Conservative candidate when he steps down next May at the local government elections. She lives in the Marlborough area, but has worked in Devizes for many years. She said that if elected she would do her utmost to protect Seend's interests when we are moved to the Devizes electoral division next May and into Devizes Area Board. Wiltshire Council

had announced its decision on the Area Board boundary review and confirmed that Seend Parish would be moving from Melksham Area Board into Devizes Area Board.

**Minutes and Matters Arising:** The Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> October were approved.

**Police Matters** – Incidents – 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – 23.30 – Unknown suspects stole a silver (with turquoise writing) electricity-assisted mountain bike that was secured to the front of a barge. Value £900. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – white van ran into the back of parked car in the High Street which pushed it into another car which was pushed into the front garden wall.

The Wiltshire Police Rural Crime Team has been working closely with policing teams and partner agencies across the county to tackle the increase in rural crime. Report all rural crimes, however small, via 101 or 999 if a crime is in progress. A promotional campaign has started encouraging people to sign up to Community Messaging using radio, leaflets/posters and social media. They are keen that people who have cctv at their home or business sign up and add the cctv owner/operator box so that they can be contacted quickly if help is needed with an investigation or looking for a missing person. Our Clerk will place a leaflet on our noticeboards. **Bobby Van** - this is a free service for anyone aged 60 or over (or younger if vulnerable through health or disability). They do security checks, change locks, install door security chains, door viewers, window locks etc. They offer free fire risk assessment on behalf of Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and can fit new alarms at no charge. They are police-vetted volunteers. See [www.bobbyvan.org](http://www.bobbyvan.org) or contact 01380-861155, email: [bobbyvan@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:bobbyvan@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) or write to The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust, Devizes Police Station, New Park Street, Devizes, Wilts SN10 1DZ. **The Police and Crime Plan for 2017-2022** has now been published. It sets out how the funding is spent and identifies four priority areas: (1) to prevent crime and keep people safe,(2) protect the most vulnerable, (3) put victims, witnesses and community at the heart of everything and (4) secure a quality police service that is trusted and efficient.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Mrs A’Bear received an email on 19<sup>th</sup> November from the RICS stating that an application has been made to the Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service. The examination will take approximately 5 - 7 days and they are looking to undertake this in December 2020/January 2021.

**Highways – Stocks to Seend Path** – as requested by Councillors at the last meeting, the Clerk had asked if more detailed costings could be provided for upgrading the Stocks to Seend footpath. Mr Stansby said that they did not have the capacity to produce a robust estimate, but he had calculated a figure in the region of £225,000. Councillors had agreed that it was likely to be too expensive to pursue. **White Lining** - has been carried out around the parish at agreed locations. The white line had been painted along the private driveway by the Post Office, a slow sign had been painted by New Buildings and on Bell Hill. **A Highway Improvement Request** had been submitted requesting that a high friction surface be painted on the crossing point between the dropped kerbs between Spout Lane and Inmarsh Lane. This should be discussed at the CATG meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, which the Chairman will attend.

**Ditch in Inmarsh Lane** - The Clerk had a response from Highways following a resident’s request to have the piped section removed. Any work carried out to remove

the piped section of the ditch would have to be undertaken privately. Streetworks accredited contractors who would have experience in carrying out such work were recommended. Mrs A'Bear confirmed that the landowner had now contacted these contractors requesting a feasibility study. She would keep the Parish Council updated.

**Melksham Bypass** – A special PC meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> November to discuss how we should respond to the Melksham Bypass Consultation, attended by the Parish Councillors and a number of parishioners. Based on these discussions, the Clerk drafted a response, which was circulated to all Councillors. Subject to some slight amendments, the Parish Councillors were happy for this response to be submitted.

### **Planning Matters**

Application Ref: 20/06741/FUL and 20/07243/LBC - The Bell Inn, Seend SN12 6SA  
Proposal:- Alterations and subdivision to form 3 dwellings (revised plans submitted)

The Parish Council felt that the revised plans gave a better understanding of how the Bell Inn could be split into 3 properties whilst still retaining the heritage features of the building. All Councillors voted in support of this application being approved.

**Tree Matters – Copse at Dial Close** - The Clerk had got three quotes from tree surgeons to carry out maintenance work to the copse of trees in Dial Close. Councillors agreed that the tree surgeon most local to Seend should be chosen. The Clerk would need to confirm with Highways that they would be happy with the choice and to find out how we can get planning permission on land that we do not own.

**Rights of Way Correspondence** – A letter from Keevil Parish Council suggests that there should be co-operation between parishes to help maintain rights of way that crossed parish boundaries. During this pandemic there was an increase in people walking rights of way. The Rights of Way team at Wiltshire Council are already overstretched. Mrs Vince, the PC's footpath officer, has made the first contact with Keevil Parish Council to begin discussions. She will report back at the next meeting.

**Correspondence – Census 2021**. The Clerk had received notification that a census would be carried out in 2021. The organisers want to enlist the help of town and parish councils in raising awareness about the census, tapping into local knowledge.

### **Precept Budget 2021-22**

The Precept budget meeting took place on 10<sup>th</sup> November with five Councillors on the Precept budget committee. The Clerk had prepared a mid-year budget spreadsheet, to show how current expenditure was on track with expectations and where there were likely to be overspends and underspends. Each budget heading was discussed with recommendations for some increases to cover inflation and others to remain the same or be reduced. The Precept budget committee recommended that the Precept remain the same at £20,381 for the 2021-2022 financial year. There was some re-allocation of the amounts in the various budget headings but that there was no need for it to be increased. This was approved by all Parish Councillors.

**Financial Matters** – Bank reconciliation to end of September £32,033.64

**Date of Next Meeting** - The next Parish Council meetings are 26<sup>th</sup> January and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

*(As the new Conservative candidate has been introduced to the Parish Council, may we assume that other parties' candidates will also be given an opportunity to meet the council? Eds.)*

## **WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED**

We are now in lockdown three of the terrible year of the virus. We are all required to stay at home except for critical tasks like essential shopping and exercise. The Country does not seem to be taking this lockdown as seriously as the past two even though the levels of COVID are higher and rising fast. Let us hope this lockdown gets the spread of the virus down enough for mass vaccination to do the rest. One way or another 25% of our population will have suffered from the virus and a critical 20% will be vaccinated by mid-February. Let us hope that we will be clear of this dreadful pandemic soon.

Political life continues as does much of our national life but it is working in very different ways. Many of us are meeting via Teams or Zoom. It is not the same as meeting up in a village hall but do we conduct any less business? I am certainly able to attend more of my Parish Councils when they clash. Attending two virtual Parish Councils simultaneously is a little tricky but I am learning to cope! It is quite similar to my Army days when I managed to deal with three different radio networks at the same time whilst rumbling around the German countryside in an armoured vehicle! Our nation and our locals are showing a similar sense of purpose and I think that we are getting things done, in less time and with greater efficiency than pre-COVID. Certainly I see local issues raised and local issues resolved with satisfying speed.

There are matters that cannot be attended to online and amongst these are elections. We are due to go to the polls on 6th May to elect a new Police and Crime Commissioner, a new Wiltshire Councillor and new Parish Councillors. The PCC election has been delayed by one year and there is talk of further delays for all three elections, however there are vacancies to be filled and we need a new mandate for the management of local affairs whether they be the overseeing of our police or the conduct of our local government. My personal wish is to get past elections on 6th May and continue to serve my community in whatever capacity you decide - but in a much safer post COVID environment.

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

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## **BITS AND BOBS**

### **NURTURE NATURE**

Prince Charles and David Attenborough and others are expressing in the media their concerns for the Planet. Google them and see if you can incorporate their good ideas into your garden planning for 2021. We should be encouraging the children to take a more active part. Encourage them to do Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) of where they live, in order to make constructive plans and changes to make them more hospitable to wildlife. (Dad fells a tree. (Why? ) Children plant two saplings!)

## **Hints and Tips – Feeding Birds**

Feeding small birds throughout the year can be important for their survival, but especially in the colder months. In winter natural food sources are scarce and supplementary food, both in gardens and throughout the wider countryside, is essential. It is proven that winter feeding can improve breeding success in the spring.

Where to put your feeders and bird bath: Site your feeders and bird bath away from walls and fences, where cats could pounce from. If cats do come into your garden consider using a bird table rather than putting food down on the ground. Place feeders near hedges, trees and other dense, large shrubs. This will allow small birds to get away fast to safety from predators like magpies or sparrow hawks. Growing more prickly shrubs and trees helps birds to find safety, and will also provide nesting sites. Obstacles impeding the flight paths of would-be predators will give your garden birds more time to flee and so a better chance of evading such predators and surviving.

## **Nest Boxes**

Different birds need different places for nest sites and will build different nests. Blackbirds and thrushes build ‘open cup’ nests in hedges and shrubs. Finches build small dense cocoon nests higher up in trees. Tits would prefer a hole in a tree or wall, and due to our tidying away so many rotten trees, they will readily take to a nest box as an alternative. Robins and wrens are very adaptable and will often make their nest close to your home or shed – often inside! Sparrows, swallows, house martins and swifts will all take to nest boxes, and with modern houses and steel barns, there is often no other option for them.

Don’t forget to take part in the Great British Bird Watch from Friday 29th January to Sunday 31st January inclusive. Maybe get some binoculars. You will be surprised at what you see in your garden!

## **One Last Thing:**

From a quiet window enjoy your garden; watch the birds, insects and animals. We haven’t touched on other species of wildlife, viz bats, frogs and toads, hedgehogs, lizards, newts, slow worms, wood mice, shrews, moles and other small mammals etc!

## **Quote of the Month for Gardeners**

Your first job is to prepare the soil. The best tool for this is your neighbour’s motorised garden rotovator. If your neighbour does not own a rotovator, suggest that he buy one. (Dave Barry)

## **Connecting With Nature**

Faith Douglas, a nurse, has written about how to ‘shake the stresses out of your tresses’ after long C19 shifts, by experiencing nature. Lockdown has left us craving real connections with people, and Douglas says that the natural world enhances not just connection with nature but with others, and ourselves. She recommends firstly looking at the sky and clouds. Listening, listen to the sounds of nature, which are constantly changing, and they can induce feelings of serenity and well-being – a good way of decompressing! It may be somewhat chilly for her last tip – which is to go barefoot, a great way of grounding ourselves and dispelling anxiety.

Douglas urges us to celebrate the wind, feel it, listen to it, 'watch' it and walk with it, enjoying the freshness and invigoration the wind gives. Also, on your walks/runs count the colours of the countryside – you'll be surprised how many there are! We are fortunate having homes so close to Nature to be able to experience the openness of the countryside – with grazing livestock, rediscovered familiar landscapes and enjoying new vistas – dreamy water meadows, climbing hills to wander through stately rings of trees, taking in wonderful views and smelling the different odours of the changing habitats.

Otis Tarda

### **FURLONG CLOSE, DEVIZES**

I write as Chair of The Families and Friends of Furlong Close to explain the situation of the 34 learning-disabled residents currently under threat of losing their homes, and of the many day care service users who have already lost their occupation and friendships as a result of the closure of that service. The Families and Friends have come together to fight the closure and we are seeking public support in our campaign to get Hft and Wiltshire Council to think again.

The decision to shut down Furlong Close was announced without warning to residents, staff and families in mid-October by the charity Hft which took over the five bungalows and associated flatlets from Self Unlimited in 2013, on the heels of the news that day care services on site would also be closed for good.

Many of the residents, who have severe learning disabilities, many coupled with epilepsy, sight and hearing impediment and severe physical disability, have lived at Furlong Close for more than two decades. The expectation was that it would be their life-long home. News that they are now to be forced to abandon their homes and the safety and security of the Close and the village of Rowde is a terrifying prospect.

The Families and Friends are asking Hft and Wiltshire Council to withdraw the decision and to allow all those residents who so choose to continue to live safely and securely within the supportive local community.

If you support our campaign please challenge your local division councillor and candidates in the coming May elections, to declare publicly where they stand on this cruel and inhumane policy which is being pursued in their name.

Antonia Field, Chair Families and Friends of Furlong Close.



**Help for domestic abuse victims in Wiltshire is just a phone call away and available 24/7.**

Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service (SWA) is now providing support to victims of domestic violence across the whole of Wiltshire on behalf of Wiltshire County Council.

Covid restrictions are creating a dangerous and frightening situation for many. Home should be a place of safety but for 2.3 million people a year this is not the case and victims face physical and psychological abuse, coercive control, rape and two people a week in the UK will lose their lives at the hands of their partner or ex-partner.

Working alongside Trowbridge based Splitz Support Service who offer support weekdays 9am- 5pm, SWA cover Wiltshire outside these hours - night times, weekends and bank holidays. SWA support all victims regardless of age and gender and run a free, non-judgmental 24hr helpline that's answered by a trained advisor. SWA have a purpose-built refuge facility in Swindon plus extensive community support. You can call them in confidence on 01793 610610.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight 2021 - February 22nd to March 7th.**

The Theme this year is **Climate Fairtrade and You**. The facts are straightforward. Farmers and workers in the global south, who have done the least to contribute to climate change, are disproportionately affected. The climate crisis is an immediate and increasing threat and those in climate vulnerable countries are already seeing its impacts from droughts and crop disease to floods, heatwaves and shrinking harvests. With the emergence of the global COVID pandemic, the challenges that farmers face now are bigger than ever before.

This Fortnight, you are asked to '**Choose the World You Want**' and use your voice to tell others about the challenges that farmers face from climate change. For more information go to [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk).

**Devizes Fairtrade Group** will be hosting a **Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Zoom on Saturday 6th March from 10.30 am**. A couple of short films about how the changing climate is affecting producers of things like coffee and chocolate and how Fairtrade can help them will be shown and there will be a Fairtrade Quiz and a short discussion. You are welcome to join in for all or part of the time. For more details or to get the link please email [patolhurst@btopenworld.com](mailto:patolhurst@btopenworld.com) or call 01380720571 or go to [www.devizesfairtrade.org.uk](http://www.devizesfairtrade.org.uk)

**STOP PRESS:** The Church has applied for a faculty to repaint and re-gild the clock face on the church tower, which has become very worn and difficult to read. This work was last undertaken nearly 50 years ago. If anyone wishes to know more about this project please contact Len Murray or Anne Ewing for more information. If anyone wishes to object to the work being carried out they should contact the Diocesan Registrar at Salisbury Diocese by the 20th February 2021.



### **And finally.....**

I renamed my dog Ten Miles. I can now say that I walk Ten Miles every day!

Don't forget to look at our online edition with colour photo supplement!  
[www.seend.org.uk/spotlight.shtml](http://www.seend.org.uk/spotlight.shtml)

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**Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion** bookings – [www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html](http://www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html) or 828970

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