

# SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



NOVEMBER 2021

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE OCTOBER

28<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> November RBL Poppy Appeal

27<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter, Seend CC 12 for 12.30 pm

31<sup>st</sup> Annual Pumpkin Competition, Brewery Inn pm

## DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch, Well Inn, 12.15pm

5<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend CC Club lounge, 10.30 am

6<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Bonfire Night

8<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.15 am Seend Cleeve phone box 10.15 am Well Inn car park

13<sup>th</sup> **LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO DECEMBER/JANUARY SPOTLIGHT**

13<sup>th</sup> Live music at the Brewery Inn – George Wilding

14<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday

16<sup>th</sup> “Strictly Flowers”, Seend CC 2 pm

17<sup>th</sup> Seend WI Craft & Chatter, Pavilion 2 pm – 4 pm

20<sup>th</sup> Roaring 20s Party Night, Seend CC doors open 7.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter, Seend CC 12 for 12.30 pm

24<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night at the Brewery Inn, 8pm

30<sup>th</sup> Seend PC Meeting, Seend CC 7.30 pm

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## **WELCOME TO NOVEMBER 2021 SPOTLIGHT**



Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of November – well, the 6<sup>th</sup> actually for Bulkington's renowned firework night, which prompted our choice of cover illustration this month. There are quite a few other social events going on this month too after so long with nothing much happening in our villages. Enjoy!

And fireworks were nearly flying at your editors' desks in the last few weeks as we realised that a lot of emails were getting lost in the system and not getting through to us. Fortunately, our resident techie, Neil, has managed to recover the lost emails and fixed the problem. In case anything similar ever happens again, **please remember that, if you don't receive an acknowledgement of your submission by the end of the Monday after the Saturday deadline, do contact Sue or Tessa to check if it was received.** We're pretty sure we retrieved all the entries for this month's edition, but can only apologise to those contributors whose items didn't make it into the October edition.

So far as we've heard there's been little response to last month's plea for more **volunteers** to come forward to keep our village assets and organisations going. We mentioned the Seend Shuttle, Seend Community Centre, and the Lye Field and Pavilion (see Steve Vaux's letter in the announcements section) as needing voluntary help. The Flower Show committee, FoSS and Seend Parish Council have now added themselves to that list. If you've been thinking about contacting one of these organisations but haven't got around to it yet, now's the time! More details of what's needed were in the October issue, which can be found on [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk) if you've lost your copy.

November's Online Colour Supplement will be available on the village website, [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk), and includes Seend School, Seend United and some seasonal pics.

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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:

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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](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.

## **SEEND EVENTS IN NOVEMBER 2021**

***N.B. Arrangements may have to change if Covid infections continue to rise.***

### **The Brewery Inn**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Pumpkin Competition  
13<sup>th</sup> November – Live music with George Wilding  
24<sup>th</sup> November – Quiz Night



AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

### **Events in Seend Community Centre**

**Nosh + Natter** - The monthly lunch club is scheduled for **November 24th** (but could be subject to change) and is just £5 for two courses, 12noon for 12.30pm. Tel Pauline on 01380 828638 or 07879 494429 for info and to book.



**First Friday Coffee morning - 5th November 10.30 am.** No booking required. Get a coffee or tea (plus a refill) and a slice of homemade cake for just £2.50! All welcome!

***IT's '20s PARTY-TIME - LIVE MUSIC - DANCING - COCKTAILS - SNACKS***

### ***Saturday November 20th***

***Doors open 7.30 pm till late***

***A Roaring '20s Party Night at the "Seend Speakeasy"***



***featuring***

***Trip for Biscuits***



***a 7 piece jazz-based vintage band, whose rag-time take on modern classics will have you tapping your feet, and swinging those feather boas!***

***Dance professional, Charlie Minty, will be showing off some Charleston moves for those keen to kick their heels and swing their tassles! Band starts 8 pm, followed by Disco DJ Meaze to keep the party going from 10 pm. Cocktails and snacks available to purchase. Fancy Dress encouraged!***

***Tickets £11 on sale online via the [www.seendcommunitycentre.com](http://www.seendcommunitycentre.com) website or at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/seendcommunitycentre/585637> and of course also available at the bar in the Centre! Come and join us for this fun evening!***

## **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 information from friends and family for this to happen.)*

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### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Repair of Bus Shelter** (eastbound top of Bollands Hill) - Many of you will hopefully have noticed that the eastbound bus shelter at the Bell crossroads has now been repaired. This was originally damaged following a road traffic collision back in July 2017. At the time, Wiltshire Council made the shelter safe, but had no funds to replace or repair it.

Its damaged state had niggled the Parish Council and many parishioners for some time, as it did not give a good first impression on entering Seend. Earlier this year, tasked with the job of finding out the cost of a new shelter, the Clerk found a company that could replace the damaged parts rather than replace the whole shelter at a much cheaper price which made it more affordable for the PC to get it fixed. With the help of £1,000 grant from the Devizes Area Board, the Parish Council got the shelter repaired in September (total cost: £2,657 + VAT) and it now looks goods as new.

**Gigaclear** – As many of you will have noticed there have been recent road works in Dial Close and Cooks Close. The company Gigaclear have been installing the cables for fibre broadband. Further works are due to take place in other parts of the Parish including Rusty Lane and Seend Cleeve. The Clerk is hoping to get a timetable for these works, so we can get advance warning of when they will be taking place.

**MyWiltshire App** –a reminder that this app is available to report problems in the parish. [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting)

**Metro Counts** – Just an update that there are two metro count requests in with Wiltshire Council: High Street and The Stocks. There is a back log, so it may be some months before these take place.

**New Councillors and Councillor Vacancy** - We have two new Councillors who were co-opted on to the Parish Council at the September PC meeting. We welcome Phil Springate, a resident of Seend Cleeve for over 30 years, and Seend resident Jackie Hamblin, Seend born and bred! Phil is a musician and music teacher, and over the years has been involved in the musical life of Seend Church and School. He has also been a school governor. Jackie has long family roots in Seend and her father Joe Burbidge was a member of the Parish Council many years ago. She has been involved in many village clubs and organisations including the Seend Flower Show and Seend Fund, and has performed in most of the Seend Fawltly players' Pantos.

Sadly we say goodbye to Carole Vince who has been on the Parish Council for several years and was on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. She is leaving the parish and heading north.

This means **we still have two Councillor vacancies**. So, if any parishioner is interested in joining the Parish Council, please do get in touch with the Clerk.

**Winter Preparations** - With winter fast approaching, the trees are shedding their leaves at a rapid pace. Unfortunately, there is no regular path sweeping Council service for rural areas. The Parish Steward can do some work, but as he only works in our Parish two days a month, it is better for him to wait until all the leaves have fallen before tackling the more important areas. So, can we please ask that if you have a pavement outside your property, could you please help keep the paths clear by sweeping up the leaves in your patch. If we all do a little bit it will mount up to a lot. With drains, some of the parish councillors have been allocated specific areas to keep an eye on the drains, but again, if you have a drain outside your house that's not on the main roads, please can you help keep it clear of leaves and debris. This will help prevent it from getting blocked and minimize the overflow during bouts of heavy rainfall.

### **SEEND LYE RECREATION FIELD NEWS**

It is great to see our old friends and clubs and societies return to using our wonderful Lye Field facilities. The pandemic has had an impact on Lye Field income as the regular Bex Bailey Fitness and the three Karate sessions per week will not return. The Wiltshire Astronomical Society and the Wessex Fuchsia Club have returned; we warmly welcome them. We also welcome the rekindling of interest in tennis and football. The new children's play park certainly came in useful during lockdowns - when we were allowed to reopen it. The small 5-a-side portable goal nets were so well used we could observe the pitch wear on Google Earth. Over the past two years we have welcomed families and children from all surrounding towns and villages as they sought fresh air, open space, fine views and no-cost car parking at the Lye Field. Our Lye Field obviously does contribute to the welfare of the wider Wiltshire community. We hope Wiltshire Council sponsored 'Fun in the Sun' school holiday summer activities will return next year.

The fantastic Lye Field facilities we all share and enjoy in this parish cannot be operated and maintained without committed volunteers and £25,000 per year income. We have not held the well renowned Seend Fete and Flower Show for two years. Will anyone miss it if we just gave it up? The old and wise 'Last of the Summer Wine' team are of the view that once it's gone, it's gone. The F&F Show generates about one fifth of the annual income needed to keep the Lye Field going and the Flower Show element helps Community Centre funds in just a small way. Can we do better?

Nicole and Liam have either organised or supported the Seend Fete for several years. They certainly gave the event image a facelift with Nicole's graphic design and social media skills and with Altfield's generous sponsorship. Nicole and Liam did not stop

fundraising during the pandemic, but they must devote more time to family and livelihood in 2022. If we are going to have a Seend Fete and Flower Show in 2022 we are going to need 'can do' people to step up and form a group to get it done. Somehow, Seend people always step up to help in F&F Show week – it just takes someone, a couple, or group of friends to organise it. That special posse is never alone because in the People's Republic of Seend people **always** pitch in to help make a truly memorable day on the second Saturday in August which, for your diary, is 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Both the Community Centre and Lye Field facilities are maintained in Trust for the people of Seend Parish. The big question for all of us is how do we keep these vibrant and useful community legacies alive, in great condition and fit for the future? At every Community Centre and Lye Field AGM we see the same few cheery faces, common to both organisations, people who are the backbone of our parish. In the recent Lye Field AGM discussion, it was suggested that now was perhaps the time to consolidate our parish facilities and operate them under one management organisation. This suggestion was borne out of the difficulties being experienced in finding volunteers to accept responsibility, or just help in operating parish core organisations. There is wisdom in this suggestion, which would make more efficient use of facilities and provide an economy of scale enabling us to get out of our notional silos and work better and more equitably for the common good. Such a decision is one for all of us. Meanwhile, you could make that personal decision to volunteer. Please bring reinforcements, we are going to advance #TeamSeend.

Steve Vaux, Secretary, Seend Lye Recreation Field.

## **COMMUNITY LAND TRUST NEWS**

The CLT AGM was held on 9<sup>th</sup> September in the Pavilion. Chairman, George Clarke updated CLT members on the Park Farm project which is progressing well with an on-site start date for ground works later this year. The site entrances will be constructed first, with a hard standing for plant and equipment being constructed behind the hedge line. After the ground work and foundations are completed, the approximate 60-week construction phase will be conducted under a scaffold supported 'tin hat'. At the AGM, Belinda Eastland of White Horse Housing Association gave a detailed presentation on the housing allocation policy and how to apply for both rental and shared ownership CLT housing. Belinda's presentation can be found on the CLT web site at <https://www.seendclt.org/how-to-apply-for-a-clt-home.html>.

A member of the CLT Board also gave a short presentation on meeting housing needs of later life through future CLT Cohousing options. Could this be the CLT's next project? Only you can decide. This can be found at: <https://www.seendclt.org/cohousing-options.html>

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## **SEEND COMMUNITY LINK SCHEME**

Trouble getting **out and about**? We can help with **transport**.

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

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

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

## **FLOWER SHOW 2022**

**Date For Your Diary**

**Saturday 13th August in Seend Community Centre**



After a two year absence due to the pandemic we feel it is safe to plan in earnest for running this village highlight again. Thank you to everyone who took part in the virtual show. Your enthusiasm and support was greatly enjoyed. Now you can sharpen those trowels and plant those seeds ready for a spectacular 71st Seend Village Flower Show.

The friendly committee are in urgent need of some new blood to join us. If you are a keen gardener, craftsperson or cook with ideas and a passion for your hobby whatever it may be, can you contribute to the success of our show? Perhaps you are a good organiser and communicator. Seend has a great community come and have some fun promoting this. Please do get in touch. **Contact us through our web page <http://seendflowershow.org.uk>**

**2019 CUPWINNERS:** CALL FOR ALL TROPHIES TO BE RETURNED - CONTACT JOHN AND KATE WILLIAMS @ CANTY NEUK, HIGH STREET.  
Thank you.

Carole Vince Chair

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## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **Maureen's ramblings.....**

November is a month which can be overtaken by a sense of "looking back". As the days of Autumn get colder and darker, we look back to the summer which now seems so long ago. I regret all the things I did not get done in the house and garden before the weather changed! I regret not having spent more time lazing in whatever sun we had!!

For the Christian church November is also a month of looking back. On All Saint's Day (November 1<sup>st</sup>) we reflect with thanksgiving on the lives of great Christians of the past – not just the familiar names but also those who have recently died for their faith. I find it horrendous to learn that upwards of 4,700 Christians are killed each year, an average of 13 per day, according to the latest estimates.

(<https://releaseinternational.org>).

It is not easy to be a Christian in many parts of the world today – especially in Afghanistan, China, Nigeria, Eritrea..... Then, on All Soul's Day (2<sup>nd</sup>) the church particularly remembers, with gratitude, the loss of loved ones dear to us and on Remembrance Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>) we remember those who have died in the wars and conflicts of the past 100 years. **“We will remember them”**.

As we look back, we are encouraged to remember and be thankful. Thankful for the people who have lived and died and have shaped our history and our lives; thankful for those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom; thankful for those we have loved and who have touched our lives so deeply. And thankful that we can celebrate that death is not the hopeless end but is a hopeful beginning. Our Christian faith teaches us that those who have died now know the mystery of God and are in his presence of love. They are free from the limitations of age and frailty and disease. Surely this is something to celebrate! A verse in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century hymn, “Jerusalem the Golden” reads, **“(In heaven) there is the throne of David; and there, from care released, the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast; and they, who with their Leader, have conquered in the fight, forever and forever, are clad in robes of white”**. We have a future. We have hope.

In the New Testament book of Revelation, we read **“God will shelter them with his presence. Never again will they hunger or thirst. God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain”**. This gives me such comfort in my grief. The unchanging God is our hope, our courage, our peace, our shelter and our strength - whatever is happening in our lives; whatever the loss, destruction, despair and sorrow that is around us. The church continues to proclaim, in the darkness of November, that there *is* life after death; there *is* light in the darkness; there *is* Resurrection. There are so many people who understandably find it difficult to believe these things? Why not have a conversation with me, or with Revds. Ali, Adrian or Jane about this?

*The Revd. Maureen Allchin*

### **CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2021**

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



Covid restrictions are now easing and we look forward to welcoming you back to services in person. Please continue to wear a mask if you are concerned about your risk. Socially distanced seating will be available for anyone who feels vulnerable.

#### **Sunday 7th (3rd before Advent)**

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
10am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
10am	Holy Communion	Worton
10am	Morning Praise	Bulkington *

<b>Sunday 14th</b>	<b>(Remembrance Sunday/2nd before Advent)</b>	
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Worton
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Bulkington
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Potterne
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Poulshot
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Seend *
10.50am	Remembrance Day Service	Worton
<b>Sunday 21st (Christ the King)</b>		
8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
10am	Holy Communion	Bulkington *
<b>Sunday 28th (Advent 1)</b>		
8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
10am	Holy Communion	Potterne
10am	Morning Praise	Worton *
4pm	Advent Songs of Praise	Seend

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot.

\* Recordings of these services will be available on our website.

Churches are now open during the week for private prayer.

### **From the Registers:**

#### **Baptisms**

Archie Hood on 26th September at Holy Cross, Seend.

Zachary Carlile on 3rd October at Holy Cross, Seend.

No weddings or funerals this month.

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

### **BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH**

The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch takes place on  
Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 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  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November It is good to see that people are supporting it.



## **THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP**

will meet from 2– 4pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
at 14 Chestnut Drive. Please contact Janet Rawlings on 828732.

New people always welcome.

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

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Pending approval at the next meeting.**

**Held on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 at 7pm in Bulkington Village Hall**

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Andrew Grabham, Alex Breach, Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard Evans, Carla Haslam (dialled in via telephone)

Public: Tamara Reay (Conservative Councillor for the Devizes Rural West Division)

**To Receive a report** from PCSO Janet and Councillor Tamara Reay:

PCSO Janet was unable to attend as she was off Duty, she updated the Clerk that there was nothing to report for Bulkington for the period 14.08.21 – 14.09.21.

Councillor Tamara Reay urged villagers to take a look at Wiltshire Council's Draft Climate Strategies and Natural Environment Plan – more on

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate). Consultation closes 17<sup>th</sup> of October.

Councillor Tamara Reay also touched on the **Ash dieback** disease – this is a devastating tree disease that has the potential to kill up to 80% of **ash** trees across the UK.

Ash dieback can affect ash trees of all ages. Younger trees succumb to the disease quicker but in general, all affected trees will have these symptoms:

- Leaves develop dark patches in the summer.
- They then wilt and discolour to black. Leaves might shed early.
- Dieback of the shoots and leaves is visible in the summer.
- Lesions develop where branches meet the trunk. These are often diamond-shaped and dark brown.
- Inner bark looks brownish-grey under the lesions.
- New growth from previously dormant buds further down the trunk. This is known as epicormic growth and is a common response to stress in trees.

Update on Station: first draft feedback received and further work being commissioned by transport team at Wiltshire Council. The operational capacity of bringing a 4<sup>th</sup> platform in Westbury back in use is currently being investigated along with Bedwin changing from turnback siding to a loop to accommodate freight trains.

Action: Clerk to circulate details and put up in Bus Shelter, Facebook and Website

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**Open Forum:**

- Message from villager received about the footpath behind the playground complaining about stinging nettles and long grass across byway.

Message from villager received about the use of Roundup to kill weeds in the village.

**The following costs were approved:**

Clerk Pay September	£221.60
Ideverde Works Date: 01.01.2021 - 31.03.2021	£280.80
Ideverde Works Date: 01/08/2021 - 30/08/2021	£103.59
Insurance Renewal	£280.39

**TOTAL OUTGOING: 885.57**

**REMAINING BALANCE: 8,517.28**

**Recreational Ground - Playground Committee update:**

- Football Goal Post selection and sign off: The smallest goal option at @£480 (plus VAT?) was agreed upon. This is a set of two that will be concreted into the recreational ground – the above ground section can be locked into the ground for safety and removed for events.
- Update on grass cutting: Andrew has been looking into purchasing a mower for the village to run the cutting between village volunteers. It was agreed to look into trial options before investing in a machine to make sure it works as a solution. With the view of getting the grass much neater and cleaner in time for next summer.
- **Update on current Recreational Ground Finances: £1026**

**Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit: This month's additions so far: Hand clearing the weeds on the High Street paths and clearing drains.

**Speeding in the village:** Update on sign repairs, replacements and new requests: In the CATG Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> July the three requests made by the PC for additional signage and moving the speed sign entering the village from the Mill Lane direction were dismissed. **Action:** Tamara to follow up on options for moving the sign post to be in line with legal requirements to give drivers more time to slow before reaching the first houses of the village.

**Village Defibrillator:** The village defibrillator outside The Well is now unlocked and accessible to cut response time in an emergency. **Action:** Defibrillator information to be covered in the Newsletter.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** The future of the village Neighbourhood watch was discussed and it was agreed to dissolve the group as the crime rate is so low. The website, bus shelter notice board, Facebook and Newsletter mean it is easy to spread the word when necessary.

**Bonfire Night:** Bonfire Night in Bulkington will be the 6<sup>th</sup> of November – we are reliant on the help of volunteers to run this event so please do step forward on Facebook, on email to our Clerk or to a member of the committee if you can help set up, help on the night or assist with the important clean up the day after

The Initial meeting will be at 7pm on Wed 29 September at the Well, all volunteers welcome.

Our backup date for the event, should the weather mean it cannot go ahead as planned on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, is Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.

There will also be a Raffle. If you have prizes you could contribute please contact our Clerk.

The Fireworks event will be free to attend, however, donations will be very welcome when we come round selling Raffle tickets in advance of the event and at the entrance to the Fireworks on the night. All funds raised will go towards the Recreational Ground and future events.

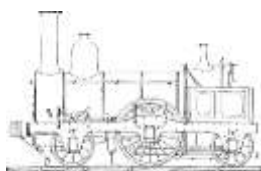
**Esso Pipeline:** Fisher German, the Agents for the UK Fuel Pipeline Network have been looking for confirmation that a piece of land to the East of Oxen-Leaze Farm belongs to Bulkington PC. A pipeline runs through this area – so the owner is to be briefed on the use of the land. It was agreed that this land falls under Keevil PC.

**Inaccessible Stiles and Footpaths:** A member of the village has reported some inaccessible walks – all stiles have now been cleared and the access into the maize field will be accessible again in a few weeks when the maize is harvested. There was also a request for Bulkington's Open Access Land to be clarified – the only Open Access Land is down by the Drove and will be clarified in the Autumn Newsletter.

**Autumn Newsletter:** Topics for our upcoming Newsletter were discussed along with the future funding and work load in creating each Newsletter. Currently Amy is writing the Newsletter and funding the printing herself. The team would like to say a big thank you to Amy for her work on this and for getting the Newsletter going. We have had some lovely feedback on the Newsletter and we believe it to be a good way to keep in touch with the village and spread local news and information. Going forward, we are hoping for volunteers to contribute articles, poems, pictures or stories and for the printing costs to be covered in the Parish Council Budget.

**The Parish Council team meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please contact our Clerk on [theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk](mailto:theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk) for location or call details as this will depend on the Covid-19 guidelines at the time.**

### **GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY**



Due to Covid we have had a very restricted program this year with the minimum of children enjoying themselves on the trains. We have only held three birthday parties, one young driver instruction session and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 09

October when we raised £89.

Hopefully things will get better next year.

Nev Boulton, Station Master.



## **BUZZ GROUP**

The next meeting of the Buzz Group will be held at Bear Cottage, Poulshot at 3pm on 3rd November. (Paulette Bremner-Milne's home). All are welcome to this friendly meeting.

## **BULKINGTON 100 CLUB**

We held the first draw of the new 100 Club year on the 6th October at the Village Lunch in The Well and the winners were :-

£30	No. 50	Sue Noad
£25	No. 86	Tina Fagan
£20	No. 37	Diane James
£15	No. 74	Peter Jackson
£10	No. 59	Michele Gregory



Congratulations to the winners!  
Phyll Yarde



## ***BULKINGTON BONFIRE NIGHT***

***Saturday 6th November 2021***

***Gate Opens 17.30 - Fire Lit 18.00 - Fireworks 18.30***

*Food, Drink and Raffle Tickets are available to buy  
and donations very welcome at the door on the night.*

*More information and updates on: [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk)*

*Backup date in the event of cancellation for bad weather is 12th November.*

## **BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP**

**Marden Vale Handbell Ringers  
will be performing at Bulkington Village Hall  
on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm**

The programme will consist of well-known tunes and Christmas music. This will be followed by the usual cheese and wine and raffle. We would like to extend this to a wider audience than our usual small group, so please encourage friends and neighbours to attend.

Entrance is by a small donation of £3 to cover costs, which includes 2 raffle tickets, so is very good value!

Liz Futter 828485

## **BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM**

On Wednesday 13 October the Bulkington Village Hall Committee held it's much (Covid delayed) AGM. We were pleased to welcome a recent new member Karen Lock and Heather and Peter Wyatt to our committee. The existing Officers were re-elected and the vice chair was elected as chairman. Some preliminary discussion took place concerning the updating of the hall's electrical system and it was agreed to allow the installation of a new digital electric meter.

Nev Boulton Chairman BVH.

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## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**



AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

See the 'Events' section at the beginning of this magazine for details of our **Roaring 20s Party Night, First Friday Coffee Morning and Nosh & Natter lunch**

**Members' Bar open** - Weds, Thurs, Sat 7 pm. Friday from 6 pm for the regular weekly get-together and Sundays 12 noon - 4 pm.

Membership is currently FREE so join up online via the website or at the Bar.

**Dates for the Diary:** - Wine Circle 4th Dec; Christmas Bingo 11th Dec; New Year's Eve party 8pm in the lounge bar with The Singing Herdsman; New Year's Day morning walk and soup; Burns Night 22nd Jan.

**[www.seendcommunitycentre.com](http://www.seendcommunitycentre.com)**

**[seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com)**

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**Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November.** We will be assembling at the end of Church Walk at 10.30am to march to the War Memorial where a short wreath laying ceremony will take place at 10.45am prior to the church service.



There will be door to door collections for poppies this year and donations can be made in the Gift Aid envelopes inserted in the October edition of Spotlight and these can be delivered either to Seend Post and Provisions in the Poppy Appeal sealed collection bucket or to Robin Heatley, Chairman RBL, 26 Dial Close, Seend.

**Rededication of Seend War Memorial – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.** A short service of Rededication of the War Memorial (100 years) will be held at 10.45am (tbc) followed by a wreath laying ceremony with a VIP in attendance. Due to security reasons, the churchyard will be closed and attendance in the churchyard will be by invitation only.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in The Kennet Room, Community Centre.

Anita Heatley, Public Relations

## **SEEND SHUTTLE STOP PRESS!**

Although we have not started up the monthly trips to Salisbury we will be running a one-off Christmas trip on the 1st of December as this has been so popular in the past. The regulars will have already been contacted but for last minute bookings please ring Anita on 01380 828757 to see if any places are left. Thanks.



## **SEEND WI**

Where was the noise coming from on 13th October? Was it the soft rustling of leaves falling from the trees, or the gentle snoring of hedgehogs already asleep for the winter? No, it was simply the chatter and laughter emanating from the Pavilion as members participated in the excellent quiz prepared by Chris Downham. Everyone agreed it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

On 10th November Lt. Colonel Tim Jallard will give a talk entitled "Looking after Salisbury Plain, the Army and 1917" which sounds very interesting.

The National Federation and the Wiltshire Federation of WIs continue to offer a wide range of talks and courses, some of which are at local venues and others on-line, 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.

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](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com).

## **SEEND WI CRAFT AND CHATTER**

Craft group will resume from Wednesday 17th November at the Pavilion 2pm-4pm. It has been decided to rename the group Seend WI Craft and Chatter. Bring our 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 WINE CIRCLE**

The Seend Wine Circle (SWC) is back! It's a fun and popular event in the community's calendar and we're meeting on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in the Community Centre. We've kept the price at pre-Covid levels of £12. If you're interested in coming, we need to know in advance and can be contacted by email at [seendwinecircle@gmail.com](mailto:seendwinecircle@gmail.com)

**Seating arrangements on the night:** We're dictated to by the size of the wine bottle. From experience we know that a bottle works for 8 people so will be continuing to

follow that principle. If you wish to 'bubble' as a group of 8, let us know and we'll accommodate. It simply isn't viable to accommodate 'bubble' groups of less or more than 8 per table so that means there will be mixed groups on some tables.

If you're new to the village or have never been to a SWC before, read on! The primary purpose of SWC is to bring people together for a social evening centered around wine. Coming doesn't require a previous knowledge of wine tasting; it's more about trying wines from different places in a relaxed environment. We provide 6 different wines each time, often based on a theme, grape or region / country with bread and cheese to accompany them, all for £12 per head.

Over the years we tasted wines from around the globe; from Austria to Australia, Peru to Portugal and Slovenia to South Africa with all the main wine producing countries you'd be familiar with along with a few unusual ones. The wines we choose are all available locally and tasting notes, based on rudimentary research, are provided. If you're out shopping and see a wine perhaps on offer and think "ooh, I tried that at SWC and loved it (or not!)", we see that as mission accomplished!

Simon McManus, Seend Wine Circle Committee  
[seendwinecircle@gmail.com](mailto:seendwinecircle@gmail.com)

### **SEEND 100+ CLUB**

#### **October Results:**



1	No 122	T Murch	£50
2	No 20	S Bond	£25
3	No 75	A Burgess	£25
4	No 141	S Davis	£15
5	No 161	R Ames	£15

Many thanks to the members of the WI who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley



### **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

The theatre club coach trip to the Theatre Royal in Bath on 14th October proved to be an uplifting experience after such a long time away from this venue. Placards held up in the auditorium reminded us all to wear face masks while seated, as well as when moving around the theatre. Otherwise going to the theatre felt as near normal as possible and was really welcomed by those attending.

The play we went to see was "The Good Life", a new play based on the characters in the 1970s TV sitcom of the same name. This new version, showing in Bath for one week only, was written by Jeremy Sams and starred Rufus Hound. Apart from the amusing plot, we were impressed by the fine stage sets (including a robotic goat!) and the quick costume changes by the actors. The overall feeling was that this was an enjoyable and worthwhile trip.

The next event in our calendar is the annual visit to newly refurbished Bath Abbey on Friday 3rd December for “The Messiah” by George Frederic Handel. This could not be held last year for Covid reasons so it will be especially welcomed this year.

The group booking on Wednesday 27th April 2022 for a matinee performance of the musical “Chicago” has been very well subscribed and is a firm date in next year’s calendar. The Committee will be meeting in November to consider possible trips for the first months of 2022. Not all theatres have announced their forward plans but more options are opening up all the time and we are hopeful to be able to arrange a great programme for next year. There will be an opportunity to discuss this at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on the evening of February 3rd 2022. Full details will be circulated to members in due course.

We are pleased to announce that some new members have joined us recently and we would love to welcome more. If you are interested in becoming a member and joining our mailing list please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or Marion (01380 828612).

Ken Harvey

*(We assume Theatre Club members will be supporting the unique theatrical experience that is Seend Village Pantomime – Little Red Riding Hood - on 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> February. Eds)*

### **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

The weekend of October 8th, 9th and 10th saw 18 members visit the rolling hills of Surrey. The destination was The Devils Punchbowl, a national trust owned open space and what an open space it was!! The area had stunning views across the Surrey hills where we completed our walks on both days. On Saturday we completed two circular walks with a stop at lunchtime at the café and then a short hop across the road back to the hotel where for the second night on the trot we were served an excellent meal. Sunday morning, a hearty breakfast and a slightly shorter circular walk was completed from the hotel before we departed home (not before we sampled some of Bob’s wonderful bread pudding). A big thankyou was expressed to Brenda for her organisation and choice of such a good hotel and wonderful location. Plans are already afoot for weekend away 2022!!!



Sunday November 7th – walk will be led by Wendy and Reg.

Sunday December 12th will be led by Penny and Ron which will be followed by our traditional mulled wine and mince pies.

We are looking to hold a Christmas skittles with American supper in December/January.

Details of all walks will be circulated to members in the usual way, anybody wishing to join us can give Sandy a call for information (07835450892).

That’s all for this month  
Sandy

## **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS**

Rehearsals get under way this month for Little Red Riding Hood. We are sure the show will be up (or down) to our usual standard.....

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



## **SEEND PLAYGROUP**

The children made a card for grandparents at the end of September using their hands to put a print onto it.

The photographer took some lovely photos and most parents have bought them.

It has been so good to have good weather this term and we have spent a lot of time outside, and it's good to be able to use the playground again and see the children enjoying themselves on the equipment.

We finish this term on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Our first day back for Term 2 is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Rose Dick (Playleader), 01380 828003



## **SEEND SCHOOL**

We are fast approaching the end of this term. It has been busy and wonderful to see things getting back to normal with full school assemblies and afterschool clubs amongst other things!

### **Holly Class**

The new Reception children have settled into school life brilliantly. They have been very busy making friends, getting to know the adults and exploring their new class. The children have already shown a really keen interest in Numberblocks and how these can help us to learn about numbers! The Year 5 Buddies are proving to be great role models during Buddy times, lunch and playtimes.

### **Sycamore Class**

We have been immersing ourselves in our Tudor topic including performing sections of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet in our writing lessons. We have been looking at how the Tudors came to power in the War of the Roses and how Henry VIII's marriages have had a lasting impact on our country. In maths, we have been securing our knowledge of place value and are now moving on to multiplication skills.

### **KS2 Netball**

Thursday Netball club will start running from 11th November - 16th December. It will cost £5 per child per session and be bookable by the term. Please book spaces via ParentPay.

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st November - Start of Term 2

Tuesday 2nd November morning - Individual Class Photos

Monday 8th November - Flu nasal spray vaccinations YR-Y6

W/C 8th November - Parents Evening (dates and times tbc the week before)



## Get Involved!

Friends of Seend School or FOSS for short, is made up of a group of dedicated, hard-working, positive Seend School parents/grandparents, guardians, teachers and community members. FOSS is you! The PTA team is open for all Parents and friends of Seend School and we welcome everyone's participation. There are many ways to be involved in FOSS and we are always seeking volunteers.

FOSS has funded or contributed to:-

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| *Outdoor playground equipment  | *Discos               |
| *Classroom learning resources  | *Timber trail         |
| *Coach travel for school trips | *Summer fair          |
| *Mental Health Awareness week  | *Christmas Festival   |
| *Bear_Friends                  | *Outdoor Reading Area |
| *IT equipment and tablets      |                       |

Do you want to be a Friend of Seend school? We would LOVE to have you involved. To become a member, contact us at [friendsofseendschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofseendschool@gmail.com)

- Join our Facebook Page —> Search for FOSS Parents
- Volunteer for events as often as you like or as a once off
- Support your children by contributing your special skills, talents & ideas!
- Sign up for easy fundraising
- Pick FOSS as the registered charity you would like to support on AMAZON SMILE

You can help in raising donations for FOSS with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 5,700 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/) and search for Friends of Seend School as your cause

Shop AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and search for Seend Church Of England Aided Primary School Parents Social Committee, and Amazon donates to Seend Church Of England Aided Primary School Parents Social Committee, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is also available in the Amazon Shopping App to all Amazon customers using an iPhone or Android phone. When your supporters have activated AmazonSmile in the app, every eligible purchase will automatically generate a donation for your organisation. Go to "Settings" in your app's menu to activate AmazonSmile.

Thank you for your Support!

Catherine Iles, Pupil Services Officer

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

28th September PC Meeting

**Co-option of Councillors** – Mr Phil Springate and Mrs Jackie Hamblin were co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**Minutes & Matters Arising - School Access** – The Headteacher agreed to meet with the Councillors to discuss the issue on 4th October. **Bus Shelter by the Lye** – The Clerk reported that this had now been fixed. The electrician said that someone had pushed the light sensor switch thinking it was a button.

**Police Matters – Incidents:** On 31<sup>st</sup> Aug, while on foot patrol, PCSO Gould was told that **the three tables in the play area of The Lye Field had been upturned**. When turned up the right way, it was evident that a hedgehog had been deliberately stood on until it was dead. Hedgehogs are protected by British law under Schedule 6 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 making it illegal to kill or capture them using certain methods. They are also protected under the Wild Mammals Protection Act 1996 prohibiting cruelty and mistreatment. They are also listed as a Species of Principle Importance in England under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 Section 41.

On 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, 9pm, the **hinges on the three gates to the play area** were deliberately snapped.

On 19<sup>th</sup> Sept and 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept a **car was keyed** on Bollands Hill, suspect unknown.

**Wiltshire Police has a new Fraud Protection Officer**, PC Rachel Davies. She will be working with our Community Policing Teams publicising the latest scams, advising on how to avoid being defrauded and how to report it. Wiltshire Police has always had a Fraud Department but Rachel's role is specifically dedicated to proactively making people aware of fraud so they can protect themselves and don't become a victim in the first place. PC Rachel Davies can be contacted on 07971-922-435. Anyone who has been a victim of fraud or suspects someone they know to have been defrauded, can contact Action Fraud on 0300-123-2040 or via [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk). If a crime is taking place, call the police on 999.

**Highways - Bus Shelter** – This has now been repaired. **Metro Counts** - The request for a metro count at the Stocks was approved by the Highways Engineer. The Clerk said she had been reminded again that there was a huge backlog and that it would be some months before this metro count and the one for the High Street will take place. **CLT request to extend 30mph speed limit in Seend Cleeve** to include the new Park Farm development. At the November 2019 meeting, the Parish Council had agreed to support this once the planning application had been approved. It was discussed whether the PC should wait until the development was built before applying to CATG to get the 30mph limit extended. There was some discussion about where the 30mph should end, as many residents of New Buildings had previously stated that they did not want their row of cottages to be included in the 30mph speed limit area. It was agreed that they should be

asked again. Councillor Reay suggested that it would probably be better to get the request into CATG as soon as possible and not wait for the houses to be built.

**Correspondence:** A resident of Seend Cleeve had asked whether the **speed limit through Seend Cleeve** could be reduced to 20mph. The resident suggested that if the PC were going to ask for an extension of the 30mph limit, then to put the request to reduce it to 20mph at the same time. There was some discussion about the traffic problems in Seend Cleeve. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to canvas all the Seend Cleeve residents to get their view. Resolution: The Chairman proposed that the PC canvasses the views of the residents in Seend Cleeve and the residents of New Building before taking the issues to CATG. All Councillors agreed. **Rusty Lane** – No response from the Rights of Way department to our letter. Councillor Reay was asked if she could investigate why we were not getting any responses from the PRoW department to our rights of way issues. She said she would investigate on our behalf.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Mrs A'Bear said that she and the Clerk were still trying to work out how to record the assessment of all planning applications against the Neighbourhood Plan. A spreadsheet will be created that will record the application details and whether it met the planning criteria laid out in the Neighbourhood Plan. The details will be worked out by Mrs A'Bear and the Clerk.

**Planning** – It was reported that the planning application PL/2021/05283 for Blossom Hill had been approved by Wiltshire Council but with a number of conditions.

Application Ref: PL/2021/07587 - Site Location: Wesley Cottage, High Street, Seend SN12 6NW

Proposal: Renew all windows with new double glazed. Resolution: All Councillors approved.

Application Ref PL/2021/08469 - Cleeve House, Trowbridge Road, Seend

Proposal: T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, - Conifers - Fell - Row of conifers that over the years have been topped and crown lifted a number of times, leaving a significant over hang over neighbours drive.. . T6, T7, T8 - Fagus, T9, T10 - Acer - 30% crown reduction to reduce the overhang over drive and neighbours boundary. - This is a group of 5 trees in close proximity to each other, forming 1 overall crown and will be treated as such. Resolution: All Councillors approved.

**Wiltshire Council Climate Change Strategy Consultation** – It was agreed to submit a written response rather than completing the on-line survey. The response to be based on the aspirations in the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Devizes Area Board Meeting** – A report was given on some of the more interesting items. **Ash dieback** - Mrs Akerman reported that there had been an interesting talk about ash die back and how this was a major issue for the Wiltshire Council, with 100,000 ash trees on the county's roadsides. Just 2 years from contracting the disease a tree could die and become a danger. **National Grid's project of replacing pylons with underground cabling** in the Bishops Cannings to Roundway area was progressing well.

It was noted that our request for a **visible crossing point** between Inmarsh Lane and Spout Lane was on the list of CATG highway projects. The next Devizes Area Board meeting will be on 6th December and will be held in public.

**Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – Mrs Heatley said that as part of the official planned Jubilee celebrations it was hoped that there would be 70 beacons lit in each county. She said that it would be quite a commitment if Seend were to apply to be one of the official 70, and that it might be better to organize a less formal beacon lighting. The Seend beacon is still available and could be used. Clerk to ask Community Centre if they would be happy to have the beacon in their grounds.

**Finance** – Bank Reconciliation to end of Sept 2021 - £30,333.22

The Clerk confirmed that the VAT had now been refunded for the 2020-21 financial year.

**Date of next meetings** – 26th October and 30th November.

### **NEWS FROM TAMARA REAY**

The fuel issues over the last few weeks will have undoubtedly prompted many of us to consider the benefits of electric vehicles (EVs). Not only lower running costs and fewer emissions but also that EVs are simpler and cheaper to maintain, compared to traditional combustion engines. As Wiltshire Council's Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, and given that transport currently accounts for 45% of carbon emissions across the county, I have been making a strong case for further council-led investment in EV infrastructure, whilst consideration needs to be given to the fact that the technology is rapidly developing, and Government policy is also evolving.

I am very pleased therefore, that Wiltshire Council has now agreed an EV strategy for the next few years and that this £275,000 plan will ensure there are more EV chargers throughout the county. In Wiltshire Council car parks, every urban community with a population over 10,000 will have at least one Council-sponsored public chargepoint, and the council will support commercial providers to add their own chargers.

In terms of residential charging, where residents do not have their own off-street facilities, Wiltshire Council will support town and parish councils to secure grant funding for residential chargepoints on Wiltshire Council land using Government grants supplemented by Council grants of up to £2,500 per site. It is also looking for partners to consider the installation of charging hubs, at central and out of town locations, and also adding more chargepoints to its own buildings so the Council fleet can be converted to electric vehicles. There will be support for businesses to install workplace chargepoints, and all chargepoints on council-owned land will be supplied with energy from 100% zero-carbon sources.

There are other considerations too, and this month's COP26 in Glasgow may give us some insights. For example, what role will Hydrogen play in the future? Can we generate sufficient green energy to create the future charging capacity? And how will the carbon footprint of the EV batteries be reduced? We are certainly at an important

crossroads in terms of how we travel, and I am very much looking forward to being part of that journey, and helping residents across Devizes Rural West to be able to travel more sustainably in the future.

Tamara Reay, Tel: 07711 824864 Email: [tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk)



### **SEEND SPORTING and DRAMATIC NEWS**

Frankie is taking a month off – but we can't let that much time pass without congratulating Seend United football team for their amazing run of wins. 6-1 was the last one we heard about. That's quite a narrow victory for them!

In the meantime, please let Frankie (who is currently obsessed with Ronaldo) have any news for the December/January edition by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Frankie Goddard. 07854 660582.



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### **BITS AND BOBS**

#### **MELKSHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY**

*Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 2p.m.*

*in Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS*

*Flower Arranging demonstration - "Strictly Flowers" by Martina Coleman*

*Guests welcome: £5 to include refreshments*

Future Event: December 7th "Christmas with a Difference" with Carole Stables

### **THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTH WILTSHIRE**

Members can access lectures on line via Zoom. We will return to live lectures in Melksham as soon as the situation eases.

Wednesday 3rd November:- Anatomical drawings by Leonardo da Vinci.

Shorter art based talks are available through [www.connected.theartsociety.org](http://www.connected.theartsociety.org)

Please visit our web site for more details: <http://tasnorthwilts.org.uk>

### **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:

**The Annual Lecture - 'My Garden Saved My Life'.** Join us live or online at the Royal Geographical Society on Tuesday 16th November at 7pm . Robin Hanbury-Tenison in conversation with Rachel de Thame about the important role their gardens played in bringing them back to full health: Robin from Covid-19 and Rachel from breast cancer. For more details and links to tickets see: Annual Lecture: 'My Garden Saved My Life' - National Garden Scheme ([ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk))

**Pre-Order** the Garden Visitor's Handbook 2022 - National Garden Scheme ([ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)) and you can order our Christmas products at [www.ngs.org.uk/shop](http://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.



### **RETURN OF THE ADVENT CONCERT!**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church. The hugely popular Advent concert will be given by the choir of Keble College Oxford, Paul Brough conducting a memorable evening of Advent and Christmas music – just what we need after last year's cancellations.

Demand for this concert is already brisk, so you need to reserve seats as soon as possible. Tickets remain at £20/15/10, with 18 and under free, and Edington Angels have their usual 10% discount.

For this concert 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](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org) when you book your tickets. And unless things go very wrong between now and then, we intend offering mulled wine and mince pies during the interval. Let the festivities begin!

### **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](http://www.lavingtoncommunitychoir.org)

### **MARKET LAVINGTON CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR**

**We're back!** The tenth annual **CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR** in aid of **The Soldiers' Charity** will be held on **Saturday November 20th** at **Market Lavington Community Hall** from 10am to 2pm. Start your Christmas shopping by finding the perfect present from lots of stalls featuring handmade crafts and produce, including jewellery, textiles, home decor, glass, wood, greeting cards, bags, Christmas cards and decorations. Plus a Tombola! We had to cancel last year so any profits we make this year will be even more important in helping The Soldiers' Charity to help soldiers, ex-soldiers and their families. Entrance is free to the Fair, but a £1 coin (or more!) in one of our buckets as you come in would make all the difference!

**Please wear a mask if you can.**

## **STEEPLE ASHTON FILMS**

**The Personal History of David Copperfield (Pg)**

**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.30 PM (PROMPT START!)**

**AT THE VILLAGE HALL, STEEPLE ASHTON**

**DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM FOR REFRESHMENTS**

A fresh take on Charles Dickens' classic novel, The Personal History of David Copperfield is described as a comedy drama. Cast includes Dev Patel, Hugh Laurie, Peter Capaldi, Ben Wishaw and Tilda Swinton.

**Tickets £6 from Steeple Ashton Village Shop.**

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St Marys Church & Village Hall, Steeple Ashton

27<sup>th</sup> November 2021 10 am – 5 pm

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

Over 30 Independent Stalls - Refreshments Available

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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](http://www.bowood.org/bowood-hotel-resort) and click on 'What's On'**

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## **OPEN DAY AT JULIA'S HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, from 11am to 2pm. Booking is essential**

at [www.juliahouse.org/event/wiltshire-hospice-open-day](http://www.juliahouse.org/event/wiltshire-hospice-open-day)

Meet members of the Julia's House team and take a tour of the purpose-built children's hospice in Devizes on a special Open Day. The free event will mark the first time that the charity has been able to open the hospice doors to the general public in this way since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each bookable one-hour session will include a tour of the charity's hospice building, where you can learn more about how your support makes a difference for seriously ill children and families in Wiltshire.

Julia's House recently launched its Together We Care Appeal to raise awareness of the respite care and support provided by the charity's nurses and carers in the local community. The children's hospice charity hopes that the appeal will help to raise the £1.5m needed to run the vital service each year across the county.

Visitors will have the chance to explore the hospice sensory room, activity room, accessible bathroom and end of life Pegasus suite. Supporters can also take a look around the vibrant hospice garden, which has been developed for play, relaxation and reflection.

Drinks and cake will be available, plus the opportunity to chat to members of the Julia's House care and fundraising team. Booking is essential, with one-hour tours available from 11am to 2pm. Find out more at the Julia's House website:  
[www.juliashouse.org/event/wiltshire-hospice-open-day](http://www.juliashouse.org/event/wiltshire-hospice-open-day)



**And finally.....** *(don't try this in any local towns or we'll get the blame)*

"I've been to Currys today with a UV pen. I've written my house number and postcode on all the expensive items. Once someone buys them, if they get stolen the police will return them to me."

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Don't forget to look at our online edition with colour supplement, which this month includes news of Seend United Football Club and photos of Seend School activities and pumpkins.  
[www.seend.org.uk/spotlight.shtml](http://www.seend.org.uk/spotlight.shtml)

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**Cricket Club** – Brian Hunt 828581

**Fawltly Players Panto Group** - Tessa Doe  
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**Fete** – Liam Bergin – [liam@thirdberg.com](mailto:liam@thirdberg.com) or  
07738 269739

**Flower Show** – Carole Vince 828579 for now

**Football** – Jake Sainsbury

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