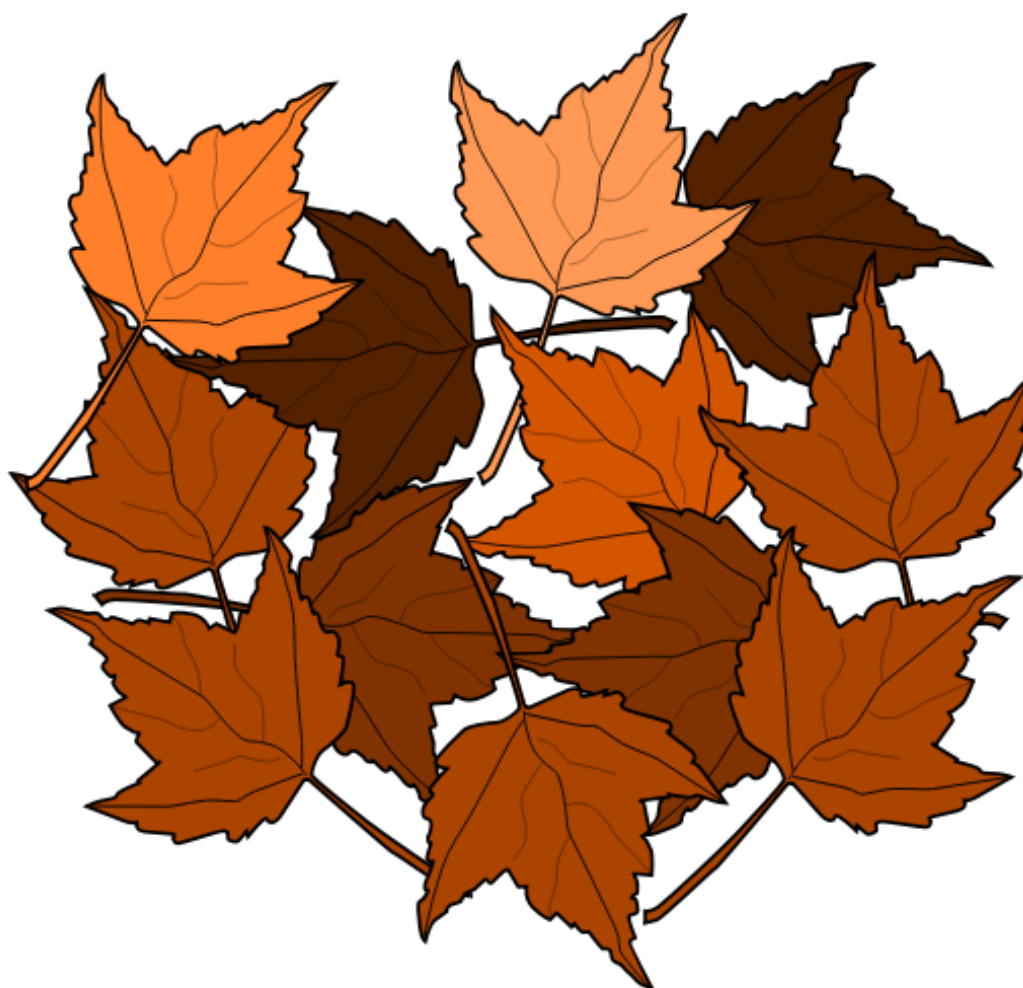


SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



OCTOBER 2021

DIARY DATES FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

28th Seend PC Meeting, Seend CC 7.30 pm
29th Nosh and Natter, Seend CC 12 for 12.30 pm

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

1st First Friday Coffee Morning, Club lounge, 10.30 am
2nd Music from "Half Way House", 7.30 pm Seend CC
6th Bulkington Village Hall Lunch 12.15 pm
9th Great Bulkington Railway at Macmillan Coffee a.m., Village Hall, 11am-2pm
10th Pub Quiz & Raffle, 2 pm, draw 3.30 pm, Seend CC
11th Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.15 am Seend Cleeve phone box
10.15 am Well Inn car park
11th Road Closure Seend Cleeve nr The Barge for 5 days
13th Great Bulkington Village Hall, AGM, 7.00 pm
13th Seend WI Quiz, Pavilion, 7.30pm
15th Live Music Ian Rayney, Seend CC, 7 pm
16th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT
21st RBL Annual General and Committee Meeting, Seend CC 7.30 pm
22nd Wear It Pink, Community Centre lounge bar from 6pm
23rd Day School "Art Nouveau in Europe" Seend CC 10 am to 3 pm
26th Seend PC Meeting, Seend CC 7.30 pm
27th Nosh and Natter, Seend CC 12 for 12.30 pm
31st Annual Pumpkin Competition, Brewery Inn pm

Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?

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

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the November edition (copy by Saturday 16th October) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post & Provisions. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to Sue or Tessa – even if they have emailed you from their own email address – just in case they are not around. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401), Jan Field (827140) for printing and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising. Potential volunteer deliverers or printers can contact Fiona or Jan.

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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 OCTOBER 2021 SPOTLIGHT



You'll notice there are a few organisations seeking volunteers in this issue. We thought we'd bring these and other groups that need help together here. **Volunteering**, especially if you are a recent new resident or someone newly retired, is a great way to meet people and to contribute to our lively communities. Without volunteers, village life would be somewhat diminished.

The Seend Shuttle needs more drivers – especially for the Thursday Devizes run.

Seend Community Centre needs people to help with just about everything!

The Lye Field Committee could do with a few more 'Last of the Summer Wine' Friday morning maintenance volunteers.

Seend Fawltly Players would welcome some new members – especially younger folk - too late for next February's panto but there's always 2023.

Your **Spotlight editorial team** could do with an extra pair of computer-literate hands.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal envelopes are enclosed. The appeal period is 28th October to 13th November. Envelopes can be collected from your door or a drop off has been agreed at the Post and Provisions. More in the November issue.

And there's a whole **new batch of adverts** in the centre of the magazine. Do have a good look and support these local businesses if you can.

This month's **online colour supplement** will feature the renaissance of Seend Community Centre post-pandemic! Who actually looks at the colour supplement? It would be useful to know whether we're just wasting our time producing it or not! Please email spotlight@seend.org.uk to let us know.

THE SEEND FUND - A REMINDER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

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

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

Remember the Seend fund is your local fund. Anyone living in or closely associated with Seend, including our close neighbours in Bulkington and Poulshot, can apply by emailing the secretary (anitashea@hotmail.co.uk) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY.

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

EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2021

Events in Seend Community Centre



Nosh and Natter Lunches have returned.

Wednesday 27th October 2021, 12 noon for 12.30 pm. We serve a two-course lunch, with any food preferences catered for, for £5:00 per person.



We hope that you can come and join us. Please call Pauline on 01380 828638 to book. All welcome.

First Friday Coffee morning 1st October, 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!



An Evening of Classic Rock with local band, 'Half Way House', on Saturday 2nd October 7.30 pm. All proceeds will be going to Cancer Research. Tickets £10 via andrew.stables@icloud.com

October 10th Sunday Afternoon in the Bar – Pub Quiz 2 pm; Meat + Cheese Raffle (draw 3.30pm)

More **Live music** in the bar as **Ian Rayney** returns on **Friday 15th October** from 7pm. Ian's repertoire of smooth classics includes something for everyone to enjoy. Entry is free but we welcome donations (suggested £5) for the musician. This is a lovely, relaxing way to kick off the weekend.

Friday 22nd October – 'Wear it Pink' for breast cancer research from 6pm in the bar. Pink nibbles and pink prize for the best outfit! We charge you £2 to wear pink, and we'll do our best to fine you £2 for not wearing pink!

Saturday 23rd October – Day School, 10am – 3 pm with the always interesting Paul Chapman on **Art Nouveau in Europe** (art, architecture, graphics, jewellery, lifestyle). Fee £25 to include tea, coffee and cake – but please bring a packed lunch. Tel 01380 828946 to book.



SEEND WI QUIZ NIGHT

7.30pm on 13th October

The Pavilion, Rusty Lane

All welcome. Teams of four.

Please bring your own refreshments (including a glass) and nibbles.



The Brewery Inn

Saturday 2nd October – live music from 'The Singing Herdsman'

Saturday 16th October – Gin Night

Wednesday 27th October – Quiz Night

Sunday 31st October – Pumpkin Competition



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.)

JOAN ELLIOTT

Just too late for the August/September Spotlight came the sad news that Joan had died in July at the age of 80 after a long illness. She was a well-known figure, Seend through and through, and an active supporter of many organisations and activities in Seend. She will be missed and our condolences go to her family.

ROSEMARY MAYELL 1933-2021

Rosemary sadly passed away on the 1st of September. She was a big part of Seend village, living here since the 1960s. She will be fondly remembered for her delicious cooking at Seend shop and the many parties she catered for. She loved her beautiful garden and was proud to show off her many colourful displays at the Seend open gardens.

Rosemary had found great happiness when she married Bib (Walter Mayell), also a popular man of Seend and the local builder. They had many happy years together and shared some fabulous holidays, Scotland being a favourite. Together they were a great team helping out in the village at various events. She was a devoted mum to Nick and Kate, plus a much loved Grandma to Abby and Holly, who she lovingly looked after on the days that Kate did her hairdressing in Seend. The girls were taught baking skills from a very young age. Rosemary loved the birds too and was always feeding them mealworms as she loved to watch them feed their young. The squirrels too were also fed a feast of walnuts.

Her funeral took place on the 22nd of September with Derek Frost taking the service, having been a long-term friend of Rosemary and Bib. The family hope to arrange a Memorial Service for Rosemary and Bib (who passed away last year) at a later date for the village to pay their respects.

SEEND SHUTTLE DRIVERS STILL NEEDED

As yet we are unable to restart the Thursday shopping runs to Devizes as we have no one to drive the bus. Even if you are just prepared to drive one run via Bromham to Devizes rather than shuttling back and forth we would love to hear from you.

The bus now has no restriction on numbers so if you would like a ride up to the village shop and post office on a Monday morning or want to go to Melksham on a Tuesday and you are not a regular give Pete the driver a ring first so he knows where you will be waiting. Pete Wallis 07734303919 or email seendshuttle@gmail.com

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Wiltshire Council Draft Climate Change Strategy Consultation and Natural Environment Plan: Wiltshire Council has produced two draft strategies relating to climate change and the wider natural environment. Our draft climate strategy which covers seven delivery themes: transport; built environment; waste; green economy; energy generation; natural environment, food and farming; and carbon neutral council. It will help shape the next 5 years of the Council's fight against climate change.

At the same time, we will be consulting on "Our Natural Environment Plan" – A Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) Strategy for Wiltshire, which looks at the future for Wiltshire's natural environmental assets and how the Council can help protect and enhance them for the benefit of people and biodiversity. From 1st September to 17th October, people can view the draft strategies and attend webinars to find out more and respond through our on-line survey. Full details are available at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/green-economy. A hard copy of each strategy is available to view in every Wiltshire library, including mobile libraries.

Flytipping has been brought to the Parish Council's attention. There have been some recent incidences of garden waste being dumped in the fields around the Parish. Naturally the farmers are extremely upset about these incidences and the risk it presents to livestock. No-one should be dumping green waste or any kind of rubbish in any fields in our Parish or beyond. To all intents and purposes this is flytipping and it is illegal to do so. Flytippers who are caught have been prosecuted and heavily fined.

The Recycling Centres are now back open without the need to book a slot and parishioners can pay for a green bin collection. Anyone who has paid someone to take garden waste away may also be culpable if they have not checked that the contractors they use have the correct licences for waste disposal. Fly tipping can be reported to the police or Wiltshire Council via the Mywiltshire on-line reporting app:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting or ring 0300 456 0100. If you witness fly-tipping taking place, please report it immediately. Wiltshire Council has a financial reward scheme linked to their We're Targeting Fly-tipping campaign.

Road Closure - Seend Cleeve (Near the Barge) – 11th October for 5 days.

Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic: C226 (Part), Seend; from the location known as The Barge Sewage Pumping Station for approximately 120m in a southerly direction. To enable Davies Groundworks to carry out new sewer connection and associated works.

CHURCH NEWS

The View from my window

I hope you have all had a good summer and I hope you are enjoying a golden October. That is, of course a hope or a dream for at the time of writing that is still to come. I have had a wonderful summer in the UK travelling from the extremes of the north of Scotland, where I swam in the sea with my sister, and the southern-most part, the Isle of Wight. In between I thoroughly enjoyed the drive between the two, particularly the night I spent at a Travelodge in Carlisle; just me and a little feast from M&S next door. (Sorry for the advertising.)

As I write, two of my grandsons are staying with me, one is painting the garden furniture and the other is cutting back a large beech hedge, and so you must all be saying what a lucky lady; indeed I am. We live in a beautiful country with changing seasons, and if we are lucky and indeed we work at them, we can have wonderful relationships with our friends and family. I came across a wonderful quotation from an early Christian writer this week which helps to explain what I mean “Everywhere narrow shafts of light pierce the veil that separates heaven from earth”. Think about it. Heaven is closer than you think and sometimes we can be aware of it.

But of course, as I speak and by contrast, the people of Afghanistan are suffering so much; some have been able to escape and some have been left behind and who knows what fate is in store for them. Some have lost families and some have lost homes and the country which they love. Some must be feeling betrayed by the countries which they have helped so much. I think of all the sufferings that Jesus endured, betrayal by his friends was one of the worst. I’m sure that like me you must all be wondering where is God in all this and how does he or she allow this to happen? I can’t come up with a glib answer to that, but what I can say is that if we bask in our glorious countryside, how much more does God who created it, and if we weep with the refugees and those who have lost so much, how much more does God! The God I believe in is a compassionate God, full of love for his creation which includes all human beings and indeed animals and plants, and by the way, the Taliban. He never promised that bad things would not happen, but what he did promise was that he would be there with us every step of the way, to give us comfort and courage and hope and love; there for us to hang on to.

So what can we do? If you can, pray about it. If not, listen with your heart as well as your mind. The bible tells us to look after the orphans and the widows, so I think we should open our hearts to the refugee agencies. Keep listening and where we have any influence, use it. Do not pass by on the other side. We all have so much more than those people who have lost everything so we must find a way to share; maybe money, maybe clothes and food, maybe our homes, whatever. If we consider God’s good gifts to each of us, we have much to be thankful for. In return we are called to be generous stewards giving back to God in response for what he has done for us. My prayer today is, please God help us to help them.

Revd. Jane Knowles



CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2021

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

Part of the Wellsprings Benefice

Booking is no longer required to attend services. However please continue to sign in using sheets or QR code. We encourage you to wear a mask when entering and leaving the church and when singing, but they may be removed when you are seated. Online services can be accessed via zoom (link below).

Sunday 3rd (Harvest Festival/Trinity 18)

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Worton
10am	Harvest Festival	Potterne
10am	Harvest Festival	Poulshot
10am	Harvest Festival	Seend *
4pm	All Age Harvest Festival	Worton
6pm	Harvest Festival	Bulkington

Sunday 10th (Trinity 19)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10am	Holy Communion	Seend *
10am	Holy Communion	Worton

Sunday 17th (Trinity 20)

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
10am	Holy Communion	Bulkington *

Sunday 24th (Last after Trinity)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Worton
10am	Holy Communion	Seend *
10am	Holy Communion	Potterne

Sunday 31st (All Saints/All Souls/4th before Advent)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10am	Holy Communion	Seend *
3pm	All Souls service	Poulshot
4pm	Evening Prayer/Holy Communion	Bulkington
5pm	All Souls service	Worton

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot.

* These services will be available on Zoom. You can access them via our website below or use the link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6778119535>.

Outside of these services, churches are now open for private prayer – please check church noticeboards for opening times. Anyone attending for private prayer is reminded to check-in (on paper or using the NHS app) and adhere to the covid safety notices displayed.

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Dennis Stott on 15th August at Holy Cross, Seend.

No weddings or funerals this month.

BULKINGTON NEWS

THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

We enjoyed a lovely afternoon sitting in Maureen Allchin's garden this month. Our next get-together will be at the home of Karen Lock, Purnells House, No. 2 Mill Lane, 2 - 4p.m. on Monday, 4th October, so if you have a craft bring it to do but, if not, just come and join in the chat. Everyone is welcome!



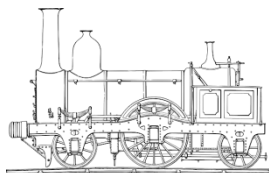
Phyl Yarde

BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH

At The Well on Wednesday 6th October at 12.15 pm. Everyone welcome. For more particulars contact Phyl Yarde on 01380 828116 or phyllisyarde@gmail.com.

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 11th October. It is good to see that people are supporting it.

GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY



The ride on miniature railway at Bulkington Village Hall will be running in support of the MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 09th October from 1100 to 1400 hrs.

Nev Boulton, Station Master.

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of our village hall will take place on Wednesday 13 October at 7.00 pm at The Hall, corner of Mill Lane. Due to the recent sad loss of our Chairman and another member moving away from the village, we are in need of some new committee members and would be most grateful for volunteers. We would welcome the public to our meeting.

Nev Boulton, Acting Chairman, Bulkington Village Hall, Tel 01380 828 101

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

Our current **Bar Opening Hours** are – Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturday 7 pm to closing, Fridays 6 pm to closing, Sunday afternoon 12 noon to 4 pm. Are you newcomers to the village or maybe want to meet new people? Come along for a drink and free nibbles at 6:00pm on the regular Friday evening village get-togethers. All welcome.



See the Events section earlier in this magazine for news of the many exciting things happening at the Centre in October and see seendcommunitycentre.com

DATE FOR THE DIARY - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20TH - COME AND JOIN US FOR A SWELL PARTY AT OUR ROARING 1920S PARTY NIGHT WITH "TRIP FOR BISCUITS", A JAZZ-BASED VINTAGE BAND, WHO WILL HAVE YOU TAPPING YOUR FEET AND SWINGING YOUR FEATHER BOAS! TICKETS £11 ON SALE SOON ONLINE AND AT THE CENTRE.



It is lovely to see the Community Centre buzzing again with so many varied activities. But as we're starting to get busy again, we are in desperate need of more help!

We're looking for **volunteers** to help us with any of the following:

- Event organising and catering
- Building and garden maintenance and odd jobs
- Social media advertising and marketing
- Administering website updates, online membership, ticket sales and mailshots

You do not need to commit to be a Committee Member (although if you want to, please get in touch!) but we would appreciate **extra help as and when you can**.

It's a great opportunity to meet new people and get involved with the community.

Please consider volunteering – contact us for information on

seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com



The fundraising event, The Great Poppy Party to commemorate the 100th anniversary of The Royal British Legion, which was held on 31st July at The Crown, Bishops Cannings, has so far raised £3451.20. Grateful thanks to Kevin, Paul and team for organising this.

Change of Date - The Rededication to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Seend War Memorial will now take place on Thursday 2nd December. Entrance to the church and churchyard will be by invitation only due to security reasons. Further details and timings will be published later.

Date of AGM and next meeting: Thursday 21st October, 7.30pm - Kennet Room, Community Centre, Seend.

Anita Heatley, Public Relations

SEEND WI

What could be more perfect than the late summer sunshine? Well, just the sound of laughter as the WI finally met in the Pavilion again for the September meeting, when we heard an excellent illustrated talk on “The Blood Bikes-Motorcycle Couriers”. The concept started in 1962 when Margaret Ryerson and her husband came up with the idea of helping the NHS with deliveries of blood. The original group closed but others emerged culminating in the National Association of Blood Bikes in 2008. They provide a voluntary highly professional rapid response medical service to the NHS. They transport blood, platelets, surgical instruments, donor milk and clinical products across the UK and Ireland. Members were particularly interested to note that they deliver fresh blood to the Air Ambulance at Semington every day. It has been proved that having this resource available at the scene of an accident can help save lives.

Our next meeting is **Quiz Night** on 13th October. This is an open meeting for members, family and friends. It will be in teams of four. Please bring your own refreshments (including a glass) and nibbles. It is essentially a fun evening with the added bonus you may be able to answer the questions and win a small prize!

The National Federation of WIs continues 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.

In normal times meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm 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.

Joyce Harvey

SEEND 100+ CLUB

AUGUST RESULTS

1	No 133	M Stynes	£50
2	No 57	A Salter	£25
3	No 12	W Stephens	£25
4	No 159	V Woolmore	£15
5	No 99	P Schruoff	£15

SEPTEMBER RESULTS

1	No 157	N Haines	£50
2	No 64	Mrs Burden	£25
4	No 176	E Bowles	£15
5	No 6	C Springate	£15



Thanks to the members of The Lye Field and the CLT AGM.

Alison Bottomley



SEEND THEATRE CLUB

Members who travelled to the Watermill, Newbury on the evening of 5th August 2021 enjoyed an outdoor performance of a new musical "Just So" based on the Rudyard Kipling stories, preceded by a superb supper in the restaurant.

The next event will be an evening trip to the Theatre Royal, Bath on Thursday 14th October 2021 to see "The Good Life", a new play by Jeremy Sams based on characters in the 1970s TV sitcom. Rufus Hound is starring.

It is hoped that this will be followed by the annual visit to Bath Abbey to hear "The Messiah" by George Frederic Handel. The trip is planned for Friday 3rd December and an announcement to members will be made shortly.

Looking forward to the spring, the Theatre Club has made a group booking for "Chicago" the musical at the Hippodrome, Bristol for a matinee performance on Wednesday 27th April 2022.

Bookings for the above events, except the Messiah, are now closed, but there will be further visits for 2022 to be announced in due course. If you are interested in becoming a member and joining our mailing list please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or Marion (01380 828612). We are pleased to report that membership is increasing and there will be a chance to meet everyone at the Annual General Meeting to be held early in 2022, when the programme for future visits will be announced. We will also seek to fill a vacancy on the Committee to help with the organisation of our events.

Ken Harvey



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Friday August 6th saw the rain and clouds clear for us to complete a circular walk lead by Bob & Brenda which took us up to Box hill and through the village of Box and return to the park for a 'bring your own picnic'. A very enjoyable walk and picnic for 18 members.

Sunday 12th September – 20 members were led on a 5 mile walk by Tim & Sandy starting in Bishops Cannings and up on the Wansdyke. The views in the sunshine were beautiful. Along the Wansdyke and down a track saw us in Bourton then on footpaths back to the village. A very enjoyable walk on a perfect day for walking.

October is the walking weekend in Hindhead, Surrey, and the walk on **Sunday November 7th** will be led by Reg & Wendy, more details nearer the time.

Take care, more next month. Sandy, the Ramblers, 01380 739235

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS

Many thanks to those who attended, and hopefully enjoyed, our 'Not the Panto Show' on Sunday 26th September. We raised around £300 for the Community Centre.

The audience had the privilege of learning before the rest of the world that our pantomime on February 24th-26th 2022 will be a Fawltly version of Red Riding Hood!



SEEND PLAYGROUP

This term we welcome Astraea, Digby, Merlin, Nora, Max, Lola, Rosie, Elliana and Amelie. Our topics this term are 'About Me', 'Settling In', 'Seasonal Things' – and the children's interests.

On Monday 13th September, we took the children by the tennis courts and picked blackberries. The next day the children cut up apples and made blackberry and apple crumble. We have been given a mud kitchen, which the children are enjoying playing with outside. On Thursday 16th September we went for a walk to Love Walk and found lots of conkers, which the children will use for counting with. We have a photographer coming on Friday 1st October.

Our AGM was well attended and some of the committee members were re-elected and we have some new ones. A big thank you to Liz F and Lottie for your hard work and support this past year under difficult circumstances. Also a big thank you to Nicky, Val and Liz D for your hard work and support.

Rose Dick (Playleader), 01380 828003



SEEND SCHOOL

It has been a busy and exciting start to the new school year and it has been fantastic to see the end of class bubbles! It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception children for their induction days into school.

The Friends of Seend School (FOSS) are ready to start events again and would LOVE to have you involved. Please contact them at friendsofseend@gmail.com or via their Facebook page search for FOSS Parents).

We are pleased to confirm that wrap around care has started again at the school. Please make any bookings that you need via ParentPay.

Catherine Iles, Pupil Services Officer

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

(July meeting's minutes can be viewed online)

31st August PC Meeting

Minutes & Matters Arising - New Noticeboard by phone box in Seend Cleeve – not yet installed. **School Grounds Access** – meeting to take place with the Headteacher. Date tbc. **CLT Park Farm** – no date has been given for the start of building work. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – plans for how the Parish can celebrate this anniversary to be discussed at the September meeting.

Police Matters – Incidents – 6 Aug – Catalytic converter taken from car outside a house in The Lye.

Fly Tipping is a criminal offence and is occurring in and around Seend. Please take your rubbish to the recycling centre. Do not dump it on other people's property. Fly tipping incurs costs to the landowner to remove it and harms animals. Report fly tipping to police or on www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting or ring 0300

456 0100. If you witness fly-tipping, please report it immediately. Wiltshire Council has a financial reward scheme linked to their We're Targeting Fly-tipping campaign.

Electric Scooters are classified as motor vehicles and are not legal to ride on public places. While e-scooters are legally available to purchase, it is currently against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter in any public place in the UK including roads, pavements, parks and town centres. The only place a privately owned e-scooter can be used is on private land. Anyone caught using an e-scooter illegally faces a fine, penalty points on your driving licence or even loss of your licence. Offences relating to the standard of driving or speeding also apply and police have the power to seize e-scooters if offences have been committed.

Highways - Bus Shelter – Repair due to take place 9th September. **Metro Count, The Stocks** – The Clerk reported that she had agreed a location with the resident and had now submitted the Traffic Survey Request form. Because of the back log it will be some months before it is carried out. **The Lye Bus shelter** – The light was flickering. The Clerk to contact our electrician. **Rusty Lane** – A letter was sent to the Rights of Way team regarding the poor state of the path, but no response had been received yet. It was suggested that as much of the problem was caused by the blocked drainage ditches that we approach the landowner to see if they would help clear the ditches.

Path Clearance – Seend Ramblers had let the Clerk know that a gang of West Wilts Ramblers had cleared SEEN 26, 27 & 6. With the heavy work being done it is hoped that Seend Ramblers will be now able to keep on top of it.

Neighbourhood Plan – 30 hard copies have been printed. Copies are to be left in the Community Centre, Seend Church, The Brewery and The Three Magpies, and the local libraries. Councillors and the NP Steering Group members to have spare copies to lend out. Mrs A'Bear said that there was a Neighbourhood Plan Toolkit which could be used to evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of the Neighbourhood Plan. She and the Clerk should work out a system of how to assess each new planning application and to record how it was assessed. Mrs A'Bear said that it would also be important to ensure that Wiltshire Council's planning officers were referring to the Neighbourhood Plan when assessing new applications. She had attended an on-line webinar on the new NPPF about the need for ongoing reviews of Neighbourhood Plans to ensure that they met the requirements in the Wiltshire Local Plan. This was still in draft stage and our NP had just been made. There was no need to starting reviewing our NP just yet. Maybe in three years time would be the right time frame.

Planning – Please refer to full minutes on PC website to see what planning applications have been discussed.

Finance – Bank Reconciliation to end of July 2021 - £31,498.86

Items for Note - Spout Lane Canal Bridge – It was reported that there had seen a surveyor taking a 3D scan of the bridge so that it can be regularly checked for movement. **Re-dedication of the War Memorial:** Mrs Heatley said that the date had been changed to 2nd December. It was for invited guests only. It was hoped that a new

plaque would be erected to mark the occasion, possibly funded by the Solar Farm Community Benefit payment.

Date of next meetings – 28th September, 26th October and 30th November.

NEWS FROM TAMARA REAY

Residents may have heard about Ash Dieback and/or seen tree felling across the county over the last few months and I thought it would be helpful to explain a little more about this disease and actions which need to be taken. It is estimated that there are over 100,000 Ash trees growing beside Wiltshire's roads, and an equal or even greater number on the 6,000km of public rights of way in the county, as well as around 140,000 Ash trees on council owned land. Nationwide it is anticipated that 90% of woodland trees and 50% of trees outside woodlands will be affected.

Ash Dieback is already widespread in Wiltshire and poses serious safety, practical, environmental and financial risks. Once infected trees decline quickly, often dying within two growing seasons. The trees rapidly lose timber strength and integrity and are prone to structural failure, leading to branches and trees falling, increasing the risk of death or injury to persons and damage to property. The Council is working to monitor and remove unsafe Ash trees, prioritising trees on the highway, rights of way and in public spaces. The cost to the Council of removing trees over the next ten years likely to be at least £10 million and could be significantly more. Alongside this, it is strongly advised that all landowners should take steps to identify, monitor and remove infected Ash trees on their land. I know that many residents and communities will be keen to explore opportunities to replace any trees which are removed, and Wiltshire Council has produced a Community Environmental Toolkit which contains useful information, including funding opportunities for community groups.

Finally, a reminder that the Wiltshire Council Climate Strategy is now open for public consultation until 17th October. It covers seven themes: transport; built environment; waste; green economy; energy generation, storage and distribution; natural environment, food and farming; and carbon neutral council. At the same time, we are also consulting on Our Natural Environment Plan which looks at the future for Wiltshire's natural environmental assets and how the council can help protect and enhance them for the benefit of people and biodiversity. More information is at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/climate.

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

SEEND SPORTING and DRAMATIC NEWS

Firstly welcome back after a mixed summer to an exciting new season of sport and drama in Seend.

FOOTBALL: Under the guidance of international coach Jake Sainsbury, football has once again been flourishing on Seend's hallowed turf. Jake has had the team playing against a mixed bag of opponents with dramatic results. The bald



statistics show that Jake has begun to put together a formidable squad. They are in Division 2 of the Trowbridge and District League and midway through the season they have played 10, won 10 and are 14 points clear at the top of their division. Promotion beckons! Well done Jake. The renaissance is certainly upon us. **STOP PRESS:** The team has just won match No. 11 10-0!

I have recently been asked if use of one of those awful American imports, leaf blowers, is contrary to Law 12 of the International Football Association's laws of the game. My usual reply is "no", but some students of the matter have suggested to me that their use might be a breach of section 71 of the Anti-Social Behaviour legislation 2014 and section 4 of the Wildlife and Country Act 1981. That may well be the case, but I leave that to the academics.

Luke Ballinger's Future of Football goes from strength to strength with their kit presentation for the new season taking place on the Lye Field on 10th September with a turnout of what looked like a couple of hundred parents and their children. Luke's tremendous outfit is certainly serving the community.

SHORT MAT BOWLS: Thank you for the update Colin. It sounds as if the boys have had an epic summer under, as ever, your spirited guidance. I hadn't heard of the Scandinavian Fitness regime before, but if Colin thinks that the Lasse Viren blood transfusions will help achieve a higher league placement this season then who are we to argue. Seend SMB have welcomed some of the Bromham team following the unfortunate fire at the Bromham pavilion, so well done there boys.

TENNIS ; Another successful season in the Chippenham and District league has come to an end and building on some tremendous performances we have for the first time in over a decade now entered the mixed doubles winter league.

The mens doubles team which featured Liam Bergin, Louis Ball, Mark Newman, Harry Waylen, Olly and Freddie Goddard, Jack Churchill, Tom Collins, Ben Pearson and Andrew Johnson had a very hard fought season in division three which reflected the increase in standard that we are seeing in the league. We will not know for some while yet whether or not the men's team have retained their division three status.

The mixed doubles team had a fantastic season being promoted to the next division and only losing out to Trowbridge in the battle for top spot because of some arcane rules governing matches that were curtailed as a result of rain, despite beating the eventual winners and only losing one match all season. Many thanks to the squad of Tom Collins, Syd Evenden, Scout Johnson, Megan Close, Bertie, Ben Pearson, Harry Waylen, Olly and Frankie Goddard, Jack and Lottie Churchill, Sally and Tom Jackson,

The club nominated both Syd Evenden and Scout Johnson for the league award of young player of the season with a vote by the league membership on all those nominated by the various league clubs and we are pleased to report that Scout was the overall winner. She and Syd will both receive an award at the end of season dinner.

CYCLING :The Seend Pork Pie Cycling Club continue with their regular outings and anyone who might wish to join them can contact Ric Ellinger.

DRAMA : Resident “extra” Henry S-C is presently “resting”, although his agent, voice coach and publicist, ie his mother, tells me that Henry is being very selective about the roles he chooses to take up.

All results and news for the next edition to the sports editor by October 17th please.

Frankie Goddard. 07854 660582.

NURTURE NATURE

“Hedgerows must grow by 40% to hit zero targets”, the Government has indicated in a report of 6th September. So let’s conserve and preserve hedges by bulking them up. Remove any dead plants, replace with new and give them a good mulch in order to increase their biodiversity value and longer life, which will help to conserve the existing wildlife – birds, mammals, insects and fauna and flora in general, and promulgate species in order to keep their numbers up to a sustainable level. Try to avoid sacrificing a living hedge for wooden fences, which often change aspects from rural to suburban. Should fences be required, cut 13cm by 13cm spaces at the bottom of them to allow the travels of hedgehogs – another fast declining species – in their search for food, especially at night. Hedgehogs travel long distances and are good friends to gardeners because they eat slugs and snails. Try not to use chemical pesticides which hedgehogs could gain access to, as if they eat such substances they will die unpleasant deaths. Slug pellets are a definite no-no. There are eco friendly pesticides should you have to protect your veg patches, etc. Brands such as Slug Gone – there are a good range available which won’t harm pets or wildlife, just ask at any of the outlets you usually use. You will be well rewarded, just by taking sensible measures and by being aware of the danger ever present to garden wildlife, which should lead to an increase in species numbers over time. Also bats as well as birds follow hedge and tree lines to feed on the abundant insects that breed and thrive in them. There are bats in our villages, of different sizes and species, but they too are declining, especially over the last two decades. At dusk we can see big, medium and small bats searching around the trees and hedges for insects. Maybe there is someone resident in the village (a bat ecologist/batologist/whatever?) who could write an article on our local bats in this mag. As climate patterns change – usually for the worse – our native trees are becoming more and more prone to disease and dying. There is currently a nation-wide felling of our native ash trees due to die back. Should one have to fell trees, please try to plant others to replace them. There are species suitable for all sizes of garden. Should you be lucky enough to have a large garden or estate, a copse or spinney, you will have the space to plant trees for posterity – or to celebrate a national event or to remember a relation or national figure, such as the late Duke of Edinburgh, who was a great conservationist. Perhaps 9/11 or military personnel and civilians who lost lives in Afghanistan could be considered. It’s worth remembering

that an English oak is host to nearly 400 insect species, making it an excellent choice for environmental sustainability and carbon capture. (A conker tree only hosts 4 species of insect). Ask the children to do Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) for future planning of gardens and local areas. There are many more things we can do to make our gardens more hospitable for humans and for wildlife – Go to it!

Otis Tarda

BITS AND BOBS

MELKSHAM & DISTRICT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 2p.m.

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

Flower Arranging demonstration entitled "Autumn Inspiration" by Margaret Heal

Guests welcome: £5 to include refreshments

Future Events: November 16th "Strictly Flowers" with Martina Coleman

December 7th "Christmas with a Difference" with Carole Stables

THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTH WILTSHIRE

In spite of the pandemic our lectures have continued as planned. Members can access lectures on line via Zoom. We will return to live lectures in Melksham as soon as the situation eases.

Wednesday 6th October:- Tapestry: The Ultimate Wall Decoration

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

Shorter art based talks are available through www.connected.theartsociety.org

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

WILTSHIRE NATIONAL GARDEN SOCIETY

Some of our gardens require booking. Please check the web site to make sure the details have not changed: www.ngs.org.uk/wiltshire

Sunday 3rd October 2-5 pm

POP UP OPENING at Donhead Hall, Shaftesbury, Wiltshire SP7 9DS

Admission £6.00 www.ngs.org.uk/view-garden/32898

Walled garden overlooking deer park with uninterrupted views to Cranborne Chase. Gardens are on four different levels. Large mixed borders and specimen trees, kitchen garden with glasshouses. Home-made teas.

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

MARKET LAVINGTON CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR

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. More details in November Spotlight.

WEST WILTS CHILD CONTACT CENTRE

The centre opens once a fortnight in Trowbridge to allow children of a broken relationship to meet the parent that they no longer live with. This is important because repeated research shows that children, of broken relationships, who remain in contact with both parents do better in life than those who only have contact with one parent.

The centre is looking for more volunteers to take on the rewarding roles of helping to run the contact sessions and someone willing to take over the role of voluntary chairperson. It would be possible for someone to serve as vice chair for a while until they become familiar with the workings of the centre. The main duties of the chairperson are to:

Run the management committee and AGM.

Keep the centre's policies and procedures up to date and in line with NACCC guidance.

Investigate any complaints made against the centre

Act as a mentor to the organiser and volunteers.

NACCC has training modules and volunteers will need to work through these over a period of time.

Although the role of chairperson does not normally require direct contact with the families using the centre an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring service (DBS) check and references will be required. If you are interested in either of these positions please contact: Rodney Weaver on 01380 870458

EDINGTON ARTS' DOUBLE-HEADER BACH WEEKEND

Saturday October 2nd at 7.30pm - Oxford Bach Soloists and instrumental ensemble under director Tom Hammond Davies will perform Brandenburg Concerto No2 and Cantata no 96, written for the 18th Sunday after Trinity which falls on October 3rd, Telemann's cantata on the same theme, and other jewels.

Sunday October 3rd - we host pianist Libby Burgess' fundraising tour de force, Project 48. For an hour, starting at 2.30pm, she will play the 24 Preludes and Fugues from Book One of the Well-Tempered Klavier. Her aim is to perform all 48 pieces in 48 performances in the 48 counties of England, raising funds for musical charities.

Tickets for the Oxford Bach Soloists on 3rd October are £20/15/10, and £10 for Libby Burgess on Sunday. 10% discount if you buy a combined ticket for both concerts and Edington Angels will have their 10% discount on top. 18 and under are free. Either email sue@edingtonarts.org or ring Chrissy on 01380 831256 to secure your seats.

Potterne Village Hall Art Exhibition and Sale

23rd & 24th October 11am-4pm. Entry £1

Potterne Village Hall, Mill Lane, Potterne

Devizes Autumn Fair 2021 in the Corn Exchange

Tuesday 5th October 10am – 4.30pm. Tickets £4 on the door

In aid of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust, Dorothy House Hospice Care, Prospect Hospice & Salisbury Hospice. Sponsored by: Gaiger Bros

For more details go to: www.devizesautumnfair.org.uk

STEEPLE ASHTON FILMS in THE VILLAGE HALL, STEEPLE ASHTON

DREAM HORSE (PG) - FRIDAY 8th OCTOBER 2021 - 7.30 PM PROMPT
(DOORS OPEN 7 PM FOR REFRESHMENTS)

Based on the true story of Dream Alliance, with Toni Collette, Owen Teale and Damien Lewis. Tickets £6 from Steeple Ashton Village Shop. Reservations can be made through Alison Wilson on 01380 871345. For up to date news join our mailing list e-mail safilms268@gmail.com or look on Facebook

MORE NEWS FROM THE TEXTILE STUDIOS AT STEEPLE ASHTON

Have you ever wanted to sew but lack the basic skills or confidence?

We start again in September, Covid 19 regulations permitting, planning four sessions every two weeks for 2.5 hours. Teaching is in a small group with individual attention.

For further information and discussion contact:

Valerie Laverick valerielaverick@hotmail.com

Beryl Francis berylbadgers@icloud.com 01380 870524

And finally.....

It was great growing up with a dyslexic mum. Every time I swore she would wash my mouth out with soup.



Don't forget to look at our online edition with colour photo supplement, which this month includes photos of how the Community Centre is back to being the village hub it was pre-pandemic!

www.seend.org.uk/spotlight.shtml

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

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

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

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

Seend Community Centre – To contact please e-mail seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Seend Shuttle: Enquiries: seendshuttle@gmail.com or Alison 07951 030491

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

Seend's Wiltshire Councillor – Tamara Reay 07711824864 tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

Seend School – 828334

Seend Fund: 01380 828757

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

Melksham Area Board – 07917 721371

Police: PCSO 6039 Janet GOULD - Mobile 07471029772 – janet.gould@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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

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

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

Cricket Club – Brian Hunt 828581

Fawltly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe
828617 & Seend Village Pantomime on fb
Fete – Liam Bergin – liam@thirdberg.com
or 07738 269739

Flower Show –Carole Vince 828579

Football – Jake Sainsbury

FoSS (Friends of Seend School) Nick
Collinge-Cubberley,
friendsofseendschool@gmail.com

Historic Houses Club - Mary Warren
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Lye Field Committee –
www.seendlyefield.org

Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Hunt
(Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells
Green) 828606; Owen Burton (Seend
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828026.

Preschool - Rose Dick (Playleader) 828003

Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

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Royal British Legion – Sec:Anita Heatley
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info@seendclt.org

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck
828946

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Tennis Club – Sarah Pearson - 07980
744420

Theatre Club – Ken Harvey 828511;
Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA/Day Schools – Tessa Doe 828617

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