

# ***SPOTLIGHT***

***Seend & Bulkington***



**APRIL 2022**

## **DIARY DATES FOR LATE MARCH**

- 28<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05 am Well Inn car park
- 29<sup>th</sup> Seend PC Meeting, Seend CC, 7.30 pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter, Seend CC, 12 for 12.30 pm

## **DIARY DATES FOR APRIL**

- 1<sup>st</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend C Centre, 10.30am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Soup Lunch, Bulkington Village Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rum Night at the Brewery Inn
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch
- 6<sup>th</sup> Seend Shuttle to Salisbury
- 7<sup>th</sup> Link Scheme AGM 7.30pm Pavilion
- 8<sup>th</sup> Seend C C Live music the bar, Terry Thunderstorm 7.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Historic Houses AGM 2.30pm Pavilion
- 10<sup>th</sup> Charity 5K run funds for The Wiltshire Air Ambulance
- 11<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Tea, Craft and Chat 2pm.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Quiz night at The Brewery Inn
- 15<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Workshops for Children Seend Church 10.am
- 16<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAY SPOTLIGHT

- 18<sup>th</sup> Train rides at Great Bulkington Railway Easter Monday
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter, Seend CC, 12 for 12.30 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Send WI Craft & Chatter, Pavilion, 2-4pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Spring Concert at Church of Holy Cross, Seend
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05 am Well Inn car park
- 26<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council meeting Seend C C 7.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Quiz night at The Brewery Inn
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Ladies Group 7.30pm Village Hall
- 30<sup>th</sup> Seend Beer Festival

## **DIARY DATES FOR EARLY MAY**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Seend PC meeting 7pm Irene Usher Hall
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Meeting 8pm Irene Usher Hall
- 6<sup>th</sup> Swishing Party Seend Community Centre 18.30—21.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Royal British Legion Annual Lecture Seend C C 7.30pm

## **WELCOME TO APRIL 2022 SPOTLIGHT**

School holidays, Easter eggs, hot cross buns, important church events, loads to do in the garden; April is always a busy month. Add in coffee, soup, rum, shopping, live music charity runs, quizzes, Great Bulkington Railway rides, lunches, meetings, crafts and – of course – the famous Seend Beer Festival, and that gives you an idea of what life can be like in Seend and Bulkington this month! Read all about it.....

Well done to Sarah and her team at The Brewery Inn, who have raised over £285 for the DEC fund for Ukraine at a coffee morning in the pub. Finally, if you're struggling with the current spiralling cost of living don't forget the Seend Fund may be able to help.

**Don't forget to look at the Spotlight online colour supplement on [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk). Which includes the panto and Joe's daffodils**

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the May 2022 edition (copy by Saturday 16th April) can be emailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto: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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**When sending emails to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk)** please include the word **SPOTLIGHT** in uppercase as the first word of the Subject. This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

### **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)

### **Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?**

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

## **SEEND EVENTS IN APRIL AND BEYOND**

### **FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING** At Seend CC 1<sup>st</sup> April 10.30am

Proper coffee or tea (plus a refill) and a slice of homemade cake for just £2.50!  
All welcome!

### **BREWERY INN EVENTS**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Rum Night—Quiz nights - 13th and 27th April  
Easter Egg Hunt Sunday 19th April



### **LinkScheme AGM**

The Seend & District Link AGM will be held in the Irene Usher Hall on 7th April at 19.30 . Please come along and show support or to find out more about us. We are always looking for new volunteer drivers and would be delighted to meet you and talk about how the scheme works.

### **LIVE MUSIC IN THE BAR SEEND CC–**

**TERRY THUNDERSTORM** on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 7.30 pm

Come along and enjoy an evening of heartfelt covers with this fantastic local musician and music promoter. Free entry. Everyone welcome.

### **CHARITY 5K IN MEMORY OF STEVE ‘COOKIE’ COOK**

A group of villagers are doing a charity 5K run on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to raise funds for Wiltshire Air Ambulance and as a tribute to our much-loved friend and neighbour in the Cleeve who passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> January. The Air Ambulance are utterly incredible and proved what an amazing team they really are. We are extremely grateful and proud to have them in our area. We wanted to raise money as a thank you for this worthwhile cause. People can donate via facebook or at the Brewery Inn. We are all determined to cross the finishing line together in solidarity and would love your help to raise some much-needed funds.

### **Good Friday Workshops for Children**

Come and help make an Easter garden at Seend Church on Friday 15th April 10am – 11.30 am. Other activities are Clay modelling, Scratch Art, Egg Colouring, Stained Glass Windows etc. Steve Dewar will then lead a short service, followed by drinks & Hot Cross Buns.

Children should be accompanied by a parent/carer. For further information or to offer help, please contact Liz Futter 828485 or Hilary Hutchings 828129.

**Historic Houses AGM** Held on Tuesday 19th April at The Pavilion at 2.30pm.  
New members welcome. Contact Len on 01380 828513 or Tina 01380 827139.  
We look forward to seeing you.



**Seend WI Craft and Chatter Group**

Bring your own choice of craft to the Pavilion  
Wednesday 20th April 2pm-4pm or just come for tea and cake.  
Everyone welcome, you don't have to be a member of WI.  
Contact Joyce Harvey 01380 828511

**NOSH + NATTER at Seend CC** - This month the lunch club takes place a week earlier than usual - **Weds 20<sup>th</sup> April, 12 noon for 12.30**. Two courses of delicious home-made dishes and refreshments for £7.50. Please book by calling Pauline on 01380 828638 or 07879 494429



The Church of the Holy Cross, Seend

**SPRING CONCERT**

by

**The Philomel Singers** and guest soloists

To celebrate 10 years of the Friends of Seend Church

**Saturday, 23rd April 2022 at 7.30pm**

Tickets: £7.50 (children free) from Tina (827139) and Fiona (828401)

**SEEND BEER FESTIVAL - SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**At Seend Community Centre 12 NOON TO 11 PM.**

£12.50 to include a glass and two beer tokens.

Non beer drinkers £6 (accompanying full ticket holders)

Accompanied children welcome in the afternoon

Local singer-songwriters and cover artists **Vince Bell** and **Ben Borrill**

in the afternoon and the popular band **Indecision** in the evening.

Also there will be Padfields Porkies Pig Roast!

**Numbers are limited and the event usually sells out quickly – so get your tickets soon!**

Online at [www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk) (small booking fee) or from The Brewery Pub and the Community Centre.





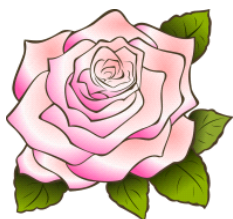
Ladies, let's get **SWISHING..**  
**SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
Rusty Lane, Seend, SN12 6NS  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 18.30 – 21.30

(There'll be a bucket for donations in aid of the Community Centre on the door)

FREE ENTRY \*\*\* Cocktails \*\*\* Free nibbles

Swishing is simple – just bring along a few items of nice clean clothing, shoes, handbags and swap them for free. Any clothes left at the end of the night can be taken back home or will be distributed to local charities

**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Celebrate with us at Seend Community Centre with a family BBQ from 6pm, live music during the evening from 8pm and Beacon lighting at 9:15 pm.



Calling all gardeners in Seend Cleeve

**THE CLEEVE OPEN GARDENS**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022 1.00pm – 6.00pm

Cake and cream teas—Ice cream and plant stall

Tickets £8.00 (Children Free)

Includes parking and Shuttle Service

If you love your garden and would like to share it with others then please contact Tina Yockney asap on 01380 827139 [tinayockney@btinternet.com](mailto:tinayockney@btinternet.com)

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Volunteer bakers needed to make and donate cakes for the Seend Cleeve open gardens in June.  
If you can help please contact Anne Ewing on 828557.



**SEEND FLOWER SHOW**



The Seend Flower Show will be held this year on the 13 August 2022.

**At Seend Community Centre**

Cup Winners 2019 - please hand in your cups to John Williams, Canty Neuk, High Street Seend (828965) or call Julia on 827082.

Helpers on the day please contact Julia ([julia.white@bioss.com](mailto:julia.white@bioss.com)), or any other committee member.

## **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.)*

In Memory of Alan Lewis Alan died on 22nd March at home in Seend Cleeve. He became ill soon after moving to the village from Edington three and a half years ago. He loved the wonderful views from his conservatory daybed and took a keen interest in village news. Alan retired 4 years ago as Professor of Psychology at the University of Bath and was given the honour of Emeritus Professor on retirement. He is much missed by his wife Sandie and daughters Emma and Frankie.

### **Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion & Seend Lye Field, Rusty Lane, Seend**



Available for parties, meetings, sports events

Book online now at: [www.seendlyefield.org](http://www.seendlyefield.org)

Email: [seendlrf@gmail.com](mailto:seendlrf@gmail.com)

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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.

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## **SEEND VILLAGE WEBSITE**

Neil Yockney has been valiantly trying to keep the website [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk) regularly updated since it came into being when the art and science of website design was somewhat more basic than it is now. He is happy to go on with the updating, but would love to hear from somebody in the village who has the knowledge, talents and willingness to help revamp and modernise the website in a voluntary capacity.

If that's you, please call Neil on 01380 827139 or email

[neilyockney@btinternet.com](mailto:neilyockney@btinternet.com)

Thank you.

## Seend Community Centre URGENTLY needs YOUR support



I am sure you will agree that the Community Centre is an important resource for the village and, indeed other people across Wiltshire. We provide space for a huge range of activities and social events, we have a licensed bar and most of you will have been inside the Centre in recent years for one reason or another.

However, the Centre can't run itself. The Management Committee acts as the executive, making decisions, fund-raising, employing staff and ensuring the Centre is able to provide services now and into the future. ***Without a committee, the Centre cannot continue.*** Most of the committee members have been in place for a long time and have given many years volunteering; we need more people to keep this going.

We are therefore asking you to consider joining the Management Committee. The Chair has retired after 10 years of service and the Secretary plans to retire later in the year after an even longer stint. We also need other committee members to spread the load and be of support. We have asked the community a number of times for help but with no response.

**It is important everyone understands that if we are unable to recruit new committee members, the Centre will have to close in its present form.**

Anyone who is interested is very much encouraged to apply and if you would like more information, please get in touch:

Hatty Stafford Charles	<a href="mailto:hattysc@gmail.com">hattysc@gmail.com</a>
Richard Whitehead	<a href="mailto:whitehead@agritec.plus.com">whitehead@agritec.plus.com</a>
David Purdy	<a href="mailto:davidpurdy100@gmail.com">davidpurdy100@gmail.com</a>

### **Saturday Summer Breakfasts**

We URGENTLY require Two Team leaders to help with the planning and to lead a team for one week each. Without the support of team leaders the breakfasts simply cannot go ahead. If anyone is willing to step up, please get in touch with Jenny Dalton ASAP on 07747457204 or email [seendbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:seendbreakfast@gmail.com)

**SEEND CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2022** Have you renewed your membership? Full Membership is £12.50, Over 60s £11.00, Under 18s £5. You can sign up online at [www.seendcommunitycentre.com](http://www.seendcommunitycentre.com) or just pop into the Bar in the Members' Lounge. Full details on membership and benefits available online.

**BAR OPENING HOURS – WEDS, THURS AND SATURDAY FROM 7 PM,  
FRIDAY FROM 6 PM. SUNDAY 12 NOON TO 4 PM.**

## CHURCH NEWS



Maureen's ramblings.....

One of the things that fascinates me about the Gospel accounts of Jesus' resurrection is the reaction of the disciples. Jesus had told them that he would rise from the dead. The women who had gone to the tomb showed them that the tomb was empty. Mary Magdalene shared with them that she had "seen the Lord". But the disciples didn't get it. They couldn't believe it. Two disciples even left Jerusalem - miserable and downcast – thinking that Jesus' ministry had ended in failure.

What had happened to them is what happens to us. Jesus' death and resurrection were history and life changing events – but nothing had actually changed. For the disciples, the world was as awful as it had ever been. The oppressive Romans were still in power; the peace and prosperity they thought the Messiah would bring seemed as far off as ever. Christ's resurrection should transform the world – but it hadn't. Where is the resurrected Christ in the continuing suffering of the world?

If Christ's resurrection is true – we want it to change the world. How is it changing things in the Ukraine, in Syria, in the Yemen? How is it changing things for the poor and oppressed, the hungry and the refugee? How do we celebrate Easter in a Good Friday world, when the very last thing that anyone wants to be told, in the face of all that is in our news headlines, is 'be happy, Jesus is risen from the dead'?

I have been a follower of the risen Christ for over 50 years and constantly have to reflect on the reality and purpose of my faith. I don't have a simple or a blind faith – but one that always struggles with finding truth, finding God, in the dark and empty places. My current reflections lead me to think that what we need to learn is how to live the resurrection, not in a world made suddenly easy and peaceful by the events of Easter Day, but in a world wounded by humanity and fractured by heartache and sorrow.

The risen Christ comes to us as he has always come, bringing into our broken, grieving world the gentle but persistent reminder that, in the words of Desmond Tutu: 'Good is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.' Jesus doesn't ask us to feel joyful (although I hope I will on Easter Day!) – but to hold on to the fact that this is true and to seek, wherever we can, to be and do good; to be loving; to bring light into the darkness and to be life-giving to all we meet. In fact – to be Easter people in a Good Friday world. Easter people who have hope for the future; Easter people who believe, sometimes with tears in our eyes – that forgiveness, healing, reconciliation, peace, justice - all of it is possible. And so we can proclaim – "Christ is risen! Alleluia!.

### **From the Registers:**

**Baptisms** Hugo Woodfield on 19<sup>th</sup> February at St Peter's, Poulshot  
No weddings or funerals this month.



## CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL 2022

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

Part of the Wellsprings Benefice

### Sunday 3rd (Lent)

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

### Sunday 10th (Palm Sunday)

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

### Holy Week

Mon 11th 7pm Compline Bulkington  
 Tues 12th 7pm Compline Worton  
 Weds 13th 7pm Compline Poulshot

### Thurs 14th (Maundy Thursday)

### Sat 16th (Easter Saturday)

5.15pm Quest Easter Saturday Festival Poulshot  
 (on farm, details on website)  
 10am Holy Communion Potterne  
 10am Holy Communion Seend

### Sunday 17th (Easter Sunday)

9.30am Holy Communion Bulkington  
 9.30am Holy Communion Poulshot  
 10am Holy Communion Potterne  
 10am Holy Communion Seend  
 11am Easter Celebration plus Easter Trail Worton

### Sunday 24th (Easter 2)

9.30 am Morning Praise Worton  
 10am Holy Communion Seend  
 11am Morning Praise Potterne  
 6pm Evening Service Bulkington

**Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot-  
 Please join us at our new informal gathering called  
 Quest every Saturday at 5.30pm at Poulshot Village  
 Hall.**

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

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

# **BULKINGTON NEWS**

## **Draft Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting**

### **PENDING APPROVAL**

**Held on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 at 7.30pm at the Bulkington Village Hall**

Attendees: Andrew Grabham (Chair), Alex Breach, Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard-Evans, Simon Downey

**28/22 Apologies for absence:** Amy Powell, PCSO Janet, Tamara Reay (Conservative Councillor for the Devizes Rural West Division) and Carla Haslam

**29/22 To Record:** No changes to the Register of Interests were declared

No interest in Agenda Items was declared

**30/22 To Receive a report from PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay**

Tamara Reay: The following report was received:

The Devizes Area Board met on Monday 7th March. The changes to residual waste collections (black bins) will save the Council £400,000 pa in efficiencies. Subsequently residents will be aware that industrial action by Hills Waste (GMB Union) has resulted in difficulties over the past few days in lorries being unable to leave depots, and as a result the Council has taken the difficult decision to prioritise residual waste collections and therefore suspend recycling collections until 21 March. It should be noted that UNISON employees have agreed to the revised pay deal offered by Hills – initially 2% last year and this was revised to 7% over two years (2% in Oct 2021 and a further 5% from March 2022). This is certainly not unreasonable given public sector pay increases are currently averaging around 2.5%.

PCSO Report to follow separately once received. No PCSO updates to share from the minutes from last Area Board meeting yet as it was on the 7th of March.

- As a police force, we cover the whole county, across both local authority areas for Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council.
  - The county is divided into eight Community Policing Teams (CPTs).
  - Each team is led by an Inspector and made up of designated Response and Neighbourhood officers.
  - Each CPT has five Response Teams with each one being led by sergeants. The main role of these officers is to do investigations.
  - Each CPT has a Neighbourhood Team. In Swindon this is divided into three areas. These are led by an Inspector and made up of sergeants, officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), volunteers and police staff.
  - Our Neighbourhood Teams play a valuable role as the main link between the Force and the community. They are the officers and volunteers you will come to recognise in your communities and will see at local meetings and events.
  - Our neighbourhood officers focus directly on working within the community, offering greater contact with the public and take a problem-solving approach to local community issues.
- Your Community Policing Team

We continue to work hard to embed our neighbourhood officers within the town and parish communities and we are working to respond to 999 and 101 calls and manage ongoing to raise awareness of these teams and how the public and partners can best engage and communicate with them.

31/22 **Open Forum:** None raised.

32/22 **Local Planning Updates:** opportunity to discuss any local planning, none raised.

33/22 **Minute Approval:** the last Minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting were approved.

34/22 **Finance:**

Clerk Pay March	£221.60
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Clerk Expenses: Leaflet print	£23.67
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Clerk Expenses: Amazon Purchases for village event: Napkins, Flipchart Markers, Sticky Notes and Flipchart	£28.23
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35/22 **Finance Planning:** Following the increase of the Precept 2022/23 councillors have discussed plans for the spend and financial planning of the year but would like to give villagers the chance to contribute ideas as well. The Village event on the 26th of March has been organised with this in mind.

36/22 **Website:** The village is still looking for a volunteer to hand over the maintenance of the website over to. There will be a shout out for volunteers in the next Newsletter.

37/22 **Recreational Ground:** Carla to oversee the creation of a three/four year plan for the spending of the ringfenced money from the Precept

Grass Cutting – Andrew has been in contact with Keevil PC to discuss the possibility of joining forces.

38/22 **Parish Steward:** Bulkington now has a new Parish Steward, please continue to send outstanding jobs to the Clerk. Clerk to report current outstanding issues to the new Steward (Northfields moss, verge area opposite the pub)

39/22 **Annual Community Event:** Councillors discussed the event planned for the 26th of March. Parish Councillors and Clerk to arrive at 1.15pm to set up the event. The Community Event will be a great opportunity for villagers to meet and have an input into the upcoming Jubilee event and to share any other village events or works they feel the village should partake in.

40/22 **Improving local Accessibility in Bulkington:** Councillors further discussed plans to improve accessibility following Maureen Alchin's report and email.

41/22 **Best Kept Village Competition:**

Bulkington will be entering the Competition for the second time – following the positivity after the last event. Volunteers to help very welcome.

The entry deadline is 22nd April.

Judging for the first (District) round will take place from 14th May to 12th June.

Judging for the second (County) round and for the Laurence Kitching Award will take place in July.

**AOB:**

**Jubilee Event:** Simon kindly volunteered to co-ordinate plans for some celebrations within the village

**Litter Picking:**

Our Clerk is arranging Litter Pickers and other equipment to help us keep our village and surrounding countryside clean and tidy ahead of the Spring growth that will cover the existing rubbish. If you would like to get involved please get in touch on [theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk](mailto:theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk)

**Village Hall Internet:** The Parish Council would like to make meetings accessible to all by investing in an internet connection that can be used for remote access to village meetings taking place in the village hall. Alison to make initial enquiries with possible suppliers and to research rules and limitations around internet use in public spaces.

**The Parish Council team meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7 pm**

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 11.05-11.30. It is good to see that people are supporting it.

**BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

We are pleased to announce that with the lifting of the COVID restrictions the hall is now re-opened for bookings.

Please contact Roger Futter on 828 485 to make a booking. Nev Boulton, Chair.

**GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY (GBR)  
EASTER MONDAY TRAIN RIDES**

I am pleased to advise that we will be offering train rides on the GBR on Easter Monday (18 April) between 14 and 1630 hours – rides will cost one pound for twice around the 1000 foot long track located next to the village hall, Mill Lane Bulkington, SN10 1SW. Season tickets, for multiple rides will cost £5. The Bulkington Ladies (kindly led by Liz Futter) will be serving light refreshments in Bulkington Village Hall - all profits will be sent to the **Ukrainian Charities**.

Please park on one side of Mill Lane and away from the junction due to heavy farm traffic.

Nev Boulton (and Friends) Station Master 01380 828101



## **BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH**

The Bulkington Village Lunch takes place on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April at 12.15 for 12.30pm at The Well. Contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (828116)

## **Soup Lunch**

Bulkington Village Hall  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 12 noon to 1.30 pm  
£6 adult, £3 child



Come and enjoy a choice of homemade soups, followed by cookies and tea/coffee.

Proceeds to Wiltshire Young Carers.



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

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at  
14 Chestnut Drive, the home of Janet Rawlings 828732.

New people always welcome.

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

## **BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP**

Our meeting this month will be on Thursday 28th April in Bulkington Village Hall at 7.30 pm. We will be entertained by “Music & Mirth” who will be singing songs from the shows. Please feel free to come along. The more the merrier! Entrance is £3 which includes 2 raffle tickets.

There will be the usual bring and share refreshments, and raffle. Liz Futter

## **BULKINGTON ‘100 CLUB’**

The "100 Club" draw was held at the Village Lunch in The Well on Wednesday, 2nd March, and the winners were :-

£35	No. 30	Deryn Stafford
£25	No. 87	Tina Fagan
£20	No. 16	Roger Marsh
£15	No. 67	Paul Bennett
£10	No. 35	Sue Oakey

Congratulations to the winners!

Phyl Yarde

## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**



Kevin Toft, our Standard Bearer and Secretary, will be walking 100 miles in and around Devizes to raise money for The Royal British Legion in its 100<sup>th</sup> year.

Please donate, however, small, on his RBL Facebook fundraising page “Walk 100 Miles for The Royal British Legion” <https://www.facebook.com/703280559803094/posts/2571504386314026/?d=n> or you can donate online using the Seend Branch Royal British Legion Sort Code 30 92 63, Account 00252655, using Reference: 100 Mile Walk. If you prefer, you can drop an envelope into Robin Heatley, Chairman, at 26 Dial Close, Seend, marked 100 Mile Walk.

The Annual Lecture will take place on Fri 13 May at 7.30 in the Community Centre, Rusty Lane to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Falklands War. Mark “Splash” Aston (ex 22 SAS) will be giving a talk about experiences in the Falklands. If you buy his book in advance (SAS: Sea King Down), bring it along on the night and he will gladly sign it for you. Tickets £10 (to include light bites) from Seend Post & Provisions, Robin Heatley on 01380-828491 or Devizes Books. There will also be a raffle on the night. All welcome.

All proceeds go towards The Royal British Legion.

### **SEEND 100+ CLUB DRAW**

February Draw

1 No.33	C Bowles	£50
2 No.68	J Williams	£25
3 No.56	P Mansergh	£25
4 No.81	J Allen	£15
5 No.152	C Walker	£15



### **SHUTTLE NEWS**

Two bits of good news this month. Firstly, we have some new volunteer drivers so we will be able to offer Thursday shopping trips to Devizes starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. We shall be reducing the runs to mornings only when the market is on. Look out for the new timetable next month. Secondly, we shall be going to Salisbury again on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April so give me a ring on 01380 828757 to book a place. Anita Shea



### **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS PANTO**

Thanks to everyone who supported our 42<sup>nd</sup> village panto ‘Little Red Riding Hood’ at February half term. The cast enjoyed themselves and we’re pretty sure the audiences did too!

We were able to hand over £800 proceeds to Seend Community Centre.

## **SEEND WI**

It is wonderful to see the spring flowers bursting forth. The dazzling show of snowdrops giving way to swathes of golden daffodils certainly raises our spirits in these troubled times.

Members met on March 9<sup>th</sup> for our AGM. The existing Committee was re elected and Fiona Johnson was unanimously voted as President for 2022/2023. She was thanked for all her hard work over the previous year. Business over, members attempted a fun quiz, based on the 1960's with various success! The evening concluded with a Bring and Buy sale, in aid of the Ukraine Emergency Appeal which raised £165.

The Speaker for our next meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April will be Nicola Davies giving a talk and craft session on silk screen printed cards.

**Craft and Chatter group** will meet **on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April** 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. Bring your own craft or just come for tea, cake and chatter.

Everyone welcome, you do not have to be a member of the WI. Do come along.

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).

Joyce Harvey

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

The children at Seend School have had a very exciting time this month.

Chestnut Class spent a fabulous few days at Braeside. They took part in exciting activities including pond dipping at Drews Pond, enjoying a lovely evening around the campfire and testing their bravery on the Leap of Faith.

Earlier in the month, the whole school enjoyed dressing up as their favourite character from a book to celebrate World Book Day. They shared their favourite stories, were entertained by the author and illustrator Roy Auberly and came back in the evening for a book at bedtime get-together.

As if that wasn't enough, the children had another opportunity to dress up to celebrate Red Nose Day. They wore their party gear and took part in Comic Relief activities in their classroom. However, the highlight of the day was a dance party on the playground. You may have heard us singing along to YMCA and The Macarena, and like all good parties we finished with a giant conga around the playground and through the wildlife area.

A great time was had by all.



## **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

After a two year break it was great to welcome so many members to the Annual General Meeting held at the Pavilion, Seend, on Thursday evening 3rd March. The meeting opened with a presentation to long serving members Sylvia and Tony Ewin, both of whom had stepped down from the Committee in June 2021. Involved since the formation of the Club in 1998, Sylvia had served as Chairman and Tony as a



Committee member for more than twenty years. They were presented with a watercolour picture of the Watermill Theatre and a scented rose called "Thank You".

After the Annual Reports from Acting Chairman & Treasurer Marion Whitehead the Committee members were re-elected, with Ken Harvey becoming Chairman, Marion Whitehead (Treasurer) and Pauline Robertson (Secretary). The co-option of Ann Burgess was confirmed making four Committee members in total, with one further vacancy awaiting a volunteer!

We were entertained by guest speaker Gill Morrell of Shakespeare Live, with her excellent dramatised take on "The Seven Ages of Man".

The first theatre event in 2022 was a coach outing to the Playhouse Theatre in Salisbury on 10th March for a matinee performance of the Agatha Christie classic "A Murder is Announced". It was well cast and thoroughly enjoyed by the Club members. Future bookings already made include "Chicago" at Bristol Hippodrome on 27th April, "Our Man In Havana" at the Watermill on 10th May and "The Mousetrap" at Theatre Royal, Bath in November. Booking information will be circulated shortly on "Mamma Mia" at the Hippodrome in June and "Twelfth Night" to be performed by Shakespeare Live at Cleeve House in July.

We always welcome new members and if you are interested in finding out more please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or Marion (01380 828612).

## **SEEND PLAYGROUP**

We welcome Alice, Lottie and Rupert this term and hope they will enjoy their time with us.



The children have enjoyed cooking, making things the same colour as the colour of the week – especially dipping fruit and a biscuit into the chocolate fountain.

It was lovely to have a walk to the church and be able to take the children inside again to look at the stained glass window.

We are having our Easter coffee morning and Easter egg hunt on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April. The children will be making their Easter bonnets at home and we will see them parade around with them on before the egg hunt.

Thank you to Liz Futter and Lottie who sold raffle tickets at the panto on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February. £168 was raised for Playgroup funds.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April is our last day of term. We return after the Easter holidays on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Rose Dick (Playleader) 01380 828003

## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

A fun skittles evening at the Social Centre was attended by 30 people in March. An American supper was enjoyed by all and the highest scoring lady and gent received a prize, this had been postponed from December due to covid. Our March walk on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> saw 21 walkers follow Reg & Wendy on a 5 mile circular walk starting from Great Chalfield Manor near Broughton Gifford. We followed footpaths, byways and lanes towards Holt passing the fresh water lake where some brave people were open water swimming then back to Great Chalfield Manor. It was pretty muddy but the brisk wind kept the rain showers which had been forecast away. Next walk – Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, members will be notified of the walk details nearer the time by walk leaders Tim & Sandy (07835450892 for information).



Future dates - May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 19<sup>th</sup>. That's all for this month.

Sandy

## **NEWS FROM SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **New Parish Clerk**

Seend Parish Council is delighted to welcome Chris Stirland who has been appointed as the new Parish Clerk and will replace Sue Bond when she steps down towards the end of April. There will be a 6 week handover period which has already begun.

### **Councillor Vacancies**

A reminder that we still have two Councillor vacancies. Please get in touch with the Clerk if you are interested in joining the Parish Council.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be taking place on 5th May at 8pm at the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion. Refreshments will be available from 7.30pm. This is a public meeting and all parishioners are invited to attend. Seend clubs and organisations are especially invited to give a short report on their year's activities. Please let the Clerk know if you are wishing to give a report. If you cannot attend, but would like to submit a report to be read out on your behalf, then please send it to the Clerk.

Please note, we will be holding the Annual Parish Council meeting on the same evening, but at the earlier time of 7pm. We will elect chairman and vice chairman at this meeting and re-adopt some of the constitution documents. This should be a short meeting as there will not be any other council business at this meeting. But members of the parish are still welcome to attend.

Both agendas will be put on the PC website a week before the meeting.

**Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting** – There has been some discussions on the Village Facebook page about planting trees to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee (the “Queen’s Green Canopy” project). Back in 2018, the Parish Council tried, but failed to find a location in the Parish to plant 25 trees to commemorate each of the 25 Seend soldiers who died in WW1. Therefore the Parish Council has been a little reluctant to take a lead in any major tree planting project in the Parish to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

However, as there has been some interest expressed by parishioners willing to plant trees on their land, the Parish Council will consider purchasing and supplying a number of trees for parishioners. There would obviously be an upper limit on the number of trees we can afford to buy. These will be purchased from The Woodland Trust and will be fairly small saplings. <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/.../queens-green-canopy>

We just need to know the level of interest from the Parish, before committing to the purchase. It could be from landowners who want to plant a few trees or individuals who want to plant a single tree. Please email the Parish Clerk to register your interest and the number of trees you would like (and type if you have a preference). Responsibility for the trees and their on-going maintenance will be down to the landowner.

It would be good if we can get at least 70 new trees planted in the parish, one to mark each of the years the Queen has been on the throne!

**CPRE Best Kept Village Competition** – Seend will again be entering this competition, thanks to Councillor John Williams who will do all the co-ordination for it as he has done in previous years. Anyone wanting to contact him to offer help can email him: [john.williams@seendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:john.williams@seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

**2022 – Great British Spring Clean** This event is taking place between 25<sup>th</sup> March and 15<sup>th</sup> April. Whilst no formal ‘clean up’ day is being organized by the Parish Council, It is hoped that as many residents as possible will do a litter pick close to their homes. If everyone does this, then we should see a cleaner parish!

## **NEWS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

Help with rising energy costs

Almost all of us will be affected by the current increases in energy costs and I was pleased that in February, the Government announced that all households in England whose primary residence is in council tax bands A to D are entitled to a one-off council tax energy rebate payment of £150.

To ensure that residents get the payment as soon as possible Wiltshire Council will be using the details of those who are set-up to pay by direct debit so that the rebate money can go straight into those accounts. The council is in the process of establishing how the money will get to those people who aren't set up to pay by direct debit, and more information for those residents and how they can claim it will be available in due course.

The Government also announced that funding will also be provided to local authorities to operate a discretionary fund for households in need who would not otherwise be eligible. This could include, for example, individuals on low incomes who live in properties in bands E-H. Wiltshire Council has been allocated around £877,000 for this and is developing a system to distribute this money to those eligible and will confirm more details soon. There was more good news for vulnerable households who will be able to benefit from energy efficiency improvements over the next year. Together with Swindon Borough Council, Wiltshire Council has secured over £5 million to deliver home energy upgrades across Swindon and Wiltshire, following a successful bid to the Government's Home Upgrade Grant fund. The funding will be used to install energy efficiency measures in homes to raise Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating to Band C. Households, including social rent, low income and living in areas without mains gas - both rented and owner-occupied - will benefit from these improvements helping to reduce their bills and make their homes warmer. Upgrades include wall and roof insulation as well as new low-carbon heating systems, thermostats and room heating controls.

I'd encourage anyone who is concerned about rising energy bills or who need energy saving advice, to contact the free and impartial Warm and Safe Wiltshire service at [warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk](http://warmandsafewiltshire.org.uk) or by calling 0800 038 5722. Meanwhile, I am very aware that across Devizes Rural West there are residents living in older social housing with particularly inefficient heating systems, and as your Wiltshire Councillor, and with responsibility for Climate Change across the county, I am working to secure improvements.

Tamara Reay                      Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.  
Tel: 07711 824864 Email: [tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **February PC Meeting**

**Attendance** – 8 Councillors: Apologies: Jackie Hamblin, John Williams and Councillor Tamara Reay.

**Local Councillor Matters** – A report was read out by the clerk.

**Melksham Bypass** - Wiltshire Council has agreed to delay the submission of the Outline Business Case for the Melksham bypass until the Summer, whilst it waits for the initial results of the National Highways' M4 to Dorset Connectivity study. There will be a further public consultation later this year.

**Budget** - At a marathon meeting on 15th February Wiltshire Council debated and agreed the 2022/23 budget and 10-year Business Plan. Over the next year the council will spend over £417m – with over 56% (£235m) on support and care for adults and children. Full Councilors' report is in the minutes on the PC website.

**Minutes & Matters Arising**–Minutes of meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January were approved.

Items for Discussion from a Member of the Parish - A resident from The Stocks, spoke of his continuing concerns about speeding traffic at the Stocks/Seend Cleeve junction on the A361 and a number of near misses he has experienced here. He had spoken before to the Parish Council in July 2021 and at that time Councillors agreed to request a metro count with a view to getting the speed limit reduced from 50mph to 40mph. The metro count was undertaken in November 2021. Now that the results have proven that there is an issue with speeding, the resident has requested that the PC ask Highways for the speed limit to be reduced from 50mph to 30mph and for double white lines to be put in place to restrict overtaking by the Seend Cleeve junction.

#### Police Matters – Incidents:

Fri 28 Jan around 0900 – accident at top of Bell Hill at crossroads. Police attended.

Fri 28 Jan around 5pm – accident at Seend Head.

Wiltshire Police are urging dog owners to keep their pets under control after ewes have been killed in sheep-worrying attacks. As lambing season begins, police remind dog owners that livestock worrying is a criminal offence and farmers are legally entitled to shoot dogs if they are endangering or threatening their animals

#### Highway Meetings –

Metro Counts – The Stocks – this has taken place and the results prove that there is a speeding issue. Councillors agreed to submit a Highway Improvement Request to get the speed limit reduced from 50mph to 30mph. The High Street – this metro count should take place in March. CATG – the date of the next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> April. The Chairman to attend. 3 Highway Improvement Requests will be submitted: Bell crossroads further small scale safety improvements (agreed at January PC meeting), horse warning signs at Redstocks, and a request to reduce the speed limit to 30mph at the Stocks and install double white lines to restrict overtaking close to this junction.

Neighbourhood Plan - Website - Mrs A'Bear reported that all the Neighbourhood Plan documents had been migrated on the Parish Council website. WALPA – Further meetings had taken place between the group and the Strategic Planning Team.

The aim being to develop additional practical proposals that can be put to government to address the current issues councils are facing with the undermining of their Neighbourhood Plans by planners and developers. Some local MPS were taking the plight of Neighbourhood planning to Westminster and some of the right questions were now being asked of government by them and Wiltshire Council. Mrs A'Bear said that Seend's membership of this group was a way of supporting its work, but that she was not taking an active part in the discussions. SPNPSG – Mrs A'Bear said that since the Neighbourhood Plan was made group members had dwindled, such that there is not really a committee at the moment. When a review of the Plan was needed in the future, there would be a need to recruit new members from the Parish.

### **Planning Applications**

Application Ref: PL/2022/00333 - Land adjacent to 16 Sells Green, Seend

Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of a single storey detached dwelling.

Resolution: All Councillors in support of this application being approved.

*NB: since this decision revised plans were submitted moving the parking from rear to front, so a revised PC comment was sent in objecting to the revision.*

Application Ref: PL/2021/11736 - Woodpeckers, Berhills Lane, Seend SN12 6RR

Proposal: Erection of two dwellings. Resolution: All Councillors in support of this application being approved.

Application Ref: PL/2022/00869 - Mary Ann Cottage, 51 Seend Cleeve SN12 6PU

Proposal: Erection of Single Storey Garden Room and Raised Deck Area to Rear Garden, Complete with Associated Works. Resolution: All Councillors in support of this application being approved.

**Parish Steward** – The Parish Steward from the Bradford Area had visited the Parish earlier this month and undertaken the jobs on the task sheet including the cleaning of the traffic bollards. It is hoped that we will have a new assigned parish steward in the coming weeks.

Sandridge Solar Community Benefit Payment – CPR training – Councillors agreed to ask Mr Mark Wood if he would be willing to undertake some more CPR awareness training sessions, the same as he has done in previous years.

Bicycle Lock ups - A parishioner had suggested that the Solar money be used to purchase bicycle racks to be installed by the Community Centre and the Pavilion. Councillors thought this an excellent idea. Mrs Akerman was asked to research costings and the Clerk was asked to write to the Community Centre and Lye Trustees to ask if they would approve a location. To report back at the next meeting.

Platinum Jubilee - Beacon Lighting - There will be a beacon lighting and a barbeque at the Community Centre on the evening of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This is being organised by the Community Centre. Tree Planting – It was noted that there had been some discussions on the village facebook page about the Queen's Green Canopy Project, with some villagers expressing willingness to plant trees on their land. The Councillors discussed the difficulties they had had in 2018 in trying to secure land to plant 25 trees to commemorate the 25 soldiers who died in WW1, and were therefore reluctant to take a lead in a tree planting project in the Parish. Councillors suggested that the Parish Council could put a note in Spotlight and Facebook to find out what the likely interest would be from parishioners if the PC agreed to purchase a number of trees to give to individuals who wanted to plant trees on their land. The trees could be purchased from The Woodland Trust who is a partner of the Queen's Green Canopy Project. Councillors agreed this course of action.

Clerk Vacancy - The Chairman announced that following interviews, Mr Chris Stirland had been offered the position of Clerk and RFO. He will start on 7<sup>th</sup> March to begin the handover with the current clerk who will be stepping down at the end of April.

## Finance

Bank Reconciliation to end of Jan 2021 - £ 33,283.61

Date of next meetings – 29<sup>th</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> April.

## **NATURE NOTES**

### **Summer Visitors**

House Martins: These lovely migrant birds fly from Africa to nest in the British Isles, many in our area. They spend a long time making their mud nests under the eaves of houses. Please be tolerant of their building habits. The birds do not cause too much mess and they become distressed if all their hard work is destroyed. If house martins cannot raise their broods, yet another species will be endangered.

Swallows: These beautiful birds always return to their old nest sites, so please ensure access to them. If, for reasons of security, access has to be shut, swallows will fly through small openings in order to reach their traditional nesting sites.

Swifts: Their nesting sites, some of which are centuries old, are fast disappearing. They require an access tunnel of at least 18" long with a small entrance hole; please don't block them off. Swifts are believed to spend at much as nine months to a year on the wing, and they are known to nap whilst flying.

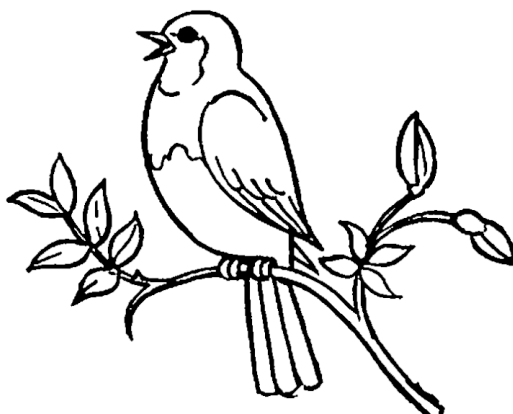
Swift sightings can be reported to Bradford-on-Avon Swift Group at [climate-champions@gmail.com](mailto:climate-champions@gmail.com), or [www.swift-conservation.org](http://www.swift-conservation.org).

NOTE: These birds are, of course, protected species – it is an offence to disturb or destroy their nest sites and environments.

**Cuckoos in Spring!** Many people have remarked over the last decade that they haven't heard a cuckoo during springtime for ages. There does appear to be a decline of these migrants and the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) is involved in research of this species. Cuckoos are still returning to the British Isles. Due to modern technology scientists are able to track tagged cuckoos from their wintering grounds in the Congo. Readers can follow the progress of returning cuckoos at [www.bto.org/cuckoo](http://www.bto.org/cuckoo). One, named Ellis, is making good progress on his way back to Perthshire. Anyone hearing or seeing a cuckoo can send their report to the BTO, RSPB, County Ornithological Society etc. (Don't be fooled by a neighbour's cuckoo clock!)

**Bees** Many are now on the wing again, especially some species of bumble bees. All bees like to have a drink from a bird-bath, shallow pond etc. They can also choose other containers such as watering cans or buckets of water etc. Unfortunately, many get trapped by these vessels and drown. Please try to remember to place a cover over the filler parts of these items. All bee species in the British Isles are in decline.

Otis Tarda



## **BITS AND BOBS**

### **STEEPLE ASHTON FILMS**

SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2022 at 7.30 PM (PROMPT START!)

At the Village Hall, Steeple Ashton. Doors open at 7 pm for refreshments

**SPENCER (12)** Written by Steven Knight and Directed by Pablo Larrain.

The marriage of Princess Diana (Kristen Stewart) and Prince Charles (Jack Farthing) has long since become strained. Set in December 1991 for the Christmas Festivities at the Queen's Sandringham Estate. Co-starring Timothy Spall, Sean Harris and Sally Hawkins.

*Please make sure you are given the correct number of tickets you wish to purchase and that you write your name and telephone number on the back. We intend keeping all our safety measures in place and request that you wear a mask and make use of the hand sanitisers provided and one way system.*

Tickets £6 from Steeple Ashton Village Shop. For Reservations, please ring Alison on 01380 871345 or for up to date news about Steeple Ashton Films, join our mailing list e-mail [safilms268@gmail.com](mailto:safilms268@gmail.com) or look on Facebook.

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**Melksham Choral Society's Spring Concert**

An evening of lovely Fauré music will be held on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April at 7.30pm in the United Church Melksham. The programme will include his Requiem, Cantique de Jean Racine, Madrigal and Pavane with excellent professional soloists and organist .

Tickets are £12.50 to be bought on the door or from choir members



### **EDINGTON ARTS WELCOMES ITS FIRST TRIO**

Saturday April 2nd at 7.30pm in Edington Priory. Metamorphoses is an unusual ensemble of piano, viola and clarinet. The pianist is Russian, the violist is Dutch, and the clarinetist is American, though living in Scotland. They came together in 2016 to explore music written for this combination of instruments. They have been performing and recording together ever since.

A special item in their programme will be a short piece, Metamorph, written specially for them by the Dutch composer Theo Loevendie..

Tickets are £20, £15 and £10, with a 10% discount for Edington Angels and 18 and under coming free. Ring Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email [sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org) to reserve your tickets.

## **Melksham & District Flower Arrangement Society**

have pleasure in inviting you to join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 2.00p.m. in the Seend Community Hall for a Flower Arranging demonstration.

12th April "The Language of Flowers" with Caroline Cooper

17th May "The Art of Unlocking" with Cath Brown

21st June "Designing for Summer" with Michael Bowyer

## **LAVINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR**



Our Easter break is fast approaching but we shall restart for the summer term on

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

We are working towards a concert on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**at Market Lavington Community Hall**

Anyone who fancies a sing every Thursday at the Market Lavington Community Hall, 8 for 8.15 will be warmly welcomed. Your first session with us is free, there are no auditions and not being able to sight read music need not be a deterrent as rehearsal tracks are posted on our website Find out more from [pboyagis@gmail.com](mailto:pboyagis@gmail.com)

[www.lavingtoncommunitychoir.org](http://www.lavingtoncommunitychoir.org)



**CHARITY PLANT AND CRAFT FAIR IN AID  
OF THE WANSDYKE CARRIAGE DRIVING GROUP  
(RDA) by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Christopher  
Woodhouse.**

**SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2022 10.30 am to 2.30 pm**

**BARBURY RACECOURSE, Nr MARLBOROUGH**

**Adults £5 Children under 12 Free**

## **WILTON WINDMILL**

Wiltshire's only working windmill open again to visitors.

The mill will be open for visitors on Sundays and Bank Holidays from Easter until September 25. Guided tours will run between 2pm and 5pm and the recently acquired Granary Museum will be available to explore.

Visitors are welcome to ring their own picnics, and hot and cold drinks, ice creams and cakes will be available in the shepherd's hut.

Check our website [www.wiltonwindmill.org](http://www.wiltonwindmill.org) for full details of events

## **Keevil CofE Academy Scarecrow Trail** **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

The theme for this year is "Colours" so the village will be decorated with 40 wonderful scarecrows, each of which will have a colour in its name! Prizes to be won; most correct answers wins £100 cash and best scarecrow wins £50. A children's trail will be available too with fabulous prizes, so there's something for everyone.

**£5 per entry sheet for the main trail, and £2 for the children's trail.** This year will see a bar, BBQ, tea and cakes, locally sourced ice-cream and other food stalls on sale in the school grounds, plus refreshments in the village hall. We'll also have a tombola, raffle, stalls and games on offer throughout the weekend.

**The trail is open from 10am – 4pm over the weekend.**

All the money raised goes back into Keevil CofE Academy to enhance the children's learning and experiences. Each year we donate 10% of our profits to local charities. For all our latest news, follow us on Facebook (Keevil School Scarecrow Trail).

**The 'Friends of Keevil School' Scarecrow Committee**

### **NGS GARDENS**

April Sunday 3rd Corsham court, Corsham

SN13 0BZ 2-5.30 pm Adm £10, child £5

**[www.corsham-court.co.uk](http://www.corsham-court.co.uk).**



April Thursday 7th Cadenham Manor, Foxham

Chippenham SN15 4NH. 2—5pm Adm £10 Child free. Victoria & Martin Nye,

**[garden@cadenham.com](mailto:garden@cadenham.com), [www.cadenham.com](http://www.cadenham.com).**

April Friday 22nd Blackland House, Quermerford, Calne SN11 8UQ 2.30—4pm

Polly & Edward Nicholson. **[www.bayntunflowers.co.uk](http://www.bayntunflowers.co.uk).**

April 23rd Saturday IFORD MANOR GARDENS Bradford-on-Avon, BA15 2BA.

Mr Cartwright-Hignett, 11-4 pm Adm £7.50

**[info@ifordmanor.co.uk](mailto:info@ifordmanor.co.uk), [www.ifordmanor.co.uk](http://www.ifordmanor.co.uk).**

And for more open gardens, and more information go to our website

**[www.ngs.org.uk/](http://www.ngs.org.uk/)**

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

Yesterday my partner saw a cockroach in the kitchen.

Now it has been sprayed down and cleaned thoroughly

Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

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

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

Bell Tower Captain: L Murray 828513.

**Irene Usher Pavilion** bookings – [www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html](http://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](mailto:seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com)

**Seend Shuttle: Enquiries:** [seendshuttle@gmail.com](mailto:seendshuttle@gmail.com) or Alison 07951 030491

**Seend Parish Council Clerk** – Mrs Sue Bond 07706 850859

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**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-see** Lye Field

**Flower Show** -Julia White 01380 827082

**Football** -Jake Sainsbury

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**Theatre Club** - Ken Harvey 828511;

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