

# ***SPOTLIGHT***

## ***Seend & Bulkington***

***Seend Fete and Flower Show***

***13th August 1-5 pm***



*On The Lye Field*

*In The Community Centre*

*(Parking on the Lye Field)*

**August & September 2022**

## **DIARY DATES FOR LATE JULY**

30<sup>th</sup> Summer Breakfast, Seend Community Centre 8 – 10.30am

## **DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST**

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

5<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am

5<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers evening walk and picnic

6<sup>th</sup> Summer Breakfast, Seend Community Centre 8 – 10.30am

10<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Quiz Night

13<sup>th</sup> Seend Fete and Flower Show – Lye Field and Pavilion, from 1pm  
(Helpers still needed – see inside)

15<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05 am Well Inn Car Park

20<sup>th</sup> Summer Breakfast, Seend Community Centre 8 – 10.30am

20<sup>th</sup> Sausage and Cider Day at the Brewery Inn

27<sup>th</sup> Summer Breakfast, Seend Community Centre 8 – 10.30am

29<sup>th</sup> Big Heads v Small Heads cricket on Lye Field

29<sup>th</sup> Great Bulkington Railway from 2-4pm

31<sup>st</sup> Brewery Inn Quiz Night

## **DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER**

2<sup>nd</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Puddings and Pipes, Holy Cross Church, Seend, 7pm

7<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch, The Well, 12.15pm

9<sup>th</sup> FoSS Back to School BBQ, Seend Community Centre. 6pm

10<sup>th</sup> Ride and Stride for Wiltshire Churches

11<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers walk

12<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, 9.40am Seend The Lye: 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05am Well Inn Car Park

14<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Quiz Night

15<sup>th</sup> Maureen Allchin's Chile Travel Evening, Irene Usher Pavilion, 7pm

17<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT

17<sup>th</sup> ABBA Sensations + disco, Seend Community Centre doors open 7pm

21<sup>st</sup> Seend WI Craft Afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm

28<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter lunch, Seend Community Centre 12 for 12.30pm

30<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am-12 noon

## **DIARY DATES FOR EARLY OCTOBER**

1<sup>st</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning, Bulkington Village Hall, 11am-2pm

7<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am

### **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

## **WELCOME TO AUGUST & SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

There's a welcome return of the Seend Fete and Flower Show after a Covid-enforced break of two years. We hope everyone will join in and make it a grand day out, which – of course – it always is. Helpers are always wanted – see entries inside for info.

By the way, those **brown envelopes** inside the flower show schedules delivered with July Spotlight were for donations to Spotlight – nothing to do with the flower show! Your Spotlight deliverer may have already collected your donation but if not you can leave it in Seend Post and Provisions or give it to any of the editorial team mentioned below. Ignore the 'name.... class.... amount' on the front. They're designed as dinner money envelopes!

A reminder that our Spotlight advertisements are to be renewed by 19th August for the October edition. See details from Chris Brooker.

Seend Community Centre still seeks new committee members to keep this wonderful village asset going. The Centre's quarterly newsletter 'Happenings!' is enclosed with this magazine. Congratulations to Seend United FC for winning yet another trophy, and well done to the volunteers who redecorated the Pavilion to a tight deadline!

***Don't forget to look at the Spotlight online colour supplement on [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk)***

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the October **2022** edition (**copy by Saturday 17th September**) 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. Jan is also sharing editorial duties with Sue and Tessa.

**Lost emails:** Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. **If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa or Sue (see above) to check if all is well.** And please note the following. **When sending emails to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](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.

**PDFs:** We cannot normally use pdf or jpg files of posters etc as they require a specific shape and space. Word documents (or compatible) – without any fancy formatting - give us the flexibility to adapt your wording and pictures to fit the space available. Thanks.

## **SEEND EVENTS IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND BEYOND**



AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

### **EVENTS IN SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING –August 5<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10.30 am.** Proper coffee or tea (plus a refill) and a slice of homemade cake for just £2.50!

Everyone welcome – just turn up, no need to book!



**SUMMER BREAKFASTS will be continuing throughout August on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August.** Come along and enjoy our lovely home cooked 'Full English' (other options available including veggie), all served by our trusty teams of volunteers. Get the weekend off to a great start! (Sorry we are not able to serve breakfasts on the Fete Day – August 13<sup>th</sup>) **From 8.00 to 10.30 am.**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm**

Organised by FOSS (Friends of Seend School) - profits go to the school so do support them. **Free Entry – All welcome!**



**ABBA SENSATIONS –Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**, doors open 7 pm. Always an evening to remember! With a fantastic stage show replicating the legendary Swedish Super Group, fab costumes, lighting effects and authentic reproductions of Abba's many hits. **Disco afterwards** to carry on with the Dancing!



Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! – **Tickets now on sale £20 online at [www.seendcommunitycentre.com](http://www.seendcommunitycentre.com)**



A few tickets also available at the Bar in the Centre.



**NOSH + NATTER returns on September 28<sup>th</sup>!** Two home-cooked courses with refreshments for £7.50. 12 noon for 12.30 pm. Please book your lunch by calling Pauline on 01380 828638 (or if no answer on 828401).

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am-12 noon** Coffee - cake - gossip - bring & buy - crafts and all in a good cause!



**BAR OPENING HOURS** - Weds, Thurs and Sat 7 pm till closing; Fridays from 6pm. Sundays 12 noon—4 pm. Catch up on all the latest village news by popping into the regular TGIF meetup on Fridays in the Members' bar and terrace. Newcomers always welcome.

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

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

## **BREWERY INN AUGUST/SEPT EVENTS**



**August:** Wed 10th quiz

Saturday 20th - sausage and cider day! Live music

Monday 29th - Small Heads v Big Heads cricket on the Lye

Wed 31st Quiz

**September:** Wed 14th quiz & Wed 28th quiz

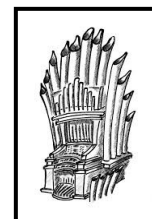
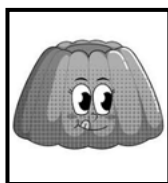


## **Puddings & Pipes! 2<sup>nd</sup> September @ 7.00pm**

Holy Cross Church, Seend.

Come and enjoy the wonderful Sweetland organ being played by Gary Cook while you enjoy a selection of delicious puds!

£12.50 a head, under 16s £6. Licensed bar. Proceeds to church funds.



## **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.*

### **PAULINE BROWN formally of Eagle Cottage, High Street, Seend**

It is with great sadness that the family of Pauline announces her passing on 30th June at The RUH, Bath.

A celebration of her great life will take place on 1st August at The Holy Cross Church Seend at 2pm. Please wear a flash of bright pink, her favourite colour.

## **ADVERTISING IN SPOTLIGHT**

It's time to put together the adverts for 2022/2023.

Our charges for advertising for the year, which is ten issues starting in October:

£155 for full page - £90 for half page - £50 for quarter page

A page is A5 in size and black/white. The preferred format for adverts is Word in B/W, either half an A4 page in landscape, or quarter an A4 page in portrait (we reduce the size on printing).

Because of giving precedence to local businesses, and because we are sometimes oversubscribed, we cannot guarantee you a space.

Please send your adverts to - [spotlightads@btinternet.com](mailto:spotlightads@btinternet.com) - by 19th August

If you need to talk about your requirements, please phone

Chris Brooker on 01380 828047

## **THE SEEND FUND - A REMINDER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES**

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

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

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

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

## **SEEND FETE 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 1—5pm**

**FREE BREAKFAST!:** We will be serving a free breakfast to all volunteers from 8:00 am on Fete day. Please come along and enjoy the team spirit as we prepare the field for the Fete. Young or old, all are welcome.

**HELP NEEDED!:** If you can spare an hour or so on Fete day to help run a stall to give someone a break, please contact me.



**WHITE ELEPHANT STALL:** This stall has always been popular. If you have any unwanted Christmas presents or are having a clear out, please bring anything along, Monday 8th to Friday 12th 6pm to 8pm. If you can't make these hours, or have difficulty getting to the pavilion, please phone 828970. We are happy to accept any clean item, no toilet brushes please!

**BOTTLE STALL:** We will be collecting bottles for the Bottle Stall during fete week. Please look out anything you know you are not going to drink. Anything and everything accepted. (*Volunteer collectors please contact Ric Ellinger on 07802 399565*)

**TOMBOLA and GRAND DRAW:** We are still looking for prizes for these stalls. If you have any goods or services you can offer, please let me know.

We look forward to seeing everybody on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Rich - 07702 868 863

### **FETE TEAS**

The church has again been asked to organise the teas for the Seend fete on Saturday 13th August. Please get in touch with me if you can help serve or bake a cake for the event. I'd love to hear from you. Anne Ewing 828557



## **SEEND 73rd FLOWER SHOW 13th AUGUST**



We are looking forward to exhibitors and visitors to the show. Please note entry forms are due by noon on Friday the 12th August. The hall will be open for staging for exhibitors from 6.30-7.30pm on Friday for those who cannot stage on Saturday morning. Normal staging of exhibits is from 8am Saturday morning, doors open to the public at 1.00pm.

Outstanding cups to John Williams as soon as possible please at Canty Neuk, High Street Seend - 01380 828965. All queries: [seendflowershowentry@gmail.com](mailto:seendflowershowentry@gmail.com). Entry forms can be downloaded from the website: [www.seendflowershow.org.uk](http://www.seendflowershow.org.uk). scanned and returned or dropped off at Number 2, High Street. You may also deliver in person to the Flower Show Committee up until **noon on Friday 12th August** (in the Seend Community Centre – find us in the Kennet Room). Looking forward to a successful show!

Julia White, 827082

## **NEWS FROM SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Footpath Working Group**

### **Seend Footpaths**

*The Parish Council is committed to keeping our footpaths and bridleways open and accessible as an important village amenity. However, we rely on our parishioners to report any problems such as broken stiles, blocked paths, overgrown vegetation etc. You can do this by contacting the Parish Council Footpath Officer (Jackie Hamblin) email: [jackie.hamblin@seendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:jackie.hamblin@seendparishcouncil.co.uk)*

*Alternatively, you can report the problem to Wiltshire Council via their website or My Wiltshire app (<https://my.wiltshire.gov.uk>) with a copy to the Parish Council.*

*If the issue is an overgrown path, then Seend Footpath Working Group can help and can usually sort it fairly quickly. More volunteers are always needed, so anyone interested in being notified when these working parties are happening, please contact Penny England 07855075780 or [penny.england1380@btinternet.com](mailto:penny.england1380@btinternet.com).*

### **Closure of School Grounds to Public Access**

The Parish Council is trying to establish what views are held within the village regarding the continued closure of the School Grounds.

Whilst the Parish Council can understand the reason for closing the grounds to avoid the spread of Covid, it's not clear why this remains to be the case, particularly as government restrictions have been lifted.

There are significant reasons why the Parish Council would like to review the closure:

- It offers a safe route for pedestrians between the High Street/Dial Close and School Road avoiding the narrow section of the High Street. This section is notoriously bad for pedestrians with vehicles often mounting the pavement and frequent collisions between vehicles. This discourages people using the narrow footpath on this stretch of road.
- Although the school grounds are not formally recognised as a public footpath, it is legally a right of way which has been established over many decades.
- The school grounds are a great facility for younger children to play.

The school grounds are specifically classified as a Community Facility within Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan. We would like to hear the views of our Parishioners both for and against re-opening the school grounds so that we can gain a balanced view.

Please send your thoughts to the Parish Clerk [clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

## **CHURCH NEWS**



### **Maureen's Ramblings.....**

Gosh – how I have missed travelling over the past few years! But what a lot of memories I have been able to draw upon - fed by 1000's of photos! (ADVERT – at 7.00 on 15th Sept. in Seend Pavilion, I am presenting another travel evening , this time about Chile, a wonderful country of contrasts. Please come along!) I loved Chile! A strong memory is of the seals and dolphins I saw in their natural habitat - basking in the sun, then in and out of the water, riding the surf and having such a good time, twisting, rolling and playing in the waves. I could almost see the smile on their faces! The native parrots in Brazil were also so colourful and playful - swooping low and noisily; enjoying the rush of wind over their wings as they braked suddenly to change course; chasing one another through the branches of the trees.

Does God play, I wonder? The One who created the playful flipper, the fun-filled swoop, must surely do what his creatures do. Maybe some animals were created out of God's playfulness: the oddly shaped platypus, the camel with its hump, the mischievous monkey and the long-necked giraffe. Yes, I think that God is playful! God does have a sense of humour! God likes fun!

But how often in history people have created God in their own image - sometimes as a dour and tyrannical fun-hater, eager for our obedience and conformity to exacting moral standards, hovering over us in judgement when we fail. How often the church has seemed dull and miserable, with lifted eyebrows should the sound of laughter or the sight of dancing break upon it. Have we missed something here? Perhaps the capacity to play and have fun is part of God's plan for us! Perhaps it is one of the ways in which we refresh and nourish our souls. Perhaps joy and laughter are fundamental to our faith in a creative, fun-loving God.

It was God who had the idea of the Sabbath rest – one day in the week put aside for time out from our busy, stressful lives; one day a week to be used for worship, rest and recreation, for refreshment and renewal. Sadly, this has rather been debased over the years - with every day looking like the next. But I think God got it right because we all need time to play and to laugh and to enjoy, and, like the seals and the parrots, take a break from the constant work of food gathering and nest building.

How much more creative and joyful our life and our relationships and our churches would be if there was more laughter and playfulness. And, as with Newton and his apple and Archimedes and his bath, some of the world's great discoveries have happened during a period of rest and playfulness. The seals and parrots remind me some important things. I need to give myself more space and permission to just have fun; to be creative and to laugh. And I need to rejoice more in the playful love of my Creator.

*The Revd. Maureen Allchin, "retired" priest.*





## **CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2022**

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

**Due to ongoing health issues within our ministry team, we may be forced to change or cancel services at short notice. Please check our website or speak to the church warden for the latest information. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask for your understanding.**

### **AUGUST**

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 8)**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
11.00am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
11.00am	Holy Communion	Seend
6.00pm	Lammas Service	Poulshot

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 9)**

9:30am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
11.00am	Holy Communion	Potterne
6.00pm	Evensong	Seend

#### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> (Trinity 10)**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11.00am	Morning Praise	Potterne
11.00am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
6.00pm	Evensong	Poulshot

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 11)**

9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Seend
11.00am	Informal Holy Communion	Potterne
6.00pm	Evening Service	Bulkington

### **SEPTEMBER**

#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 12)**

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
11.00am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
11.00am	Holy Communion	Seend

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### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 13)**

9:30am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong	Seend

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 14)**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Morning Praise	Potterne
11am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
6pm	Evensong	Poulshot

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 15)**

11am	Benefice Outdoor Harvest Service	Poulshot farm
6pm	Evening Service (inc Holy Communion)	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.**

### **From the Registers:**

#### **Funerals**

Lauretta Johnstone on 11<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Cross, Seend.

No baptisms or weddings this month.



#### **10<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

Join us on a bike, on foot or on horse-back to keep Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future

by raising money for your own church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Contact Len Murray for more info and sponsorship forms to support your local church: Holy Cross, Seend... on 01380 828513.

[www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk) Charity Number: 1075598

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

### **SAVE THE DATE: BULKINGTON'S MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 - 11am - 2pm

Bulkington Village Hall, SN10 1SW

Come along, grab a cuppa, a piece of cake (or two) and have a good ole chinwag with friends whilst raising money for a great charity!

The Great Bulkington Railway will be running, a tombola with some fabulous prizes and lovely craft stalls!

If anyone would like to donate raffle prizes or cake for the day please get in touch with Claire 07793038635 or Penny 07528069130

### **GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY (GBR) OPEN DAY**

The GBR will be offering train rides on August Bank Holiday Monday 29 August 2022 between 1400 and 1600 hrs at Bulkington Village Hall, Mill Lane, SN10 1SW.



We will be running two trains around the 1000 of track and the good ladies of the village will be serving teas and cakes from the hall. All in aid of the Wiltshire air ambulance.

### **The Bulkington Village Lunch**

takes place on

Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug. and Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 12.15 for 12.30 at The Well.

Contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (828116).

New people are always welcome to join us.

It is a good social event for the entire village and area.



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

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 4 Northfields the home of Rev. Maureen Allchin 828931 and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. at a venue yet to be arranged.

New people always welcome.

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car park of The Well in Bulkington on Mondays 15<sup>th</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> September at 11.05-11.30am.

## **BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP**

Our August meeting is on Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> at the slightly earlier time of 6 pm.

We are having a BBQ at Mill Croft, by kind permission of Neville & Thelma Boulton. (Weather permitting). Please bring your own food to BBQ.

Our usual entrance fee will go the Air Ambulance.

Our September meeting is on Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in Bulkington Village Hall.

Someone from Age Concern will be telling us about Lasting Power of Attorney.

There will be the usual refreshments and raffle.

Liz Futter 828485

## **Travel Presentation at the Pavilion Seend on Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.00 pm.**

The Rev'd Maureen Allchin will give an illustrated talk on her travels through Chile. This will be preceded by a Ploughman's Supper.

Tickets £10 can be obtained from Liz Futter 828485 or Phyl Yarde 828116.

There will be a bar and raffle.

Proceeds in aid of the Friends of Christ Church Bulkington, who raise funds for the upkeep of the church building and churchyard.

## **BULKINGTON '100 CLUB'**

We held the draw at the village lunch in The Well on Wednesday, 6th July and the winners were :-

£30 No. 76 Melody Aspinall

£25 No. 77 David Raby-Cox

£20 No. 7 Emma Love

£20 No. 64 Sian Stables

£15 No. 1 Gilly Breach

£10 No. 54 Sandra Woolnough



Congratulations to the winners ! This was the last draw for this year so thank you very much to all our members for your support over the past year. Subscriptions are due during August please for the new year starting on the 1st September and new members would be very welcome - we keep hoping to reach the lofty heights of actually having 100 members! Contact me on 01380 828116

## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

### **SEEND FAWLTLY PLAYERS:**

#### **Last shout for would-be Fawlties!**

Our village panto No.43 will take place during February half-term 2023. *Oh yes it will!* We would still love to hear from creative people who would like to get involved in areas like scenery and costumes, and organised people to look after box-office etc. Young people who are keen on music and drama are particularly welcome. So if you fancy being part of this valued and fun village tradition, please call Pantomime Dames Anita (828757) or Tessa (828617) very soon. Thanks!



Wayne Cherry, together with his Seend RBL colleagues, completed their Cycle 200 miles for RBL cycling from Seend War Memorial to Pangbourne Falklands Memorial Chapel, Berkshire and back on 22/23 June. He also completed an additional challenge on his cycling machine in The Brittox, Devizes. In total, Wayne cycled 365 miles and raised a grand total of £1,637.00.

Our next fundraising event, to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Seend RBL branch, will take place on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm in the Community Centre where Pete Lamb and the Heartbeats will be playing. More info in next edition.

Robin and Anita Heatley, 26 Dial Close, will be the point of contact (01380-828491) for collection of poppies and boxes. Poppy collectors will be notified in due course.

If you would like to join Seend RBL, you can do this on-line ([www.selfservice.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.selfservice.britishlegion.org.uk) or ring 0800-802-8080) or get in touch with our Membership Secretary, Dave Beaumont on 07538-651712. Membership is just £18 per annum. Everyone is welcome to join the RBL and attend our events whether you have a connection to the Armed Forces or not.

Date of Next Meeting: Wed 1st Sep 7.30 – Kennet Room, Community Centre, Seend (extra planning meeting).

AGM and meeting – Thu 13th Oct, 7.30pm, Kennet Room, Community Centre, Seend.  
Anita Heatley    Seend Branch RBL/PR

## **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**



The weather was glorious for members attending “Twelfth Night” in the grounds of Cleeve House on the evening of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The performance by Wiltshire-based Shakespeare Live was much enjoyed.

Our next event is a coach trip to the Watermill, Newbury on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September to see “Whistle Down the Wind”, with the option of supper in the restaurant beforehand. The combination of dining plus theatre is always appealing and makes for a memorable evening.

Looking ahead we have an outing to see a matinee performance of “The Mousetrap”, by Agatha Christie, at Theatre Royal Bath on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Group visits always require us to book a long way in advance.

In December there will be a trip to Bath Abbey for a performance of Handel’s Messiah with Bath Choral society.

The Committee has started to select possible events for next year. In some cases we are waiting for theatres to announce more of their 2023 programme, but we have potential new bookings for the winter months already.

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

## SEEND WI



Barbara Cropp was our speaker in July. Her talk was entitled Pottery, clay, and its uses. She gave us a fascinating and informative talk on the history of pottery from 5,000 years ago to the present day. Barbara explained the different clays that are used for making pottery and the different glazes and firing techniques.

We're holding an informal picnic on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm. This will be on the Lye Field.

September's meeting is on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September when Steve Colwill will be speaking about The Bustards on Salisbury Plain. This will be a fascinating talk and the meeting is open to anyone who would like to join us on this occasion.

Just a reminder that it is our very popular Quiz on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October with the amazing Quiz Master Chris Downham! Put the date in your diaries you won't want to miss it!

The next Craft afternoon is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't need to be a member of the WI to take part.

All 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 the website

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

## SHUTTLE NEWS

**Shuttle News:** I'm sorry to say that the rising price of fuel has meant an increase in our private hire charges. The charge was 75p a mile plus VAT= 90p per mile.

**The new charge is 85p a mile plus VAT = £1.02 per mile.** (Customers who have made a future booking at the old rate will NOT be asked to pay the new rate)

After some weeks of driving our Thursday trips to Devizes our new drivers, with the approval of their regulars, wish to make a few small changes to the timetable (see below).



**This will start on September 1<sup>st</sup>** and be put on the Seend Village web site.

**09:00** Seend Cleeve Barge Inn, Brewery, Pelch Lane, Cattery at the Stocks.

**09:05** Seend The Bell- The Lye. **09:10** Sells Green. **09:25** Devizes Market Place- Morrisons. **09:40** Morrisons (depart) **09:55** Sells Green **10:00** Bromham New Road- High street- Horse Pool. **10:10** Angell House. **10:25** Devizes Market Place- Morrisons. **10:45** Morrisons (depart). **10:50** Market Place. (drop offs as required) Sells Green- Seend Cleeve- The Bell- The Lye. **11:30** Devizes Market Place- Morrisons . **11:40** Morrisons (depart). **11:45** Devizes Market Place. (Drop offs as required) Bromham- Hawkstreet- Sells Green- Seend - Seend Cleeve **12:30** Barge Inn.

Anita



## **SEEND 100+ CLUB**

### **July Draw:**

1	No.176	E Bowles	£50
2	No.144	F Johnson	£25
3	No.140	B Powell	£25
4	No. 3	A McMillan	£15
5	No.161	R Ames	£15



Thanks to Charlie, Harry and Chris who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley

## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

Due to the forecast high temperatures it was decided to postpone the walk planned for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This will be rescheduled in due course.



**Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> will be our evening walk** of approx. 3.5 miles led by Bob & Brenda and will start at 5pm from the playing fields at Box. A new route has been planned followed by a bring your own chairs and picnic. If you only want to picnic that is fine too, more details nearer the time.

**Future dates for the diary** - Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> – walk, and 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> October, weekend in Minehead.

Enjoy this beautiful weather, come and join us when it is cooler.

Sandy

## **SEEND PLAYGROUP**



Aimee Pillinger visited on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July to see the children going to Seend School in September.

Our outing was to Bowood on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you to Amy for organising it and getting us a discount.

Thank you to the volunteers painting the Pavilion. We hope to be back in the Pavilion on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July for our leavers' presentation. We are having a bouncy castle and teddy bears' picnic.

I would like to thank Nicky, Val, Amy, Liz F and Liz D for their hard work and support. We had our Ofsted inspection on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, and I am very pleased to announce that we got "GOOD". It all went very smoothly and all the children were very well behaved.

We wish everyone a good summer break.

Playgroup returns on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Rose Dick (Playleader), 01380 828003

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

We have had another extremely busy month at Seend School...

June ended in traditional style with our annual Sports Day - and what a wonderful afternoon we had! It was lovely to see so many parents and carers able to join us this year. Thank you to all who helped with the set up and FOSS who provided the popular ice creams and hot dogs at the end. The children were all superb and a big well done to Trussell team who won overall.



We have also enjoyed a lovely open day where parents and carers had the opportunity to come in and experience a normal working day in the life of Seend School and meet Tiff Butcher, our Assistant Principal, who will be covering Miss Holly Chiver's maternity leave and Cathryn Hanny, our new Pupil Services Administrator. We had wonderful feedback from those who attended saying how calm and engaged the children were.

Parents and carers of KS2 children were also treated to a musical extravaganza of beautiful singing and instrumental solos. Everyone who attended agreed that it was wonderful to see our super talented children performing again. At the time of writing we are also looking forward to our KS2 performance – ‘Star Warts, the Umpire Strikes Back!’ and our leavers’ service. More news about these in the next Spotlight!

As well as all the fun things that have been happening in school, KS1 pupils have been out and about on a couple of trips...Oak Class enjoyed a visit to Noah’s Ark Zoo Farm where the children took part in a workshop and loved seeing all of the animals. Holly Class also had a fun day meeting the creatures at Butterfly World. Both classes had a lovely time and all of the adults with them, including the teachers who led workshops and praised the children for their excellent school values.

As if there wasn’t enough fun during the day this month, the children have enjoyed a couple of evening events. FOSS, our wonderful parent fund raising committee, organised an end of term disco for all the children – a great time was had by all, and a number of our talented singers took part in a concert organised by the church.

On a sadder note, as some of you are probably aware, an ex-pupil called Harry is quite unwell. To show our love and support we had a mufti day to fundraise for The ‘Bristol Children’s Hospital Charity – The Grand Appeal’, who are supporting him and his family. Children and staff were invited to wear black and green (Harry’s favourite colours), ice creams and lollies (kindly donated by Sainsbury’s and Asda) were enjoyed and donations were collected. A particular thank you must go to Ava and Lily for all your hard work.

***Don't forget to look at this month's online colour supplement on [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk)***

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **June PC Meeting**

**Attendance** - nine Councillors: Apologies Terry James

**Devizes Gateway:** Devizes Gateway (The proposed new Railway Station at Lydeaway) has received additional funding to allow a further detailed study and proposed train timetable to be undertaken. This is expected to be completed within this financial year. The project will require civil works at Westbury to facilitate additional trains to support the new station

**Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWHIP):** Devizes is included with the new action plan. However, Seend is outside the current plan and so will not benefit from the initial investment. There is a consultation website being set up. Cllr Reay to provide the address.

**Electric Charging Points:** Councillors noted that the existing funding arrangement from WCC excludes community facilities such as the Community Centre and Irene Usher Pavilion as they are on private land. Cllr Reay explained that the conditions of the funding arrangement is under review and she would lobby for an amendment.

**School Grounds Access:** It was suggested that the Council should establish parishioners' views regarding the closure of the school grounds by placing an article in Spotlight. In addition, a direct approach should be made to the Friends of Seend School and School Governors' for their view.

### **Matters Arising Not Already on the Agenda**

**Best Kept Village Competition:** Seend came second within the 'Larger Village' Section with Bromham the winner.

### **Police Matters:**

The following incidents were recorded by the Police:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Incident Description</u>
29/5	A361 Seend - two motorbikes collided resulting in damage to one of the bikes and injury to its rider.
30/5	A361 Seend – vehicle stopped and seized – no insurance.
5/6	Elderly female was seen walking in the early hours along road in Sells Green. She was returned home by the police.
11/6	Two vehicles had a slight collision on Bath Road, Seend because one overtook another vehicle on a sharp bend and caused slight damage to oncoming vehicle. Offending vehicle didn't stop.
12/6	Two cows in the road near to Bell Hill junction – owner collected.
16/6	Bridge 148 K&A canal – concerns for an injured dog on a canal boat that was barking aggressively at passers-by. RSPCA contacted to investigate.
19/6	Spout Lane - report of an elderly driver driving in a concerning manner. Vehicle not located.
24/6	Between Seend and Worton - report of a cow running in the road in distressed state. Farmer arrived and cow moved into field.

PCSO, Janet Gould, is retiring at the end of July. Vice Chair Anita Heatley thanked her, on behalf of Seend Parish Council, for her work and support she has given over several years. At present, there is no successor. However, two PCSO's will be covering our Parish until a replacement is recruited.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, in partnership with Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council and councillors, has launched a survey for residents to have their say on what would make them feel safer at night in public spaces. The survey, which will help shape a Safer Nights Charter, can be found on the Wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk website and runs from Tue 21 June until Tue 19 July.

**Highways and Rights of Way:** The Council is arranging to have Salt Bins refilled and is looking to purchase a replacement Salt Spreader in time for the winter.

A partially collapsed drain on highway of A361 in the High Street outside Altfield has been reported to Wiltshire Highways

The Traffic Engineer will make a site visit to The Stocks, Bollands Hill and Bell crossroads .

Still no date for the high friction surface at the crossing point between Spout Lane and Inmarsh.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Georgina A'Bear advised she had received correspondence from WALPA confirming they are continuing to pursue Wiltshire Council about the 5-Year HLS.

### **Planning Applications**

**PL/2022/04100** - Householder Application - 47 Seend Cleeve, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6PU Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey extension

**Resolution:** The Council approved this application

**PL/2022/04388** – SEEND WOMENS INSTITUTE, RUSTY LANE, SEEND, SN12 6NS Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

**Resolution:** The Council approved this application

**PL/2022/04090** - Rew Farm, Seend Cleeve, Seend, SN12 6PS

Notification for Prior Approval under Class Q for a Proposed Conversion of agricultural building into 2 new dwellings.

**Resolution:** The Council approved this application

**PL/2022/04855** - The Cottage, High Street, Seend, SN12 6NU

Notification of proposed tree works to trees in a conservation area

**Resolution:** The Council approved this application

**PL/2022/04867** – Manor Field, High Street, Seend, SN12 6NU

Notification of proposed tree works to trees in a conservation area

**Resolution:** The Council approved this application with a condition that as this a conservation area, a new native tree should be planted.

**Parish Steward:** A list of work undertaken, by our new Parish Steward in June was circulated to Councillors. Current work requested for July visit includes cleaning of The Love Lane Jubilee bench. The fingerpost at Pile Farm (opposite the junction to New Buildings in Bollands Hill) is obscured by hedging. This requires cutting back and the sign cleaned. Some weeding is required around the railings at the pinch point in High Street and Bus Shelters at the Bell Crossroads.

**Bicycle Lock ups:** The Council has ordered 2 sets of 5 racks for installation at the Lye Field and Three Magpies

**Statement of Accounts:** The Internal Auditor raised concerns regarding DCK's summary of our Accounts. This has been corrected and the Parish Council now has the required tools to create the AGAR report for future years. The Internal Auditor, as part of his work reviewed and approved our accounts going forward.

**Finance:** Bank Reconciliation to end of April 2022 - £38,312.82

**Date of next meetings:**

26<sup>th</sup> July, 30<sup>th</sup> August and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Meetings commence at 7pm.

## **PCC PHILIP WILKINSON COLUMN**

Wiltshire and Swindon



You will already be aware the police force watchdog HMICFRS has placed Wiltshire Police into 'special measures' as a result of its performance. The Inspectorate's report is a sobering read and is highly disappointing, as I know it will be to our county's residents. It's especially disheartening because I know Wiltshire Police has many dedicated officers, staff and volunteers, working hard to deliver a quality, efficient, frontline service. But this report makes it clear - there are areas of concern Wiltshire Police need to address: victims of crime, vulnerable people and our communities deserve better.

You had told me this in volume when I was on your doorstep and the results of my countywide survey and consultation only confirmed this, as well as from local councillors and MPs. I had already picked up on these points as part of my own strategic assessments of the Force and this shaped my Police and Crime Plan and influenced the robust and challenging scrutiny sessions I held with the Chief Constable from the outset. We now have a police and crime plan which ensures we meet and deliver those priorities influenced by you, focused on delivering a service the public want and prioritising those crimes that matter most to communities. My role as PCC is to scrutinise the policing service provided, to challenge where I see performance issues and then support the Chief Constable and Force to implement change. The necessary remedial measures needed to make the improvements highlighted in the report are already in progress and my immediate priority is to ensure that Wiltshire's Chief Constable, and his senior leadership team, move with focus and speed to dramatically improve performance, and quality and effectiveness of investigations. My aim, alongside the Chief Constable, is for Wiltshire Police to prioritise those crimes which matter most to communities so we can satisfy the Inspectorate but, more importantly, we can satisfy you as residents. Working together, the Chief Constable and I have already agreed on a back-to-basics reset for the Force, so I can assure you the process of change is already progressing. I expect to see a tangible change in service delivery and the Chief Constable has reassured me the necessary changes are in place. I will be receiving regular progress reports from him, to ensure those remedial actions are completed as soon as possible.

Thankfully, many residents do not need to use our policing service frequently but when they do the service they receive should be a quality frontline response. I will continue to ask for those assurances.

## **NATURE NOTES**

### **Nurture Nature**



Sir David Attenborough has said lately that the world's insects are declining at an ever accelerating rate. So much of wildlife depends on insects, both for food, and fertilisation of plants. You can carry out a simple experiment, as we have been doing. On these steamy hot evenings, as it is getting dark, put a light on, open your door and watch what comes (flies) in. On two occasions out of three, not a single insect flew in at all – no moths no nocturnal small insects, no flies of any description. No wonder there have been no bats flying through our gardens lately with no insects to attract them, this once bounteous source of food – food for bats, birds, mammals, reptiles etc, is fast diminishing.

During May one expected May bugs (cockchafers) to barge noisily into the house and buzz haphazardly into light sources. We have not seen one for at least three years. There are fewer butterflies about this year, they should be bountiful in summertime. Why not join the current annual Big Butterfly Count, running from now until 7<sup>th</sup> August? Take part by visiting [bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/](http://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/) or by downloading the free Big Butterfly Count app.

It has not been a good year for our breeding garden birds, mainly due to inclement weather earlier in the year. We only had one fledgling robin growing to maturity, usually there are at least six. However, maybe we shouldn't be over concerned about the lack of garden birds currently, as it is moulting time, and they will be skulking out of sight amongst the foliage until they have grown new feathers. But, they do like bathing frequently, so keep bird baths clean and topped up. Depending on the size of the baths, water may require changing four to five times a day!

Remember, too, that wasps, bees and other insects like to drink often, especially in hot weather, so please ensure full buckets, watering cans etc are kept covered so as to prevent insects from getting trapped and drowning. A sloping bird bath bowl is fine. Gardeners play a key role in biodiversity, and hedges, trees etc are essential for wildlife. They act as super highways for many creatures, birds, bats, hedgehogs, small mammals and reptiles – when did you last see a lizard in your garden, or anywhere else for that matter? They used to be so common.

Native trees and woodland are vital in our struggle against the loss of habitat and nature and changing climate patterns. We should all endeavour to protect threatened woods, restore ancient woodland, create havens for wildlife to help stop the devastating decline of our passerines, mammals, and other species. Together we can all make a difference. How have your children got on with E/As? Remember them? (Environmental Impact Assessments) of their gardens and local green spaces – are aims being achieved? After all, it is our children who will benefit by carrying the banner for conservation and regeneration of our woods, trees, wild life habitats etc.

Otis Tarda



## **BITS AND BOBS**

### **CARER SUPPORT WILTSHIRE NEEDS YOU!**

We are a Registered Charity (No 1092762) helping unpaid carers to access services, information, education and training, respite and breaks from their caring role. We are currently recruiting for three Trustee roles with commercial and financial experience including a Treasurer. In addition, we have several other part time and full time job vacancies. Full details are on our website:

[carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/aboutus/jobvacancies](http://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/aboutus/jobvacancies)

or for more information, please contact [kerryw@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:kerryw@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk) If you are an unpaid carer and need some support, please call 0800 181 4118.

*Carer Support Wiltshire run a number of groups and carer cafes where carers can meet up and offer support to one another. These groups can help with feelings of loneliness and isolation that many carers experience. There is always a member of CSW staff or a trained volunteer on hand to answer any questions you may have and often there are guest speakers too. To find out more call 0800 181 4118 or visit [carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](http://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk).*

#### **Carer Support Wiltshire events near you:**

*Melksham carer café, 10.30am-midday, The Kings Arms Hotel, 20 Market Place, 4 Aug, 1 Sept.*

*Trowbridge carer café, 1.30-3pm, Palmer Gardens Café, Canal Road, 8 Aug, 12 Sep*

#### **NGS GARDENS:** Wiltshire gardens open on certain dates in August are:



Corsley House, Corsley, Warminster, Duck Pond Barn, Church Lane, Wingfield, Trowbridge and Gasper Cottage, Gasper Street, Gasper Stourton, Warminster.

For details see [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)



#### **What a night it was on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July for Lavington Community**

**Choir:** We sang together for an audience for the first time since December 2019. It was a varied programme, which is pretty much how we work, Paula, our musical director, tries to include something for every-

one. If you'd like to add you voice when we restart on

**Thursday Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** then please contact [pboyagis@gmail.com](mailto:pboyagis@gmail.com) Our charity collection for the Ukraine raised **£310**. LCC's next concert **December 16<sup>th</sup>**.



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

**Meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 2pm**

**in Seend Community Centre**

Please join us for tea. Visitors: £5 per visit to include refreshments.



The  
Edington Music Festival  
A Festival of Music within the Liturgy

## THE EDINGTON FESTIVAL IS BACK!

After two decidedly different and unusual festivals due to Covid and Covid restrictions, the Edington Music Festival returns on Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup> for its official 65<sup>th</sup> outing. The festival will run for its usual eight days – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August, with four services a day, three choirs of top-flight singers under three of the country's leading choral directors, all under the direction of a new Festival Director, Robert Quinney, Director of the Choir at New College Oxford (and former Festival Organist and Director of the Nave Choir.) Robert has themed the music for this special festival under the heading "Creation and Recreation", a nod both to its re-emergence and to its capacity for promoting relaxation and fulfilment.

The week will follow the traditional form starting each day with Matins (plainchant), followed by Eucharist, then Evensong and ending with Compline by candlelight, also plainchant. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> will be both the return of the BBC recording, (to be broadcast at a later date), and the Festival Supper in the evening; the Friday evening service will be a Requiem Mass (by Michael Haydn, younger brother of Joseph), and the week will also include Vaughan Williams' 'Mass in G Minor', Copland's 'In the beginning', and Dove's 'Seek him that maketh the Seven Stars'.

Updates can be found on [www.edingtonfestival.org](http://www.edingtonfestival.org)

### **Edington Festival Musical Supper**

**Wednesday 24 August at 6.30 for 7pm**

on the Parish Field (by kind permission of the Parish Council)

It's back! Come and enjoy a two course menu, featuring delicious home-made desserts, and hear the Festival Singers sing for their supper. There will be water on the table, but we don't provide wine, so please bring your own. The proceeds help fund local facilities (including the Parish Hall and the Three Villages Minibus).

**Tickets £25 each from Hugh Hancock** [musicalsupper@edingtonfestival.org](mailto:musicalsupper@edingtonfestival.org)

Phone: 01225 754626 or write to him at Dunge Farm, West Ashton, BA14 6AX

You can pay by BACS or send a cheque payable to Edington Priory Church Music Evening

*Please give any dietary requirements at the time of booking*

### **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)**

## **Edington arts WELCOME BACK TO THE MARICI SAXOPHONE QUARTET**

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, Edington Priory Church will be full of the miraculous sound of saxophones as the Marici Saxophone Quartet makes a welcome return. Those of you who came to their last concert in Edington – in 2016! – will remember the sparkle and wonderful musicality they brought to arrangements of ‘serious’ and lighter classical music, as well as the technical brilliance demonstrated in their own compositions. In the intervening years the quartet, have been busy recording, broadcasting and composing, and are delighted to be back on the road playing to live audiences.

The programme is based on their new and very successful album, *Origin*, inclusive, interesting and, in their own words, “intelligent”. Folk tunes, old favourites, new compositions, music serious and light-hearted, familiar and unfamiliar – it will be a glorious evening showing the full range of soprano, alto, tenor and bass saxophones in all their wonderful versatility.

The concert starts at 7.30pm, and tickets remain at 2014 prices; £20 (front nave), £15 (rear nave) and £10 side aisles. There is a 10% discount for Edington Angels, and 18s and under come FREE. Full programme information is on the website now, [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org), and you can secure your tickets by emailing [sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org), or by phoning Chrissy on 01380 831256.

### **STEEPLE ASHTON SEPTEMBER SPECTACULAR**

A Charity Evening taking place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Church Paddock in Steeple Ashton (BA14 6EL) from 7pm till midnight. To raise monies for Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Motor Neurone Disease Association and Evie’s Gift. This fun-packed evening includes: a two-course dinner (mains & puds) provided by ‘Eat the Street’. Food from three continents, dancing to ‘ANGELS’, the UK’s premier ABBA tribute band, a casino and a magician; and an auction with Paul Martin (Presenter of BBC’s ‘Flog It’) items include: a week’s holiday in a villa in Spain, a weekend stay in a luxury flat in London, cases of champagne, plus so much more. A licensed bar serving drinks at competitive prices. So, get your glad rags on and buy your tickets now to have a memorable evening and support our wonderful charities – all profits raised will go directly to them. Get your friends to make up a party, book a table and have fun? The event will be held in a marquee. There will be on-site car parking and toilet facilities.

Tickets are £45.00 pp. Everything is included apart from drinks from the licensed bar and any monies you wish to donate to the auction and charities. Tickets from: [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk); Steeple Ashton Village Shop; Francis Ash (01380) 871306 and Guy Bagnall (01380) 870395.

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

#### **First day as a pilot.....**

Me: (I look down nervously) What are all these buttons for?

Co-pilot: They keep your shirt closed!



**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** – Mr Chris Stirland [clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Seend's Wiltshire Councillor** – Tamara Reay 07711824864 [tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Seend Village Website:** [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) – webmaster Neil Yockney 827139.

**Seend School** – 828334

**Bulkington Website:** [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk)

**Rights of Way Warden** – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

**Devizes Area Board** – 01225 718352 Support Officer: [tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Police:PCSO 6039 Janet Gould Mobile 07471029772** [janet.gould@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:janet.gould@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

**MP:** Danny Kruger - email:[danny.kruger.mp@parliament.UK](mailto:danny.kruger.mp@parliament.UK) Devizes Office 01380 711425

**100+Club Draw**-Alison Bottomley -  
[avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk)

**Book Clubs** - the original: June May  
827169 / 07590 818750 - 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

**FoSS** - Nick Collinge-Cubberley,  
[friendsofseendschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofseendschool@gmail.com)

**Historic Houses Club** - Mary Warren  
01380 828076 or Neil Yockney 827139

**LINK Scheme** - 075320 55560

**Lye Field** - [www.seendlyefield.org](http://www.seendlyefield.org)

**Neighbourhood Watch** -

Seend - Brian Hunt 828581

Sells Green - Cavan Moroney 828606

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