

# ***SPOTLIGHT***

## ***Seend & Bulkington***



**December 2022**

**January 2023**

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE NOVEMBER

- 29<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council Meeting, 7pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter Lunch, Seend Community Centre 12 for 12.30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night, Brewery Inn

## DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Seend Wine Circle in Seend Community Centre 7.30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Morning in Bulkington Village Hall, 10.30am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library 9.40am Seend The Lye: 10.05 Seend Cleeve phone box  
11.am Bulkington The Well Inn Car Park
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch, The Well, 12.15 for 12.30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Seend Shuttle trip to Salisbury
- 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bingo, Seend Community Centre, 8pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Seend & District Ramblers
- 12<sup>th</sup> Warm Space, Pavilion, 3-5pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter festive lunch, Seend Community Centre, 12.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> WI. Seend Christmas Social
- 15<sup>th</sup> Seend Playgroup Nativity Play
- 16<sup>th</sup> Seend Playgroup Christmas Party
- 18<sup>th</sup> Warm Space, Pavilion, 2-5pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Carol Service, Bulkington, 6pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Seend WI Craft & Chat, Pavilion, 2pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Carol Service, Seend, 6pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day Bash, Seend Community Centre, 12-5pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Train to Skaville New Year's Eve Party, Seend Community Centre, 8pm

## DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY

- 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day Walk & Soup, Rusty Lane 11am start
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch, Well Inn, 12.15 for 12.30pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library 9.40am Seend The Lye: 10.05 Seend Cleeve phone box  
11.am Bulkington The Well Inn Car Park
- 11<sup>th</sup> WI Seend Reflexology
- 14<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT
- 15<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers
- 18<sup>th</sup> Seend WI Craft and Chat, Pavilion, 2pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter lunch, Seend Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm

### **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 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 **in-capacitated** 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)**

## **WELCOME TO DECEMBER & JANUARY 2022 /2023 SPOTLIGHT**

Where has 2022 gone! It's certainly been an eventful – and not always in a good way – year. The climate crisis, cost of living worries, the continuing disruption of Covid, the death of the Queen and a ghastly war on our continent haven't done much for the jollity of nations. On the other hand, we had the Jubilee celebrations and the return of our panto, Beer Festival and Fete which cheered us all up. Let's hope things – as they say in the song – can only get better in 2023. At least, let us all enjoy the coming festive season.



Wishing you a Happy Christmas and New Year from your Spotlight Team.

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the February 2023 edition (copy by Saturday 14th January) can be emailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) or delivered to Seend Post & Provisions. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) Sue Isaac (828461) and Jan Field (827140). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to individuals – 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.

**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 editors (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.

### **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. Don't hesitate to contact the fund, saying what your needs are. The fund can't make regular or huge donations but may be able to help carry you over to better times.

## EVENTS IN SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING –December 2nd from

**10.30am.** Proper coffee or tea (plus a refill) and a slice of homemade cake for just £2.50! Everyone welcome – just turn up.



### SEEND WINE CIRCLE on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm

A selection of wines chosen for the Festive Season

If you are not already on the mailing list, you can register your interest at [seendwinecircle@gmail.com](mailto:seendwinecircle@gmail.com) or look out for their updates on Facebook.



### CHRISTMAS BINGO! Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Eyes Down 8 pm



**NOSH + NATTER– Festive Lunch** with a glass of wine on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - 12 noon for 12.30 pm. The January lunch will be on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please book your lunch by calling Pauline on 01380 828638 (or if no answer on 828401).

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★ **Boxing Day Bash** - Watch the races in the Lounge Bar - Bar open 12-5pm ★  
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### NEW YEAR'S EVE

### SKA n Reggae TRAIN TO SKAVILLE

**SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER** Doors Open 8 pm

Admission £12.50\*

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/train--to-skaville](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/train--to-skaville)

or through the **Box Office** on our website

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

**A NEW YEAR'S EVE SKA SOCIAL JOIN US FOR A SKANKIN' GOOD PARTY!**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK – January 1<sup>st</sup>.** Meet at 11 am in Rusty Lane for a 90 minute walk before returning to the Centre for home-made soup. Prepare for mud and stiles!



### "CHINESE BOXING" – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023 7.30pm

A one-man show performed by Mark Kitto about China and the West, inspired by the Boxer Uprising of 1900. *"beguiling, fascinating, a show to see"* – Libby Purves. Tickets £15 each, a percentage of which will go towards the Seend Tennis Club. See [www.chineseboxing.co.uk](http://www.chineseboxing.co.uk) for more details.

Box Office Link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=chinese%20boxing>



**MEMBERSHIP 2023** – Yes it'll soon be that time again! Full Membership for 2023 is £15, Senior Membership £12.50, **both with £1 early bird discount available throughout January.** Subscriptions will be available online via our website and are also available at the Bar. We appreciate your continuing support for this important community asset and look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

**A big thank you to our Members for your support.**  
**Season's Greetings and very best wishes for a Happy New Year to you all!** [seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com)



## **SEEND EVENTS IN DECEMBER AND BEYOND**

### **BREWERY INN DECEMBER EVENTS**



14th December Hollyhocs pop up Xmas store  
22nd December Christmas Draw  
24th December Christmas Carols  
31st December New Years Eve music, The Singing Herdsman

### **Seend WI Craft and Chatter Group**

Wednesdays 21<sup>st</sup> December and 18<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm.  
Come for tea and cake, at The Pavilion.  
Everyone welcome, you don't have to be a member of WI.  
Contact Joyce Harvey 01380 828511.



## **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.***

A thank you, to the gentleman that has given the Seend Cleeve book exchange a coat of paint. And to the people that keep it tidy all year.

Andrew and Sarah Chard would like wish all friends and neighbours in the village a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We will be making a donation to Wateraid in lieu of sending cards this year.

Through Spotlight, I wish to thank Chris Brooker and his team for the excellent LINK service, done with such consideration and kindness. Also my friends and Neighbours over this last year whom I could not do without. Diana Webb

Sylvia Ewin would like to thank all her friends for their support and to wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year for 2023. I will not be sending Christmas cards to local friends this year but will instead make a donation to Julia's House Hospice in Devizes.



### **Need a warm space or some company this winter?**

Then come along to the Irene Usher pavilion on the second Thursday of the month, January 12th from 3pm to 5pm and third Wednesday, January 18th, from 2pm to 5pm. Tea and coffee and cake will be provided, supported by Holy Cross Church. We hope to show an old movie on the Thursday, and have some games or bring your own craft on the Wednesday. Don't forget there is also the first Friday Coffee and Nosh and Natter in the warm Community Centre so somewhere to go every week. The additional dates will run for January, February, March and April.

A Churchyard clean up, on 3rd December and 7th January. Come along anytime between 10am and 12 noon, for some exercise and conversation, keeping warm clearing leaves, brambles etc. Bring appropriate tools. Coffee and biscuits provided.

For details contact Pam Church or Anne Ewing.



**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)



## **NEWS FROM SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP)**

Landowners can apply to Wiltshire Council for grants to facilitate Community Charging Points for electric vehicles. If you wish to make a site available, the first step in applying for the Wiltshire EVCPI grant (up to £2500) is to book a free site assessment from Joju,

Wiltshire Council's EV Charging Infrastructure provider.

Please contact [info@joju.co.uk](mailto:info@joju.co.uk) with '*Wiltshire Council EV Charging Project*' in the subject line.

Funding to complement the Wiltshire grants for this initiative is not confirmed beyond March 2023, so we recommend getting applications in ASAP.

### **School Access**

The Parish Council with the support of a number of local residents has spent almost a year trying to progress an access path through the school grounds but has faced increased resistance from the Director of Estates & Facilities. The Chairman of the Parish Council has on two occasions written personally to the Director and has not received a reply.

The Parish Council has also written to the Governors and Friends of Seend School (FoSS). However, without formal support of the School Governors and FoSS, the Parish Council is unable to change the decision of the School Authorities and the school grounds will remain closed. This is very disappointing news as the village has lost a valuable and safe access route.

## **CHURCH NEWS**



Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat; wrong on two counts. Avian flu is causing much anxiety in the Christmas turkey market, and we forget at our peril that before Christmas comes Advent; Advent that wonderful season of watching and waiting. By the time you read this I hope to have attended the Advent Carol service at Salisbury Cathedral; a truly awe inspiring and spectacular start to the season.

Following Advent Sunday we have the 4 weeks of waiting. But not just waiting in an ever increasing panic, but waiting expectantly like Mary, the mother of Jesus. Waiting for the baby to be born. I can remember being an expectant mother in December and rather than buying lots of new things, (although I did that towards the end of the pregnancy) I wanted to clean out my house, make it spotless and ready for the new baby. I remember even cleaning the skirting boards, a task I have never undertaken since. That's what we have to do in Advent. Clean out our inner self, get rid of the cobwebs of deceit and dishonesty.

The first part of Advent is full of wonder, wonder at the night sky and at this dark season of the year we have plenty of time to contemplate it. There is a hymn which begins "bow down you stars". What an amazing thought. There is time to gaze at the silhouettes of the skeletal trees in the moonlight, and time to listen to the forces of nature, and the winds and the storms. We seem to be getting quite a few of those, but not much cold as yet. All these things to ponder before we get swept up in the frenzy of buying that happens before Christmas and then the joy of the day itself.

Every year there seems to be a poignancy however. We have come through Covid so this year should be more sociable, but this year there seems to be so much to worry about financially. Can we afford this or that? And then there is the war in Ukraine. I have had the privilege of meeting my Ukrainian Guest's parents. What a lot they have all been through, but they soldier on.

So what is Christmas all about? What is it that the baby Jesus, and the adult Jesus came to show us? The answer lies in another hymn "Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine, love was born at Christmas, star and angel gave the sign", and there we have it. So if you have mixed feelings about the festive season, if you are anxious about being on your own or if you are sad that one special person in your life won't be there this year, just remember that little beautiful baby, who reaches out to all of us, with love in his heart for you and for me, and remember too that that love comes from his father our Almighty creator, to you and to me. We are loved, all of us. So come to church sometime over the season. There will be joy, there will be excitement, there will be the magical light from the candles reflected in

### **CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023**

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

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



## **DECEMBER**

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> (Advent 2)**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
11am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
11am	Holy Communion	Seend

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> (Advent 3)**

9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
9:30am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
4pm	Evensong	Seend

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> (Advent 4)**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
4pm	Evensong	Poulshot
6pm	Carol Service	Potterne
6pm	Carol Service	Bulkington

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7pm	Carol Service	Seend
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### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)**

2pm	Blessing of Crib	Bulkington
6pm	Carol Service	Worton
6pm	Carol Service	Poulshot
11:30pm	Midnight Communion	Potterne
11:30pm	Midnight Communion	Seend

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)**

9am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Poulshot
9am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Worton
10am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Seend
10:30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Bulkington
10:30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Potterne



### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

5pm	Celtic Meditative Service	Poulshot
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## **JANUARY 2023**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> (Christmas 2)**

10am Benefice Service

Worton



### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> (Epiphany)**

9:30am Morning Praise

Bulkington

9:30am Morning Praise

Worton

9:30am Holy Communion

Poulshot

11am Holy Communion

Potterne

4p Evensong

Seend

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> (Epiphany 2)**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Seend

9:30am Morning Praise

Worton

11am Morning Praise

Potterne

11am Holy Communion

Bulkington

4pm Evensong

Poulshot

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

3:30pm Messy Church

Potterne Village Hall

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> (Epiphany 3)**

9:30am Matins

Poulshot

9:30am Family Service

Worton

11am Morning Praise

Potterne

11am Holy Communion

Seend

4pm Holy Communion

Bulkington

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

5pm Celtic Meditative Service

Poulshot

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> (Epiphany 4)**

10am Benefice Service

Potterne

**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.

### **From the Registers:**

#### **Baptisms**

Gideon Bone on 16<sup>th</sup> October at Christ Church, Bulkington

No weddings or funerals this month.

## **Families and Children activities 2022 to 2023**

**4th Sunday of month 9.30am at Christ Church Worton:**

Massively Informal Family Service.

**On Fridays at 3.30pm in Potterne Village Hall:**

16th December, 20th January, 24th February, 24th March.

*Messy Church is aimed at families with pre-school children, infants and juniors.*



*A fun event for parents and children to take part in together. An hour of messy crafts and activities, followed by a short very informal Bible story and song, then finish with a cooked meal for everyone to share.*

**‘Scratch’ Nativity Play:** 24th December 2pm at Christ Church Bulkington.

*Details on Wellsprings Benefice FaceBook page*

*Contact Fi Walker 07470 372373 cyp.wellsprings@gmail.com*

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

**Parish Meeting – Draft Minutes**

**PENDING OFFICAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING**

**Held Wednesday 19th of October 2022 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington Village Hall**



Bulkington Parish Council  
Wiltshire

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Carla Haslam, Alex Breach, Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard-Evans, Tamara Reay (our Conservative representative serving the Devizes Rural West Division)

### **AGENDA ITEM**

**1) Apologies for absence:** Andrew Grabham, PCSO Janet.

Councillor Simon Downey has resigned, the PC team are very grateful for his time on the Parish Council and the support he has given the village and team.

**2) To Record:**

No changes to the Register of Interests received

No declaration of Interest in agenda items received

**3) To Receive a report from PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay**

☐ PCSO Janet: No report received. Our PCSO contact details are no longer working

☐ Councillor Tamara Reay: was unable to attend but sent an update via email:

Wiltshire Council continues to lead from the front on climate change. Wiltshire Council’s Cabinet received an update on its efforts to tackle the climate emergency locally, with a vast range of projects in place. The Wiltshire Climate Strategy was approved in February 2022 and since then the council has published its delivery plans, which set out how it will become carbon neutral by 2030, and the actions it can take either on its own or in partnership with others, to lead the transition to a carbon neutral county. The highlights from the detailed report include:

☐ 10,000 registrations across Wiltshire and Swindon for solar group buying scheme Solar Together Wiltshire with 1,000 of those (from Wiltshire) paying a deposit to confirm installation for solar pv and/or battery storage

☐ The council has carried out a tender process for provision and replacement of electric vehicle charging points at towns with a population of 10,000 or more.

- It will also be rolling out a grant to support town and parish councils to install electric vehicle charging points in their local area. A well-attended webinar was recently held to provide town and parishes more information.
- To encourage active travel, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) are being developed to improve cycling and walking opportunities throughout the county – working closely with town councils.
- The council's Housing Energy Efficiency Programme will retrofit 5,000 council homes by 2030, with assessment carried out on the first 800. The aim is to reduce the amount of CO<sup>2</sup> by 15,000 tonnes which in the process will make the properties more energy efficient and help save residents money.
- The £27m Salisbury River Park transformational scheme aims to reduce flood risk to over 350 homes and businesses in Salisbury and create 2 hectares of enhanced riverside habitat for the benefit of wildlife and more than 600 trees will be planted.
- The council diverted 80.9% of the waste it managed from landfill (2021/22).

#### **Further Funding and Support for Victims of Domestic Abuse:**

Wiltshire Council's Cabinet has approved plans for allocating £832,000 to support victims of domestic abuse. This government funding is the second of a three-year programme and Wiltshire's delivery plans will build on the learnings' and successes of the last year. Domestic abuse is a key public health priority, which creates a substantial burden of harm that significantly impacts on health and wellbeing. Still referred to as a 'hidden crime', it has one of the highest under-reporting rates; using the crime survey for England and Wales – it is projected that over 19,000 Wiltshire residents will be living with the effects of domestic abuse.

The plans include the provision of additional safe accommodation for victims, and programmes working with organisations such as Splitz, Turning Point, The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust and the Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living.

Wiltshire Council commits to **more Parish Stewards** for Local Highways and Footpaths Maintenance. £700,000 additional funding will ensure that there are more Parish Stewards in the county over the next three years. This is in addition to the £2m funding package previously agreed for extra white lining, fly tipping enforcement and flood prevention. Currently there are 18 Parish Stewards, one for each community area, and they focus on delivering on the highways priorities of their local town or parish council. This includes jobs such as fixing minor road defects and filling potholes, to trimming bushes and hedges. The new two-person support team will be able to build on the success of the Parish Stewards, improving safety and the visual impact of local highways, and providing a better service for local communities.

#### **4) Open Forum**

**Dog Fouling:** A number of complaints from the public were received. The PC have since placed some signage outside the Rec Ground near the path and the Clerk has requested additional signage from the Dog warden at Wiltshire Council. This topic has also been suggested to Spotlight as a topic for an article to bring this matter to attention, it has been covered in the November issue.

**Stiles and paths:** Multiple broken or run down stiles were reported by the public. Two stiles have been kindly cleared by councillor Alex Breach and the owner of the remaining unstable stile has been informed.

**CATG:** 3 CATG Requests have been placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the LHFIG on 17 January 2023.

1: lowering the pavement for easier access in Northfields,

2: lowering the pavement for easier access in Chestnut Drive

3: adding white road paint to reduce speeds and make pedestrians safe at either end of the village

Someone from the Parish Council will need to be present for the discussion to take place, and the agenda is usually sent out a week to ten days prior to the meeting.

**5) Local Planning Updates:**

Application No: PL/2022/07496

Householder planning permission

Proposed Single Storey Extension, Wickmere, 26 High Street, Bulkington, SN10 1SN

No concerns raised.

**6) Minute Approval:** Approval of Minutes of the September Parish Council Meeting.

**7) Finance:** The below costs were approved by the Parish Council:

Clerk October £221.60

Clerk Expenses Printer Ink for leaflets £33.85

Bin emptying contract Ideverde 18/10/2022 – 18.11.2022 £64

Play Area Safety Inspection £113.40

Bonfire event insurance £112

**8) Precept:** Councillors had discussions ahead of the submissions deadline in January 2023. Initial thoughts are that the PC will need to take into consideration the increase of costs for existing contracts like salaries, grass cutting, rubbish collection etc. but do not plan on a substantial increase.

**9) Recreational Ground:**

□ Any Playground updates: The new football posts have now been installed, thanks to Brian and Andrew. The posts were installed professionally at a cost to the Rec Committee of £270.

□ Grant opportunities: Carla and Amy to pursue opportunities

□ Coronation May: The councillors discussed having a spring/summer event in Bulkington in May to commemorate the coronation of the king, following the success of this year's Jubilee event. This event could count as the Annual Parish Meeting, which must be held each year between March 1st and June 1st.

□ The price of the Ideverde bin emptying contract will be fixed for 1 year from the start date so 18/08/2022 end date 18/08/2023 Then it will be reviewed. The team discussed the updates from Wiltshire Council announcing that Ideverde will be maintaining the playground equipment and grass cutting and weather that includes Parishes as well as town and cities.

**10) Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to the Clerk prior to next visit.

Area Highway Engineer, Matt Perrott and Highway Technician, Suzanne Hiscock, are due to meet with our Clerk to discuss Highway concerns for Bulkington Parish.

**11) Bonfire Night:** Bulkington Bonfire Night will take place on the 5th November.

There was a volunteers meeting on the 18th of October to arrange plans. Councillors agreed that Carla, Debbie, Simon and Julie will distribute leaflet this weekend.

**12) Remembrance Sunday:** Councillors discussed the initial planning of the event.

**13) AOB:** Parish Council meet up - Keevil and Steeple Ashton Parish Councils have accepted the invite for a cheese and wine evening at Bulkington village hall on Wednesday 16th of November from 8pm. Councillors will be meeting to share experiences and enable learning from each other.

**NEXT MEETING:** 16th of November at 7.30pm. Councillors are requested from 7pm to help set up the Parish Council meeting with Steeple Ashton and Keevil.



**The Bulkington Village Lunch** takes place on  
Wednesdays 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. and 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 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 **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in  
Bulkington on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 11.05-11.30

### **COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 10.30 – 12 noon in BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL.  
Proceeds in aid of Bulkington Church & Crisis at Christmas.  
A very warm welcome to everybody!

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

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.  
on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. and Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
Please contact Phyl Yarde 828116 for the venue.  
New people always welcome.  
Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



### **BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP**

Thurs 15th Dec a Christmas lunch at The Barge in Seend Cleeve. Please give your menu choice to me asap. Our January meeting will be on Thurs 26th at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. We will be having a planning meeting for 2023.  
Please come with your ideas. There will be the usual refreshments and raffle.  
We wish everyone a very happy Christmas. Liz Futter 828485 Karen Lock 828328

### **BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

I am pleased to report that the extensive improvements to the hall's kitchen (carried out by Bryan Crannis) are now substantially complete at a cost of approximately £5000. We have a nice new double sink, new work tops, cupboards, modern electric hob unit. Considerable additional electrical work has also taken place to ensure that all is up-to-date and safe. We managed to keep the hall in restricted operation during the building work with only one or two cancellations so I am grateful to our Parish Council, Omni Art group and Simon's Band hirers for their tolerance of the work in progress.

The hall is in moderate use and paying its way - I would respectfully point out to potential users that one of the conditions of use is that the tables are to be replaced (and legs folded where appropriate) after use. It has been suggested that a couple of photographs of how the chairs and tables are stowed - taken on arrival with your 'phone would be helpful. In order to keep the costs down (As we do not employ a cleaner) - please ensure that the floor is nice and clean before leaving.

Due to managing to survive to a respectable old age I will also be retiring from being the chairman of the hall early next year leaving the management committee some three members short. Please consider volunteering onto our management committee - a pleasant sociable event for an hour or so every couple of months.

We have available a full-size (newish condition) table tennis table (foldable) for free.

Nev Boulton Chairman BVH 01380 828 101

## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

### **SEEND WI**

Members and visitors were welcomed to our December meeting at the new winter time of 2.30pm. Our Speaker, Petra Schruff, gave an interesting and informative talk on a traditional German Christmas. Members learnt that Advent Calendars as well as Christmas markets originated in Germany in the Middle Ages.



Children leave stockings or boots outside their door in the hope that St. Nicholas will fill them with chocolates, fruit or nuts on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Christmas trees are decorated on Christmas Eve, after which the children are allowed into the room to receive their Christmas presents. Most families then go to Church. Petra was thanked both for her talk and the excellent handmade decorations she had brought with her.

Attention was drawn to a message from the National Federation of WIs acknowledging the role the Queen had played as a WI member for 80 years. It was also noted a wreath would be laid at the Church on Remembrance Sunday, on behalf of Seend WI. Members were also thanked for donating the large number of individually wrapped presents which the Wiltshire WI Federation would distribute to lonely and vulnerable people this Christmas.

The Craft and Chatter Group will meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and again on 18<sup>th</sup> January, both at 2pm. Bring your own craft and enjoy a chat, cup of tea and piece of cake.

Looking ahead, our Speaker for our January Meeting will be Hazel Powell who will be giving a talk on Reflexology. This will be at 2.30pm on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2023.

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.

All regular meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, please contact Joyce Harvey on 01380 828511 or check [www.seendwi.weebly.com](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com).

Joyce Harvey



## SEEND 100 + CLUB

### November Draw



1 No.118	L Murray	£50
2 No.35	J Crabtree	£25
3 No.10	A Hope-Simpson	£25
4 No.52	J Vaux	£15
5 No.189	M Hutchinson	£15

Thanks to everyone at The Lye Field Committee, who helped with the draw.  
Alison Bottomley

## SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

The walk on November 6<sup>th</sup> was a 5.5 mile circular walk starting in Holt village. We walked paths towards Great Chalfield Manor and on to Broughton Gifford village in the lovely sunshine. Coffee was sheltering from the heavy rain under the village hall side canopy!! We continued with smiles back to Holt village, on our return it ended up being more of a product research on waterproof clothing!!! It was a lovely walk led by Rachel and Nick, thank you to them.



**Next walk December 11<sup>th</sup>** from The Wharf car park Devizes (£1 all day on a Sunday), 10am for a circular walk of approx. 4.5 miles with the customary mulled wine and mince pies on return.

A Christmas meal is planned for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at The Brewery Inn, Seend. 2023 walk dates will be circulated for members to sign up to lead a walk .

Walk Dates for your diary: Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> all at 10am.

Wishing all the readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

New Year, new hobby, come and join us. That's all for 2022

Sandy



Many thanks to all, especially our poppy collectors and lamp post sponsors, for your support of the Poppy Appeal.

On 27 Oct, Kevin Toft, Seend RBL Chairman and County Standard Bearer, opened the Royal Wootton Bassett national Garden of Remembrance at Lydiard House. On 5 Nov he led the dedication of the 2 airman's cross memorials at Stonehenge.

As part of the RBL national Walk 121 miles in November, fundraiser Gavin Perry walked the majority of this on the Ypres salient between 10-14 Nov. Visiting Thiépval, Tyne Cot and the Menin Gate, where he attended the Last Post ceremony on 12 Nov. He was honoured to be invited by Ypres Branch and the Last Post Association to lay a wreath and recite the Exhortation on behalf of Seend Branch.

Our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at the Community Centre on Sat 12 Nov with Pete Lamb's Sound Company with vocalist Colette Cassin and guest sax, Stuart Trusler, was a great success. Thanks to all for your help and support. All proceeds in aid of the Royal British Legion.

A short ceremony took place around the Seend war memorial on Armistice Day. The Remembrance Sunday church service and wreath laying was well attended, as always. Date of next meeting - Tue 17 Jan 23, 7.30pm, Kennet Room, Community Centre, Seend. Anita Heatley, Seend Branch RBL/PR

### **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

The final visit this calendar year is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to enjoy an evening performance of Handel's "Messiah" at Bath Abbey.

On Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 we have a group booking for an evening performance of "Ladies Day" at the Wharf Theatre in Devizes. A light-hearted start to our programme for the New Year.

Followed by an outing to Bristol Hippodrome on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for a matinee performance of Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty ballet. With contemporary choreography to the music of Tchaikovsky. On 30<sup>th</sup> March, also at the Hippodrome, there is a chance to see the classic musical "The King & I". With the enchanting music and lyrics by Rodgers and Hammerstein members can enjoy well known songs such as "Getting to Know You" and "Shall we dance?"

On 18<sup>th</sup> May a trip to the Watermill Theatre Newbury for an evening performance of "The Suspicions of Mr Whicher". As on previous trips, this will include the opportunity for a pre-show meal in their restaurant.

Subscriptions will fall due in January and notice will be given to members shortly. 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 HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB year review and AGM date**

It was a soggy start to our first 'normal' year of activities after covid... a May visit to Arundells – Ted Heath's old home in the beautiful confines of Salisbury Cathedral close. But it did rain – at least until near the end of our visit when the sun came out and those of us left could admire the view of the cathedral spire from the rear gardens. We were better blessed weather wise on our next trip in July to the National Trust's Buscot Park near Newbury, stopping for lunch and a wander round Lechlade Garden Centre first. The Regency interiors were splendid and the grounds varied and delightful – particularly the Harold Peto water garden. Sadly, one of our party was indisposed and spent most of the time in a prone position looking at the overflow car park. Happily, the volunteers kept an eye on her.

Our last visit of the year in August, was to one of those rare gems not generally open to the public – Westonbirt (near Tetbury), not the arboretum but the school. Originally built to the specifications of one of the richest men in Victorian England, no expense was spared on the lavishness of its interior and the opulence of its grounds. Although the grandeur has now somewhat faded, they have a strong desire to restore and repair, which can be seen all around the school. HHC has endeavoured to keep costs down by using our own vehicles, subsidising coach costs and using the Seend Shuttle, this policy will no doubt continue next year. Come along to the **AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 2.30pm** to find out what the committee have planned! We will in the Irene Usher Pavilion when tea and cake will be served.

SHHC Committee: Len Murray, Tina Yockney, Mary Warren & Neil Yockney.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

**ATHLETICS** For the first time since the race started back in 1983 the Bishops Cannings 5000m dash has been won by a Seend resident. This year Owen Lythell took first place, and the cup, which for some reason or other was stuck in Scotland with last year's winner, was finally presented to Owen, in his kitchen shortly after he was woken up, just a couple of Sundays ago. Many congratulations to Owen who is presently nursing a knee injury.

**TENNIS** Whilst the men's and mixed doubles fared reasonably this past season in the Chippenham and District league there has been much activity in the background thanks to the efforts of Giles and his team who have not only organised fantastic Tuesday evening tennis throughout the summer until the clocks went back, but has also carried out regular repairs to the courts and has even arranged their cleaning this week. Many thanks Giles Collins from all at Seend tennis club. A Seend member was also presented with the Millenium Shield by the league at their annual dinner in September for services to the league, so another good day for Seend tennis.

**FOOTBALL** The 2022 season started with newly promoted Seend in the first division of the Trowbridge league having last season not only won the second division but also winning two of the cup competitions. This year's opposition is much stiffer and the home matches that I have watched alongside the loyal band of supporters, on the eastern touch line, have been very competitive. Seend as of last week had played 6, won 4, drawn 1 and lost 1. Unfortunately four of the team's matches have so far been postponed for one reason or another so there could well be a backlog of matches to catch up upon in the new year. As we go to press no Seend player is presently shown in the list of those suspended by the league, but it is early days.

**SHORT MAT BOWLS** As the absence again this spring of the sound of the cuckoo gives way to the penetrating din of the ubiquitous leaf blowers on these beautiful autumn days, Colin and the boys are back on the green baize performing with the skill of true professionals. The boys' short break in Magaluf certainly has reaped rewards as can be seen from the results so far this season ( see page 94 ). Well done Colin and if one of the recent flurry of Prime Ministers does not put you in the New Year's Honours list then I'll eat my hat.

**CYCLING** Good to see Ric and his team out there in the early morning sunshine racing from inn to inn. An example to us all. Like me I am sure that they will wish you all a sports filled December. In the office World Cup draw I was given Brazil so there is a chance there although my heart is with Wales who hopefully will not be home too early.

Results etc for the next issue of Spotlight by January 12th please. Frankie Goddard

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## **SHUTTLE NEWS**

**Shuttle News:** There are only two seats remaining for the December 7<sup>th</sup> trip to Salisbury. Give me a ring on 828757 if you would like them. There will be **no** trip on January 4<sup>th</sup> as I think we'll all be shipped out by then! So, the next one will be February 8th



## **SEEND SCHOOL**



This term is a particularly special time of the year where we have the opportunity to reflect and give thanks maybe more than at any other.

Back in October we all walked to church to celebrate and give thanks at our annual harvest festival service. It was a lovely event headed by our excellent student leaders, Maya and Alfie. Each class entertained parents, grandparents and friends with poems, songs and some brilliant clay vegetables made by our youngest children! Everyone in school was invited to bring in gifts of food which were then donated to the Melksham Food Bank. The huge pile of tins and packets were very much appreciated and we have been presented with a certificate in thanks.

We would like to take this chance to say thank you to our FOSS group of willing and dedicated parents who this term have supported our trips and visits by contributing to the cost and for treating us to a disco this term and a quiz last term!

Although our FOSS, and also our Local Governing Board, is mainly made up of parents please do not be afraid to come and join our school community in any capacity. We have many reading volunteers, an artist that supports us and regular church visitors. Our next active project will be working on safer routes to school including car sharing, walk and stride and incentives for walking. Please do get in touch if you are interested in this project.

In November, our School Council sold poppies and wristbands as part of the British Legion Appeal. On the 11<sup>th</sup> we joined the rest of the country taking part in the two-minute silence to pause and reflect on the service and sacrifices the Armed Forces have made, and continue to make, on our behalf. Everyone came together in our hall and even the youngest children were silent and respectful. When the silence came to an end the children filed out of the hall in complete silence and placed a poppy petal on our alter. As a school with a number of serving parents this was a particularly poignant moment. We will remember them.

## **SEEND PLAYGROUP**



We welcome Bethany and Hunter this term and hope they enjoy their time with us.

The children put the acorns we collected into a bowl of water for two days, afterwards wrapping them in a wet J-cloth and putting them in a sealed plastic bag. Then a week later we looked at them, and they had roots. So we put them in compost in clear pots so the children can see the roots growing.

We have bought toy power tools for the children to play with the Brio construction Set. Also, some Gears and Cogs Construction Sets.

On Thursday 15th December we will be dressing up and performing our Nativity. We will have a raffle, coffee and mince pies afterwards. On Friday 16th December we will have our Christmas party and Santa will be visiting at 11.15am to give out presents. We will finish at 3pm for two weeks holiday. The term starts again on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year from Rose, Nicky, Val, Liz F, Liz D and Amy.

Rose Dick (Playleader) 01380 828003

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **October PC meeting**

Attendance - 10 Councillors: Apologies William Lack, Cllr Tamara Reay

#### **Local Council Matters:**

**Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP).** Cllr Reay will forward further information to the Parish Council and Steve Vaux.

**Bus Stop at Padfield Porkies:** Wiltshire Council has installed the additional stop.

**School Travel Plan:** Cllr Reay is waiting for an update from the head teacher.

**Cost of Living Crisis;** Cllr Reay provided a weblink detailing what the Council is doing to help with the crisis: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/council-coordinating-cost-of-living-support-and-thanks-everyone-for-what-they-are-doing>

**Damaged Stile in Row Lane:** The Chairman agreed to liaise with the Land Owner .

**Berhills Lane:** The hedge behind the parking area adjacent to the junction of A365 has overgrown to the extent that vehicles are partially parking on the road. Due to the traffic speed in this vicinity, it is potentially dangerous. Two Councillors agreed to identify the hedge owner and their correspondence address.

**Bradley Lane:** The Clerk to chase Wiltshire Highways for a response to the previous letter requesting part of the existing Bridleway between Rusty Lane and Spiderweb Paddock to be upgraded to a cycle path.

**Dog Waste Bins:** A request can be made via the Local Area Board for a Bin. It was not clear if after installation, the council would undertake waste collection as some other bins have had to be serviced by volunteers and other organisations. The Clerk to write to Wiltshire Council to establish if they would empty the new bins.

**School Access:** The Parish Council has spent almost a year trying to progress an access path through the school grounds but has faced increased resistance from the Director of Estates & Facilities. The Chairman of the Parish Council has written personally to him twice and has not received a reply, which is very disappointing. The Parish Council has also written to the Governors and FOSS.

**Community Speed Watch:** Two further volunteers agreed to undertake the necessary training bringing the total number of trained volunteers to six.

**Local Highways & Footpath Infrastructure Group (LHFIG):** As a result of the LHFIG meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October it was agreed the road and supporting infrastructure improvements for 'The Stocks' will now proceed. To facilitate the work, the Parish Council approved a budget of £3,500.

The next LHFIG meeting is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and the infrastructure improvement request for The Bell Crossroads and Bollands Hill will be an agenda item. The Parish council agreed in principle to fund 50% of the improvement costs up to a maximum of £5,000. A firm proposal will be presented to the Parish Council following 17<sup>th</sup> January meeting before a firm commitment is made.

#### **Planning Applications:**

PL/2022/07454 - The Appleyard, Spout Lane, Seend - Erection of a dwelling, (resubmission of PL/2021/08918)

It was noted the landscape character will not be adversely affected and there are no heritage assets in the immediate vicinity that would be affected.

However, more detail is needed with regards to the discharge of surface water from the site. The Parish Council approved this application with the condition that visibility splays at the entrance into Spout Lane meet Highways criteria.

PL/2022/07574 - Land adjoining Bell Inn, Bell Hill - Erection of one self-build dwelling with associated landscaping. The site was an overflow car park for the Bell Inn, so access is established although now shared with The Bell development and needs to be clarified. The Parish Council approved this application with a condition no vehicles associated with the site construction are parked on the public highway.

**Sandridge Solar Community Benefit Payment:** Two Councillors to meet with the manager of The Three Magpies to finalise the location of the Bike racks. Sandridge Solar advised the new annual base value for Seend Parish Council will be £1,014.94. The payment is expected in November 2022.

**Community Tree Planting Scheme:** The Council discussed two items of correspondence from a local parishioner and agreed it would in principle support the ideas proposed, but could not commit to providing administrative or financial support towards the purchase of the land. However, the Council may consider helping to procure trees on land after it has been officially designated for the planting of trees.

**Pothole, Meadow View, Seend Cleeve:** A large pothole has formed adjacent to Meadow View at the bend in Seend Cleeve. Clerk to report the matter to Highways.

**Parish Steward:** The Clerk to request the Parish Steward to undertake:

- Check and where necessary clear the gullies in Row Lane.
- Cut back the overgrowth and clean the 30mph signs adjacent to the junction of Pelch Lane and Perry's Lane.
- Clean the Community Speedwatch sign on A361 Seend Village 30mph Sign on the eastern entrance to the village from Seend Fork.

**Clerk Training:** The PC agreed to fund the ILCA training costs (£120.00).

**Allotments:** All allotment holders indicated they wish to retain their plots for the coming year and their payments received. The annual cutting of the Allotment hedges has commenced.

#### **Items of Note:**

**Community First:** The Community First AGM had been well supported and a number of awards were given. The organisation offers a number of training courses including a minibus driver's course. Community First is looking to raise £30k towards a new minibus.

**Community Land Trust:** The additional high-level scaffolding due for installation at the beginning of October will now be erected in November.

**Precept Meeting:** The Precept meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**Devizes Area Board:** The next Area Board meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**Licences:** A company trading as 'Magic Waste Solutions based in Corsham has applied for a licence to use Old Station Yard, Station Road, Seend as an operating centre for three goods vehicles.

**Finance:** Bank Reconciliation to end of September 2022 - **£44,725.22**

**Date of next meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Meetings commence at 7pm  
A full copy of the minutes is available on the Parish Council Website.



## **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

### **PHILIP WILKINSON'S COLUMN**

Policing has been under the microscope in the last year and I don't see this scrutiny letting up any time soon – and neither should it. The public want their police force to keep them safe, protect vulnerable people, put victims first, catch the criminals responsible, produce quality investigations and lock the bad ones up. Wiltshire Police has had its fair share of criticism. It has received a poor PEEL inspection report and is currently in 'special measures'. I can reassure you progress is being made and my scrutiny of that performance is ongoing. We have had some solid successes too. You told me road safety and speeding was a key concern. I have committed investment into the roads policing unit, increasing the number of officers and cars by 20%. We also tripled the capacity of the speed enforcement team, with extra police staff and state-of-the-art cameras. With this joined up approach, there are more traffic officers on our streets and there has been an increase of 42% of the number of people caught speeding and given tickets. There is still more to do but our roads will become safer as the deterrent of speeding tickets and prosecution starts to bite.

The rural crime team has also doubled since I committed investment in the team and in extra equipment. I was also pleased with the force's commitment to visit all victims of home burglary – let me know if this doesn't happen and I will act.

We are also in the process of recruiting the next Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police and I hope to have them confirmed in post by mid-January. We look forward to welcoming them to the county. In the meantime, our current Chief will carry on implementing the improvements needed to satisfy HM Inspectors and provide stability so the force can continue making Wiltshire safer for all.

Please also make sure you take part in my survey, taking place in December and January, which will ask you about your confidence levels in Wiltshire Police and about the policing precept for 2023/24. It is important we capture as many people's thoughts as possible and you will find this on my website from mid-December.

As ever, I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and new year.

**Wiltshire's Restorative Justice team** have been rewarded after being named the "Police Support Volunteer Team of the Year" at the annual South West Citizens in Policing Awards in Poole. Volunteers and staff from the service were joined at the awards ceremony by Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Russell Holland, Chief Constable Kier Pritchard and Assistant Chief Constable Dave Minty.

The team at Restorative Together has been funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in Wiltshire for the past six years and the scheme is managed by Victim Services manager, Julia Gay.

Restorative Justice brings those harmed by crime or conflict together with those responsible. It offers victims of crime a level of resolution and possible closure and can help the harmer to recognise and understand how their behaviour affects others. The Restorative Justice facilitators are all volunteers who are highly trained to work with those harmed and their harmers to help all parties move on in a positive way.

For more information including the referral process visit <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/Horizon/restorative-justice/>

## **NURTURE NATURE**

The higher than normal seasonal daily temperatures (in excess of 12 degrees C -



Armistice Day was the warmest on record) in many parts of the British Isles have had a knock on effect for Nature, affecting birds, mammals and plants. Some plants are flowering out of season, which is confusing the circadian rhythms of birds, mammals and insects. Some birds are even starting to build nests, bees are buzzing in unexpected blossoms, bats should be dormant but are taking the odd nocturnal flight, hedgehogs should be hibernating but are making nocturnal foraging sorties. The unseasonal weather is also influencing the behaviour of winter migrants, and fewer have been seen so far this year. This should change as the weather gets colder. However, birds, and especially seabirds, have been greatly affected by avian flu and coastal colonies have been badly depleted. So, please keep feeders and bird-baths clean. This is also the time of year when rats arrive seeking their winter quarters, so it is wise to take feeders down before dusk, and empty bird baths – rats are highly intelligent and are good climbers.

The Holly and the Ivy when they are both full grown....' yes, Christmas is nigh, but please leave as much berry bearing holly and ivy as both provide valuable pop-up cafes with sustenance for birds and, in the case of ivy, insects too as the weather cools down. Lastly, at the end of a momentous year which saw the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, what about planting a native tree for the Queen's Green Canopy. Happy Wassailing!

Otis Tarda

## **BITS AND BOBS**

**Boiler use tip.** Do you have a conventional hot water storage tank which can be heated either by an immersion heater or by an oil fired boiler and you are on an economy 7 (dual rate) meter? If so, this may be of interest.

When the electricity prices were raised on October 1st this year I found that while the day rate had risen the night rate had actually fallen. So I did the sums and came up with the following costs to heat a tank of water (based on Octopus standard tariff): Using boiler - 64p Using immersion heater on day time electricity - 83p Using immersion heater on night time electricity - 28p. So now, with the aid of a timer, we use the immersion heater overnight supplemented with occasional top up with the boiler during the day as required. If you would like to see the calculations email me at [CP.Brooker@btinternet.com](mailto:CP.Brooker@btinternet.com). Chris Brooker



**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.

**Wiltshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers** Annual Christmas Craft Fair- Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd December 2022 10.30 am-4pm at St Mary's School Buildings, High Street Steeple Ashton BA14 6EU (behind the Village Shop). For hand sewn, hand woven and knitted items, cards, decorations and soft toys, all handcrafted by our members. Charity number: 1168349. [www.wgswd.org](http://www.wgswd.org)



## **THE EDINGTON ARTS ADVENT CONCERT**

The choir of Merton College, Oxford, will be performing this year's Advent Concert in the Priory Church, Saturday 10th December, starting at 7.30pm.

We welcome Benjamin Nicholas, Director of Music, and a 34 mixed voice choir, one of the elite Oxbridge ensembles. There will be music for Advent and for Christmas, with contributions from the College's Organ Scholar accompanying the choir and as a soloist.

Mulled wine and mince pies served in the interval.

Tickets from Chrissy on 01380 831256, or by email from [sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org); £20/15/10 with 18 and under coming free. Edington Angels have a 10% discount.

## **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS' 43<sup>RD</sup> VILLAGE PANTO**

Rehearsals of 'The Frog Prince or Sleeping Beauty: the Sequel' are underway. The cast seem to find the script funny so we hope the audiences do too!

Put 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February next in your diary.



### **St. John's Church Devizes**

welcomes you to our  
Christmas Tree Festival and Advent  
Calendar windows trail



Enjoy a magic wonderland of Christmas Trees in the Church from 4<sup>th</sup> December to 6th January. The trees will be judged on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Look for the Advent windows in shops and Long Street and guess their themes in December Competition forms from the Town Hall (prizes awarded).

## **Melksham Choral Society Christmas Concert:** We would love to see you on



December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the United church in Melksham for some lovely Christmas music. We will be singing Christus Natus Est by Cecilia McDowell, On Christmas Night by Bob Chilcott plus familiar carols and 'For unto Us a child is born' from Handel's Messiah. Tickets on the door, £12, under 18s free.



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or a friend's house – Travel Friends are on hand to help you feel more confident. You'll be paired up with your own Travel Friend who can accompany you on any type of journey - whether it's by foot, public transport, community transport or taxi - and will help you build the confidence you need to travel independently.

07500 137 135 [travelfriends@ageukwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:travelfriends@ageukwiltshire.org.uk)

Do have a look at our online colour supplement ([seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk) and click on Spotlight then on Dec/Jan colour supplement)

**And finally ..... I've just been invited to my Urology Department's Christmas party. Apparently it's a "Bring a bottle"**

**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)

Bulkington Parish Council—theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk

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

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