

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington

Seend Fawltly Players' 42nd Village Pantomime

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD



Thursday 24th & Friday 25th February at 7.30pm and
Saturday 26th February at 7pm in Seend Community Centre
Tickets £6 (£3 children) from Seend Community & The Brewery Inn
or call Tessa on 07719 917814

FEBRUARY 2022

DIARY DATES FOR LATE JANUARY 2022

- 26th Nosh and Natter, Seend CC, 12 for 12.30 pm
26th Quiz Night at the Brewery Inn
31st Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve
phone box; 11.05 am Well Inn car park

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 2nd Bulkington Village Lunch, The Well, 12.15pm
4th First Friday coffee morning, Seend CC Club Lounge, 10.30 am
7th Bulkington Tea, Craft and Chat
9th Quiz Night at the Brewery Inn
12th Deadline for Seend PC Councillor vacancy applications
12th Live music at The Brewery with George Wilding
13th Seend Ramblers
15th **LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARCH SPOTLIGHT**
16th Seend WI Craft & Chatter, Pavilion, 2-4pm
18th Live Music from David Moss at Seend CC, lounge bar, 7pm
22nd Seend PC Meeting, Seend CC, 7.30 pm
23rd Nosh and Natter, Seend CC, 12 for 12.30 pm
23rd Quiz Night at the Brewery

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| 24 th | 7.30pm |) |
| 25 th | 7.30pm |) Seend Fawltly Players 'Little Red Riding Hood' |
| 26 th | 7pm |) in Seend Community Centre |

- 28th Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve
phone box; 11.05 am Well Inn car park

DIARY DATES FOR EARLY MARCH

- 3rd Seend Theatre Club AGM
4th First Friday coffee morning, Seend CC Club Lounge, 10.30 am

Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?

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

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

WELCOME TO FEBRUARY 2022 SPOTLIGHT

We've had some beautiful blue-skied frosty days lately – intermingled with dampness, mist and mud! Overall January wasn't a bad month, and February can only take us nearer to spring, with snowdrops and celandines appearing.



Here's hoping that we can now say of the worst of the pandemic: "It's behind you!" and therefore look forward to the return of the Fawlty Panto season - "Oh yes we can!". This year, Seend Fawlty Players are donating all of the proceeds from their production of Little Red Riding Hood to the Community Centre, which obviously suffered financially during the lockdowns and general lack of social activity over the past couple of years.

There are quite a few activities planned for this month, and plenty of news from Parish Councils, the church and village clubs and organisations within these pages. Feedback on our magazine is always welcomed: email spotlight@seend.org.uk

Don't forget to look at the Spotlight online colour supplement on seend.org.uk. This month it includes photos of HRH Camilla's visit, the new 'wall wrap' in the school and some local winter views.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the March 2022 edition (copy by Saturday 12th February) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post & Provisions. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to Sue or Tessa – even if they have emailed you from their own email address – just in case they are not around. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401), Jan Field (827140) for printing and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising. Potential volunteer deliverers or printers can contact Fiona or Jan.

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 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 FEBRUARY 2022

Seend Community Centre Events



FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING - 4th February at 10.30 am. No booking required. Get a coffee or tea (plus a refill) and a slice of homemade cake for just £2.50! All welcome!



NOSH + NATTER - The February lunch will be on **Wednesday 23rd February**. Two courses and refreshments for £7.50. The first price increase since 2009 but still excellent value for the tasty home-made dishes prepared and served by the lovely N+N team! Tel Pauline on 01380 828638 or 07879 494429 for info and to book.



LIVE MUSIC IN THE BAR - DAVID MOSS – Friday 18th February from 7 pm. David is an excellent community music leader and currently directs the 'Music for the Mind' sessions here at the Centre. He is also a top-class, multi-talented musician with a warm personality – an evening to look forward to. Entry is free but donations welcomed for the musician.

FITSTEPS – the popular weekly **dance exercise class** has now moved to Wednesdays 7–8 pm. £7 per session. Dance yourself fit with Charlie! No partner required. On Thursdays 7-8 pm, Fitsteps also offer formal ballroom dancing in group classes, £8. Bring a partner, or dance with Charlie! Wedding dances, private tuition also available. Tel 07593 972340 or www.fitsteps.uk for details.



PANTO – After missing a year, Seend Fawltly Players are back with their home-grown production of **'Little Red Riding Hood'** - 7.30pm on Thursday 24th, Friday 25th and at 7pm on Saturday 26th February. See front cover for full details.

BREWERY INN EVENTS

Wednesday 26th January – Quiz Night
Wednesday 9th February - Quiz Night
Saturday 12th February - Live music - George Wilding
(2-year anniversary of trading !!)
Wednesday 23rd February - Quiz Night

We're in the 2022 CAMRA Good Beer Guide!



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.)

CATH POND

The family of Cath Pond of Dial Close would like to thank all her lovely friends and neighbours in Seend who helped when she died on 20th December 2021. She was an incredible lady and her funeral at West Wilts Crematorium on 12th January 2022 raised a total of £160 in donations which have been sent to Dorothy House Hospice.

A very Happy New Year to everyone.

Jenny Jones (daughter) and Jane and Jonathan Woods (grandchildren)

DIANA WHITTAKER (née Bainton)

Diana sadly died after a very long illness at home in Melksham on 16th January surrounded by her family.

She was born 30th October 1950 and lived at 6 New Buildings until she moved to 12 The Lye on 1st April 1961. Diana was in the village Brownies, Girl Guides and did the paper round from "Spout hill to Sells Green". She then moved to Melksham 30th September 1966 with Mum Val, Dad Cliff, brothers Alan and Mark and sister Marion.

Diana will be cremated on 11th February 12.15pm at Semington. On the 16th February she will be laid to rest with her husband Malcolm, who is awaiting her in Seend Churchyard.

Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion

&

Seend Lye Field, Rusty Lane, Seend

Available for parties, meetings, sports events

Book online now at: www.seendlyefield.org

Email: seendlrf@gmail.com



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:

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

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

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

SEEND THEATRE CLUB

Please note revised date:

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd March 2022
at 7.30 pm in The Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend

Guest speaker: Gill Morrell of Shakespeare Live
"The Seven Ages of Man"

Meet our members and hear our plans for future trips. Wine and nibbles too!

All enquiries to

Marion Whitehead (01380 828612) or Ken Harvey (01380 828511).



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Councillor Vacancies: There are currently 2 Councillor vacancies. There has been some interest, so we will be holding the Co-option at the 22nd February PC meeting. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Councillor who hasn't already done so, should contact the Clerk by 12th February.

Sandridge Solar Farm Community Payment: We have now received our annual payment for 2021 - £1,179.57. We have already spent some of this on the purchase of two flags for Seend Church. If anyone has any other suggestions as to how it should be spent, please contact the Clerk. The criteria is that it must be used for the benefit of the community. In the past we have spent it on the three

defibrillators and their cabinets, repairs of the benches, a contribution toward the repainting of the Church clock and two noticeboards for Seend Cleeve.

The Green on the Lye: The problem of parking on this Green has been raised again. Aster should by now have replaced the posts to prevent cars parking on this Green which is a designated Local Green Space in the Seend Neighbourhood Plan. Aster owns this Green and has issued the following statement. “The Green is used by local families and children as a recreational area. Motor vehicles using The Green are making it unsafe. If you have vehicles parked on The Green, you must move them immediately and use the designated areas for parking..... Any damage to new or existing posts will be reported to the police.”

Seend Parish Plan website: All the Neighbourhood Plan documents on the seendparishplan.org website have now been migrated to the Seend Parish Council website (www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk). This is because the Seendparishplan domain name was up for renewal at the end of January, and it was felt that now the Neighbourhood Plan is made, it did not need a separate website to the Parish Council one. NP updates and reviews will be uploaded to the NP page on the PC website.

Beware of fraud relating to COVID-19 pass: The NHS is aware of a scam in circulation where criminals are asking for payment for the NHS COVID-19 pass. These fraudulent messages are being sent via text message and email. Do not give them any personal or financial information, the NHS COVID Pass is free and the NHS will never ask for payment or any financial details.



FLOWER SHOW 2022

The Flower Show Committee is pleased to report that Julia White has now taken over as Chair/Secretary of the Flower Show.

If you are interested in joining the committee or just helping on the day in any way please contact Julia or any of the other members.

julia.white@bioss.co.uk 01380 827082 <https://seendflowershow.org.uk>

Seend WI Craft and Chatter Group

Bring your own choice of craft to the Pavilion on
Wednesday 16th February 2pm-4pm or just come for tea and cake.
Everyone welcome, you don't have to be a member of WI.

Contact Joyce Harvey 01380 828511



CHURCH NEWS

Pastoral letter February 2022

I am wondering what you are looking for when you see the letter from your local church in the parish magazine. For some it will be some words of hope and comfort, for some it will be news and for others it will be the bit of the magazine that never gets read! And, if you are in the last category then I've probably lost you already, so you'll not find out that we've started a new gathering called QUEST for people interested in exploring faith, whether that's from a no-faith or a strong faith starting point.

By meeting in a café style setting, with decent coffee, in Poulshot Village Hall (SN10 1RT) every Saturday afternoon at 5:15pm we create the time for open discussions on those big life and faith related questions. Recently we looked at the theme of 'Hope'. Have you ever thought, what is hope? Is hope a choice about how we think or is it just a condition? Archbishop Desmond Tutu said "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." This is something that having a faith can help with, especially when the going gets tough. What are you hopeful for in 2022?

In one of the sessions, we also discovered that there is a link between the root of the word 'suffering' with the word 'patience' and how 'hope' is inextricably tied into both. Do we need hope if everything is fine and dandy? It gives me comfort that writers of the bible (at least 44 different ones in all) dealt with our reality rather than just spinning out some mushy, there there pat-on-the-head fairy story to make us feel better. They recognised the challenges of life and of suffering but, and this is the important bit, they are able to point beyond the challenges to a place of hope. If you're interested in this connection you could take a look at Romans 5: 3-5 or Google Laura Story's song, Blessings.

What question would you like answered? Let us know and we'll stick it in the holy wok and give it a stir fry and all being well, we'll try to get around to answering it. Feel free to check out <https://quest4faith.org/> where you can find out more and send in your question. You can also send me an email adrian.burholt@btinternet.com

I am choosing to be hopeful today. I can really sense days lightening and lengthening, I am hopeful that that virus that shall not be named is well and truly on its way out of town and that 2022 will be a year in which all the good things we have learned and been doing together as community will continue and grow.

I also hope that at least one person who normally skips over this letter has got this far and has a felt informed a little bit and maybe just a little more hopeful.

Rev Adrian



CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2022

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

Due to the current covid situation and 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. Because of recent high numbers of covid cases locally, we ask that you wear a mask in church, including whilst singing. Socially distanced seating is available for anyone who is particularly vulnerable. There is no need to pre-book. If you feel unwell or have tested positive, please stay at home. We hope to reduce these restrictions in the near future. Please keep checking our website (details below) for the latest information and for details of our recorded services.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 6th (4th before Lent)

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

Sunday 13th (3rd before Lent)

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

Sunday 20th (2nd before Lent)

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Worton
10am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
10am	Morning Praise	Potterne
10am	Holy Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
4pm	Evening Prayer	Seend

Sunday 27th (Next before Lent)

10am	Holy Communion	Potterne
10am	Holy Communion	Seend
10am	Morning Praise	Worton
4pm	Evening Prayer (BCP) / Evensong	Poulshot

NOTE: No service at Bulkington this Sunday as the church is being redecorated.

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:

Weddings:

Michelle Donelan and Thomas Turner at Seend on 16th December 2021.

Catherine Clifford and Maximilian Bruges at Seend on 18th December 2021.

Funerals:

Benjamin Smith at Holy Cross, Seend on 30th December 2021.

No baptisms this month.

BULKINGTON NEWS

Abbreviated Draft Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting

Pending official approval at next meeting.

Held on Wednesday the 15th of December at 7pm Online via Microsoft Teams
Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Alex Breach, Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard-Evans.

161/21 Apologies for absence: Simon Downey, Andrew Grabham, Carla Haslam, PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay (Conservative Councillor for the Devizes Rural West Division)

163/21 To Receive a report from PCSO Janet and Tamara Reay:

PCSO Janet: No report received. Clerk to request more information on car thefts.

Tamara Reay: Report will be circulated asap

167/21 Finance:

The below costs were approved:

Clerk Pay December £221.60

Ideverde Works Date: 01/11/2021 - 30/11/2021 £103.59

Newsletter Print £30.95

169/21 Precept: It was agreed that the precept will be set at £10,000, of which £4,000 will be ringfenced for the Recreational Ground. This means the cost per year for a Band D property will be £83.56 using a Tax base proposed by WCC at 119.67. This figure is based on the results of the Precept Consultation where the Parish Council gave three options for the upcoming setting of the precept.

Option 1 – Do not use the Precept to fund the Recreational Ground = 18.75%

Option 2 – Obtain £2000 from the Precept to half fund the Recreational Ground = 31.25%

Option 3 – Obtain £4000 from the Precept to fully fund the Recreational Ground = 50%

28% of the residents took the time to respond to the consultation. Results above indicate that those who took the opportunity to respond would be comfortable with the increase in the Precept.

Actions: Hannah and Amy to sign and submit paperwork in time for the deadline of the 18th of January. Clerk to add Precept spending plans to January Agenda 170/21 Recreational Ground: Any Playground updates

171/21 Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Steve will sadly no longer be our Parish Steward, we will have a new Steward soon but in the meantime contractors will be handling the role. If you see anything that needs the attention of the Steward please email our clerk Hannah on theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk.

Moss and weeds have been cleared (15.12.2021) from North Fields, Drains and Gullies have been cleared, street clean has been requested.

Actions: Clerk to add to Stewards list: Opposite pub, remove soil from next to houses – keeping to original tarmac to help widen road for when it is reduced to single file traffic when cars are parked on one side.

172/21 Annual Community Event: The village hall has been booked for 26th March and Sue has been notified about all the village groups being invited to attend to showcase their talents. More plans to follow in January's PC meeting

173/21 Improving local Accessibility in Bulkington: The Clerk has raised 2 MyWiltshire reports on the Council's website requesting the kerbs to be dropped and will continue to investigate how best to get this actioned.

174/21 Winter Newsletter: The Newsletter has been printed and will be distributed before Christmas. The Team would like to take the opportunity to thank Councillor Amy Powell for taking the time to create and edit the Newsletter content, organise and pay for the printing and tirelessly fold each copy. Going forward the printing will be covered by Parish Council Funds and we welcome anyone to contribute a poem, picture, article or similar to future Newsletters.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL TEAM. WE WISH YOU A HEALTHY, HAPPY 2022!

The Parish Council team meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please contact our Clerk on theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk for location or call details as this will depend on the Covid-19 guidelines at the time.

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Mondays 31st January and 28 February 2022 11.05-11.30 am

It is good to see that people are supporting it.

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

With regret - I advise that Bulkington Village Hall is closed until further notice (UFN) due to the present medical problems.

Likewise committee meetings are suspended UFN

Nev Boulton, Chair.

BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"

We held our Big Bumper Draw for the "100 Club" at The Well on Wednesday, 1st December, and the winners were:

£75 No. 38 Robert James

£50 No. 29 Robert Yarde

£35 No. 3 Pat Bell

£25 No. 61 Peter Wyatt

£15 No. 45 Karen Lock



Congratulations to the winners and thanks to our diners at the Village Lunch for being our witnesses.

Phyl Yarde



BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH

The Bulkington Village Lunch takes place on Wednesday, 2nd February at 12.15 for 12.30pm at The Well. Contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (828116).

New people are always welcome to join us.

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

THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 7th February at The Old Stables, the home of Andie Elliott 828277.

New people always welcome.

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



BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

Reluctantly, I have postponed our January meeting because the Village Hall is still shut. "Music and Mirth" have agreed to come to us on Thursday April 28th instead. Hopefully the hall will be open for our February meeting which is on Thursday 24th at 7.30 pm. This will be a planning meeting. There will be the usual refreshments and raffle.

Liz Futter 828485 Karen Lock 828328

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



The Poppy Appeal totalled £10,400. Many thanks to those who helped towards this and to those who knitted/crocheted poppies.

The Rededication of the Seend War Memorial took place on 2nd December 2021 in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall who met with various members of Wiltshire and Seend RBL, representatives of the village, some who were descendants of those mentioned on the war memorial, our Seend singers and children from Seend primary school and Seend Playgroup. Many thanks to all who helped make this an occasion to remember. A memorial stone has been suitably inscribed at the base of the war memorial.

Future annual events were discussed at our meeting on Thursday 20 January and further details will be issued once finalised.

Date of next meeting is Thursday 21st April at 7.30pm in the Kennet Room, Community Centre.

Anita Heatley, Public Relations

SEEND 100+ CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW

1 No.144	S Vaux	£100
2 No.165	A Ewin	£50
3 No.106	J Whalley	£50
4 No. 82	J Hopkins	£50
5 No.71	S De Blonde	£25
6 No.109	A Bergin	£25
7 No. 95	W McLean	£25
8 No.149	J Reason	£25
9 No. 200	Bottomley grandkids	£25
10 No.22	D Duparq	£25



Many thanks to everyone at the Friday coffee morning who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley



SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

It's that time again – sign up for 2022 Membership!

We hope you enjoyed the free membership during 2021 and will continue to support the Centre by signing up for 2022. **GOOD NEWS - the EARLY BIRD**

DISCOUNT for 2022 Membership has been continued throughout February! Full Membership before discount is £12.50, Over 60s £11.00, Under 18s £5. Get a £1 Early Bird Discount by using promo code 'EarlyBird' online at



seendcommunitycentre.com or you can sign up at the bar in the Members' Lounge. Full details on membership and benefits available online.



Newcomers to the village, why not pop in for a drink and chat at the popular weekly get-together from 6 pm every Friday – we look forward to seeing you there soon.

www.seendcommunitycentre.com seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com



SEEND WI

Everything looked better in January when the sun came out, after such a gloomy start to the New Year. There are always interesting things to see in winter with the hint of spring around the corner.

At our 8th December meeting member Anne Ewing demonstrated and helped members make a sugar craft robin. It is fairly safe to say that no two robins looked the same! However, much fun was had and the evening culminated in festive nibbles and a present from the Secret Santa box. Unfortunately the January meeting was cancelled, due to Covid concerns.

Monthly Meeting on February 8th Please note a change of speaker. Margaret Bromley, who is a member, will give a talk on her experiences as a Dog Show Judge, which is sure to be most entertaining.

Craft and Chatter group will meet on Wednesday 16th February 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. Bring your own craft or just come for tea, cake and chatter. Everyone welcome, you do not have to be a member of the WI.

If you are not currently a member of WI but are interested in finding out more, do contact us and we shall be pleased to share our future plans with you. Non-members are always welcome and can attend one meeting without any obligation to join. All regular meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise notified. For more information, please contact Joyce Harvey on 01380 828511 or check www.seendwi.weebly.com

Joyce Harvey



SEEND THEATRE CLUB

A really important event in the Theatre Club's calendar is the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Pavilion on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30 p.m. Please note the change of date. Our guest speaker will be Gill Morrell of Shakespeare Live, who will give an entertaining dramatisation of "The Seven Ages of Man". Non-members welcome.

The winter/spring programme continues with a matinee outing to the Playhouse Theatre in Salisbury on 10th March for the Agatha Christie classic “A Murder is Announced”. There has been a good response for this trip, which will be our first in 2022. It was disappointing that the February trip to Salisbury for “A Grand Night for Singing” was cancelled by the theatre, especially as the Seend Shuttle had been made available and members had signed up already. There is still a degree of uncertainty with live theatre and late cancellations are sad news for the performers as well as the theatre-going public.

We are looking forward to our coach outing to the Bristol Hippodrome in April to see the stage musical “Chicago”, which is now fully booked.

On Tuesday 10th May we have a group booking at the Watermill Theatre, Newbury for an evening performance of “Our Man in Havana”, with the offer of a pre-show supper in their restaurant. Our visits to the Watermill have always been popular and a notice will be sent out shortly.

Further trips will be arranged over the summer and beyond, as theatres confirm details of their forward programme.

A reminder that all subscriptions for 2022 (£5 per member) are now due. Members can pay by BACS, cash or cheque but it is important that they are paid as soon as possible to cover operating expenses. Members have been advised of the procedure, if any query please contact the Treasurer (Marion).

The Annual General Meeting will be an excellent opportunity for members to get together and hear about our plans for the future. We always welcome new members and if you would be interested in finding out more please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or Marion (01380 828612).

Ken Harvey



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Spotlight readers!

December walk 2021 - On an overcast Sunday morning, 16 members met in the car park at Avebury for a lovely 5 mile circular walk led by Penny and Ron. The walk took us to Windmill Hill following footpaths and from there we followed footpaths around the outskirts of Avebury Trusloe, through Avebury and back to the car park where we enjoyed a warming mulled wine and mince pies.

January 16th 2022 - After a misty start the sun shone on our first ramble of 2022. Colin and Jo led 23 people on a lovely 5 mile walk in and around Corsham. We walked through the town and into Corsham park where we followed footpaths, lanes and byways, skirting Methuen park, past the lake and back through the town.

A little muddy in places but considering all the rain in previous weeks it wasn't too bad.

Next walk will be on **Sunday 13th February 2022** and the leaders will be Anita and Pete. Members will be notified via email when details are known.

Sunday 13th March - Walk, details in next issue.

Take care everyone, remember we are always happy for you to come and join us, you will be made very welcome.

Sandy

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS 42ND VILLAGE PANTO

Fingers crossed that Covid cases continue to decline and no new variants make a dramatic entrance into our lives, so that we can welcome you all to our production of 'Little Red Riding Hood' on 24th, 25th and 26th February in the Community Centre. See front cover for details of times and ticket availability.



Sadly, the Singing Herdsman is unable to perform his advertised cameo role, but we can promise you more pantomime animals than you can shake a stick at, some age-blind casting and, of course, a unique Fawlty take on the story. After not being able to panto last year we are raring to go. Do join us!



SEEND PLAYGROUP

We welcome Amelie, Ezie and Winter this term and hope they enjoy their time with us.

I was very honoured to be asked to represent Playgroup on 2nd December and be able to speak to Camilla HRH. Thank you to Robin and Anita for organising it all and for asking me, and also for letting the children stand outside the church gates and wave flags. They were all very pleased with the crowns they had made and all wore them. Camilla chatted to them all, and only one child spoke to her as the others went shy.

We videoed our Nativity over four days to include all the children in case we weren't able to have parents in. We were able to invite families in to watch with Covid rules in place and the Nativity went well. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the raffle by giving prizes and buying tickets. It was drawn after the Nativity.

On the last day of term the party was very enjoyable and Father Christmas was able to visit. The children were delighted to receive their presents. Thank you Father Christmas (Brian Hunt).

A big thank you to Sue Taylor for all the years she has worked as administrator for playgroup. We wish her good luck in her retirement. We wish Nicky Haynes good luck in her new role as administrator, alongside being deputy.

Our topics this term are colours and numbers 1-7. The last day of term is 18th February. We return on Monday 28th February.

Rose Dick (Playleader), 01380 828003

SEEND SCHOOL

Happy New Year to everyone! We have had a really great start to this year.

New Entrance Hall Wrap: We came back to find a beautiful new decorative wall wrap in the reception area to the school. It symbolises our school classes, our values and a special bible verse. **Please feel free to admire it with us in the photo in the Spotlight online colour supplement!**



Royal Visit: Members of our School Council were asked to present a posy to HRH Camilla Duchess of Cornwall when she rededicated the War Memorial at Seend on 4th December 2021. They have written a lovely impression of their day below:

Camilla

Meeting Camilla was a privilege. She had a heart-warming smile which filled our bodies with happiness. She was wearing a beautiful blue coat and her hair was short and blonde. We felt cold in the corner and a little nervous but happy we were able to meet her. We wish we could see her again. It was a once in a lifetime experience.

Lily King and Florence Crossman

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Governor at Seend School, this is a great opportunity to be involved with the school. Please contact the school for an information pack if you are interested.

Catherine Iles, Pupil Services Officer

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

November PC Meeting

Attendance – Seven Councillors and two Councillor apologies. Mrs Heatley was Acting Chairman in the absence of Mr James.

Local Councillors Matters – **Melksham Bypass** Cabinet Meeting on 30th November. The proposals need to pass a number of key benefit/cost ratios to go forward to the next stages. There will be a further non-statutory public consultation in 2022. **School Meeting** – Councillor Reay met with the head teacher of Seend school. She is enthusiastic about discussing projects that would encourage children to walk to school. Their current travel plan is very dated. Another meeting will be arranged in the New Year to discuss further.

Minutes & Matters Arising – Minutes of 26th October were approved. **Platinum Jubilee** – The Community Centre will be having a barbeque on the evening of the 2nd June before the beacon lighting. The Clerk had put a piece in Spotlight asking for suggestions as to how the parish should celebrate the anniversary. **Gigaclear Cable installation works** – The Clerk reported that we now have a Gigaclear contact covering our area that she can liaise with. They are currently working in Spout Lane. Very little notice was given about the road closure, and the residents of Spout Lane were not notified. The Clerk has complained about this and asked again that we be given advance notice of any impending works.

Police Matters – Incidents:

30th Oct - Accident A361 at Bell crossroads.

30th Oct - Accident – A365 on bend near Broad Lane.

There were no crimes reported for Seend in November but there were car break-ins in some surrounding villages but some of these were due to the vehicles being left unlocked so police advice is to lock vehicles, don't leave car keys in easy reach of burglars e.g. by the front/back doors and don't leave valuables in the vehicle.

Highways - Updates CATG - Crossing Point: Highway Improvement Request for high friction surface across A361 between Spout Lane and Inmarsh Lane has been put into the priority group of top 5 schemes. The work will now be scheduled in, but no date set. Highway Improvement Request for **extension of 30mph** to include new housing development: Chairman of CATG Dominic Muns, is in support of this request, but has suggested the request be taken off the CATG list for now, and put back on once the houses are built. He cannot see why this request cannot be approved. **Metro Count in High Street** – This should have been further west. The metro count will be repeated in the correct place. **Rusty Lane** – A site meeting took place with the Clerk, three Councillors and the Rights of Way and Countryside Management department of Wiltshire Council. They acknowledge that

the lane is in need of repair and would hope to undertake the repair in the next financial year. The estimated cost is around £3,000-£4,000 and will take around 2-3 days. However, the PROW budget is very limited. There has been an increase in the number of Mywilt's rights of way reports because more people are reporting problems with the RoW network. Only around 10-15% of jobs are being done. Staff resources and budgets limit what can be done. Mrs A'Bear asked whether it would enable the work to be done more quickly if the Parish Council were to contribute to the cost of the repair. They confirmed that this may help.

Neighbourhood Plan – **WALPA** - Following Mrs A'Bear's attendance at a recent Neighbourhood Plan workshop organized by Wiltshire CPRE she had spoken with Malmesbury Town Council who have set up an umbrella group called the Wiltshire Area Localism and Planning Alliance (WALPA). They are a group of Wiltshire Councils and Neighbourhood Planning Groups with the shared interest of promoting Neighbourhood Planning and local decision making in planning and related matters, and defending the operation of Neighbourhood Planning and related decentralised decision making and governance by sharing ideas, representing residents and using the collective influence of the group for the benefit of our communities. It was agreed that the Parish Council should join the group. **Seend Neighbourhood Plan website and the PC website.** Mrs A'Bear said that the NP website domain was up for renewal next January. She asked about migrating all the Neighbourhood Plan documentation on to the Parish Council website. She had got a rough estimate from Camelot Media, who currently host and manage the NP website, for undertaking the transfer. It would cost in the region of £250, but there may be additional costs for its ongoing management. Councillors agreed that the NP website should be transferred to the PC website.

Planning

Application Ref: PL/2021/10298 - Hill House, Seend Hill, Seend SN12 6RU
Proposal: T1 - Ash Tree to be felled due to it getting too large and slight signs of Ash dieback. All Councillors approved.

Application Ref: PL/2021/09983 - Seend Park, High Street, Seend
Proposal: Application for a new pool building and garage facility (Resubmission of PL/2021/06163). Two Councillors declared an interest and did not vote, but all other Councillors approved revised plans.

Application Ref: PL/2021/10088 and PL/2021/10422 (LBC) - Church Lane Corner, High Street, Seend
Proposal: Single storey rear extension, new windows and internal alterations to former gate lodge. All Councillors approved.

Application Ref: PL/2021/10552 - 2 Bradley View, Bath Road, Seend
Proposal: Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of replacement single storey extension. All Councillors approved.

Application Ref: PL/2021/10743 - 7 The Stocks, Seend
Proposal: 2 storey rear extension. All Councillors approved.

Application Ref: PL/2021/10839 - 17 Dial Close, Seend SN12 6NP
Proposal: Magnolia T1- Fell due to close proximity to building and low amenity value. All Councillors approved.

Correspondence – please refer to full minutes on PC website.

Parish Steward - Our Parish Steward has left the employment of Ringway. Whilst a replacement is sought, Ringway will use existing resources to cover our area.

Sandridge Solar Community Benefit Payment - We had now received this year's Community Benefit Payment - £1,179.57. An advert had gone in Spotlight asking parishioners for suggestions for what the money should be spent on. The Churchwarden had asked for funding for two new flags for the Church. Councillors agreed. There was discussion as to whether the inscription for the re-dedication of the War Memorial could be paid using Solar money. Some Councillors felt this did not meet the criteria of a community benefit. As the Parish Council was responsible for the War Memorial, payment should instead come out of the PC's general reserves. All agreed. As there were no other suggestions, further discussions on what the remainder of the payment should be spent will take place early next year.

Precept 2022-23 - The Precept budget meeting took place on 15th November with five Councillors on the Precept budget committee. The Clerk had prepared a mid-year budget spreadsheet, to show how current expenditure was on track with expectations and where there were likely to be overspends. Each budget heading was discussed with recommendations for some increases to cover inflation and others to remain the same or be reduced. The Precept budget committee recommended only a very modest increase to £20,406.00 Some budgets were reduced and others increased. This was approved by all Parish Councillors.

Finance : Cheques for Payment – Total of 5 cheques approved.

Bank Reconciliation to end of Oct 2021 - £35,301.93

Date of next meetings – 22nd February and 29th March.

NEWS FROM TAMARA REAY

Making Wiltshire Safer: Over the last few months I have been making the case for more police investment in local communities to Philip Wilkinson, Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC). Thankfully our local villages are generally

happy and crime-free places to live, but speeding and traffic issues and rural crime are the areas of most concern.

The PCC's new draft Police & Crime Plan sets out the PCC's pledges and priorities for Wiltshire as well as being the blueprint for Wiltshire Police's strategic policing and crime priorities until mid-2025. There are four key priorities, and I am especially pleased that, as a result of my engagement, Philip Wilkinson is ensuring that crimes which matter to local communities are prioritised for additional investment.

Priority 1: A police service that meets the needs of its communities

Priority 2: Reduce violence and serious harm

Priority 3: Tackle crimes that matter to local communities

Priority 4: Improve the experience of victims and deliver justice

I have been closely following the public consultation, and along with other Wiltshire Councillors and Parish Councillors, I joined the PCC and his team at an online "focus group" to discuss the plan in more detail. It is good to hear that the PCC and Chief Constable have plans to ensure that every victim who reports a crime receives an effective and prompt police response, including a real or virtual follow-up visit, from their local Community Police Team. By April 2023 there are plans to increase the number of police officers in Wiltshire from 1,096 to 1,158.

I know that road safety concerns are a particular issue in almost all villages across Devizes Rural West and I am pleased to be working with the Parish Councils in Potterne, Seend, Worton, Poulshot, Erlestoke and Bulkington to secure additional measures to improve road safety. The PCC has committed to employing more specialist enforcement officers and better coordination of traffic units. I am a huge advocate of Community Speedwatch and I'm delighted that Worton CSW is so active - the PCC also recognises the important role of CSW and he is already improving coordination and support in this area. The Police & Crime Plan will be finalised, following the public consultation, in March. More information is at www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West. Tel: 07711 824864

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SEEND SPORTING and DRAMATIC NEWS

Football: Seend's final league match of the season was on December 18th when they beat Bradford Town 9-0. The stats for the new league champions are: played 18, won 18. Goals scored 117. Goals against 9 - probably the most outstanding league record of all time. We look forward to seeing the league trophy in the Community Centre bar. Well done to the squad.

In addition the team have got through to the quarter finals of both the KO Cup and the A&B Cup. In the KO Cup there were victories over Warminster 8-0 and Staverton Rangers 12-0 and in the A&B Cup Seend beat Melksham 5-1 and were victorious over Aces FC 13-0. Let us hope that we will be able to cheer Jake Sainsbury's team on in both finals.

Running: I am very pleased to announce that after two years of suspension due to the pandemic the Bishops Cannings 5000m Dash will be run again in July 2022. This race has been going since 1983 so it is tremendous to see that it will be back on the running calendar this year.

Meanwhile local athlete Owen Lythel has continued to chalk up good race times in his cross country outings and must be one of the favourites for the 5000m Dash.

Short mat bowls: It is all to play for in the SMB winter league says Colin where the boys have won 3, lost 2 and are looking forward to the 3 matches still to play. I can't wait.

Cycling: Ric tells me that he and his fellow pedlars are still going out on a regular basis as well as occasionally taking to the saddle.

Tennis: Seend have continued in the mixed doubles in the Chippenham and District Tennis League with impressive performances from Scout Johnstone and Mina Angus. January saw Liam Bergin and Frankie Goddard make up the men's pairing for the first time for some twenty years. The summer league will start in April. Any interested players please contact the club where you will be welcome.

Dramatic News: Any fresh offers of parts for Henry Stafford-Charles can be sent straight to his agent. (*How could you forget the thespian event of the year – Seend Fawltly Players' panto!? Henry could audition for the 2023 panto. Eds.*)

Results and reports by February 14th please

Frankie Goddard. 07854 660582.

BITS AND BOBS



We've decided to review our return to Thursday night rehearsals (8 for 8.15pm, at the Market Lavington Community Hall) towards the end of January, when we hope the levels of covid infection will be decreasing.

*Fingers crossed that we shall be singing together again very soon. **As soon as we know, you will too. Check out the website for updates.** Your first session is free and no sight-reading skills are necessary. Find out more from*

pboyagis@gmail.com. www.lavingtoncommunitychoir.org

THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTH WILTSHIRE

Lectures have resumed in the Assembly Hall in Melksham!

February 2nd: The Great Velazquez at Court in Madrid

When possible, lectures are simultaneously transmitted via zoom. Lectures start at 11am but members can arrive earlier to chat over a free cup of tea or coffee (bring your own mugs). New members welcome. Visit tasnorthwils.org.uk for details

We continue to support local schools in art-based projects. If you have a project in mind and need additional funding, contact Karen Hellewell 01225 867726.



Half-day Plainchant Workshop in the Priory Church on Saturday 12th March, starting at 2.30pm and finishing with Compline at 6.30pm led by Peter Stevens, Assistant Master of

Music at Westminster Cathedral. You don't need to be able to sight read or read music, and it doesn't matter which voice part you sing. Peter will give a bit of background to plainchant, and will teach us the chants for Compline, which we will sing in the church at 6.30pm. The cost for the half day is £10, including music and mid-afternoon refreshments; £5 for full-time students. There will be tea and cake at 5.30pm, for a donation, to which friends and family are warmly welcomed.

To apply, please email anne@edingtonarts.org, or visit the website at www.edingtonarts.org where you can download the form.

Pam Muller, whom many of you will know as she spent most of her adult life in Seend Cleeve, has published a book of prayers and poems called 'Travelling On', price £6 + £1.50 p&p, proceeds from the sale of which go to St Michael's Church in Melksham. You can order by calling 01225 707804, or add your name to a list in Seend Church where you can see a sample copy.

Westcroft, near Salisbury, with a wonderful array of snowdrops, is open on a number of dates this spring through the National Garden Scheme.

See: ngs.org.uk/view-garden/22098. For info about a related special offer on Emma Bridgwater mugs, see also: <https://ngs.org.uk/emma-bridgewater-new-snowdrops-in-the-woods-collection-to-support-our-work/>



And finally.....

A local farmer has been feeding his pigs Marmite. Last week one of his sows gave birth to a Twiglet

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 or 828970

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

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

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

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

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

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

Seend School – 828334

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

DevizesArea Board – 01225 718352 Support Officer: tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk

Police: PCSO 6039 Janet GOULD - Mobile 07471029772 –

janet.gould@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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

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

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

Cricket Club – Brian Hunt 828581

Fawlty 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

Historic Houses Club - Mary Warren
01225707357 or Neil Yockney 827139

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field– www.seendlyefield.org

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Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

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828946

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Tennis Club – Sarah Pearson - 07980
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Theatre Club – Ken Harvey 828511;
Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA/Day Schools – Tessa Doe 828617

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Jones in Seend Cleeve, tel: 01380 828354

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