# **SPOTLIGHT**Seend & Bulkington

# Church of the Holy Cross, Seend Devizes Eisteddfod Showcase Concert

Outstanding young performers from the 2021 Festival plus the Seend School Choir Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm

**Admission Free** 

**Retiring Collection in aid of the Church** 

# **JULY 2022**

#### DIARY DATES FOR LATE JUNE

29<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm

#### DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 1<sup>st</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 10.30am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bishops Cannings 5000m Dash, 2pm start
- 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Shakespeare Live 'Twelfth Night' at Cleeve House, Seend
- 6th Seend Shuttle to Salisbury
- 6th Bulkington Village Lunch, 12.15pm, Well Inn
- 9th Devizes Eisteddfod Showcase Concert, Holy Cross Church, Seend 7.30 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Live Music from Kate at the Brewery Inn
- 11th Bulkington Tea, Craft and Chat
- 14<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night, Brewery Inn
- 16th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUG/SEPT SPOTLIGHT
- 16th Bulkington Cream Teas, Village Hall from 3pm
- 17th Seend and District Ramblers, Honeystreet, 10am
- 18th Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05 am Well Inn Car Park
- 22nd Annual Summer BBQ and Village Party, Seend Community Centre, 6 pm
- 23rd Summer Breakfast, Seend Community Centre 8 10.30 am
- 26<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night, Brewery Inn
- 30th Summer Breakfast, Seend Community Centre 8 10.30 am

#### DIARY DATES FOR EARLY AUGUST

(Volunteers needed for Seend Fete & Flower Show on 13<sup>th</sup> August)

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

#### Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?

Visit <u>www.seend.org.uk</u>, <u>www.bulkington.org.uk</u> 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



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Available for parties, meetings, sports events Book online now at:www.seendlyefield.org Email: seendlrf@gmail.com

#### WELCOME TO JULY SPOTLIGHT

**It's brown envelope time!** You will find an envelope inside this magazine, in which we hope you will feel happy to put a donation towards the printing of Spotlight. We are able to continue to deliver this to all homes in our villages



thanks to the income from our lovely advertisers and donations from our readers. Your friendly volunteer deliverers will try to collect the envelopes from you, but if they miss you you can leave your envelope in Seend Post and Provisions, or with any of the Spotlight team mentioned below. (Please ignore the printed request for name, class and amount on the envelopes: they're intended for school dinner money but are the cheapest envelopes available so we bought them anyway!) Now read on.....

Don't forget to look at the Spotlight online colour supplement on seend.org.uk which this month includes Jubilee celebrations and Seend Cleeve open gardens.

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the August/September **2022** edition (**copy by Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July**) 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. Jan is also sharing editorial duties with Sue and Tessa.

Lost emails: Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents <u>don't</u> 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 <u>please</u> 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.

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

If you find yourself in financial difficulties, struggling to pay for food, fuel, school trips, vets bills, medical equipment, training courses etc, the fund is here to help. 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 (<u>anitashea@hotmail.co.uk</u>) or writing to her at 34 SeendCleeve, 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 EVENTS IN JULY AND BEYOND

#### seend centre

AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY



FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING – July 1st at 10.30 am. Proper coffee or tea (plus a refill) and a slice of homemade cake for just £2.50! Everyone welcome. Just turn up, no need to book!

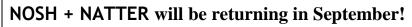
SUMMER BREAKFASTS – Freshly cooked and served by volunteers. Get the weekend off to a great start! Bring along your house guests for a lovely cooked breakfast. Saturdays 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August. From 8-10.30am

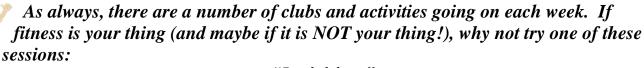




ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ AND VILLAGE PARTY - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July from **6pm**. Kick-start the summer holidays! We promise there will be burgers! Live music from 'The Day Breakers'. Free Entry - Family Friendly -All welcome!

ABBA SENSATIONS – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, doors open 7 pm. Superb family entertainment. A fantastic stage show replicating the legendary Swedish Super Group with fab costumes, lighting effects and authentic reproductions of Abba's many hits. Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! Tickets now on sale £20 pp online at www.seendcommunitycentre.com.





**Tuesday mornings** from 9.15 am – **"Bodyblast"** with Emma. Suitable for all ages. For info – tel Emma on 07770 325000.

Wednesdays 7.15-8.15 pm – Yoga with Fiona. Contact Fiona on 07749 716662. Wednesdays 7.00- 8.00 pm – dance exercise class "Fitsteps". Also formal ballroom dancing group classes are held on **Thursday evenings** from 7 pm (with a partner or dance with Charlie!). Tel Charlie on 07593 972340.

BAR OPENING HOURS - Weds, Thurs and Sat 7 pm till closing; Sundays 12 noon-4 pm; Fridays from 6 pm with the regular TGIF meetup in the Members' bar and terrace, a good time to catch up on local news! Newcomers always welcome. www.seendcommunitycentre.com

seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Church of the Holv Cross, Seend Saturday, 9th July at 7.30pm **Devizes Eisteddfod Showcase Concert** See front cover for details.



#### **BREWERY INN JULY EVENTS**

Quiz nights 14th & 27th Live music Saturday 9th. Kate - a evening of soul and power Ballads .



"PUDDING & PIPES" – a celebration of church organ music played by our own Gary Cook and a selection of delicious puddings! Look out for the flyers nearer the time. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm in Holy Cross, Seend.

#### **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.

#### **CHRISTINE MARY WELFORD**

A resident of Sells Green for 53 years, Christine sadly passed away after a short battle with illness at the end of May.

A native of Rowde before moving to the village where she raised three boys. Christine actively took part and enjoyed the social events the village offered for years including Skittles, Keep Fit, Nosh + Natter and Seend WI among many more. She will be fondly remembered by all those that enjoyed her company and the joy she brought to others through her bright outlook on life. If you ever needed support, Christine was your rock.

Scott, Marcus & Ross would like to sincerely thank every single person who has been in touch to offer condolences and support - Mum would have been humbled by the kind words.

Ross Welford

#### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022 - May 15th - May 21<sup>st</sup> - Report

The usual emergencies have continued this year in the poorer countries, with the fear of hunger often being very realistic. As we learn to live with Covid 19 supported especially by a comprehensive vaccination system the same cannot be said of poorer countries. Partly, the promises made by the West to make vaccines available in poorer countries have not been carried out. But some of the countries have such limited health care systems they do not have adequate resources to deliver the vaccines when available except in a few of their larger cities. The other area of development that has become more important this year is dealing with climate change. Whilst we need to think about greener heating in the home and personal transport the effects on the poorer countries are more immediate and basic. Our weather is gradually becoming more extreme but in the poorer world the weather which was already experiencing more extreme fluctuations than ours has become even worse. Parts of Africa and Asia that used to have occasional drought when the annual rains failed and floods when the rains were prolonged have recently experienced both more droughts and floods. Droughts mean hunger for some whilst floods deprive others of their homes as well. In addition, the war in Ukraine, especially the recent concentration in the East has hit the extensive grain exports from the Black Sea ports. Normally, some of this grain reaches the poorer countries of the world, often via charities like Christian Aid.

With demands to help specifically with the war in Ukraine and other requests from the DEC (who allocated some of their funds to Christian Aid) the need for more money was clear.

However, with the rising cost of living and the decreasing use of cash we did not expect to collect as much as last year. This proved to be the case. The house to house collection in Seend and Bulkington raised £1234.55 which was about £200 less than last year. Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously. Thanks also to everyone who was able to Gift Aid their contributions. Christian Aid will claim a further £136.76 on all of the gift aided contributions, increasing the total amount from the Christian Aid Week in Seend and Bulkington to over £1370. Particular thanks to the collectors who generously give of their time each year, most of whom have volunteered before and most for a number of years. Many of the team were once again on the same rounds making it a more familiar and sociable exercise for everyone involved. Thanks especially to Anne, Hilary, Alison, and Ruth who all increased their rounds because some collectors were not available this year. Thanks also to Fiona, Philippa and Jane joining us for the first time. Also to Jerome and his staff for happily allowing the Shop to act as a collection point once again.

Spotlight, as always, gave us a flying start in terms of informing everyone and inserting 720 envelopes into the magazine. It makes it so much easier for contributors to prepare in advance, especially completing the Gift Aid slip, whilst those on holiday in Christian Aid week can return their envelopes before departure or on their return.

We look forward with confidence to raising money for Christian Aid in 2023, May 14th. - 20th. House to house collections may be on the wane nationally but it still works well in rural areas such as ours, where the community is strong.

Dick Church, Local organiser

#### SEEND NEWS

Are you having trouble making ends meet in these difficult times, or would like a little more cash to spend? I am looking for a couple of people to help with preparation and distribution of newspapers in the area. Mainly weekend work with an early finish. Good rates of pay.

I am also looking for somebody to deliver newspapers in Dial Close and the Lye. The round only takes 20 minutes in the morning and again the pay is good.

If you are interested, please contact Rich on 07702 868 863 or email seendnews@gmail.com

#### **OPEN GARDENS TEAS**

A massive thank you to everyone who baked and donated cakes for the open garden teas. We were overwhelmed by the generosity and variety of offerings. Some arrived without a name so apologies if I have not thanked you personally.

Anne Ewing

#### SEEND VILLAGE FETE 13TH AUGUST 2022

With less than 2 months to go the fete is coming soon! We are still looking for volunteers to help on the morning setting up the stalls and people to do an hour or so running a stall. All those helping will get a free breakfast! The fete raises desperately needed money to help pay for the running of the Pavilion, the Lye Field and play park. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable day for the whole community.

If you can offer an hour or so on the day, please contact Rich on 07702 868 863 or email <u>seendnews@gmail.com</u>

#### SEEND FLOWER SHOW

This year, the Programme Schedule and the Entry Form for the <u>Seend Flower Show</u> on 13th August 2022 is being delivered with July's Spotlight. Exhibitors are encouraged to send in their entry forms beforehand. These can be delivered to Number 2 High Street, Seend. We are expecting a large number of entries in the categories of flowers, vegetables, home produce, art and craft and photography. We hope your support this year will be a special one as we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee year. This is a real community affair and with the support of every single entry we hope to have a very successful show.

Helpers on the day please contact Julia (<u>julia.white@bioss.com</u> 827082) or any committee member.

#### FETE TEAS

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

Anne Ewing 828557

#### NEWS FROM SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

All Councillor vacancies have now been filled

Annual Parish Council Meeting: Terry James and Anita Heatley were renominated as Chair and Vice Chair respectively and all other councillors were re-elected to the sub-committees.

**<u>Ragwort</u>**: Ragwort is a native plant growing up to a maximum height of a metre with flat clusters of bright yellow daisy-like flowers in summer. There are other plants that look similar so careful identification is important. The flowers are followed by dandelion-like seed heads. These seeds can be dispersed by the wind over a wide area.

All parts of the plant are poisonous and are a hazard to grazing livestock. Stock do not generally eat the plant in its green state but consume it when dried in feed. The effect is likely to lead to the death of the animal. It is particularly a problem for cattle, horses, ponies and donkeys. Ragwort is specified as an injurious weed in the Weeds Act 1959. Primary responsibility for its control rests with the occupier of the land concerned.

Is it always a problem? No. Ragwort is also very important for wildlife in the UK. It is a major source of nectar for many insects. In many situations ragwort poses no threat to horses and other livestock. It is a natural component of many types of unimproved grassland. However, it is necessary to prevent its spread where there is a high risk of poisoning livestock or near fields used for the production of animal feed.

**Report ragwort: Land not controlled by Wiltshire Council -** If you are concerned about ragwort adversely affecting your land you should contact the landowner/occupier of the land with the ragwort. If they fail to take action in line with the <u>Government's Code of</u> <u>Practice then you should follow the <u>Government's advice</u>. **NB Wiltshire Council has no responsibility for the control of ragwort other than on land that it manages.**</u>

If you wish to report ragwort on land controlled by Wiltshire Council, you can do so - line via the following link: <u>https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting</u>

Please note that all parts of the plant are toxic and protective gloves must be worn.

*Message from Wiltshire Council and NHS:* Over 75 and had your first Covid booster jab 6 months ago or more? Don't wait for an invitation from your GP for a second booster. BOOK NOW! Call 119 or book online at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination

#### CHURCH NEWS

As I write this we have just ended a weekend of celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. When it comes to organising events and putting on a cracking show, we're the nation for the job. The light show at the Buckingham Palace has left me in awe and even though he hasn't got the kick he had, good old Rod Stewart, at aged 77, still can enthral a crowd. If I can do half of that when I'm 77, I'll be happy.

Now it has to be said that not all self-declaring Christians are that great for the brand. We all know the dogmatic or overly judgemental types that are out there. I won't name names because apparently we're not supposed to poke around in politics. I have to say I think that this is a bit odd given that our founder, Jesus, did quite a lot of poking around in his day. Though, of course, it didn't end too well for him.

Why do I mention this? I mention it because of what St Augustine says are the three most important characteristics of a Christian, which are humility, humility and humility. As well as the Queen, in my humble opinion, there are some great role models out there, quite often the quiet unsung ones that go about helping others, cleaning the church, organising fetes and generally being good eggs. The sort of people that live out their faith without feeling the need to convert you on first meeting. To those people I'd like to say thank you for humbly living out your faith. If you don't have a faith, but live a life concerned for others, then thanks to you too! Wherever good is done, it needs be appreciated and blessed.

And whether you have a faith or not, but are curious about it all (and the other big questions of life) why not pop on over to Quest at Poulshot Village Hall on Saturday evenings at 5:15 for 5:30pm. It's a simple format; turn up, drink coffee, discuss a big question like 'can we love people that hurt us?', hear different views then go home or to the pub! Why not come along and have a look. You won't be asked to do anything (except drink coffee, and even that's optional!) <u>https://quest4faith.org/</u> NB: we're taking August off, so don't come then! And if traditional church life is more of your cup of tea, then I hope you get a renewed faith and hope as we encounter Pentecost and the season of Trinity (no it's not a Netflix box-set!). Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit charged up the disciples, has been described as the great divine spark plug! A whopping charge of holy spirit jumping the gap between heaven and earth to keep our holy engines ticking over.

See you soon in person, I hope.



#### **CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY 2022**

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

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> (Trinity 3)

	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne			
		Holy Communion	Worton			
		Matins	Poulshot			
11am		Morning Praise	Bulkington			
		Holy Communion	Seend			
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>		(Trinity 4)				
	9:30am	Morning Praise	Bulkington			
	9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton			
9:30am		Holy Communion	Poulshot			
	11am	Holy Communion	Potterne			
	брт	Evensong	Seend			
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> (Trinity 5)						
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend			
	9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton			
	11am	Morning Praise	Potterne			
	11am	Holy Communion	Bulkington			
		Evensong	Poulshot			
	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> (Trinity 6)					
	9:30am	Matins	Poulshot			
	9:30am	Informal Communion Service	Worton			
	11am	Holy Communion	Seend			
11am		Morning Praise	Potterne			
		Evening Service	Bulkington			
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> (Trinity 7)						
	10am	Benefice Service	Worton			

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

## Please join us at our new informal gathering called Quest every Saturday at 5.30pm at Poulshot Village Hall.

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

Please visit our website <u>www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk</u> for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.

#### From the Registers:

No baptisms, wedding or funerals this month.

#### **BULKINGTON NEWS**

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting and June Meeting are pending approval. <u>Minutes of the May Meeting arrived too late to go in June Spotlight, and rather than</u> <u>include them here in July we point out that they are available on the Bulkington</u> <u>website: www.bulkington.org.uk/meeting-minutes</u>

#### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held Wednesday the 18th of May 2022

**Councillors:** Amy Powell (Chair), Alex Breach, Carla Haslam, Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard-Evans. **Public:** Tamara Reay (Representative serving Devizes Rural West Division)

Apologies for Absence: Simon Downey, Andrew Grabham Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 19th of May 2021: approved Chairman's report: The Acting Chair Amy delivered her report Financial report: The Acting Chair Amy presented the Financial Report Questions and Comments from Local Government Electors - None received Vote for new Chair and Vice Chair: Unanimous vote for Amy Powell as Chair and Andrew Grabham as Vice Chair.Amy was happy to continue as Chair for this year but would like it noted that next year she will be ready to pass the reigns on to someone else. Approval of updated Governance Documents: None known to require updates – as the website was launched so recently and all was updated then.

#### Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Carla Haslam, Andrew Grabham

**Apologies for absence:** Alex Breach, Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard-Evans, Tamara Reay (Representative serving the Devizes Rural West Division) and PCSO Janet

**Local Planning Updates:** The Parish Councillors discussed planning Application No: PL/2022/04379

Application Type: Full planning permission

Proposal: Construct a timber stable block on a concrete base.

Site Address: 10 HIGH STREET, BULKINGTON, DEVIZES, SN10 1SJ

No concerns were raised, the Parish Council will respectfully coordinate with the landowner about future Bonfire Events taking ponies into consideration.

**Finance:** As there will be no July or August meeting costs for the upcoming months were discussed and approved in advance.

Costs approved:	
Clerk Pay June	£221.60
Clerk Pay July	£221.60
Clerk Pay August	£221.60
Bulkington in Bloom donation	£75
Jubilee event electricity donation	£20
Large surface Grass Cutting in the rec ground x 3 months (£70 plus vat x 3)	£254
One off edging grass cutting on the rec ground and other public spaces	£120
WALC Annual Subscription 2022/2023	£110.46
Community First Insurance	£280.43

#### Church donation Total costs approved in meeting Parish Council Bank balance 16.06.22

#### £125 **£ 1,649.69 £ 15,334.68**

**Grant access:** Councillors will continue to search for funding opportunities. Benches made of recycled materials will be purchased using the latest lottery grant funding received – to commemorate this month's Jubilee a plaque will be added to the benches.

**Recreational Ground:** A new circular tree seat has been installed and the sensory area has been tidied and planted out by volunteers and PC Members. Big thanks to Carla and Dave Haslam, Claire and Darren Jones and Hannah Becket for their hard work.

The Football posts are ready to be installed and Councillors are trying to coordinate volunteers to transport and install the goal posts. Volunteers help keep costs low and ensure that all funding can go on equipment and maintenance – please do contact our clerk if you would like to volunteer your time or skills at any time throughout the year.

<u>Grass cutting update:</u> Our Clerk and the Rec Ground Committee have been sourcing companies to assist with the Grass Cutting needs of the village following our split with IdeVerde earlier in the year. We have 3 companies quoting for the work, we hope to establish a positive working relationship with a small local business who will be reliable and thorough to ensure best possible condition of the village facilities.

**Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Bulkington has been experiencing a lot of problems with the local Parish Steward in the past months. Our Clerk has been reaching out to the Council regularly for updates and chasing long term solution. We have now been told we have a new Steward in place who will be working in the village on a regular basis and meeting with our Clerk and a member of the council to discuss repairs needed. As our Clerk no longer lives in the village and doesn't see the day to day – please do reach out to inform her of any areas in the village that require attention. Members of the public have complained about the footpath by the Rec Ground, as this is private land, we are reliant on the land owner to cut the hedge to allow the public to pass and can ask the Steward to cut the weeds and grass growing on the path. This has been added to the now rather extensive list for the Steward and our Clerk will be chasing this for us. **Jubilee Washup session:** Bulkington held the Big Jubilee Picnic on the 5<sup>th</sup> June in the

Bulkington Rec Ground – the event was well attended and enjoyed by many. Thanks to all the volunteers that made the event possible. All events do rely on volunteers – future events will only be possible with the support from more volunteers from within the community. There seemed to be an appetite for more village events – which would offer Bulkington appetite for more fundraising. Anyone wishing to organise any regular village events such as picnics, pub meets, card night etc. please do reach out to our Clerk as the Parish Council would be happy to support.

**Improving local Accessibility in Bulkington:** Councillors are working hard on plans for the improvement of accessibility in the village and finding further funds to support this. To help improve accessibility within the village – please park cars respecting pavement users and keep bins on the side to allow pedestrians, buggies and mobility scooters to pass.

**Best Kept Village Competition:** The judging for the first (District) round has now taken place, we will report any feedback and marks as soon as we hear from the judges

NEXT MEETING: 21<sup>st</sup> of September. The Parish Council team meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm with the exception of July and August

#### **BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

It is with deep regret that have to advise that the rental and electric charges (when hiring the hall) will have to increase with effect from 01 August 2022. Obviously this is due to to the unavoidable rising cost of our electrical costs. The increase will be kept to the bare minimum and just balance out the increase in cost.

NevBoulton Chairman BVH



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

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

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

Don't forget - you can hire the hall (BYO Food) & trains for your children's party!

Nev Boulton 01380 828 101

The Bulkington Village Lunch takes place on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July at 12.15 for 12.30 at The Well. Contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (828116). New people are always welcome to join us.

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

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

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at The Old Stables the home of Andrea Elliott 828277. New people always welcome. Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



#### **CREAM TEAS**

or Tea and Cake, Bring & Buy Stall, Grand Raffle Bulkington Village Hall - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 3 pm Proceeds in aid of Church Funds and The Sudan Medical Link

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 11.05-11.30. It is good to see that people are supporting it.

#### **BULKINGTON '100 CLUB'**



£30	No. 51	Faye Lovell
£25	No. 68	Alex Yarde
£20	No. 18	Edward Breach
£20	No. 39	Darren Jones
£15	No. 80	Rev. Ali Bridewell
£10	No. 72	Alan Dunlop

Congratulations to the winners!

Phyl Yarde

#### SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



Our Annual lecture, given by Mark "Splash" Aston, on Friday 13 May, to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Falklands War, raised £1195 for Seend RBL. Many thanks to all for your support and to those who helped to make this a very successful, fascinating, evening.

**The Platinum Jubilee fundraising event** at The Crown, Bishops Cannings on Sat 4 Jun was very well attended and raised £1071 for Seend RBL. All proceeds were divided between Seend RBL and the Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) Fund. Left over Bakkavor-donated cakes were distributed between Devizes Open Doors and a dementia care home in Shaftesbury.

**Wayne Cherry, a committee member, is fundraising again.** He won't be standing in The Brittox, Devizes, this time but he will be cycling 200 miles on a donated cycling machine at home. (Wayne managed to cycle 30 miles by road but due to health issues, was unable to finish so is determined to do this on his cycling machine.) Wayne is also cycling on his machine in The Brittox, as well to complete another 200 miles in a day!

For another challenge, Wayne and his team departed from Seend War Memorial on 22 June cycling to Pangbourne Falklands Memorial Chapel, Berkshire, laying a wreath and returned on 23 June, a total of 110 miles.

**If you would like to donate to these fundraising challenges**, you will find a funding page on the Seend RBL Facebook page or you can donate monies/cheques made payable to Royal British Legion, Seend Branch and leave with Robin Heatley, Chairman, Seend RBL at 26 al Close, Seend who has a special fundraising bucket for these cycling events.

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

**Date of Next Meeting and AGM** – Thu 13 Oct ,7.30pm, Kennet Room, Community Centre, Seend.

Anita Heatley, Seend Branch RBL/PR

#### SEEND WI



What could be better on a sunny summer's day than an outing and a picnic? This is exactly how our members spent the afternoon on 8<sup>th</sup> June when we visited West Lavington Manor gardens. We were kindly escorted by Jessica, one of the gardeners, around delightful flower beds, shrubberies and a lake; a new vista opening up after every corner.

Members were particularly impressed with the topiary and the beautiful roses just coming into full bloom. A picnic enjoyed in these convivial surroundings rounded off a lovely afternoon.

**Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July.** The Pavilion will be closed due to significant refurbishment work over the summer. Consequently our July WI meeting will be held in **Seend Church at 7.30pm**. The subject will be "Pottery, clay and its uses" plus a demonstration led by Barbara Cropp, which promises to be very interesting.

**Looking ahead to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022.** There will be a talk on "The Bustards on Salisbury Plain" by Steve Colwill. This event will be open to everyone in the village. Details to be announced later.

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

May Draw: 1	No.172	S Barrett	£50	<b>1∩∩</b>
2	No.145	D Frith	£25	
3	No.69	A Hutchinson	£25	
4	No.54	P Jackson	£15	
5	No.12	W Stephens	£15	
June Draw: 1	No.181	P O'Reilly	£50	SEEND'S MONTHLY LOTTERY
2	No. 175	A Knocker	£25	
3	No. 91	C Morony	£25	
4	No. 130	R Walker	£15	
5	No. 135	A Hunt	£15	

#### SEEND 100+ CLUB APRIL DRAW

Thanks to everyone at the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations who helped with the draw. Alison Bottomley



#### SEEND THEATRE CLUB

After our trip on 22nd June to see "Mamma Mia!" at the Hippodrome in Bristol, our next event will be on Thursday 7th July in the grounds of Cleeve House in Seend. Theatregoers can picnic in the grounds from 6.30 p.m. before enjoying the

outdoor production of "Twelfth Night", performed by Wiltshire-based Shakespeare Live. It is still possible to obtain tickets by directly booking on the Shakespeare Live website, which gives full details.

Our autumn programme starts with a coach trip to the Watermill, near Newbury on Tuesday 6th September for "Whistle Down the Wind", a musical based on the book by Mary Hayley Bell, with the option of supper in the restaurant beforehand. We hope this will be a memorable evening. Looking ahead seats have been booked for a matinee performance of "The Mousetrap", by Agatha Christie, at Theatre Royal Bath on Wednesday 23rd November. The year ends with the ever popular "Messiah" by Handel at Bath Abbey on Friday 2nd December.

The Committee will be meeting in July and will start to map out the programme for next year. Since resuming after the pandemic, there has been a predominance of musical theatre productions. As provincial theatres announce their forward programmes we are hoping to be able to embrace a wider selection, including more plays. We always welcome new members and if you are interested in finding out more please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or Marion (01380 828612).

Ken Harvey

#### **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS:**

Next month we shall start planning village panto No.43 which will take place during February half-term 2023. We would love to hear from artistic people who would like to get involved in areas like scenery design and painting, and organised people to look after box-office etc. Young people who are keen on music and drama would be particularly welcome. So if you fancy being part of this valued and fun village tradition, please call Pantomime Dames Anita (828757) or Tessa (828617) by early August. Thanks!

#### SHUTTLE NEWS

**Next shuttle shopping trip to Salisbury:** Wednesday July 6th. Leaving 9.30am from The Barge car park and returning at 2.30pm from Salisbury. Phone Anita 828757 to book a seat and arrange where you would like to be picked up from.

**Many thanks to all our private hirers of the bus**. It's good to be making full use of the vehicle again. I know nearly all of you leave the bus clean and tidy but for new hirers could you please remember to take all your rubbish home with you. There are cleaning materials at the back of the bus including rubbish bags. We are a non-profit making charity run by volunteers so we don't have a paid cleaner. Thanks a lot.



Anita

#### SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



21 members enjoyed a 5-mile circular walk on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June** 2022 led by Anita and Pete. On a breezy but bright morning we started our walk from the parking area at the Leipzig Plantation up on Roundway, following the footpath through the woods and emerging to beautiful views over the Rowde and Bromham area. We continued on footpaths around Oliver's mount with views

for miles and miles. We skirted around the amazing meadow of wildflowers which everyone admired and then joined the byway which took us back to the cars. It was a lovely walk which I am sure we would all be happy to repeat. Thank you to Anita and Pete.

**SUNDAY, 17TH JULY:** Approx 4.5 miles in the Vale of Pewsey. Meet for 10a.m. start in the overflow Car Park for Honeystreet Mill Café. A flat walk, beautiful scenery, no stiles, mostly paths with a bit of quiet road walking. Leaders Colin and Jo Waldeck.

Evening walk & picnic – **Friday August 5**<sup>th</sup>, details will be sent to members nearer the time.

Sandy



#### SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

It's been another busy, fun-packed time at school this month.

Our Y5/6 class and adults had a fantastic time away at Hooke Court. Lots of fun was had, including making rafts, and it was lovely to see new friendships formed with the Y5/6 children at St Mary's and St George's.

Another highlight of the summer term is Sports Day, which this year takes place on the 24<sup>th</sup> June. At the time of writing, children are very excited and in training for the big afternoon. We are all looking forward to welcoming back family and friends to join in the fun

#### SEEND PLAYGROUP

Unfortunately we could not start playgroup on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June as Ofsted needed to give us permission to be in the Community Centre. We received our Ofsted Certificateon Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at lunchtime, so we were able to open onTuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June.



The children are enjoying having snack and lunch at the tables on the patio. We are still able to use the park.

Our topic this term is fairy tales and role play. We will be acting out stories e.g. The Three Little Pigs, Going on a Bear Hunt, Goldilocks and the Three Bears etc. We are going to the Hope Nature Centre in Southwick for our summer outing on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Our leavers' presentation and teddy bears picnic is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. We will be open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July as we were unable to open on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. We will return on September 1<sup>st</sup> in the Pavilion.

Rose Dick (Playleader), 01380 828003

#### SEEND PARISH COUNCIL May Parish Council Meeting:

Attendance - Ten Councillors: Apologies Pam Akerman, Chris Stirland

<u>Councillor Co-option</u>: The Chairman introduced Mrs Bridget Johnstone and Mrs Carol Dickinson who had expressed an interest in becoming Parish Councillors. They were asked about their experiences, skills and interests in the village. Georgina A'Bear proposed they both become co-opted on to the Parish Council. All Councillors voted in favour. The Parish Council now has its full complement of 11 and the Parish is well served in all areas.

<u>School Travel Plan</u>. Cllr Reay met with the Head Teacher of Seend School and a further follow up meeting will be arranged to discuss their Travel Plan.

<u>School Access</u>. The Clerk had received an email from the Director of Estates & Facilities for The White Horse Federation with comments from their legal team which stated that other parties (Dept for Education, Wiltshire Council and Sport England) are likely to be resistant to any potential change in playing fields to non-academy purposes. Consent would be needed from Wiltshire Council and the Secretary of State for Education for change of use of playing fields. He gives a ball park quote of around £45k. It is suggested that installing a hand rail on the main road option might be a viable alternative. The Parish Council is not asking for a change of use but would like access to be reinstated to how it had been for generations as there had always been an established right of way although there is no public access. Cllr Reay suggested Parish Council contact WALC or a solicitor for advice as well as approaching local governors and retired head teacher and invite them to our meeting to discuss this further. Cllr Reay suggests Parish Council could ask for a Considerate Access Policy similar to that in Worton.

<u>Electric Vehicle Charging Points</u>. Cllr Reay will consult WC regarding their strategy for electric vehicle charging points where The Pavilion is on land not owned by WC and is not eligible for a grant under the WC's EV Charging Infrastructure Strategy. The current strategy seems to preclude WC helping by not considering non council community assets.

Annual Parish Council Meeting: Terry James and Anita Heatley were renominated as Chair and Vice Chair respectively and all other councillors were re-elected to the subcommittees.

#### Matters Arising Not Already on the Agenda

Best Kept Village Competition. The first round of judging has taken place.

**CLT**. Building has just begun in Seend Cleeve and a photo shoot and press release will be published.

**Broken Stile**. The Chairman has spoken to the landowner and this has been repaired. **Horse Signs**. The Chairman had spoken to several horse riders in Seend Cleeve and Redstocks. It was decided that the horse signs costed at  $\pm 1k$  would not be financially viable and would not be purchased.

**Police Matters:** No report from PSCO Janet Gould but the following is noted: 16<sup>th</sup> May – cooking oil stolen from The Brewery.

Residents of Wiltshire are being asked to tell police chiefs about their experiences of the 101 and 999 services, as well as preferences for future modes of contact. The Police Contact Survey, run by the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, is open until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Participants are being asked a series of questions testing their understanding of emergency and non-emergency reporting systems, as well as newly emerging ways of contacting the police, like web chat, online forms and messaging over social media. The survey can be found under the Wiltshire and Swindon PCC website.

**Highways Meetings:** CATG – (The Stocks / Bollands Hill / Bell Crossroads): Cllr Reay and Clerk held a virtual 'Teams' meeting with Highways and had some very detailed discussions with various suggestions put forward for consideration. The Traffic Engineer will make a site visit to The Stocks, Bollands Hill and Bell crossroads and a further date will be arranged to discuss the feasible options. Still no date for the high friction surface at the crossing point between Spout Lane and Inmarsh.

**Metro Count – The High Street**: 26th April – 2nd May 2022. The metro count showed the combined speed of 35.24 in the 85th percentile (in 30mph) which falls into the category that a Community Speed Watch could be considered. John Williams has volunteered along with two parishioners to participate. John Williams will find out more details and a note will be put in Spotlight asking for more volunteers.

**SEEN40**. Cllr Reay held a meeting with Paul Millard, Rights of Way, and it was agreed that a less aggressive programme of maintenance will take place. A more practical solution has been agreed. The smallholder tenants in Broad Lane agreed to clear the area but if this is not done within four weeks, enforcement action will be taken. Broad Lane is a "brown" lane ie. an old road with a hard surface and vehicles can use it to access small holdings. Ash dieback will continue to be monitored.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Mrs A'Bear has received an update from WALPA on a meeting held 17th May with Wiltshire Council. The proposed actions from the meeting are:

To look closely at WC's approach to new and not yet decided speculative applications based on new 5YHLS calculation; are we seeing a more robust defence of NPs?

Re-enforcing our offers to support WC's on the ground information collection on progress on agreed developments.

Push for an early next 5YHLS calculation. (WC's own target is less than 6 to 9 months). Continuing to seek a robust defence of NPs while they are left exposed by the late-running Local Plan update.

Keeping up the pressure on WC and government to minimise damage to NPs:

Support for NP Reviews Challenging current Inspector inconsistencies Demanding interim NPPF changes Influencing new NPPF development

Each WALPA group member was asked to produce a short summary of where they are in NP terms so WALPA can collate and share to help inform their activity and case making. Councillor A'Bear to complete.

Communication has been received from the SCL&AT regarding a recent change in the Council's housing allocation policy. Further details can be found on the Seend Community Land and Asset Trust website under More/Housing Need.

#### **Planning Applications**

Application No: PL/2022/03656 - 15 Dial Close, Seend, Melksham, Wilts, SN12 6NP. Application Type: Removal/variation of Conditions 2 & 3. Resolution: The Council approved this application

Application No: PL/2022/03656 - Wych Elm, Seend Hill, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6RU. Application Type: Householder planning permission.

Proposal: The demolition of the existing workshop and erection of new steel framed workshop. Resolution: The Council approved this application with a Condition that it is for domestic use only

Application No: PL/2022/03568 - 4 Weavers Cottages, High Street, Seend, Melksham, Wilts, SN12 6NN.

Application Type: Listed building consent (Alt/Ext)

Proposal: Replacement windows. Resolution: The Council approved this application

**Parish Steward:** The Parish Steward has cleaned both Bus Shelters at Sells Green. The Parish Steward to be asked to clean the tubs by The Barge bridge, the Love Lane Jubilee bench, speed limit signs around the village, the fingerpost at Pile Farm (opposite the junction to New Buildings in Bollands Hill) and the Rusty Lane sign on the wall at the junction. John Williams will tend the plants at The Barge bridge.

**Commencement Date for the Exercise of Public Rights:** Local authorities spend public money. The money comes from national and local taxes as well as charges to service users. Local authorities such as Seend Parish Council must tell residents how their money is spent. We do this by publishing yearly accounts and details of our spending.

As a local resident you have certain legal rights in respect of our accounts. You have rights to inspect the accounts and related documents, ask questions or make objections. However, your rights can only be exercised during a single 30 working-day period that is set by the authority. Your parish council has proposed the Exercise of Public Rights will run from Monday 27th June until Friday 5th August. 2022.

Finance: Bank Reconciliation to end of April 2022 - £39,638.15

**Date of next meetings:** 28th June & 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Meetings commence at 7pm

#### **NEWS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

This month, I wanted to highlight some very important (although slightly dry!) pieces of work at Wiltshire Council.

Wiltshire Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, has published its annual report - having investigated many important issues for Wiltshire throughout the year. The committee, made up of a number of non-executive councillors, ensures that council decisions are taken on sound evidence. It is focused on what it looks at so that it can add value to the most important services provided by the council, its partners and contractors. Wherever possible it helps to shape policy through early discussions as well as scrutinising proposals before they are finally agreed.

The 2021/22 annual report highlights a number of the key projects it has worked on throughout that period, including the council's Business Plan, the council's budget and opposition amendments, and proposed changes to Area Boards. As well as the overall Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, there are three specialist select committees that cover health and social care, the environment, and children and families.

Also, last month the Council published the results of independent reports by Anthesis Group of a detailed technical assessment of progress towards the climate change ambitions for the Council and the County to be carbon neutral by 2030. On its ambitions for the organisation itself to be carbon neutral by 2030, Anthesis found that Wiltshire Council is in a very strong position to meet its commitment. The main focus of the report was on the Council's direct emissions, and it showed that the council has reduced its carbon footprint by 81% since 2014/15, and the projects currently in the pipeline should help get that to a 90% reduction by 2030. With further investment in offsetting, the council should reach its carbon neutral target by 2030.

Anthesis also reviewed the county's overall ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030. The report clearly demonstrated that although Wiltshire Council will play a key role in helping the county to be carbon neutral, everyone from individuals, organisations, businesses and central government will need to play their part and step up to provide support. It was great therefore to join the Devizes Sustainability Fair in Devizes Market Place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June and see the brilliant plans and initiatives being developed by many local groups across the Devizes area. For more information see <u>www.sustainabledevizes.org.uk</u>

Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk 07711 824864

#### Wiltshire and Swindon PCC PHILIP WILKINSON COLUMN

What a Jubilee celebration that was with parties up and down the country as we celebrated the reign of our longest-serving monarch!

While HM the Queen lives a life which is far removed from anything we'll ever experience, she has endeavoured to get closer to the people she serves to better understand the realities they face. This commitment to public service has served as an inspiration to many others and it's fitting that the celebrations fell within Volunteer's Week, where we commend the work of those who have given up their time to help others.

This has given me the opportunity to take a closer look at the people who volunteer with the ultimate aim of making Wiltshire safer, whether it's being part of one of many Community Speed Watch teams, manning CCTV control rooms or supporting victims of crime so that they may be in a position to meet the offender who caused them harm - they all play an important part in the criminal justice system. Their work not only makes a difference to their local communities by supporting our officers, it also frees up our officers' time so that they can concentrate on frontline duties. Within Wiltshire Police we have several volunteers

including Special Constables who devote hours to their communities in order to make them a safer place to live and work. I'm constantly struck by the outstanding efforts of volunteers, unpaid and often unseen. I'd like them to know that without their work, our communities would be worse off and less protected. Volunteering remains at the beating heart of our communities and I, for one, am extremely grateful for all our volunteers.You can find out more about volunteering here: www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/the-pcc-and-you/get-involved/

#### **NATURE NOTES - Nurture Nature**

Charles Darwin called earthworms ecological engineers. He said: 'It may be doubted whether there are any other animals which have played as important a part in the history of the world as have these lowly, organised creatures'. Darwin claimed that their role as digesters of vegetative debris was fundamental to the creation, as well as the fertility and friability, of our soils. All the vegetable mould of the whole country has passed many times through, and will again pass many times through the intestinal canals of worms. But in addition to this, earthworms as they move through the soil excrete coelomic fluid, a mucus which helps them move, digest respire, hydrate and detoxify. This mucus, rich in glycoproteins, lines the walls of their burrows and encourages the growth of bacteria and fungi. Bacteria and other soil microbes are enablers of plant growth – mineralizing nutrients in the soil - breaking down soluble and insoluble organic matter into inorganic forms which plants can use. A single handful of soil can hold billions of bacteria, millions of microscopic nematodes and protozoa, thousands of mites, hundreds of species of fungi and algae, as well as countless springtails, tiny spiders, ants, termites, beetles, centipedes and millipedes - the whole gamut of life that scientists call 'Soil Food Web'.

Worm casts on their own provide a kind of super fertilizer, a manure that holds up to five times the nitrogen, seven times the soluble phosphate, three times the magnesium, one and an half times the calcium and eleven times more potassium than the surrounding topsoil. A keynote speaker - on her way to address struggling potato farmers in Jersey, advocates 'compost tea' a dilution of worm castings, to restore microbial life to depleted soils, and further adds that she finds it 'inexplicable' that conventional farming continues to champion expensive chemical fertilizers to the neglect of the natural potential of the soil, and merely considers three basic elements, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium as being necessary for growing crops. Artificial fertilizers are not only costly but also extremely inefficient. Much of the phosphorus in chemical fertilizers quickly binds to minerals in the soil and becomes unavailable to plants unless there are micro-organisms present in the soil to convert it. Without a healthy soil biology up to half the nitrogen inputs are lost. Another study from a reference manual published by UK government biochemists, identified that during the period 1940-1991 potatoes lost 47% of their copper. 45% of their iron and 35% of their calcium, while the decline for carrots was greater still. We would have needed to eat ten tomatoes in 1991 to receive the same amount of copper as one tomato would have yielded in 1940.

On their own, without the aid of bacteria, mycorrhizal fungi and all the other microbes and animals – the worms, protozoa, nematodes, mites, springtails etc that occur naturally in the

soil, plants are less able to absorb these essential nutrients. US government figures suggest a correlation between declining magnesium levels in foods like spinach, cabbage, tomato, and lettuce and increases in deficiency conditions like asthma, cardiovascular diseases and bronchitic and orthopaedic deformities. Meanwhile pesticide residues, nitrogen concentrations, linked with increased risk of certain cancers etc have a detrimental effect on our health. Livestock fed on intensively grown crops will be affected in the same way. In addition, it has been discovered that earthworms can metabolise harmful PCBs which accumulate in the fatty tissue of animals and humans, affecting nervous systems and brain function. Earthworms provide a simple low-cost solution to the detoxification of our soils. These mysterious deaf, blind spineless toothless creatures are a keystone species – one that can bring about changes at the microscopic level that utterly transform life above ground. So, what is the above all about? We've had another spring and early summer of poor conditions for birds to breed and raise their young. From our – admittedly – amateur observations, birds in the area, due to inclement and hostile conditions, are struggling to maintain current populations, let alone increase them. Many nests have failed and the broods that have been successful are small and undernourished due to lack of food. Once lawns would have been covered in wormcasts, and our garden birds could have relied on 'homegrown' food, but how many readers can report seeing multiple wormcasts on their lawns today compared with, say fifty years ago, or even a few years ago? This important food source is fast disappearing – yet another cause for the continuing decline of our garden, field and wood dwelling avians.

We are indebted to Isabella Tree for her excellent research.

Otis Tarda



#### **BITS AND BOBS**

**NGS GARDENS:** There are many Wiltshire gardens available to view in July. See individual garden entries for details.<u>www.ngs.org.uk</u>

**Keevil Drama group** is looking for new members in all capacities. Contact Geoff West on 01380 870425 or <u>g.west3@pobroadband.co.uk</u> if you are interested.



A Jubilee Summer Concert - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm Market Lavington Community Hall SN10 4DG Soprano Barbara Gompels - Musical Director - Paula Boyagis. Accompanists - Tim Price and Tony Jones.

Including the first performance in modern times of a piece written in the C18th by John Smith and transcribed by Nick Hale, both composers from Market Lavington.

Tickets £8 from Devizes Books and Market Lavington Post Office. Bar available.

<u>**RUNNING!**</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> July – **Bishops Cannings 5000m Dash** at 2pm. Register 12.30pm onwards. Medals for all. Entry on the day.

#### **STEEPLE ASHTON FILMS**

It is with great sadness that we announce that this is the last film we are presenting. We are grateful to all of you who have supported Steeple Ashton Films for many years. So, we are celebrating with **THE DUKE**, an amazing film starring two of our best known actors Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30 pm** (prompt start!)at the Village Hall, Steeple Ashton. Doors open at 7 pm for refreshments Tickets £6 from Steeple Ashton Village Shop. For reservations, please ring Alison on 01380 871345 e-mail <u>safilms268@gmail.com</u> or look on Facebook.

#### **MELKSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY FREE CONCERT**

Do come and join us for our end of term free Summer Concert at **The Rachel Fowler Centre in Melksham on Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.** We will be singing choral arrangements of folk songs from the British Isles plus some individual items by choir members. If you enjoy it a small contribution to our choir funds would be much appreciated. Hope to see you there. Anita Shea



The Edington Music Festival A Festival of Music within the Liturgy THE EDINGTON FESTIVAL & SUPPER IS BACK! The

festival will run from Sunday 21st to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August. See <u>www.edingtonfestival.org</u>, for info. Further details to follow.

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

have pleasure in inviting you to join us on Tuesday 19 July at 2.00 pm in Seend Community Centre

Demonstration by Sally Taylor - "Sallying Forth Once More". Please join us for tea. Visitors: £5 per visit to include refreshments.

#### AT LAST THE 1821 SHOW!

**Wilton Windmill Society** is pleased to announce its plans to celebrate – a year late! - the bicentenary of the much-loved windmill. On the afternoon of July 30th we shall be hosting a Family Fun Day in the Windmill grounds with many activities and refreshments.

Bring the family and help us celebrate! 12 noon to 4pm. Free entry and free parking.



**Fancy giving cricket a go at the beautiful Keevil Manor ground?** New players wanted and welcome! Come and join us this summer.

Contact Stu on 07876041710 or Simon on 07841599123 for more details or check out our facebook page for details of fixtures.

Don't forget to look at this month's online colour supplement on seend.org.uk

#### And finally.....

A team of archaeologists work at midnight. No-one else knows why. That's the Curious Incident of the Dig in the Night-time. (Stolen from the I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue Appreciation Society's facebook page!)



#### **<u>USEFUL CONTACTS</u>**: 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: Len Murray 828513.

Irene Usher Pavilion bookings – <u>www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html</u> 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: <u>seendshuttle@gmail.com</u> or Alison 07951 030491 Seend Parish Council Clerk – Mr Chris Stirland <u>clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk</u> Seend's Wiltshire Councillor – Tamara Reay 07711824864 tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk Seend Village Website: <u>www.seend.org.uk</u> – webmaster Neil Yockney 827139. Seend School – 828334 Bulkington Website: <u>www.bulkington.org.uk</u> Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821 Devizes Area Board – 01225 718352 Support Officer: tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk

**Police**: PCSO 6039 Janet GOULD - Mobile 07471029772 –<u>janet.gould@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk</u> **MP:** Danny Kruger -email:danny.kruger.mp@parliament.UK Devizes Office 01380 711425

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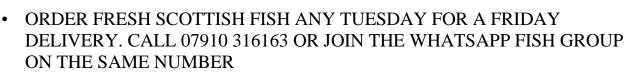
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