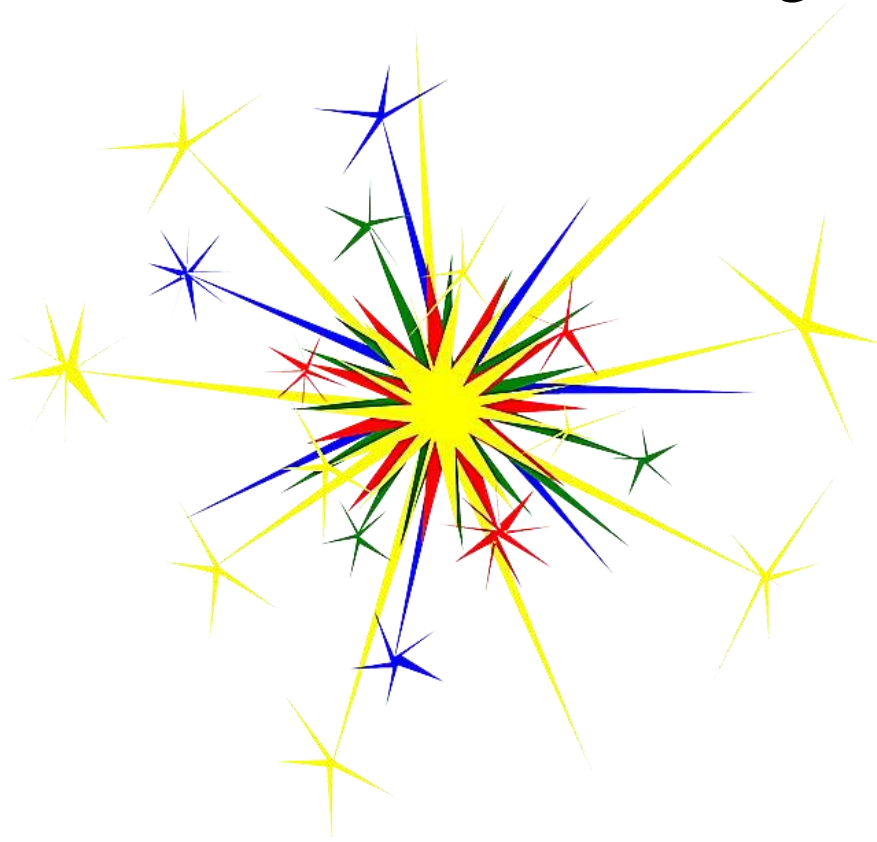


# SPOTLIGHT

## Seend & Bulkington



Bulkington Bonfire Night 5<sup>th</sup> November  
November 2022

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE OCTOBER

- 27th Seend CLT AGM, 7.30pm in the Pavilion (members only)
- 27th Bulkington Ladies group 7.30pm in The Village Hall
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween trail, Brewery Inn 6-9pm (Book in advance. Details on fb.)
- 29th Halloween Charity Event, 7pm the Community Centre
- 30th Annual Pumpkin Competition, Brewery Inn

## DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seend Shuttle Trip to Salisbury
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch, Well Inn, 12.15pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30 am
- 5<sup>th</sup> November Bulkington Bonfire Night from 17.30
- 5<sup>th</sup> Seend Holy Cross Church, Churchyard Clean Up, 10am
- 6<sup>th</sup> Seend & District Ramblers, meet Holt Village Hall, 10am
- 6<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Services, 3pm Potterne, 5pm Poulshot
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library 9.40am Seend The Lye: 10.05 Seend Cleeve phone box  
11.am Bulkington The Well Inn Car Park
- 9<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night, Brewery Inn
- 11<sup>th</sup> Armistice Day, Seend War Memorial, 10.45am
- 12<sup>th</sup> RBL 100th Birthday Celebration evening, Seend Community Centre 7.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEC22/JAN23 SPOTLIGHT
- 13<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday – see Church Services
- 16<sup>th</sup> Seend WI Craft and Chatter, 2pm The Pavilion
- 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Shopping Fayre – Pavilion 12-4pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Marden Vale Handbell Ringers, Bulkington Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Day School on William Morris, Community Centre 10.30am-4.30pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council Meeting, 7pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter Lunch, Seend Community Centre 12 for 12.30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night, Brewery Inn

## DIARY DATES FOR EARLY DECEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Seend Wine Circle in Seend Community Centre
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Morning in Bulkington Village Hall, 10.30am

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

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

### **SEEND COMMUNITY LINK SCHEME**

Trouble getting **out and about**? We can help with **transport**.

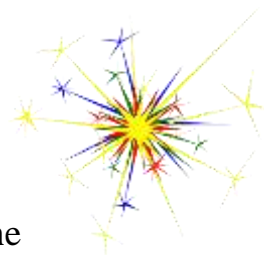
Link is a team of **volunteers** who assist residents in the area who are **elderly** or incapacitated or are otherwise **unable to use public transport**.

***For more information or to join us as a volunteer driver please get in touch.***

**Telephone 07532 055560 - [www.seend.org.uk/seend\\_link](http://www.seend.org.uk/seend_link)**

## **WELCOME TO NOVEMBER 2022 SPOTLIGHT**

This should be the time of year for enjoying warm, cosy indoor evenings, but the energy price increases will make that a pipe dream for some. If that includes you, do contact the Seend Fund. They may be able to help. See details below. Meanwhile, we hope you will enjoy some of the events coming up in our villages described in this magazine.



You should find inside the magazine Seend Community Centre's quarterly newsletter, Eric Lepine's Christmas Catering offers and (in Seend) an envelope for the RBL poppy collection. And remember to look at the online colour supplement.

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

If you find yourself struggling to keep warm or pay for food, the fund is here to help. In the past it has contributed towards such things as:

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

Remember the Seend fund is your local fund. Anyone living in or closely associated with Seend, including our close neighbours in Bulkington and Poulshot, can apply by emailing the secretary ([anitashea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anitashea@hotmail.co.uk)) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY. The Trustees promise complete confidentiality. Please don't hesitate to contact the fund, saying how much you need, what for and when you need it by. The fund can't make regular or huge donations but may help carry you over to better times.

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the December 2022/January 2023 edition (copy by Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November) can be emailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) or delivered to Seend Post & Provisions. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617), Sue Isaac (828461) and Jan Field (827140). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to individuals – even if they have emailed you from their own email address – just in case they are not around. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401), Jan Field (827140) for printing and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising.

**Lost emails:** Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray. **If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring editors (see above) to check if all is well.** And please note: **when sending emails to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) please include the word SPOTLIGHT in uppercase as the first word of the Subject.** This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter.

**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 LATE OCTOBER AND BEYOND

## EVENTS IN SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE




**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING – On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 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!



**NOSH + NATTER** – The popular lunch club – come along for two home-cooked courses with refreshments for £7.50. **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - 12 noon for 12.30 pm. Please book your lunch by calling Pauline on 01380 828638 (or if no answer on 828401). Please note the December luncheon will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> this year.



**DAY SCHOOL WITH JOHN KENDALL ON 'WILLIAM MORRIS: DESIGNER'** with particular reference to fabrics, wallpaper, tiles and stained glass, including a trip to see a Morris stained glass church window. **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November** 10.30am to 4.30pm in the Peter Fisher Hall (wheelchair accessible). £25 includes tea, coffee & cake but please bring a packed lunch. To book call 01225 736092 or email [jocolwaldeck@btinternet.com](mailto:jocolwaldeck@btinternet.com)

**WORLD CUP FOOTBALL** - Come along and support your team with us!   
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November:** England vs USA. **\*Tuesday\* Special Opening 29<sup>th</sup> November:** England vs Wales. **Both matches kick off 7pm - open 6pm**

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



### DATES FOR THE DIARY –

The next **SEEND WINE CIRCLE** on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December!** If you are not already on the mailing list, you can register your interest at [seendwinecircle@gmail.com](mailto:seendwinecircle@gmail.com) or look out for their updates on Facebook.



### NEW YEAR'S EVE \$KA n Reggae - TRAIN TO \$KAVILLE SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

Doors Open 8 pm Admission £12.50\*  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/train--to-skaville](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/train--to-skaville)  
or through the **Box Office** on our website  
[www.seendcommunitycentre.com](http://www.seendcommunitycentre.com)

### JOIN US\$ FOR A A \$KANKIN' GOOD PARTY!

\*Tickets are subject to a booking fee

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



**BREWERY INN LATE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EVENTS**  
**October 27<sup>th</sup>—31<sup>st</sup>** from 6pm Halloween Haunted Garden  
Enjoy the tale of Bloody Mary! See fb for booking info  
**Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Pumpkin Competition  
**Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Quiz Nights

**Seend WI Craft and Chatter Group**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2pm  
come for tea and cake, at The Pavilion  
Everyone welcome, you don't have to be a member of WI  
Contact Joyce Harvey 01380 828511



**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FAYRE**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 12-4pm in the Pavilion**

A selection of stalls available from local businesses in Seend and surrounding areas.

There will be tea, coffee, mulled wine and cakes available.

There are a limited number of tables available to sellers, if you would like to book one then please contact Ele on 07947 867701.

**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.)*

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Many thanks to all who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning in Seend Community Centre at the end of September. We made £616 for this deserving cause!

**HOLY CROSS, SEEND - churchyard cleanup Saturday 5th November**

The leaves are beginning to come down so it's time to start tidying the churchyard. Please come along and help keep this valuable community space tidy on Saturday 5th November at 10am. Rakes and leaf grabbers are all the tools needed. Coffee and biscuits provided! All welcome.



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

Available for parties, meetings, sports events  
Book online now at: [www.seendlyefield.org](http://www.seendlyefield.org)  
Email: [seendlrf@gmail.com](mailto:seendlrf@gmail.com)

## **NEWS FROM SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

**Village Post Office and Shop:** The Parish Council would like to ask parishioners to make use of this facility as much as possible. In the current climate and without community support, the village is at risk of losing this valuable asset.

**Horse Riders & Mobile Phones:** Several horse riders have been seen using their mobile phones whilst riding on public highways within the parish. Whilst it is not illegal to use such devices whilst riding on the public highway, the British Horse Society has publicly stated, *“As vulnerable road users, it is vitally important horse riders and carriage drivers adhere to the rules of the Highway Code when riding on the road. Rule 53 states that equestrians should keep both hands on the reins, unless when signalling, so they should not be using mobile phones while riding, unless in an emergency. In addition, riders should always concentrate on their surroundings so they can react quickly to any circumstance.”* The parish council requests riders concur with this guidance issued by the British Horse Society.

**Seend Branch of Royal British Legion:** Seend RBL celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Pete Lamb and the Heartbeats band will be performing at the Community Centre on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Hot casserole, cheese and biscuits are included in the ticket price £12. Tickets are available from Robin Heatley 01380-828491 or Seend Post & Provisions.

**New Website Planning Tracker:** A new Planning Application Tracker has been built into the parish Council Website making it easier to find and review planning applications via a list or interactive map. Planning applications can be sorted by a set of predefined filters covering the previous two years.

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## **CHURCH NEWS**

*‘Remember, remember the fifth of November, Gunpowder, Treason and Plot’*

November is a time of remembering apart from the November the fifth celebrations. There is Remembrance Day on 11 November and Remembrance Sunday when we remember and honour all those who lost their lives on active service in all conflicts; as well as all those who have served and their families. There will be services in all of the Wellsprings’ churches for Remembrance Sunday starting at 10.50am. Details should be elsewhere in this magazine.

Our churches have another time of remembering in November and that is a special service of remembrance and thanksgiving for All Souls’ Day. At this Commemoration Service we will remember all those who have died in the past year. This takes place on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary’s Potterne at 3.00 pm and St. Peter’s Poulshot at 5.00pm. We welcome everyone to this service, but especially any who have been bereaved this past year, and others who feel that this service might help them in their journey following bereavement, no matter how long ago that may be.

The loss of someone we love is one of the hardest things we will ever face. The process of grieving is difficult for everyone, and different for each individual. If you have lost a loved one – you will know how much it hurts. Don’t deny your feelings - grieve long and grieve full. For when you grieve healing takes place. Also think of the



good times, the funny times, the experiences and yes, the bad times too, and in your remembering you will celebrate the life of the one you have loved and lost.

It is one of life's greatest tributes to be remembered well – to be talked about – to be loved just as much in death as in life. We might ask ourselves how we might want to be remembered. Few would want to be forgotten, for we each have made an impact on others in great and small ways, and that keeps memory fresh, alive and vibrant because all life has meaning. Let us consider once again the breadth and depth of the gift of life. This is when we remember the value of each day, each encounter, and each relationship and friendship formed and grown.

*'We will remember them'*

*Liz Starling* (Licensed Lay Minister)

### **CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2022**

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



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

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent/All Souls)**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
11am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
3pm	All Souls service	Potterne
5pm	All Souls service	Poulshot

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> (Remembrance Sunday)**

10:50am	Remembrance Service	Bulkington
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Potterne
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Poulshot
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Seend
10:50am	Remembrance Service	Worton
4pm	Holy Communion	Poulshot

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> (Christ the King)**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Morning Praise	Potterne
11am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
4pm	Evensong	Poulshot

## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> (Advent 1)**

9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
9:30am	Informal Communion	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
4pm	Advent Songs of Praise	Bulkington

**Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot**

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

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

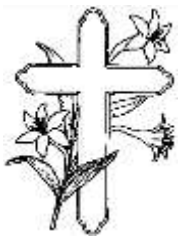
**Please visit our website [www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk](http://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk) for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.**

### **From the Registers:**

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.

## **COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

**Sunday, November 6th**



**St. Mary's Potterne at 3.00 pm and St. Peter's Poulshot at 5.00pm**

We welcome everyone to this service, but especially any who have been bereaved this past year, and others who feel that this service might help them in their journey following bereavement, no matter how long ago that may be.

Our prayer for you is that this service might be an important step on the road you are travelling, and that God may meet you with His love and blessing.

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## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

**Parish Meeting – Abbreviated Draft Minutes - pending official approval at next meeting - held Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington Village Hall.**

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Carla Haslam (dialled in), Andrew Grabham, Alex Breach, Julie Anderson-Hill, Tamara Reay (Our Conservative Representative serving the Devizes Rural West Division)

**Apologies for absence:** Alison Howard-Evans, PCSO Janet, Simon Downey

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

PCSO Janet: No report received

Councillor Tamara Reay:

- The last Area Board's focus was around safety and security, addressing antisocial behaviour in and around Devizes.



- Wiltshire Council committed another 2 million pounds to White Lining (making streets safer by updating the white lines on the streets) and Flood Prevention, including gulley clearing.
- Councillors asked if the White Lining funding may be used to improve pathways in Bulkington at either end of the village where there is no footpath. It was agreed to put in a request via the new CATG system now called LHFIFG (New standing for Local Highways footpaths infrastructure group). All concurred that it would be beneficial to encourage safe walking within the village and that it could also help slow cars as the road markings would make it narrower without a physical barrier that would be problematic for deliveries and the farming community.
- Funding Opportunities: Tamara made some suggestions for possible funding opportunities for the Rec Ground Group to pursue: Area Board (up to £5k available to committees rather than Parish Councils following recent change) National Lottery, Wiltshire Community Foundation, Nationwide and Hills recycling

### **Open Forum:**

- The Erlestoke festival was held on the 1-4<sup>th</sup> of September: some villagers raised concern over possible noise – Erlestoke Parish Council worked with the Licensing committee and noise monitoring took place each night. As a result, villagers reported that the noise created was not a problem.
- Dog Fouling: Villager complaint received following a rise in dog Fouling in the village, Councillors agreed that signage could be looked into and posts on social media will raise attention to the matter.
- Stiles and paths: Complaints have been received regarding some of the stiles and footpaths in the village, these have been reported to the relevant field owners. For villagers wishing to report stiles, footpaths or any other issues directly, there is a website called MyWiltshire Online Reporting where anyone can report anything directly to the council. The Council then notify the relevant people to fix the issue and give updates directly the individual who reported it.
- Defibrillator access: There was an incident reported to the Parish Council where villagers were not able to access the village Defibrillator during an emergency. In the Parish Council meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2021 it was agreed to leave the Defibrillator unlocked to make it as accessible as possible. This was communicated via Spotlight, and the Meeting Minutes (item 105/21). Councillors agreed that additional signage and reminding the village could help prevent this incident from being repeated in the future.

### **Finance:**

Clerk September	£221.60
Grass Cutting 2 <sup>nd</sup> August Breaches	£84
Grass cutting Mark Goddard August	£144
Grass cutting Mark Goddard September	£144
Bin emptying contract Ideverde 18/08/2022 – 18.09.2022	£64
Bin emptying contract Ideverde 18/09/2022 – 18.10.2022	£64

Print of Bonfire Leaflets

£28.92

Two zip line beams replacement and zip wire to be tightened

£1600

**Bin contract – Ideverde:** It was agreed to sign a new contract for refuse collection for the 6 public bins in Bulkington. The last contract came to an end when the Grass Management company was changed. The collection will be every two weeks, replacing bin bags with new bags and disposing of waste. Sum: £636.87+VAT per annum. Please continue to inform our Clerk Hannah when collections have not gone to plan so she can chase.

### **Recreational Ground:**

- Playground updates:
  - Goal post to be installed imminently, cost to rec fund of £270 plus vat.
  - There is currently a lot of out of action equipment due to the age of the wood: The zip wire, play house and bridge all need replacing or mending. Past fundraising was for new equipment and accessibility, this year, any funds raised from the bonfire will go towards the maintenance of the Rec ground. The zip wire will be fixed in the new year due to long lead times by the supplier. It was agreed to ensure that any new wooden posts installed are on spikes with plastic caps to help protect from rain and strimming.
  - Picnic tables will arrive shortly, the Rec Ground Committee have selected tables made of recycled materials that come with a guarantee for 25 years. The tables will not be fixed into location so that they can be moved when there are events
  - The ROSPA (health and safety of equipment check) is due back next week
  - It was agreed to sign a new Grass Cutting agreement with Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping for the maintenance of the grass on the Rec Ground, the bus shelter and the war memorial. The contract is to start March 2023. The contract includes 12-14 cuts over the summer cutting season. £228 per month to cut all the playing field grass, the bus shelter and the war memorial area.
  - For the interim, Mark believes only 2 cuts to be necessary, these will be charged as and when at a lower rate with the large open spaces cut by the Breach family as before and Mark hand cutting the edges for us. This saves us a large monthly sum over winter when the grass doesn't grow as fast.
  - Lastly, the Rec Ground Committee consists of volunteers and is a separate entity to the Parish Council. If you have the time or skill set to assist with the playground maintenance, grant applications, planting or similar, please do get in touch with our Clerk.

**Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. It was agreed to keep the clearing of gullies and cutting of grass on the footpath by rec ground on the Stewards list.

**Road verges:** The clerk received the following communication from Stuart Renfrew from Wiltshire Council:

“We are currently recruiting for a replacement technician for the Devizes Area Board, though I am familiar with Bulkington village. Item 3 below is an unusual request and I would venture that many of the adjacent residents would view any move that brings traffic closer to their property hedges and walls with concern. Additionally, removing

these soil verges would likely increase traffic speeds through the village which would be unwelcome. Lastly, the Steward's only machine capable of scoring the soil banks would be the 'Mosquito' and this is a fairly brutal and indiscriminate tool that would leave a less than desirable finish.

Looking at Streetview and your site photographs, the majority of the highlighted length is natural highway verges with the only evidence of true soil creep being alongside the thatched cottage. That sole specific site might benefit from siding back but, again, I feel the gains would be outweighed by the negatives. With the above in mind, I hope you can ask the Councillors to take a fresh look at this proposal to ensure that they are clear on the pros and cons involved and that their intentions are supported by the High Street residents?"

Councillors pushed for the steward to clear the area manually with shovel and bucket or use the Councils "Mosquito" tool and clear the area afterwards. It was agreed that the short stretch of road opposite the pub would benefit from this clearing particularly as cars park alongside the footpath frequently making the road left for vehicles to pass very narrow.

**Bonfire Night:** Bulkington's Bonfire Night will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November: As usual, the running of the event will rely on volunteers for the setup, marshalling, food stalls, ticketing, clear down afterwards etc. If you can volunteer for any of these roles, please do contact our Clerk, Hannah. Councillors Julia, Amy, Andrew, Alex and Carla all volunteered to help at the event but many more will be needed.

- It was discussed that more than one food and drinks stall would help queues, with stalls selling both food and drink so families don't need to queue twice.
- Other stalls were also discussed, such as sweeties, pocket money glow in the dark toys etc. The delivery on the glow in the dark toys is 5-7 days
- Attendees will be asked to bring cash as a card device takes a large percentage of the proceeds.
- Posters have been distributed at Keevil and Seend school, in the bus shelter and the village hall notice board. Book Bag leaflets have been delivered to both schools. The leaflet will also be featured in Spotlight magazine.
- Door drop: Leaflets have been ordered and will arrive Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, volunteers needed to deliver around the village

**AOB Parish Council meet up** – It was agreed to invite Keevil and Steeple Ashton Parish Councils to a cheese and wine evening at Bulkington village hall to encourage sharing learning, resources and experiences. Date proposed: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of November after the Bulkington Parish Meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** 19<sup>th</sup> of October, the Parish Council team meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm

The <b>Mobile Library</b> will be visiting the car park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 11.05-11.30am.
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### **BULKINGTON LADIES GROUUP**

**Marden Vale Handbell Ringers will be performing at Bulkington Village Hall on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm**

The programme will consist of well-known tunes and Christmas music. This will be followed by the usual bring & share refreshments and raffle. **We would like to extend this to a wider audience than our usual small group**, so please encourage friends and neighbours to attend. Entrance is by a small donation of £3 to cover costs, which includes 2 raffle tickets, so is very good value!

Liz Futter 828485



### **THE BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 12.15 for 12.30 at The Well

Contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (828116)

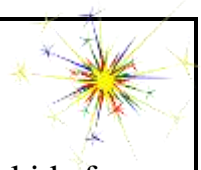
New people are always welcome to join us

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

### **Forward notice:**

You are invited to a Coffee Morning at Bulkington Village Hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. 10.30 – 12 noon. Proceeds to Bulkington Church and Crisis at Christmas.

### ***BULKINGTON FIREWORK NIGHT*** ***SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER***



Gate opens 17.30 – Fire lit 18.00 Fireworks 18.30 Entry £5 for adults, kids free  
Food and drink available to buy – no personal use of sparklers allowed on the site  
Updates on [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk) and Facebook @bulkingtonfireworksSN10

### **BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"**

We held the draw at the Village Lunch in The Well on Wednesday, 5th October and the winners were :

£30 No.39 Darren Jones  
£25 No. 44 Janet Rawlings  
£20 No. 21 Emma-Melody Thomas  
£15 No. 40 Poppy Jones  
£10 No. 72 Alan Dunlop



Congratulations to the winners. Welcome to our new members and thank you to all our members - thanks to your generosity we can now have an extra draw so good luck to everyone for the coming year.

Phyl Yarde



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

This usually takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Please contact Phyl Yarde 828116 for details of the November meeting.

New people always welcome.

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

## **NEWS FROM BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Dog Fouling:** After many articles circulating last year about farmers worrying about the impact of dog fouling and plastic bag littering on their livestock and police notices, we have seen an increase in dog fouling these last few months. It would be great to remind people again.

**Stiles and paths:** Complaints have been received regarding some of the stiles and footpaths in the village, for villagers wishing to report stiles, footpaths or any other issues directly, there is a website called MyWiltshire Online Reporting where anyone can report anything directly to the council. The Council then notify the relevant people to fix the issue and give updates directly the individual who reported it. It would be great to show the link in Spotlight and encourage villagers to use it for reporting road sign damage, fly tipping, broken stiles, inaccessible footpaths etc. to allow the council to act on things directly and as quickly as possible.

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## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**



**Following our AGM** on Thursday 13 October, AVM (Retd) Patrick O'Reilly CB became our President, Robin Heatley stood down as our Chairman but will assume the post of Vice-Chair. The new Chairman will be Kevin Toft, who is also our County Standard Bearer. Kevin has stepped down as Secretary but Dave Beaumont will assume that role and Wayne Cherry becomes Membership Secretary. Other officers on the committee continue in their same role. Many thanks to our outgoing President, Col (Retd) Nigel Knocker OBE who has been at the helm, in one form or another, for over 20 years.

**Poppy Appeal** – Our faithful poppy collectors will be coming round door to door for your donations (however small or large) from 28 October. Your help will go a long way towards this worthy cause but please do not throw in your foreign currency as this cannot be included. Gift Aid envelopes can be found in this edition of Spotlight. There will also be poppies and a collection box in the shop and village pubs. Poppy Appeal organisers: Robin and Anita Heatley (01380-828491).

**Armistice Day - Friday 11 November.** Short ceremony gathering at Seend war memorial at 1045 with trumpeter. All welcome.

**Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 13 November.** At 1040, gathering at the top of Church Lane to march to the war memorial where wreaths will be laid before proceeding into church for Remembrance service and dedication of the Seend Standard pennant (for Seend branch 100th birthday) taken by Revd Caroline O'Neill.

**Arrangements for the Seend RBL branch 100th birthday event** on Saturday 12 November at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Seend are well underway. Local, renowned band, Pete Lamb, with singer, will be playing a variety of music through 60s, 70s and 80s. Included with ticket will be a hot beef stew, followed by cheese and biscuits served in the interval. Plenty of raffle prizes to be won, along with a lovely poppy cake it being Remembrance Sunday the following day. Tickets at just £12 from shop/PO or Robin Heatley on 01380-828491. All welcome - You do not have to be a member of the RBL - so please come along to this worthy fundraising event - all monies to the Poppy Appeal.

**Date of next meeting** - Tue 17 Jan 23, 7.30pm, Kennet Room, Community Centre, Seend.

Anita Heatley, Seend Branch RBL/PR

### **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

Our next trip this year is to the Theatre Royal, Bath on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to see a matinee performance of the classic play “The Mousetrap”, by Agatha Christie. Although the group booking has closed there are a few places available on the coach (first come basis) for anyone wishing for an afternoon of Christmas shopping in Bath. The coach leaves Dial Close at 12 noon and will leave Bath around 5 pm (coach fare £14 return). If you are interested please contact Ken, details below.



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

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

The Committee is in the process of making provisional bookings for two shows at the Hippodrome in Bristol in the Spring, plus events at other venues as they are announced.

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

Ken Harvey

### **SEEND WI**

It is hard to believe that a year had passed since our last Annual Quiz. However, at our October meeting we were once again challenged by our Quiz Master Chris Downham with both easy and tricky questions. It was good to see friends from the village participating in this event. Members also enjoyed some delicious birthday cake, baked by Anne Ewing. The evening ended with a raffle and Chris was thanked for making it a fun-filled evening.





We are looking forward to our next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November, when Petra Schruff will give a talk and demonstration on “A German Christmas”, which should get us all in the festive spirit. This will be at our new winter time of 2.30 pm.

The Craft and Chatter Group will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Bring our own craft and enjoy a chat, cup of tea and piece of cake.

If you are not currently a member of WI but are interested in finding out more, do contact us and we shall be pleased to share our future plans with you. Non-members are always welcome and can attend one meeting without any obligation.

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

Joyce Harvey

### **SEEND 100+ CLUB**

#### October Draw

- 1 No.104 J Townsend £50
- 2 No.162 J Hutchinson £25
- 3 No. 22 D Duparcq £25
- 4 No. 1 L McMillan £15
- 5 No. 18 R Lewis £15

Thanks to everyone at The Brewery Inn who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley



### **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

On the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October 19 members headed to Minehead for the weekend. How lucky we were with the weather, Friday was sunny for a lovely walk along the sea front and the old harbour. Saturday was a beautiful sunrise and, despite one shower, the rest of the day was sunny.

The walk on Saturday was an eight mile circular starting on Exmoor just above Minehead, heading to Selworthy Beacon for a group photo (see the online colour supplement) and on to the village of Selworthy for a coffee/cake/lunch stop at Perrywinkle café. From there a steepish climb back up onto the moor and a lovely route back to the beginning. Another sunrise greeted us on Sunday and we headed inland to complete a 4.5 mile circular walk starting at Maunsel Lock on the Taunton to Bridgewater canal, walking through the village of North Newton and back to the café on the canal for coffee and a piece of Bob's bread pudding (see the theme of walk and café!!!) A very enjoyable weekend with great walks and company.

**Next walk Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November** at 10am from Holt village hall car park. Email will be sent round with full details. **December Walk Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 10am. Members will be notified in the usual way when details are known.

Sandy, 07835450892

## **SHUTTLE NEWS**

Many apologies to those of you who wished to go to Salisbury on October 5th. Having encouraged you in last month's Spotlight we found a forgotten booking for that Wednesday made when the Salisbury trips weren't happening. As it was to the airport it wasn't something that could be postponed! We will definitely be going on November the 2nd and December the 7<sup>th</sup> so please phone 828757 to book a place. Thanks, Anita.



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

Rehearsals of 'The Frog Prince or Sleeping Beauty: the Sequel' will soon be underway. Expect the usual slightly loopy take on traditional panto – with plenty of audience participation and fun. Performances are on 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February next.

## **SEEND BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

The baby and toddler group runs 09:00 - 11:00am Wednesday mornings in term time at the Pavilion. We are an informal group with lots of toys and games, soft play and sing a long's for the children, and lots of tea and coffee for the parents!

Come along and try your first session for free, (usually £1.50 for the first child and then £1 for others). Welcome from newborn, no booking required.

Ele Braney



## **SEEND PLAYGROUP**

It was lovely to welcome parents and grandparents in to play with and watch the children. We also sang songs together and the children gave their grandparents a bookmark they had made for them.

Thank you to parents and committee for making cakes and serving tea, coffee and cake. We raised £43 for Macmillan and Liz took it to the Community Centre to go with the money they had raised.

The photographer came in on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October and took photos of the children with Santa hats on ready for Christmas.

The children picked up acorns that have fallen off the oak trees in the Lye Field. We have seen squirrels collecting acorns so we were lucky to find any. We hope to watch the acorns get roots and hopefully will be able to grow them into trees.

We return on 31<sup>st</sup> October after half-term holiday. Our topics this term are autumn/winter, autumn festivals and Christmas.

Rose Dick (Playleader) 01380 828003

## **F.O.S.S.**

Foss would like to say a huge thanks you to Tabby Stockham for working with us and helping to fund a pair of brand new football goals for the school to replace the old broken ones. They look fantastic and we hope the children will get a lot of use from them.



You may remember she did some fundraising over lockdown doing various things, including organising a raffle. With the money raised she has created a fund for the village, and from the fund, has covered half the cost of the goals, with the school and Foss funding the rest. Photo included in the colour supplement.

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **September PC meeting**

Attendance - Six Councillors: Apologies Mr Terry James, Mrs Pamela Akerman, Mrs Carol Dickinson, Mrs, Jackie Hamblin, Mr Martin Wiltshire

Cllr Reay provided the following update on local matters

**Wiltshire Council Supports Residents with Cost of Living:** The Council is taking action to support people across Wiltshire with cost-of-living issues. Assistance has been provided to residents through schemes such as the Household Support Fund (£2.7m to vulnerable households), the Energy Rebate to residents in Council Tax bands A-D and the School Holidays Activity and Food programme. The Council is focused on supporting residents, businesses (including schools) and Wiltshire Council staff. Area Boards are being asked to work with their communities to ensure local support is in place for the most vulnerable, including food banks. The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub will support residents with financial wellbeing concerns. The 09:30hrs restriction on concessionary fare bus passes has been lifted, thus supporting the elderly and vulnerable to access essential services, and Warm and Safe Wiltshire will continue to offer free and impartial energy advice to reduce fuel poverty.

**Strategy for Helping People with Mental Disabilities Enjoy Fulfilled Lives:** The Wiltshire Independent Living Strategy maximises the independence, choice and control for people with a mental health condition, learning disability and/or autism spectrum condition by providing the right accommodation and support in the right place at the right time. The strategy will reduce dependence on residential care and ensure people are supported to live independently, with their own tenancy wherever this is possible. This means developing new supported accommodation and providing innovative, flexible care to enable people to live in the community.

**£1.3m Extra Funding to Tackle Substance Misuse:** The Council has secured additional funding to tackle illicit drug use, including enforcement, diversion, treatment and recovery. Funding is in addition to the core substance misuse services already delivered in Wiltshire. The funding will ensure enhanced focus on improved outcomes for young people and adults substance misuse services - with a particular focus on the transition period to adulthood and criminal justice.

**Electric Vehicle Charging Points:** Steve Vaux gave an informative presentation on the opportunity to obtain a government grant towards providing community charging points. The scheme known as the On-Street Residential ChargePoint Scheme (ORCS) requires applications to be submitted before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. It was suggested the initiative may need to be owned by one of the Parish Councillors. Details of the scheme have been circulated to all Parish Councillors and this topic will be an agenda item at the next parish council meeting. Councillors should consider residential areas which might be suitable for these charging points so that assessments can be requested on the most appropriate at the November meeting.

**Bus Stop at Padfield Porkies:** Wiltshire Highways are considering a potential opportunity to provide an additional bus stop on A365 west of Sells Green to better meet the needs of local residents.

**School Travel Plan:** Cllr Reay has contacted the school to arrange a meeting to complete the Plan.

**Damaged Stile in Row Lane:** The Chairman agreed to liaise with Seend Footpath working Group / Land Owner to resolve this issue.

**Berhills Lane:** The hedge behind the parking area adjacent to the junction of A365 has overgrown to the extent that vehicles are partially parking on the road. Due to the traffic speed in this vicinity, it is potentially causing a danger. The parish council will contact the land owners.

### **Local Highways & Footpath Infrastructure Group (LHFIG)**

The next LHFIG meeting is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**School Access:** The Parish Council has made two requests to meet with the School Authorities, both have been declined. Despite the meetings being declined, the Parish Council will continue to try and convene a meeting with the School Authorities to review the school's insurance issue with public access and the possibility of a fenced pathway through the school grounds. The Parish Council will also contact Salisbury Diocese who are the owners of the school land. However, without formal support of the School Governors and Friends of Seend School (FoSS) it remains unlikely the Parish Council will change the decision of the School Authorities.

**Inmarsh High Friction Surface:** The Parish Council accepted Wiltshire Highways recommendation not to place additional signage in the vicinity of the crossing as it resides within the 30mph village restriction. Highways also advised that they would not consider deploying mirrors as there are potential liability issues associated with them as they can get dirty / covered in condensation etc. hence there will be periods where they aren't able to serve the purpose intended.

**Community Speed Watch:** Volunteer training continues.

**Bollands Hill Traffic Survey:** The survey took place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October and the results will be reviewed at the next Parish Council meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**Rusty Lane:** Highways advised the earliest date for resurfacing Rusty Lane will now be early December. Highways are also looking to improve the surface drainage and remove dead trees at the lower end of the lane.

**Bradley Lane Bridleway (SEEN6):** Wiltshire Highways have been asked to provide guidance as to how part of the existing Bridleway from Rusty Lane to Spiderweb Paddock can be upgraded to a cycle path.

### **Planning Matters**

**PL/2022/06119** - New House Farm, Seend - Improvement of farm and house access off the A365 and creation of farm and residential access track with closure of existing access.

**Resolution:** The parish Council approved with the following comments:

The Parish Council noted Highway's concern regarding the excessively large splay/apron. However, there are large splays/aprons elsewhere within the parish. This is a working farm and the new entrance would be on non-productive land. If the owners enlarged the existing entrance as suggested, they would have to give up some of their garden / play area. The owners want to make it a safer place for their children

and wish to separate off the agricultural vehicular access so vehicles can manoeuvre away from the house and front door. This appears not to have been acknowledged as a consideration. To extend the existing entrance would not alleviate the safety of the children or pedestrians as agricultural vehicles and HGVs would continue to travel close to the front of the house.

**PL/2022/06445 & PL/2022/06765** (Listed building consent) – Seend Head House, - Conversion, repairs and upgrade to single storey outbuilding from garden stores to home office

**Resolution:** The Parish Council approved this application with a Condition that the outbuilding remains ancillary to the main house. As the building is Grade 2 listed – renovating the outbuilding would make it safer and improve its visual appearance. It would bring a new use (studio) to a redundant building whilst both improving and enhancing its safety and sustainability without detracting from the historical aspect of the main house or character and appearance of the location.

**PL/2022/06821** – Wyatts Leaze, Trowbridge Road, - Proposed garage/storage

**Resolution:** The Parish Council approved this application with the Condition that the garage remains ancillary to the main house.

**PL/2022/06853** - Rew Farm, Trowbridge Road, Seend Cleeve, Seend, - Notification for Prior Approval under Class Q for a Proposed Conversion of Agricultural Building into 2 New Dwellings.

**Resolution:** The Parish Council approved this application noting the Public Protection comments.

**PL/2022/07010** - Parking Area Dial Close, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6NP - T1 Cherry & T2 Sycamore - Dead wood and crown thin, Crown raise to 3m of footpath 5m of road

**Resolution:** The Parish Council approved this application

**Tree Maintenance – Dial Close:** The Parish Steward has cut back the lower branches overhanging the road entrance and the Clerk has raised a request to Wiltshire Highways to tend the larger overhanging limbs. The tree work adjacent to the School Boundary has been scheduled for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**Bike Racks:** A new bike rack has been installed between the Community Centre parking area and Tennis Courts. Two Bike Racks have been installed adjacent to the Play Area in the Lye Field. The remaining racks are due to be installed adjacent to the Telephone Box next to the Three Magpies Pub in Sells Green.

**Seend Cleeve Telephone Box:** The Parish Council was advised that Mr and Mrs Bond have cleaned and painted the telephone Box in Seend Cleeve. All the Parish Councillors expressed their appreciation of the work undertaken.

**Parish Steward:** The following work has been requested

- Overhanging Tree on SEEN49 - Cut the lower limbs of the overhanging tree on this bridleway.
- Give Way Sign at the junction of Bolland's Hill and Bell Cross Roads to be straightened and adjacent overgrowth trimmed.
- Litter pick of the hedge adjacent to Layby on A361 west of Seend Fork

**Annual Precept Meeting:** The Precept meeting has been rescheduled and will now take place on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** at 7pm in the Kennet Room at the Community Centre (Only members of the Precept committee are required to attend).

**Community Land Trust Development Site – Seend Cleeve:** The new development in Seend Cleeve will be called Hook Hollow in recognition of the people who provided the land. The landowner has given consent.

It was noted additional scaffolding will be deployed on site from 10<sup>th</sup> October. This scaffolding will be approximately 2 meters higher than the actual new building structure and will support a temporary cover to ensure the work area below is kept dry. The CLT AGM will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> October in The Pavilion.

**Finance:** Bank Reconciliation to end of July 2022 - **£34,908.68**

**Date of next meetings:** 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and 29<sup>th</sup> November. Meetings commence at 7pm

A full copy of the minutes is available on the Parish Council Website.

## **NURTURE NATURE NOVEMBER**



John Keats, 1795 – 1821, died in Rome of TB -

one of the great Romantic Poets, and many readers will be acquainted with his seasonal poem ‘Ode to Autumn’: ‘Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness...’ At this time of year the intricate and beautiful webs spun by countless spiders are wonders to behold, especially when glistening with dew drops like tiny jewels. Please try not to disturb them. If the light is good take photos of them and maybe use these as screensavers on your phones, if lucky with a spider on them. Please, also, if you are cleaning the house try not to vacuum them up. Spiders are an integral and necessary part of our environment. They will help to keep your windows and other areas clear of pests. We have no dangerous spiders in the British Isles. Another seasonal reminder for Guy Fawkes Day, 5<sup>th</sup> November – as well as remembering this historic event of 1605 please remember to check your bonfires before firing them for any hibernating hedgehogs. This treasured friend of gardeners is fast declining, year on year.

Due to man’s destructive interference with nature down the ages there are countless declining species of all kinds. However the current dearth of birds in our gardens and green spaces is more to do with seasonal change. Birds ‘decamp’ from our gardens to gorge on the plentiful harvest in the countryside – seeds, fruits and late hatching insects. Once the weather gets colder and the days become shorter they will return to our bird tables and berried garden shrubs, holly ivy etc.

Many seasonal summer migrants have departed for warmer climes, but you might still catch a glimpse of the odd one or two, a wheatear, a swallow, a house martin maybe. One can follow the autumn migrations on the BTO’s Bird Track website, and you can also put your own sightings on there. Now is the time to watch out for wintering migrants, such as redwings and fieldfares which fly to the British Isles from Iceland, Scandinavia, Finland and Russia to escape their colder climes. Redwings are particularly nomadic. Leave fallen fruit on your lawn or any part of your garden for



them. Should the weather be particularly severe in Scandinavia especially, you might be lucky enough to have the strikingly beautiful waxwings feasting on your rose hips.

Consider planting flowers to bloom for each month of the year, this month is particularly good for cyclamen. These little plants are adaptable and hardy and thrive in shady areas, around trees and in rockeries. They come in many shades of pinks, reds and purples with white too, and are often scented. During the winter months try to leave plants unpruned if possible, until springtime. The coming months are the right time to plant many trees, shrubs and bare root roses.

So, make a promise to Nature this Autumn and Winter, plant seasonal bulbs and flowering shrubs, build homes for hedgehogs, erect nest boxes, promise a future for your local wildlife as the Wildlife Organisations have asked us to, also increase natural food sources and conserve habitats, plus erect bird tables and feeders. Encourage children to make your garden a safe haven for wildlife. We must give nature a helping hand, make bug hotels, dig ponds, plant for bees, birds, bats and make your piece of the environment a safe space for wildlife. Go to it!

Otis Tarda



Every burglary victim knows the impact is deeper than simply having your possessions taken. Burglary violates a safe space and you expect the police to respond appropriately when you report it. Sadly, that expected police service when you are a home burglary victim has been severely lacking in recent years. This is consistent across the UK - not just in here in Wiltshire. That is why I am pleased Wiltshire Police have now pledged to attend every home burglary. It's a leap in the right direction.

The force is already providing this in 88.7% of cases but this extra effort should help to increase victim satisfaction, preserve evidence sooner with increased prosecutions. Residents tell me they want police officers to do the basics right: good, quality investigations which result in locking the bad people up, protect the vulnerable and care about victims.

Wiltshire Police's home burglary further action taken figures, where a suspect is identified, charged or cautioned, is currently at 3.9% on a rolling 12 month average. This isn't good enough and I have been clear in letting our Chief Constable know this – and he agrees. By improving how officers deal with home burglary victims should not only increase those figures but also, and more importantly, will positively impact on the public's confidence and trust in the policing service they receive. I will be directly scrutinising this commitment and challenging them to show that effective, quality, investigations are taking place.

I have also asked senior officers to explore if it is operationally possible to extend this commitment to all non-dwelling burglaries, like rural outbuildings and sheds. As ever, this will be a delicate balance but aiming to provide the policing service our communities want is vital.

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Wiltshire's fight against illegal hare coursing is being helped by new specialist equipment which makes it easier to spot criminals. The cruel bloodsport where bets

are placed on dogs to see which one will chase and catch a wild hare first, is usually streamed online to audiences of thousands across the world. Criminals gambling on the events have been shown to have links to activities such as major drugs operations and modern day slavery.

As part of these pursuits, violent threats are made towards landowners and tenants as well as damage costing thousands of pounds being caused to crops and property. Now, the team has been kitted up with thermal imaging drones and telescopes to make spotting them a lot easier.

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## **BITS AND BOBS**

### **Wiltshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers**



Annual Christmas Craft Fair - Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd December 2022  
10.30 am-4pm at St Mary's School Buildings, High Street Steeple Ashton  
BA14 6EU (behind the Village Shop) for hand sewn, hand woven and knitted  
items, cards, decorations and soft toys, all handcrafted by our members.

Charity number: 1168349. [www.wgswd.org](http://www.wgswd.org)



### **THE EDINGTON ARTS ADVENT CONCERT**

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

Tickets are on sale now from Chrissy on 01380 831256, or by email from  
[sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org); they remain at £20/15/10 with 18 and under coming free.  
Edington Angels have a 10% discount. More details in the Dec/Jan edition.



### **AN ILLUSTRATED TALK WITH MUSIC; 'COMPOSING IN A TIME OF TYRANNY' WITH ANDREW NEILL**

10<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in St James' Church, North Newnton, Pewsey SN9 6LA

Discover how Richard Strauss, then Germany's leading composer, coped with the  
Nazi regime and Russia's greatest composer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Dimitri Shostakovich,  
composed and survived the ever-present threat of 'the knock at the door' during the  
time of Stalin. Programme will last 90 minutes with a short break for refreshments.  
Proceeds in aid of St James' Church Tower.

**Tickets: £10** Contact Jennifer Brisker 01672 851925 or email [jbrisker1@aol.com](mailto:jbrisker1@aol.com)



### **The eleventh CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR in aid of The Soldiers' Charity**

Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> 10am To 2pm Market Lavington Community Hall  
Lots of stalls featuring handmade crafts and produce' Tombola! Coffee & cakes!

Free Entry - Donations to The Soldiers' Charity

For more information or to book a stall

please contact Sue Bonney on 01380 812757 or email: [thebonneys@waitrose.com](mailto:thebonneys@waitrose.com)

**‘A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER:  
A HISTORY OF WOOL AND THOMAS HELLIKER’  
St John’s Parish Centre, Church Lane Trowbridge BA14 0EH  
Friday 11 November 2022 - 6.30pm for a 7pm start**

Helliker was hanged for allegedly burning down Littleton Mill in 1803. This will be a fascinating evening of talk, slides and traditional folk song chronicling the history of the woollen industry in and around Trowbridge from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Presented by Rosie Upton (also known as Rosie MacGregor). She has a wealth of knowledge on this subject and the radical history of the area.

Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. **£6 per person**

**Melksham & District Flower Arrangement Society  
meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 2pm  
in Seend Community Centre**

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



**Vacancy for Marlborough & District Talking Newspaper (M&DTN)**

The M&DTN seeks an Honorary Secretary. This very important role includes the normal secretarial duties such as: organising the AGM, in a normal year our only meeting, taking minutes, managing correspondence, updates, and keeping records of the Membership and similar administrative responsibilities, using computer programmes and data bases. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact either the Chairman, Madeline Wilks on 07770632244 - [madelinewmwilks@gmail.com](mailto:madelinewmwilks@gmail.com), or the Volunteers Officer, Susan Elks on 01672 511612 - [susanelks@rocketmail.com](mailto:susanelks@rocketmail.com)



**Helping hands needed in Julia's House team**

Are you looking to make some new friends, support your local community or build your skills? Volunteers are being called on to join the Julia's House team and help out at the children's hospice charity's shops across Wiltshire. If you are interested or would like more information, contact the Julia's House Volunteer Team on 01202 644220 / 07748 684043 or [volunteer@juliashouse.org](mailto:volunteer@juliashouse.org)

Do have a look at our online colour supplement ([seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk) and click on Spotlight then on November colour supplement) for photos of Macmillan Coffee Morning, FoSS's goal, Seend Ramblers' away weekend and more!

**And finally .....**

There were many more Knights of the Round Table than the well-known Sir Galahad, Sir Lancelot and the rest. One lesser-known Knight was Sir Prise, who often turned up unexpectedly.



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

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

**Irene Usher Pavilion** bookings – [www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html](http://www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html) or 828970

**Bulkington Village Hall** - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

**Seend Community Centre** – To contact please e-mail [seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com)

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

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

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

**Seend School** – 828334

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

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

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