SPOTLIGHT Seend & Bulkington



October 2022

DIARY DATES FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

- 28th Nosh & Natter lunch, Seend Community Centre 12 for 12.30pm
- 30th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am-12 noon

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 1st Macmillan Coffee Morning, Bulkington Village Hall, 11am—2pm
- 5th Seend Shuttle Trip to Salisbury
- 5th Bulkington Village Lunch
- 7th First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am
- 10th Bulkington Tea craft and chat group 2—4pm
- 10th Mobile Library, 9.40am Seend The Lye: 10.05 Seend Cleeve phone box 11.am Bulkington The Well Inn Car Park
- 12th WI Quiz 7.30pm at The Pavilion
- 13th RBL AGM and committee Meeting, 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre
- 14th Friends of Seend School, Quiz Night, 7pm in The Pavilion
- 17th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT
- 19th Seend WI Craft and Chatter 2pm The Pavilion
- 20th Community centre AGM, 7pm in the Village Room
- 21st Wear it Pink in Seend Community Centre 6pm
- 22nd Seend Wine Circle in Seend Community Centre
- 26th Nosh and Natter Lunch, Seend Community Centre 12 for 12.30pm
- 27th Seend CLT AGM, 7.30pm in the Pavilion members only
- 27th Bulkington Ladies group 7.30pm in The Village Hall
- 27—31st Halloween event in The Brewery from 6pm see facebook for details
- 29th Halloween Charity Event, 7pm the Community Centre
- 30th Annual Pumpkin Competition

DIARY DATES FOR EARLY NOVEMBER

- 5th November Bulkington Bonfire Night from 17.30
- 12th RBL 100th Celebration evening Seend Community Centre 7.30pm

Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?

Visit www.seend.org.uk, www.bulkington.org.uk and the Spotlight, Seend Com-

SEEND COMMUNITY LINK SCHEME

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

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

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

Telephone 07532 055560 - www.seend.org.uk/seend_link

WELCOME TO APRIL 2022 SPOTLIGHT

Time to put warmer clothes back on after a scorching summer and look back at the lovely days we have had.

You may have attended one of our many events in the village and met up with old friends, and made new ones.

To keep our wonderful facilities alive we need YOU. You, the sports person who uses The Lye Field. You, who brings your children, grandchildren to the play area.

You, who hires The Pavilion. You, who attends social events in the community centre. You, who hires the rooms/hall at the community centre. You, who uses the club at the community centre. A perfect place to meet up with friends and take your guests.

If we have a lot of volunteers to help each of the venues, then it would not take up too much of anyone's time. So please, please, come and help NOW. The AGM's this month are a good place to meet the present people who are doing the job.

Thanks to these facilities we can ~ Socialise, eat, drink, keep fit, ballroom dance, learn new things. Do yoga, art classes, table tennis, short mat bowls, skittles, cricket, football. And send our children to toddler and playgroups. Where would we do all this if our halls and field were to not exist?

Jan Field

Don't forget to look at the Spotlight online colour supplement onseend.org.uk.

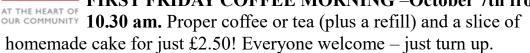
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EVENTS IN SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING -October 7th from







seend centre

> **NOSH + NATTER**– Fancy a home cooked lunch? Two courses with refreshments for £7.50. **Wednesday 26th October** - 12 noon for 12.30 Please book your lunch by calling Pauline on 01380 828638 (or if no answer on 828401).

SEEND WINE CIRCLE returns on Saturday 22nd October! Theme and ticket details will follow in due course. If you are not already on the mailing list, you can register your interest at



seendwinecircle@gmail.com or look out for their updates on Facebook.

New season, new you? The Centre hosts a number of fitness and dance classes each week. Tuesday mornings at 9.15 am is "BODYBLAST" with Emma - a fun way to keep fit, suitable for all abilities and ages, £5 per session. 07770 325000. Dance yourself fit at the popular "FITSTEPS" class on Wednesday evenings 7-8 pm (www.fitsteps.co.uk), there are BEGINNERS LATIN AND BALLROOM classes on Thursday evenings 7-8 pm £8 per session. All ages, no partner required. Or how about Yoga with Fiona? Wednesday evenings 7.15-8.15 pm. fiona@fionastanford.com

ANNUAL MEETING -Come along to our Annual Meeting on Thursday 20th October at 7 pm in the Village Room (upstairs at the Centre). Meet the Committee and hear our news. We look forward to seeing you then. All welcome.

Wear it Pink Friday 21st October from 6pm in the members' lounge bar, in aid of breast cancer research. Prize for best pink outfit. Pink nibbles on the bar. Suggested entry fee for those wearing pink £2. Suggested fine for those not wearing pink £2, so you might as well!

HALLOWEEN CHARITY EVENT SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER

Doors 7pm—£12.50 admission "Female of the Species Band" 7th Annual Fundraising Gig - this year in aid of Teen Talk Prize for the best fancy dress!

http://ticketsource.co.uk/FemaleOfTheSpecies or through the Box Office on our website www.seendcommunitycentre.com For more info on TeenTalk, https://www.facebook.com/TeenTalkWilts/

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

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SEEND EVENTS IN OCTOBER AND BEYOND



BREWERY INN OCTOBER EVENTS

October 27th—31st from 6pm Halloween Haunted Garden Enjoy the tale of Bloody Mary Sunday October 30th Annual Pumpkin Competition



Date for Your Diary

Saturday School - John Kendall on 'William Morris - Designer' from 10.30am-4.30pm on Saturday 26th November in the Peter Fisher Hall. Watch out for more info. **seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com**



Seend WI Craft and Chatter Group

Wednesday 19th October 2pm come for tea and cake, at The Pavilion Everyone welcome, you don't have to be a member of WI Contact Joyce Harvey 01380 828511

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VILLAGE INFORMATION

(Please let us know of any births, marriages, deaths, special birthdays, thanks, useful information etc that you would like to see included here. N.B. We are aware that not everybody we lose from our villages gets an obituary or notice printed here. We rely on information from friends and family for this to happen.)

Christian aid Week May 15th. - 21st. 2022 – To all who contributed to this house to house collection.

I received a letter from the Fundraising Officer at the end of the summer thanking me for my efforts in Christian Aid Week and the generosity and support from those living in Seend, Poulshot and Bulkington.. Without your contributions the week would not have been the success it was. So thank you again - this is the first Spotlight since the summer where I have been able to pass on this message from Christian Aid.

Best wishes, Dick Church, Local Organiser

SHUTTLE NEWS

Now many of you are back from your holidays don't forget our monthly trips to Salisbury on the first Wednesday of the month. It would be lovely to see some new faces on the bus. I already have seven places booked for the 7th of December so why not avoid the crowds and start your Christmas shopping early on the 5th of October or the 2nd of November. Give me a ring on 01380828757 to book a place and arrange where you would like to be picked up. Still only £5 return. Anita



The First Seend Fine Arts Exhibition

to be presented at the Community Centre

Friday to Sunday 5-7 May 2023

Full details to be announced in January 2023
If you would like to help with the running of the event please contact
Michael now on mdjmusic@gmail.com

Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion &

Seend Lye Field, Rusty Lane, Seend

Available for parties, meetings, sports events Book online now at: www.seendlyefield.org

Email: seendlrf@gmail.com

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SEEND LYE FIELD & THE IRENE USHER PAVILION

<u>Pavilion Upgrade</u> Phase 1 of the £50K pavilion upgrade has almost been completed. The work carried out included a complete rewiring & overhaul of the pavilion's electrical system, new lighting, new (double glazed) windows and doors along the field side of the pavilion, decorating most of the internal areas as well as some structural work to the exterior of the pavilion and laying a new power cable from the pavilion to the Tack Shed.

The Seend Lye Field Committee would like to thank all of the wonderful Seend and Devizes volunteers who stepped up to help out with the digging of the trench for a new tack shed power cable and the internal redecoration of the Pavilion. Without such a supreme effort and fantastic support, it would have been difficult to ensure that this year Seend Fete would go ahead. Support from the community involved over 400 hours of voluntary work on the Pavilion project alone.

There is a planned Phase 2 project for a further £50K, which will include upgrading the heating, hot water systems and kitchen to make the building more useable and energy efficient going forward.

<u>Seend Fete -</u> 2022 A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Seend Fete this year (including the Devon Devils Andy, Nick and Danny). Your help with collections prior to the fete, setting up the stalls, manning the stalls on the day and clearing up post fete, was just unbelievable. Over 30 breakfasts were provided to volunteers who helped set up on the Saturday morning. A mention also for Richard Walker who volunteered to organise this year's fete, when no one else was prepared to put their hand up. Without Richard coming forward, there would not have been a 2022 Seend Fete, so many thanks Richard.

Initial indications are the fete raised approx. £4K for the Lye Field and this money will go towards the pavilion improvements mentioned above.

<u>Right of Way</u> Dispute The dispute is still ongoing with our next hearing before the Judge on Nov 2nd. Following this hearing, I hope to be able to provide a more thorough update on where we stand and what happens next.

<u>Future of the Lye Field</u> As with so many other organisations within the village, the age profile of the Lye Field Committee is the wrong side of 65. All of the Last of the Summer Wine gang - the people who do so much maintenance work on the pavilion & playground area – are over 70 and some into their 80's.

We are a charity, responsible for the upkeep of the Lye Field and the Irene Usher pavilion. Headed by a group of Trustees but basically run by a committee consisting of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and a number of other committee members. After 8 years in the role, I have decided to stand down as Chair of the Lye Field along with Steve Vaux (as Secretary) at next year's AGM. This will leave a big gap that needs filling if the Charity is going to continue. Without a properly constituted committee, the charity cannot continue. This is a shout out to all villagers who want to see this valuable village facility continue and develop for the benefit of everyone (young and old) who live within the Seend Parish.

I realise that many parents with young children already have an incredible demand on their time. (Been there, had 3, got the T shirt) However, maybe there are some couples between 50 & 60, whose kids have gone off to university and are no longer working as unpaid taxi drivers, that would consider giving up 4 evenings a year for quarterly meetings and helping to keep the facility going?

If you are interested and want to find out more about helping to preserve this amazing village asset, please contact me by email – <u>ricellinger@hotmail.com</u> or phone 01380 828687 Ric Ellinger, Chair

Seend CLT News

Many of you will have seen the CLT affordable housing site taking shape with the foundations and blockwork for the 2 x 1-bed, 5 x 2-bed and 3 x 3-bed homes advancing daily. Some won't have the opportunity to view or visit the site so we've created a Seend CLT captioned image gallery of the work in progress on both Instagram (Seend CLT) and the CLT web site: https://www.seendclt.org/park-farm-construction-images.html The affordable passive homes are scheduled to be ready for occupation in July 2023. The two 3-bed shared ownership homes are likely to be advertised, ahead of their completion, from December 2022.

If you have a need for a CLT home, you will find useful downloadable information about housing allocation at: https://www.seendclt.org/how-to-apply-for-a-clt-home.html If you prefer to receive information by post please contact White Horse Housing Association on 01380 850916. or email at info@whitehorsehousing.co.uk. If you are new to the Parish, you are very welcome to join Seend CLT. Membership information will be found at: https://www.seendclt.org/clt-membership.html.

Finally, the date for the Seend CLT AGM is Thursday 27th October at 7:30 pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, Rusty Lane. Formal notification will be published and sent to members shortly.

Steve Vaux, Seend CLT

CHURCH NEWS

A farewell missive from Adrian Burholt

Curates come and Curates go. And sadly that is what is happening to this curate (curate = trainee vicar). This edition of the Parish Magazine seems like a good opportunity then to reflect on the past two years before I bow out in October.



As civil rights activist Maya Angelou famously said "People will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Well, you made me feel welcomed and supported and you have shown me real patience as I found my way around various aspects of 'the job'. For that I will always remember you and want to take the opportunity to say thank you.

Over the past two years we have lived through that pandemic that shall not be named and we've had more than our fair share of illness and loss across our team. In my first letter that I wrote when I started, I said that I was interested to see what the mystical source of all love (aka God) was up to in the area and seeing how I can join in. Well, there's been loads of things! We have set up our new group 'Quest' that meets every Saturday at 5:15pm to discuss matters of life and faith in a safe, informal and fun setting. Find out more here https://www.quest4faith.org and Messy Church, for younger people, is going great guns. We had a crazy soaking wet Harvest Festival, enjoyed Easter around a firepit, have been doing a lot more with our schools and have hosted Bishops from South Africa and South Sudan. All things that I could not have predicted, yet they did and it all turned out to be a lot of fun.

The single most important thing I've learned over the past two years is that whether people come to church on a Sunday or not, whether someone says they have a faith or not, whether a person used to be religious and now doesn't feel they are; that people are (in the main) kind, decent and caring towards one another. We only need to look to the community support schemes to see that in action. I personally can't believe that this loving attitude towards others, including strangers, is the product of some random set of helium molecules lining up in an improbably lucky way (like 1 chance in 10 with 70 zeros after it). I remain convinced that there is a source to that love, a thing that I call God, or a divine fountain if you like, that keeps on pouring out love in the midst of situations where love is often most absent (our response to Ukrainian refugees is but one example). So, whatever your relationship with religion or faith (they are not the same things by the way), keep tapping into the source of love through quiet time, meditation or prayer and, until we meet again, keep on doing all the amazing good that you are doing!

CHURCH NEWS

WELCOME! How important it is for us all to feel welcome, whoever we are and wherever we have come from...

I was officially welcomed by the communities and churches, in this lovely part of Wiltshire, on Wednesday 7th September in the Church of the Holy Cross in Seend. This marked the beginning of my time as Associate Priest in the Wellsprings Benefice... exciting!



The day before a new Prime Minister had been appointed, the day after (very sadly) the death of H.M the Queen was announced, and we had a new King.

However, I am unlikely to forget my first week, not only because of the events that took place, but also because of the welcome I had received.

So what does it mean to welcome someone? I like this definition, 'to gladly receive a person into one's presence or companionship, to greet with friendship and courtesy'.

It seems to me that the Queen was a great example to us in so very many ways, but especially in respect of her ability to welcome. What stood out for many was the way in which she was able to extend a welcome to all, regardless.

How good are we at welcoming people, into our communities, our churches, our schools and our lives?

Jesus was known as one who welcomed people who others of his time would have shunned...women, the disabled, the poor, those of other cultures and beliefs, backgrounds and class...the list goes on.

Being made welcome gives us a feeling of acceptance; being included helps us to find our place and purpose in life.

Thank you for welcoming me! It has been so good to have a chat whilst walking my dog (a red setter) joining in with village events, popping into the shop or waiting at the bus stop. I look forward to getting to know you and our villages better and in turn to welcoming you!

With Much Love, Revd Caroline O'Neill

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Harry A'Bear-Bazell on 4th September at Holy Cross, Seend.

<u>Funerals</u>

Pauline Brown on 1st August at Holy Cross, Seend. Nicholas Gray on 17th August at Holy Cross, Seend. Pauline Gay on 10th September at Holy Cross, Seend.

Weddings

No weddings this month.

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2022 The Parishes of Holy Cross, Seend, Christ Church, Bulkington and St. Peter's, Poulshot Part of the Well-Due to ongoing health issues within our ministry springs Benefice 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 2nd(Trinity 16)

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8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
11am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
Sunday 9 th	(Trinity 17)	
9:30am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot

Holy Communion

Evensong



Friday 14th

11am

6pm

6pm

3:30pm Messy Church Potterne Village Hall

Potterne

Seend

Sunday 16th(Trinity 18)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend	
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton	
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne	
11am	Holy Communion (including	g baptism)	Bulkington
6pm	Evensong	Poulshot	_

Sunday 23rd (Last after Trinity)

Evensong

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

Sunday 30th (All Saints Day)

Benefice Service Seend

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot Please join us at our new informal gathering called Quest every Saturdayat 5.30pm at Poulshot Village Hall. Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

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

NEWS FROM SEEND PARISH COUNCIL RAGWORT – STILL A PROBLEM

Over the summer Ragwort has been spotted on land around Seend and unless controlled could become a problem for the village.

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.

It's a problem as all parts of the plant are poisonous and are a hazard to grazing livestock. It is particularly a problem for cattle, horses, ponies and donkeys and if ingested is likely to lead to the death of the animal. 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.

For these reasons landowners are requested to be vigilant and remove plants from their land. Please note that all parts of the plant are toxic and protective gloves must be worn when handling the plant.

BULKINGTON NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: BULKINGTON'S MACMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 1st October 2022 - 11am - 2pm Bulkington Village Hall, SN10 1SW Come along, grab a cuppa, a piece of cake (or two) and have a good ole chinwag with friends whilst raising money for a great charity!

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

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

GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY (GBR)

On August Bank Holiday Monday, (August 29^{th)} the GBR was pleased to hold a public running day supported by the wonderful catering ladies from our village. A total of 52 trains went around the garden each of which carried up to six passengers. We had perhaps 200 visitors who enjoyed



our train rides and several gallons of tea together with hundreds of (mostly) homemade cakes. Our only expenses were the hire of our Village Hall. In total we were able to send the Wilts Air Ambulance (WAA) £344.70. Over the years I am proud to say that we have sent a total of £6238.65 to WAA. Nev Boulton tel. 01380 82810

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

Our meeting for October will be on Thursday 27th at 7.30 pm in Bulkington Village Hall. Ronnie, from Memory Bears in Devizes, will be telling us about her work.

There will be the usual bring and share refreshments and raffle. Liz Futter 828485



The Bulkington Village Lunch
Wednesday 5th October at 12.15 for 12.30 at The Well
Contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (828116)
New people are always welcome to join us
It is a good social event for the entire village and area

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday10thOctober 11.05-11.30am.



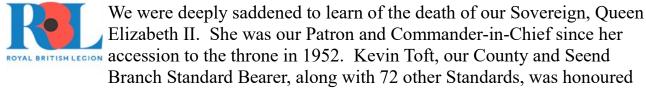
THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 10th October at 46A Bulkington the home of Phyl Yarde 828116.

New people always welcome. Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat.

Bulkington Bonfire Night Saturday 5th 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 and Facebook @bulkingtonfireworksSN10

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



and privileged to have been chosen to take part in the funeral ceremony on Monday 19 September.

This year Seend RBL celebrates its 100th anniversary and to mark this occasion we are organising a celebratory evening with Pete Lamb's Heartbeats on Saturday 12 November at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Tickets (to include a hot supper) will be £12, in advance, from Robin Heatley, Chairman, 01380-828491 or from Seend Post & Provisions. (Veggies and gluten free can be catered for, if notified in advance).

Robin and Anita Heatley, 26 Dial Close, will be the point of contact (01380-828491) for collection of poppies and boxes. Poppy collectors can join the get-together at the First Friday coffee morning on Friday 7 October at 1030am in the Community Centre so we can discuss collection of poppies/tins.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 13 October, 7.30pm, Community Centre, Seend – AGM and committee meeting.

Anita Heatley, Seend Branch RBL/PR

SEEND THEATRE CLUB

Members enjoyed a coach outing to the Watermill Theatre, Newbury on Tuesday 6th September to see the musical "Whistle Down the Wind". We were impressed by the versatile cast and especially with the child actors in the performance. Having supper in the restaurant beforehand enhanced the experience and made the evening complete.



Our final trips this year are to a matinee performance of "The Mousetrap", by Agatha Christie, at Theatre Royal Bath on Wednesday 23rd November and an evening performance of Handel's "Messiah" at Bath Abbey on Friday 2nd December.

Looking ahead to 2023 our first booking is for a performance of "Ladies Day" on Thursday evening 2nd February at the Wharf Theatre in Devizes. This is an amusing play performed in our local theatre which deserves our strong support.

Other events for 2023 are under active consideration and the Committee will announce details in due course. 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

We were all treated to a wonderful talk on the re-introduction of the Great Bustard to Salisbury Plain given by Dave Waters. After much negotiation the first birds were brought over from Russia, with stock later coming from Spain. The success of this project owes



stock later coming from Spain. The success of this project owes much to the dedication and determination of like minded people over many years, together with a great deal of co-operation from local farmers in the area. Members were interested to learn that Cotswold Wildlife Park participates in the scheme by hatching Bustard eggs when required. Numbers of these amazing birds have been steadily rising and there are around 100 now living on the arable fields on the Plain. Looking ahead to our next meeting on October 12th October Chris Downham will once again test our knowledge in our Annual Quiz. It is open to everyone and promises, as always, to be a very enjoyable evening. Nibbles and cake will be provided but please bring your own drinks!

Members had voted to hold our winter WI Meetings from November to February in the afternoons commencing at 2.30 pm. The rest of the year they will largely be held in the evenings at 7.30pm.

The Craft and Chatter Group will be on Wednesday 19th October 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 at 7.30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise notified. For more information, please contact Joyce Harvey on 01380 828511 or check

www.seendwi.weebly.com.

Joyce Harvey

SEEND 100+ CLUB

August Draw			September D	raw	SEEND'S MO
1 No. 187	T Southern	£50	1 No. 50	M Ridgway	£50
2 No. 105	M Stynes	£25	2 No. 154	J Field	£25
3 No. 14	P Church	£25	3 No. 66	S McCulloch	£25
4 No. 132	N Haines	£15	4 No 112	P Jackson	£15
5 No. 133	M Bromley	£15	5 No. 36	L Warren	£15

Thanks to the volunteers at the monthly coffee morning and the members of Bouncy Club who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Friday 5th August was our evening walk and picnic. We had a good turn out of 18 members walking from Box on a 3.5 mile circular walk towards Shockerwick returning to the park for 20 of us to enjoy a very sociable picnic on a beautifully warm summer evening. Thanks to Bob & Brenda for leading the walk.

Sunday 11th September, 14 members met at Semington, walked along the K & A towpath towards Hilperton and returned across fields and tracks, some members chose a slightly shorter route than the 6 miles. The walk was enjoyed on a lovely September morning, thanks to Colin & Reg for leading.



October 14/15/16 will be our weekend away to Minehead. Walks planned for the Saturday and Sunday.

Walk dates – Sunday 6th November, Sunday 11th December. Members will be notified by email of the details, if anybody would like to join us on any of the walks please give me a call on the number below. Sandy, 07835450892

<u>F.O.S.S.</u> Ways you can help our school.

We collect pre loved DVD's & CD's to make money for the school, any donations can be dropped off at the school reception during school hours. We also now collect used, branded ink cartridges and toners, drop off also in the school reception. Remember to keep donating your textiles in the skip in the school car park, and donating pre loved school uniform, which is passed on to students free of charge.

Please if you can sign up to Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising, select Friends Of Seend School as your chosen charity, and collect donations (cashback) for the school on your online purchases, it would really help.

We are holding a quiz night on 14thOct, starting at 7pm in the Pavillion, Chris Downham will be our quizmaster. Teams are 6 on a table and a charge of £20. This includes a cheese board on each table, there will also be a raffle on the night. Also a bar available. Please contact Ele Braney (07947867701) to book a table.

Seend Playgroup

"Thank you" again for the Community Centre for the use of the upstairs room and finding storage for us. We were able to get in the



Pavilion for the leavers presentation and we had a bouncy castle outside. Our last day was on Monday 25th July. Thank you to Nicky and Val for your hard work sorting the toys and equipment and getting it back into our cupboard. Also thank you to Chris for transporting the toys and equipment.

It was lovely to start back in September in the refurbished Pavilion. The children settled in well. We went blackberry picking and made blackberry and apple crumble. The children were pleased to see the Bee pictures back which they did for the Flower Show. Thank you to Julia and the Flower Show for the donation. We put it towards the mugs we had ordered the children in remembrance of The Queen."

Rosie Dick (Playleader)

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

August PC meeting

Attendance - 10 Councillors: Apologies Pam Akerman, Cllr Tamara Reay

School Travel Plan It was noted that Cllr Reay still needs to meet with the school to finalise the School Travel Plan

Inmarsh High Friction Surface The new surface has been installed by Wiltshire Highways

Queens Jubilee Canopy The Clerk has finalised a list of 340 trees to be purchased and the application has been accepted by the Woodland Trust.

Police Matters The Parish Council has been advised that following the retirement of PCSO Janet Gould, it is unlikely that the Parish Council will receive a tailored police report for Seend. It was therefore agreed this item will be removed from future agendas and covered in 'Items of Note' when any relevant information comes to hand.

School Access The Parish council received 29 letters from Parishioners supporting the reopening of the school grounds. The Ramblers Path Team advised if a path has been used by the public, without interruption, for 20 years, a right of way could come into existence. However, this requires unhindered access 24hrs/day, 7 days/ week. During term time the school grounds are closed to the public, hence this would count as an interruption so, the claim would most likely fail.

It was agreed the Parish Council would contact the White Horse Federation to try and convene meeting with the School's Director of Estates and Facilities, the School Governors, Friends of Seend School (FoSS), Church Authorities and interested Parishioners to see if a resolution could be found.

Rusty Lane The resurfacing of Rusty Lane has not commenced and the Clerk has been requested to contact Highways to establish the reason for the delay and when the village can expect the work to be undertaken.

Community Speed Watch Mr John Williams advised that two volunteers had completed their training and arrangements were being made for the remaining volunteers.

Bollands Hill Traffic Survey The Clerk has created a survey form and a date needs to be arranged. Highways have advised that it should take place over a 12-hour period from 7am – 7pm between Tuesday and Thursday during school term time.

Planning Applications

PL/2022/05795 - 1 Bath Road, Seend, Melksham -Demolition of existing side extension and construction of 2storey side and 2 storey rear extension and internal alterations.

The council approved this application subject to the impact of reduced light on the neighbouring property being taken into consideration.

PL/2022/05945 - Little Thornham Farm, Trowbridge Road, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6PQ (Full Planning Permission) &PL/2022/06239 (listed Building Consent)- Convert redundant farm stone barns into holiday let

The council approved these applications with a condition that the stone barns remain ancillary to the main house.

PL/2022/06146 - 16 Sells Green, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6RW - Ground & First Story Extension

The council approved this application

PL/2022/06434 - 3 SOMERSET CLOSE, SEEND, MELKSHAM, SN12 6QH - Rowan - Fell Oak - Lift crown

The council approved this application subject to a new tree being planted, being in a conservation area.

PL/2022/05955 - 2 HIGH STREET, SEEND, MELKSHAM, SN12 6NR - T1 - Holly tree – fell

As the closing date for this application was before the Parish Council Meeting, this application was reviewed and approved by the Planning Sub Committee.

Dial Close - Tree Maintenance Wiltshire Highways dispute the trees that border the School Grounds are on land managed by them. To expedite a resolution, the Parish Council requested quotes for an assessment of the work required on the trees that border the school grounds.

It has been identified that the two trees on the east side of the entrance to Dial Close are within the area of land managed by Wiltshire Highways. Highways have accepted responsibility and the Parish Steward has been asked to carry out an assessment and associated works. If necessary, the Parish Steward will enlist support from the appropriate Highways support groups.

Sandridge Solar Community Benefit Payment Mr John Williams confirmed delivery of the new racks and is making arrangements for their installation at the Lye and The Three Magpies. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to seek permission to install one of the cycle racks adjacent to the east bound bus (Devizes) bus stop in Sells Green.

Salt Spreader The Council viewed a second-hand salt spreader. However, it was in poor condition and not appropriate for the council's needs. It was agreed the Parish Council will continue to use the existing spreader for the coming season and review again next spring.

Allotment Review The Parish Council agreed allotment rents would remain at the current rate until 30th September 2023.

The next allotment rent review will take place in September 2023. The Clerk will write to the Allotment Holders.

Parish Steward The Clerk to chase Highways again for cutting of hedges and verges in Row Lane and also ask the Parish Steward to see if some of the easier work could be undertaken on her next visit.

The Clerk to request the Parish Steward trim the hedges adjacent to Lock Cottage where the Tow Path emerges onto the bottom of Bollands Hill.

Defibrillator Update Each of our 3 village Defibrillators requires a software update that can only be undertaken by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). The OEM will loan the Parish Council temporary Defibrillators and undertake the software update at no charge. The Defibrillators are located in the Telephone Box adjacent to the Three Magpies Public House at Sells Green, The entrance to the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion and in front of the Brewery Inn, Seend Cleeve.

Finance Bank Reconciliation to end of July 2022 - £35,960.78

Date of next meeting: 7th September 2022. Meetings commence at 7pm A full copy of the minutes is available on the Parish Council Website

A LIFETIME OF SERVICE AND DUTY

It could not have been more appropriate that the last public photograph of Queen Elizabeth II was taken two days before her death and was of her undertaking official duties. Indeed, she was performing perhaps her single most important duty: inviting a Prime Minister to form a government. Duty may be regarded as defining her reign. Outgoing and incoming Prime Ministers having to make round trips to Balmoral from Westminster in this second week of September 2022 was an indication both of continuity – Liz Truss is the Queen's fifteenth premier; the first was Winston Churchill – and change: in 1974 she flew from Australia to be in Buckingham Palace in time to receive the Prime Minister.

That it was always known this moment would come, has done little to diminish its impact for many of us. Along with Wiltshire Council colleagues, officers, and members of the public, I attended the Wiltshire Proclamation on the steps of old County Hall in Trowbridge on Sunday 11 September, and I was struck by the historical significance of the occasion. Following a minute's silence HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire, Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton introduced the event by saying, "This is a unique occasion. We are witnessing part of the fabric of our history dating back to the Middle Ages, to a time when this form of communication was the only official way that people heard such news." As I stood there my mind was taken on a kaleidoscopic journey through time, pre social media and 24-hour news, to the proclamations for Queen Elizabeth in 1952 and George VI in 1936, and earlier to the days when a stagecoach from London would have brought news of a new monarch to the people of Wiltshire.

Monarchs are accidental, are creations of circumstance, but some more than others. Initially she had no expectation of serving. One of the many remarkable aspects of the Queen's reign is that it came about, only because in 1936 her uncle, Edward VIII, declined to make the sacrifices required by his station, and abdicated. George VI passed the spirit of service to his daughter, and I am sure that many of us will have reflected on the speech which the then Princess Elizabeth gave from Cape Town on her 21st birthday when she promised, "that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong".

Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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Nature Notes Nurture Nature



In December 2020 our new King, Charles III, then the Prince of Wales, stated 'Humans should remember they are part of Nature, and stop exploiting it, to avert environmental and climate catastrophe'. Our King was well influenced by his father, the late Duke of Edinburgh, who was a well renowned conservationist worldwide, and he said, before he died aged 99 last year, that in his life time the world's population had tripled in size (in round terms from 3 billion to 9 billion people). An enormous increase over a relatively short period, in the life of the planet, that is. Rachel Carson, in her 1962 book 'Silent Spring', has been credited with starting the global environmental movement.

Nature is in crisis worldwide - but we can be lifelines for species on the brink of extinction. An example of this is the Fatu Hiva Monarch, a large black flycatcher resident on a tiny French Polynesian island in the Pacific. Just eighteen birds remain, and only four are females. Only forty years ago this bird was abundant in the island's native forests. But in the 1990s the population plummeted due to man's intrusions, with the introduction of black rats – often diseased – and cats – which went feral. The SOP (Save Our Planet) Manu ('Birdlife' in French Polynesia) has saved this superb species from extinction by controlling the predator rats and cats and protecting nests.

Current books on the environment are Annie Proulx's 'Fen, Bog and Swamp', a stimulating book about the importance of such areas for carbon sequestering peat land - and its destruction worldwide. So, we must stop draining the bogs! Some good news from our East Anglia fens is that restoration and flooding projects have heralded the wild trumpeting of cranes again, birds that are symbols of regeneration and peace. However, spare a thought for the wildlife of Ukraine, where Putin's war crimes of bombing and shelling of civilian areas and infrastructure are wreaking untold damage and destruction to wildlife. Finally, closer to home, we can improve our own environment by making space for wild life and understanding the value of green spaces, not only in rural areas but in urban spaces too. We can all play our part by helping to conserve our own spaces and areas. With Autumn approaching many feel it is time to cut hedges, lop trees, trim shrubs and generally remove what we consider to be untidy foliage. Before embarking on your big seasonal tidy up, try sitting outside on warm evenings just before dusk, and note where your garden birds are flying into their roosts. Try to leave plenty of foliage and berry bearing limbs for winter food, as the sustenance and shelter thus provided give vital protection against both inclement weather and predators. And a reminder to get that pond dug this year, which you've been meaning to get around to for years! You'll be staggered by the increase of wild life you've never had before, if you do! Lastly, as I write this on a lovely early sunny morn with the bees gathering nectar from the flowers of our Abelia grandiflora, why not consider planting such a shrub, or a winter flowering honeysuckle too - in memory of her late Majesty? Note that only single, or bell shaped flowers allow bees access to their nectar, not double ones.

Otis Tarda

Wiltshire and Swindon



I've now been 'in the job' of PCC for a year, and if there is one thing that's been made abundantly clear to me, it's that your confidence in policing is not where I want it to be.

Whilst there are clearly some exceptional individual officers, overall, there have been gaps in the service you receive. In the past year, I have made practical steps to address them, such as the purchasing of effective technology such as drones and ensuring more officers are deployed to the rural crime team. The damage done by crimes such as hare coursing, criminal damage and theft have a massive impact on the rural community and history shows that at times of recession, farms become targets.

I regularly speak to farmers and I'm all too aware of the reasons why you feel that reporting crime is not worthwhile. In my Police and Crime Plan, I've committed to ensure Wiltshire Police takes these crimes seriously and deals with them effectively. This is why I've taken steps to ensure the rural crime team has the capabilities and staffing it needs.

As part of this commitment, Wiltshire Police has introduced online crime reporting specifically for rural crime. The form takes about ten minutes and is picked up by the same people who answer 101 calls.

It's vital that to build up an overall picture and identif patterns of criminal activity, all crime is reported, no matter how small it may seem.

As this has only recently been introduced, I welcome your feedback about how the system is working. It's only through working together that we can stop these crimes from happening and make Wiltshire a safer place to live and work.

https://bit.ly/reportruralcrime

BITS AND BOBS

THE SEEND FUND - A REMINDER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

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

things: * Rent Payment * 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) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY.

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

White Horse Opera celebrates its post-pandemic return to the stage with a glittering production of one of the greatest of all operatic romantic comedies. Adina and Nemorino. Let Donizetti's endless supply of delightful melodies wash over you.

Lavington School 7.30pm Wed 26th, Fri 28th & Sat 29th October. Tickets £17.50 & £12.50 from Devizes Books and www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

The Philomel Singers AUTUMN CHORAL SPECTACULAR

to include a performance of Faure's Requiem Guest Choir: St Margarets School Chamber Choir

St.John's Church, Devizes Saturday, 15 October 2022 at 7.30pm

Tickets: £10 (£8 in advance), students £4 (£2 in advance) Ticket Secretary 07977 576647 or online from www.wegottickets.com/The Philomel Singers

Potterne Village Hall Management Committee invite you to their 14thAnnualArt Exhibition and Sale Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th Oct 2022 11 am - 4pm At the Village Hall, Mill Lane, Potterne **Entry £1.00**

CALL FROM CHORAL WORKSHOP: TENORS AND BASSES NEEDED!

The Edington Arts Choral Workshop on Saturday 22nd October is still taking applications on the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org More singers, are welcome, but we are

encouraging tenors and basses in particular to apply.

The workshop, to be taken by Simon Carrington, the two pieces to be worked on, Britten's 'Rejoice in the Lamb' and Elgar's 'Great is the Lord'. The assembled forces could do with more male support, so don't be shy!

Held at Edington Priory Church registration at 9.30am. Running to about 4.30pm, and there will be a final run-through at 5pm after tea and cakes, when singers' friends and families are invited to join the party. (No charge, but donations welcome).

The cost of the day is £25, £22.50 for Edington Angels, and £10 for students in full time education or training. This includes refreshments on arrival and mid morning, and hire of copies. Visit the website or email anne@edingtonarts.org for more information.



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Tony Hack

READING BETWEEN THE LINES: INCIDENTAL REFERENCES IN DOCU-MENTARY SOURCES FOR THE HISTORY OF BUILDINGS Steve Hobbs

> LISTED BUILDINGS OF NORTH DEVON David Carter



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.



Lavington Community Choir has returned to singing
We meet every Thursday at Market Lavington Community Hall
8 for an 8.15 start

We are always delighted to welcome new voices for a free introductory session.

There are no auditions, and you don't have to be able to read music.

Paula has some exciting ideas for this term's music and there's lots of enthusiasm for revisiting

'Cantique de Jean Racine' Gabriel Fauré
If you want to know more, please contact pboyagis@gmail.com
Website www.lavingtoncommunitychoir.org
Dates for the diary

Christmas Concert Friday 16th December 2022 Summer Concert Friday July 7th 2023 **Dauntsey's Choral Society** will return in September singing Handel's Messiah, under the leadership of Philip Pooley. The Choral Society welcomes new members and anyone interested is warmly invited to rehearsals. There are no auditions, and the theme is generally classical, featuring masses, oratorios and cantatas. In the summer term we explore short pieces and perform in local villages.

If you are not sure whether it is for you, please feel free to come along and give it a try for a couple of weeks, we are a friendly bunch! If you decide to join, subscription details will be discussed with you. Subscription is £25 for the autumn term.

We meet on a Monday evening from 7.30-9.30pm in the Old Hall (above the school dining hall). **The first rehearsal will take place on Monday 12th September**. If you are interested in coming along, please

email dauntseyschoralsociety@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you.

NGS GARDENS:

Amelia Tester the County Organiser for Wiltshire had great pleasure recently in presenting to Mrs Emma Amati of Dauntsey Park a sundial in recognition of the generous support that they and their garden have given to The National Garden Scheme for thirty years.

Dauntsey Park first opened its garden and parkland in 1929 through to 1983 and then there was a break until 2002, since then it has opened every year within the Dauntsey Village group. The total amount that Dauntsey Park's lovely gardens and Parklands have raised individually and within the village group for 30 years for The National Garden Scheme is £19,051.55. Quite remarkable.

An Illustrated Talk with Music; 'Composing in a Time of Tyranny' with Andrew Neill 10th November at 6pm

St James' Church, North Newnton, Pewsey SN9 6LA Discover how Richard Strauss, then Germany's leading com-

poser, coped with the Nazi regime and Russia's greatest composer of the 20th century, Dimitri Shostakovich; a natural melodist (as this talk will show), 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*

Tickets: £10 Contact Jennifer Brisker 01672 851925 or email jbrisker1@aol.com

Proceeds in aid of St James' Church Tower

And finally

What happened when the wheel was invented? It caused a revolution.

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

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Bell Tower Captain: L Murray 828513.

Irene Usher Pavilion bookings – www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html or 828970

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

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

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Seend Parish Council Clerk – Mr Chris Stirland <u>clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk</u>

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

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

Seend School – 828334

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

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

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

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Book Clubs - the original: June May 827169 / 07590 818750 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617

Cricket Club - Brian Hunt 828581

Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617& Seend Village Pantomime on fb **Fete**-see Lye Field

Flower Show -Julia White 01380 827082

Football -Jake Sainsbury

FoSS - Nick Collinge-Cubberley,

friendsofseendschool@gmail.com

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

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Lye Field - www.seendlyefield.org

Neighbourhood Watch -

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