

# ***SPOTLIGHT***

## ***Seend & Bulkington***

**Seend Fete and Flower Show**

**12th August 1-5 pm**



**On The Lye Field**

**In The Community Centre**

**(Parking on the Lye Field)**

**August & September 2023**

## **DIARY DATES FOR LATE JULY**

29<sup>th</sup> First 2023 Summer Saturday Breakfast, 8-10.30am

29<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Ladies Group

29<sup>th</sup> Evening of Mediumship, Community Centre, 7.30pm

## **DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST**

2<sup>nd</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch

4<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, 10.30 am Seend Community Centre

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

6<sup>th</sup> Walk Around Wellsprings

9<sup>th</sup> Seend WI Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> **Seend Fete and Flower Show**

14<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend, The Lye, 10.05am Seend Cleeve, phone box; 11 am Bulkington, The Well Inn Car Park

14<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Tea, Craft and Chat

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

19<sup>th</sup> Sausage and Cider Day The Brewery

19<sup>th</sup> **Deadline for advertising in Spotlight**

20<sup>th</sup> Walk Around Wellsprings

26<sup>th</sup> Saturday Summer Breakfast 8 – 10.30 am Seend Community Centre

28<sup>th</sup> Cricket Match on The Lye Field. Big Heads v Little Heads

30<sup>th</sup> Brewery Quiz Night

31<sup>st</sup> Bulkington Ladies Group

## **DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER**

1<sup>st</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, 10.30 am Seend Community Centre

1<sup>st</sup> School's Back BBQ, Community Centre, 6 pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Summer Breakfast

3<sup>rd</sup> Walk Around Wellsprings

6<sup>th</sup> Shuttle to Salisbury

6<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch

7<sup>th</sup> Quiz Fun Night, Irene Usher Hall, Seend

9<sup>th</sup> Ride and Stride

11<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Tea, Craft and Chat

11<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend, The Lye, 10.05am Seend Cleeve, phone box; 11 am Bulkington, The Well Inn Car Park

13<sup>th</sup> Seend WI "Fungi and its uses"

15<sup>th</sup> Dancing to 'the Pop Pickers' Seend Community Centre

16<sup>th</sup> **LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT**

17<sup>th</sup> Walk Around Wellsprings

27<sup>th</sup> Brewery Quiz Night

27<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter lunch club, Seend Community Centre, 12 for 12.30 pm

28<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Ladies Group

29<sup>th</sup> McMillan Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am - noon

## **WELCOME TO AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2023 SPOTLIGHT**



We have the lazy summer holidays to look forward to. And our fabulous Seend Fete on 12th August. Lots of entertainment, stalls, food and drink on The Lye Field. And don't forget the Flower show in the Community Centre. This is a wonderful showcase to impress us with everyone's talents of growing, arranging, crafting and cooking.

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the October 2023 edition (copy by Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September) can be emailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) or delivered to Seend Post & Provisions. Editors: Tessa Doe (07719 917814) Sue Isaac (828461) and Jan Field (827140). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to individuals – even if they have emailed you from their own email address – just in case they are not around. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401), Jan Field (827140) for printing and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising. Potential volunteer deliverers or printers can contact Fiona or Jan. **Lost emails:** Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. **If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring editors (see above) to check if all is well.** And please note the following. **When sending emails to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk)** please include the word **SPOTLIGHT** in uppercase to help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

**PDFs:** We cannot normally use PDF or jpg files of posters etc as they require a specific shape and space. Word documents (or compatible) – without any fancy formatting - give us the flexibility to adapt your wording and pictures to fit the space available. Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

## SEEND EVENTS IN AUGUST AND BEYOND



AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

### EVENTS IN SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS** on the 4th August and 1st September from 10.30am in the Lounge. Come and enjoy freshly made real coffee or tea (plus a refill) and delicious home-made cakes for just £2.50. Everyone welcome! No need to book.

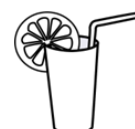


### **NOSH & NATTER LUNCHES**

Nosh and Natter is on a summer break. It will recommence on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please book in advance for lunch by calling Pauline on 01380 828638 (or if no answer 828401). Two courses and refreshments for £7.50— lovely home-made dishes prepared and served by the excellent N+N team!



**TGI FRIDAYS:** Every Friday from 6:30 pm. Club members and guests meet in the Members Bar. Come along and find out what's going on in and around the village. The popular First Friday of the Month Free Snacks has returned! First Friday dates are 4th August and 8th September.



**SEEND SUMMER BREAKFASTS:** The famous Seend Breakfasts will be held on Saturdays from 8-10:30am on the following dates: 29<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 19<sup>th</sup> August, and 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



### **Summer BBQ's – All welcome**

Friends of Seend School (FOSS) are hosting a – “Hurrah they are back at School” BBQ Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September from 19:00.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Royal British Legion Seend Branch present an evening with THE POP PICKERS on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm.** The Pop Pickers cover classic hits from 50s, 60s and 70s. Tickets are £13.00 and are available from Robin Heatley (telephone 01380 828491), Seend Community Centre or Devizes Books



**“Female of the Species”** Band playing on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 7pm. Tickets £12:50. Please book tickets through the following link [FemaleOfTheSpeciesBand](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/online-tickets/female-of-the-species-band) online ticket sales powered by TicketSource

**Oktoberfest** will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. Oktoberfest has always been a great event at the Community Centre. Tickets, which include a light supper, can be booked through the following link

<https://buytickets.at/seendcommunitycentre/957007>

**SEEND FETE 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST** on The Lye Field  
**FREE BREAKFAST!** To all volunteers from 8:00 am on Fete day.  
Young or old, all are welcome.



**HELP NEEDED!** If you can spare an hour or so on fete day to help run a stall to give someone a break, please contact me.

**WHITE ELEPHANT STALL** Please bring anything along to the pavilion on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 6pm to 8pm**. If you can't make these hours, or have difficulty getting to the pavilion, please phone 828970. We also need old books and toys. We are happy to accept any clean item, but no clothes or toilet brushes please!

**BOTTLE STALL** We will be collecting bottles for the Bottle Stall during fete week.

**TOMBOLA and GRAND DRAW** We are still looking for prizes for these stalls. If you have any goods or services you can offer, please let me know.  
We look forward to seeing everybody on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Rich 07702 868 863 seendnews@gmail.com



### **SEEND FLOWER SHOW 12TH AUGUST**

We are looking forward to your Flower Show Entries and your support this year at the Community Centre

Please contact us if you are able to help on the day, and see the Programme for entry forms. Copies will be available from the Community Centre and downloaded from our website: <https://seendflowershow.org.uk/>

Please return entry forms to Number 2 High Street, Seend or deliver to the Community Centre on Friday the 11th August before 12noon.

Julia When , Chair- SFS, 07904791743

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Seend Community Centre

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 10.30am-noon

Coffee and cakes – raffle – games – stalls.

Please come along to raise money for this much valued charity.

If you can bake a cake for us, call Pauline on 828638,



### **BREWERY INN EVENTS**

#### **Wednesday Quiz Nights**

**30<sup>th</sup> August and 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**19th August Sausage and Cider Day, live music,  
BBQ and Pimms Bar**



### **A not to be missed Cricket Match**

**on The Lye Field 28th August**

**in the morning**

**The Big Heads v Little Heads**



## **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.)*

### **Advertising in Spotlight**

Our Spotlight has regular adverts published in the middle pages of this magazine. A yearly charge is made for the ten issues. Now is the time to renew them.

No changes have been made since last year with the deadline being **19th August**. Charges: £50 per quarter page, £90 per half page, £155 for a full page.

**Please send your advert/s to [Spotlightads@btinternet.com](mailto:Spotlightads@btinternet.com)**

**Congratulations** to Tom Redman and Laura Field on the birth of their second daughter. Ivy Robyn was born on 27th July, a sister for Willow.

### **Please Don't Stray from Local Footpaths**

The Parish Council is asking local footpath users not to deviate from the parish's footpaths and byways by taking shortcuts across private property or farms fields. A local rights of way map is available on the Parish Council's Website / Wiltshire Council.

Click [seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://seendparishcouncil.co.uk) and select the 'About Seend' dropdown menu to choose 'Public Rights of Way', then follow the link to Wiltshire Council's interactive rights of way map. **Thank You**

### **Please Pick Up After Your Dog**

The Parish Council has been advised of a farm that has had a number of cows abort their calves this spring after being tested positive for Neosporin caused by eating grass contaminated with dog faeces. Following the abortion, the animals had to be slaughtered as they can no longer be used as breeding animals. For the farm it's meant an unexpected significant financial impact.

Please can everyone pick up after their dog in all areas including farm fields.

**Thank You**



**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)



### **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



## **Openreach Ultrafast Full Fibre Broadband**

For those of us that use the Seend Telephone Exchange for the internet then OpenReach are promoting an offer to move the Seend Exchange to Ultrafast Full Fibre. Each property and business are offered a voucher to support this scheme up to the value of £4,500 – this voucher is made available via the UK Government Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme.

The project has so far reached 5% of the required target. For the project to be undertaken a 100% funding pledge must be achieved.

### **If you are keen to have a faster internet connection, then please join the scheme.**

The Seend Exchange Project is open for 3 months in which time the 100% target must be reached.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE FASTER INTERNET PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD  
What To Do

You need to register your interest and commitment to taking Ultrafast Full Fibre OpenReach state: By pledging your voucher towards your community project with Openreach, you are agreeing to accept the scheme's Terms and Conditions. This includes an agreement to subscribe to an Ultrafast Full fibre service\* with your chosen internet provider, over our network, when the project is complete. Please read our "pledge terms" below to find out more.

\*minimum speed terms apply

Go the OpenReach website: <https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity>

Alan Lowman

*Openreach identified Seend exchange as being a strong contender for Full Fibre and is urging local people to take the next step by applying for and pooling together free Government Gigabit Vouchers to help fund the build. The project needs 165 homes and businesses to sign up.*

*Using the vouchers – which don't cost residents anything, enables Openreach to work with local communities to build a customised, co-funded network. The vouchers can be combined to extend the ultrafast, ultra-reliable network to premises in outlying rural areas which won't be covered by private investment. More details can be found on the Gigabit Voucher website -<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>*

### **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](http://www.seend.org.uk/seend_link)**

Dear Autoglym,

Having been presented with one of your company's complete product kits when I purchased my Honda Jazz a couple of years ago, I have to admit it was still pristine, unused and intact – until today.

Our village has a community minibus and each group that uses it takes it in turns to clean it once a month. This month was the turn of the Seend Theatre Club and as a member I volunteered along with some others to clean the Mercedes minibus – inside and out! I decided to unearth my Autoglym kit from the recesses of the cupboard under the stairs and take with me, not thinking it would serve much purpose as all the little bottles looked a bit lightweight to deal with a rufty-tufty minibus! Well, first someone said “has anyone brought any shampoo with them?” I looked in the case of Autoglym goodies and announced that I'd got something called Bodywork Shampoo Conditioner, a few titters went round the group! So a couple of capfuls was added to everyone's buckets and they began to brush down the 'bus from the roof downwards. The roof hadn't been cleaned for some time, it was filthy, bird poo and tree sap and all sorts! Gradually voices were calling out “here, this stuff seems to be doing the trick” etc. I found a wheel spray called Clean Wheels and set to work on the four filthy wheels and was amazed to see the silver paint appearing from the blackness! Then a couple of ladies asked if I'd got any window cleaner... “hang on” I said and whipped out another spray bottle. Then I thought I'd try the rubber and vinyl cleaner and found the bumper trims and side protectors were actually black and not grey! The interior plastic cleaner worked wonders on the dash and door interior panels. After a couple of hours we'd finished and the result was amazing. Now, I'm not saying it was all down to Autoglym – there was a lot of elbow grease involved too, however, I reckon it made our job a lot easier and gave better results than might have been achieved with a squirt of washing-up liquid and a damp cham- ois!

That's me in the turquoise polo shirt. I'm just off to spray something Autoglym on my car dashboard!

Any donations to our volunteer cleaning group would be much appreciated! It's the Historic Houses Club's turn in a couple of months!!

Best regards, Len Murray

*Good Afternoon Len, We hope this email finds you well. Thank you for contacting ourselves and for the great feedback regarding our products. We have organised a donation of some cleaning products to be issued to you to assist you with the good work both yourself and group members are doing*

*Kindest Regards Emma (Customer Service @ Autoglym)*

**SHUTTLE NEWS** Because of people going on holiday and our regular driver being incapacitated there will be NO SALISBURY TRIP IN AUGUST. Hope to have lots of you asking to join us on September 6th. Phone Anita to book a seat. 01380828757.





## CHURCH NEWS



### Tales of the unexpected

**Does life ever take you by surprise**, in a good way? Back in the dark depths of February this year, a new and unexpected friendship was born whilst I walked my dog in Melksham park. It was the Middle Eastern music, riding on the wings of the wind, coming from a mobile phone, that first drew me to talk to the young family close by. As the father sat on a bench and the children played on their bikes, I discovered they had recently moved to Melksham from Egypt, having first fled their home in Damascus, Syria.

Recognising and speaking a few words of Arabic myself, we managed to understand each other a little as the boys helped translate for their father, seeming to have picked up English a lot faster. Finding some common ground between us, we exchanged phone numbers and the rest is history!

Over the past few months we have visited each other's homes and shared food together as well as sharing in our different faith journeys together.

Our friendship began in Lent, for me as a Christian, moved into Ramadan, for them as Muslims, through into Holy Week and Easter and on into Eid. From sharing the breaking of the fast at sunset through Ramadan to enjoying the gift of Easter eggs, we have enjoyed friendship and fun together as well as sharing in our sadness's.

As the old African proverb goes, 'Eat and drink together: talk and laugh together: enjoy life together: but never call it friendship until you have wept together'.

Yesterday, we shared a car journey together as, stepping out of my comfort zone, I drove (in torrential rain!) to Easton in Bristol to shop, so my friend could bulk buy all the familiar foods from home to continue cooking traditional meals for her lovely family.

**Sometimes life can take you by surprise**, in a good way. Finding common ground, can lead to lasting friendships, if we are willing to move out of the familiar and step out of our comfort zones.

Talking of stepping out, do join us in our **Walks around Wellsprings**, fortnightly in August and September, with one also at the beginning of October (see flyer in magazine) It would be lovely to see you. With Every Blessing, Revd Caroline

### From the Registers:

#### Baptisms

Savannah Griffin at Christ Church, Bulkington on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

(Apologies, this should have appeared last month).

No weddings or funerals this month.

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.

## CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST 2023

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



### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 9)**

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

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 10)**

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

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 11)**

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

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 12)**

9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
4pm	Evensong	Poulshot
6pm	Holy Communion	Bulkington

### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

5pm	Celtic Meditative Service	Poulshot
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**Walks around Wellsprings** Join us for a short walk on Sunday afternoons starting and finishing at each of our five lovely churches within the villages which make up Wellsprings Benefice. Over the next few months we are hoping to appoint a new Rector to serve the people within our communities and we want to prepare the way!

Bring a dog if you've got one & children too if you have them, and we'll have a 20 - 30 minute walk and talk with pauses to reflect, pause & pray (if you want to join in) finishing up with tea, cake and a chat. Meet up dates below. We'll meet at **3:30pm** for a walk, followed by refreshments; 5pm finish.

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August:</b>	gather at <b>Holy Cross, Seend</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August:</b>	gather at <b>Christ Church, Worton</b>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:</b>	gather at <b>Christ Church, Bulkington</b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September:</b>	gather at <b>St Marys, Potterne</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October:</b>	gather at <b>St Peters, Poulshot</b>



We would love to see you!

Revd Caroline O'Neill, Wellsprings Benefice

## **CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER 2023**



### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> (Trinity 13)**

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

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 14)**

9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
9:30am	Harvest Service	Bulkington
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong	Seend

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 15)**

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

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 16)**

9:30am	Harvest Family Service	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
11am	Harvest Service	Seend
4pm	Evensong	Poulshot
6pm	Holy Communion	Bulkington

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

5pm	Celtic Meditative Service	Poulshot
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### **Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot**

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

Tuesday Group meets each week at 10am in Potterne. Call 723289 for details.

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

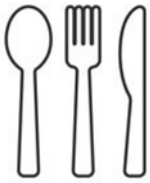
Join us on a bike, on foot or on horseback to keep Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future by raising money for your own church and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Contact Len Murray for more info and sponsorship forms to support your local church: Holy Cross, Seend on 01380 828513.

[www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk)

Charity Number: 1075598



## **BULKINGTON NEWS**



### **The Bulkington Village Lunch**

**The Bulkington Village Lunch takes place on**  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
at 12.15 for 12.30 at The Well.

Please contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (828116).

New people are always welcome to join us. It is a good social  
event for the entire village and area.

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

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at

46a Bulkington, the home of Phyl Yarde 828116.

The September meeting will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. New people always  
welcome.

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



The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11.05-11.30 am.

### **BULKINGTON LADIES' GROUP.**

Our August meeting is on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> at the slightly earlier time of 6.30 pm. We  
are having a BBQ at Mill Croft, by kind permission of Neville & Thelma Boulton.  
(Weather permitting.) Please bring your own food to BBQ. Our usual entrance fee  
will go to the Air Ambulance.

Our September meeting is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in Bulkington Village Hall.  
I am not sure what we will be doing but will send a message round nearer the time.  
There will be the usual refreshments and raffle.

Liz Futter 828485

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

We held the "100 Club" draw at the village lunch in The Well on  
Wednesday, 5th July, and the winners were :-



£30 No. 48	Ron Elliott	£20	No. 14	Sian Stables
£25 No. 59	Michele Gregory	£15	No. 13	Paula Quinn
£20 No. 52	Gina Grainger	£10	No. 12	Sue Noad
£20 No. 29	Robert Yarde	£10	No. 74	Peter Jackson

Congratulations to the winners!

This was the last draw for this year so thank you very much indeed to all our mem-  
bers for their support this year, our "100 Club" is going from strength to strength  
thanks to you.

Subscriptions are due this month please, ready to start another good year on the  
1st September.

Phyl Yarde

## **A Thank you**

Every month I read the helpful and interesting information that is in the Bulkington Parish Council Minutes. I read last month that Amy Powell has retired as Chair after four years in that post. This spurred me on to write this letter. I want to thank Amy, all the parish councillors and Hannah Becket, the Parish Clerk, for all they do for the village. The Councillors, past and present, are volunteers offering their time and expertise to our village. I know that this is not always an easy task and I, for one, am grateful for them taking on this role.

Yours, The Revd. Maureen Allchin

## **PENDING OFFICIAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING**

### **Monthly Parish Meeting – Draft Minutes**



Held Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington  
Village Hall

Councillors: Andrew Grabham (Chair), Alison Howard-Evans, Alex Breach and Carla  
Haslam,

Three members of the public were also present

**1: Apologies for absence:** Julie Anderson-Hill

**2: To Record:**

Changes to the Register of Interests: Amy resigned as a councillor. The team are very sad to lose such a dedicated and valuable team member and express their gratitude for all that Amy has done during her years as a key member of Bulkington's Parish Council.

There were no declarations of Interest in Agenda Item.

**3: To Receive a report** from Tamara Reay

- Potholes continue to be a focus for Wiltshire Council resources. If people see a pothole on Wiltshire's roads, they should report it using the **MyWilts** reporting system - either through the MyWilts smartphone app for Apple or Android devices or online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts)
- This week there was webinar on the strategy and policy used for fixing potholes by Wiltshire council – it can be found here: [Pothole webinar - YouTube](#).
- Police update: there has been an increase in antisocial behavior in Devizes recently – additional police are present to help manage this.
- The Non-emergency police number 101 is experiencing some call delays due to recruitment issues. The police request that reports are made online where possible. Devizes police station number is [0845 408 7000](tel:08454087000).
- Wiltshire Council now collects small rechargeable electricals. These items should be presented in a supermarket carrier bag by the side of your blue-lidded recycling bin, or blue recycling sack. Individual items should be no larger than a shoe box (so around 30cm x 20 cm or 12" x 8")

**4: Local Police Report:** Not received yet, Clerk to circulate when it comes through

**5: Open Forum:** Councillors met with potential new Councillor Philip Oakey

**6: Local Planning Updates:** None Known

**7: Minute Approval:** Meeting Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting in May were approved

**8: Finance:**

Clerk pay (May or June)	£325
Grass cutting	£228
Village Hall Hire Feb 22-June23	£150
Church grass cutting grant	£125
WALC subscription	£111.22

**Current PC Bank Balance: £12,186.27**

**9: Newsletter:** Councillors discussed what villagers would like to see in their Newsletter. Ideas were collected:

- Rec Ground updates and requests for help.
- Link to Wiltshire Council's questionnaire on buses and footpaths, potholes etc.
- Celebration of second place in Best Kept Village Competition.
- Plea to pick up dog poo.

**10: Recreational Ground:**

- Carla attended the Devizes Area Board this week and successfully attained a grant for £3k for Rec Ground improvement works. Plans are to use this towards the replacement of some of the equipment being removed like the swing and trim trail.
- Work on the Rec Ground starts on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 – THE REC GROUND WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE DURATION OF THE WORKS. This work will involve the removal of the swing and the trim trail. This equipment has not passed the safety tests for some time and needs to be removed for the children's safety. The new path and pergola will significantly improve access to the Rec Ground for all.
- Councillors recognize that the swing is a big draw to the park – replacement options are being investigated.
- Once the Rec Area is more accessible for all residents, a new gate will be required – costs for this are around £500.
- A community tidy up event in the rec after the works are completed was discussed.
- Councillors have previously discussed the name: The Bulkington William Breach Playing Field and agreed that the term Recreation Ground can unofficially be used as it opens up the use of the field to all villagers, rather than just those with young children. The planned works for June will further more make this area accessible to all villagers, and an even more valuable asset to the village than it already was.

**11: Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. The Clerk reported that she has not heard back from the Parish Steward regarding his next or last visit.

- A parishioner has reported that the bin at the bottom of Mill lane has not been emptied for quite some time. This has been chased and will be escalated due to lack of replies from Ide Verde.



## 12: War Memorial request:

- The Parish Council team have been contacted by Mr Rob Gaisford about the Bulkington war memorial since December 2022. Despite the Gaisford family paying for the plaque and the engraved War Memorial in 1920; the names and the rank of R S GIASFORD has been incorrect since installation. Mr Rob Gaisford expects the current precept paying residents to correct the error made in 1920. The War Memorial obtained Grade II listing status is 1968 which prevents unplanned, unauthorised work to be carried out.
- It is Bulkington Parish Council's duty to maintain the monument itself to the Grade II listing's requirements but Bulkington Parish Council does not have a duty or responsibility for the correction of, or omission of, any names or ranks. Therefore the below proposal and any counter proposals will be democratically motioned.
- **Former Councillor Powell - Proposal:** Bulkington Parish Council shall, in the event of the War Memorial requiring such significant restoration work that the engraved plaque requires removing, obtain additional quotes for the costs to replace the existing plaque with a new one with the rank Captain R S Gaisford, rather than replacing the current Grade II listed one. This will be in addition to the mandatory costs to the precept paying residents. The War Memorial Trust have previously confirmed that they will not financially contribute to the change of rank and fundraising for someone who has never lived in Bulkington by local residents will be challenging, therefore it will need to be an additional cost to the precept paying residents in the year the work takes place.
- **Councillor Grabham - Counter Proposal:** Bulkington Parish Council will conduct a democratic vote in the year preceding any significant works to the War Memorial on the increase required in the precept to cover the costs of the correction to the rank of R S GAISFORD, if the democratic vote concludes that the precept will not be increased to cover the additional costs, the family insisting on the correction must fund the works or the original plaque will be reinstated.
- **Councillors voted all in favor of Councillor Grabham's Counter Proposal** – including 2 members of the public.

**13. Recruitment:** We are currently recruiting for two Councillors to join the team, if you would like to put yourself forward, please email our Clerk Hannah.

## 14. Governance Documents:

Councillors approved a new Policy: Habitual or Vexatious Complainants.

Councillors discussed up dates of the following existing policies:

Standing Orders

Code of Conduct

Financial Regulations

Good Councillors Guide

Co-opting Policy

Privacy Notice

Risk Policy

Complaints Procedure

The Emergency Plan has been updated and refreshed.

15: AOB: Best Kept Village Competition: Thank you and well done to all who helped to make our lovely village even more beautiful for the Best Kept Village award, we came 2nd place in our category - congratulations Bulkington!

- The bunting around the War Memorial has been removed – this is a precept funded asset we plan to use again, please can this be returned to a member of the Parish Council.
- Bulkington PC will be joining Keevil PC for a wine and cheese night on Tuesday 25th July. Topics up for discussion will include:
  - Public Rights of Way and countryside access
  - The HMA and Local Plan – (The Wiltshire Council draft local plan will come out on 3<sup>rd</sup> of July for consultation. It will include policies in relation to planning and housing allocations.)
  - Dog poo strategies
  - Climate action

Alex, Julie, Alison and Hannah plan to attend.

**Next meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm**

## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

**SEEND WI** Question: What would you expect to see in a quintessential English village on a warm Summer evening?– Answer: Morris Dancers of course! This is what members were treated to at our July Meeting. “Hips and Haws”, based in Chippenham and led by Jan Field, demonstrated several dances originating in the North West of England. These were developed by girls who worked in the woollen mills. They wore clogs and shook spindles decorated with bells and ribbons. “Hips and Haws” have followed this tradition. It was mentioned that different areas have their own style. Seend members needed little persuasion to join in a dance at the end of the demonstration; our enthusiasm more than made up for our lack of expertise! The warmth and friendliness of the Morris Dancers helped create a very successful evening.



The meeting on 9th August will be a visit to Seend Churchyard at 2.30 pm to view the roses planted in memory of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh. A cream tea in the Church afterwards will be in place of the advertised picnic. Please note that the Craft and Chatter Group will not meet in August.

On 13<sup>th</sup> September the speaker for our meeting at 7.30 pm will be our own member Jean Drewett, with a talk entitled “Fungi and its uses”.

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. Normally our 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.

Joyce Harvey

## **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

Our most recent event was to see a performance of “The Merchant of Venice” performed by Shakespeare Live in the grounds of Cleeve House, with members enjoying picnics on the lawn beforehand.



For this particular production the cast members were in modern (1950s) dress, which came as a surprise to some and gave a new dimension to the classic Shakespearean prose. The drama unfolded with a very well played Shylock stubbornly demanding her pound of flesh from Antonio. The whole cast seemed to enjoy bringing the story to life on the outdoor stage as we, the audience, sat comfortably under cover.

Also in July the Theatre Club took a turn on the rota for cleaning the Seend Shuttle. We are very grateful to Pam and Dick Church for allowing our cleaning team to use their facilities once more.

Various outings for the autumn and next spring are currently being planned and advertised. As well as trips to Bath and Salisbury we have booked seats for HAMILTON in Bristol on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024. This trip has been opened up for the village so if you are interested please contact us on 01380 828511 as soon as possible.

It is also a pleasure to announce that two of our members, Chris Savage and Claire Reid, have joined the Committee since the AGM. We are delighted to have them “on board” to help with organising a good theatre going experience for our membership.

We always welcome new members and if you are interested in finding out more please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or email: [membership.seendtheatreclub@gmail.com](mailto:membership.seendtheatreclub@gmail.com) for an application form.

Ken Harvey

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

The cycle run along the Kennet & Avon canal on Mon 26 June has, so far, raised £3062.75 for the Battle Back Centre at Lilleshall.

Coming up:

**DANCING TO THE POP PICKERS** (50s, 60s, 70s music, including Abba, The Beatles, Elvis, Beach Boys, Elton John, Cliff Richard, Neil Diamond, Sweet, The Kinks, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Everly Brothers and many, many more) – **FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER** - 7.30pm, Community Centre. £13. Tickets from the Community Centre, Devizes Books or Robin Heatley 01380-828491.



This is a very popular band from Hampshire and we are lucky to have them play for us in Seend. Check out their website [www.thepoppickers.com](http://www.thepoppickers.com), their FB page and for a taster of their music, take a look on YouTube.

Come and join us. All welcome - you don't have to be a member of RBL.

Dates for Diary:

Annual Lecture – Sat 14 Oct, 7.30pm, Community Centre.

Next Meeting and AGM – Tue 17 Oct, 7.30pm, Community Centre.

Anita Heatley, RBL PR

## July Draw

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| 1 No.49  | H Hutchings £50 |
| 2 No.60  | A Moore £25     |
| 3 No.168 | D Crawford £25  |
| 4 No.154 | J Field £15     |
| 5 No.41  | L Morgan £15    |



Thanks to members of the Community Centre who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley

## SEEND TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

After an enjoyable and action packed Wimbledon, the Tennis Season is definitely not over for us! We have some great things coming up at Seend Tennis Club.

To keep your kids entertained over the summer holidays, book now for our **Junior Summer Camps**, for 5-14 year olds.

Summer Camp 1: 26-28 July, 10am-3pm.

Summer Camp 2: 15-17 August, 10am-3pm



Cost: £75 per camp for 3 days or £30 per day at the Seend Tennis Courts, Rusty Lane, SN12 6NS. Shelter and toilets available on site.

What's needed: Packed lunch & drink, suitable clothing for all weathers, hand sanitiser. Rackets available to borrow if needed.

To choose and pay for your camp: Go to our Seend Tennis Club website and go to the Coaching page. Book now to avoid disappointment!

We also have our **Members' Summer BBQ**, for all members and their guests, on 18th August 6-10pm. Free to attend but please contribute a dish!

RSVP: Fiona Stanford 07749 716662 or [fiona@fionastanford.com](mailto:fiona@fionastanford.com).

Please could you let Fiona know what dish you'd like to bring by 11th August

**Social Tennis** - join us between 6-8pm every Thursday. Contact Fiona on 07749 716662 to join the WhatsApp group.

## SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

### June PC meeting

Attendance - 9 Councillors,

### **Local Council Matters**

Cllr Reay provided the following update:

**Seend Cleeve 30mph Envelope Extension** The extension of the 30mph envelope to encompass the new housing development is being progressed by Wiltshire Highways.

**Solar Together** Wiltshire Council has launched phase two of its group buying scheme of Solar Panel for domestic installations. If you would like further information and to register, click the link: <https://solartogether.co.uk/>

**Devizes Assizes Court** Development funding of £300,000 has been awarded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to help Wiltshire Museum, working with the Devizes Assize Court Trust, to progress plans for the renovation of the Court before applying for a full National Lottery Grant in 2025.

**Leisure & Tourism** You can explore local history and discover Wiltshire's rich cultural heritage with a new 'Explore Wiltshire' app produced by Wiltshire Council. The app features information about historical landmarks, cultural sites and significant events that have helped to shape Wiltshire's landscape. The free, easy to use location-aware app, also includes historic photos and engravings from the archives of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre.

Explore Wiltshire is available free for download to Apple and Android devices by searching 'Explore Wiltshire' on the Apple App Store: [Apple App Store: Explore Wiltshire](#) and Google Play: [Google Play: Explore Wiltshire](#).

Councillors proposed a vote of thanks for the support Cllr Reay has given, and continues to give to the parish.

### **Matters Arising**

**Seend Tennis Club** To try and assist the fund raising for the club, Bridget Johnstone contacted Calne Town Council's Grant Funding Manager to see what funding opportunities may be available. The Tennis Club is completing a funding application direct to Devizes Area Board.

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

**Bollands Hill** Concern was raised regarding the road width below the junction with Pelch Lane. LHFIG stated the minimum width for central white lines to be applied was 5.5m. The actual road width at this location is 4.8m. The Clerk has advised LHFIG of the Council's findings and requested this is included as an Agenda item at the next LHFIG meeting.

**The Stocks Advanced Direction Signage (ADS)** LHFIG are scheduling the deployment of additional signage. Although a firm date has not been forthcoming, the Parish Council will request an update at the next LHFIG meeting.

**Bradley Lane & Rusty Lane** Cllr Reay to contact Wiltshire Council Rights of Way and Countryside Team and identify the new contact point for the Parish Council.

The next LHFIG meeting is 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The Clerk to attend.

**Speedwatch** A training session using the actual camera equipment to be scheduled. The Wiltshire Police Community Speedwatch Officer has advised our Speedwatch team the Parish Council may be able to install a Speed Indicator Device (SID) on the High Street. The Clerk to contact the Speedwatch Officer to establish the criteria and next steps.

**Planning Applications** The Parish Council raised no objections to the following application:

PL/2023/04310 – Bidmead Park, Sells Green – Insertion of new mezzanine within existing building with associated new doors and windows, new entrance canopy, bridge link and roof mounted solar panels.

**Devizes Area Board** The Devizes Area Board meeting took place on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023. There were some key updates from Wiltshire Police including their progress with the management of some antisocial behaviour in Devizes. For further information, follow the link:

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/g14809/Printed%20minutes%20Monday%2019-Jun-2023%2018.30%20Devizes%20Area%20Board.pdf?T=1>

## Items of Correspondence

**Spout Lane** The white lines in the vicinity of the Canal bridge have been repainted.  
**Canal & River Trust (CRT)** A number of live aboard-boats have been recorded being moored for more than the maximum 14-day period. The Clerk to request a visit from the CRT Moorings Officer.

**Footpath from The School to Bollands Hill** Parishioners are reminded not to deviate from the parish's footpaths and byways taking short cuts across private property. A local rights of way map is available on the Parish Council's Website / Wiltshire Council. Dog Owners are reminded to pick up after their dog. A separate notice regarding the adverse impact of leaving dog faeces on farmland to be included in Spotlight.

## Items for Note

**Saltford Community Association Operating Model** Phil Springate gave a brief talk regarding the operating model deployed at Salford that manages a number of village organisations from a single committee.


**Best Kept Village** Seend came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Best Kept Village Competition.

**Finance** Bank Reconciliation to end of April 2023, circulated to Councillors, came to: **£40,326.09**

## Dates of next Parish Council meetings:

25<sup>th</sup> July & 27<sup>th</sup> August 7pm at the Community Centre

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

 As Wiltshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, I have welcomed some significant changes made by new Chief Constable Catherine Roper in her first four months but I do have to caution more time is needed for sustained performance improvements across all areas.

Some of the measures introduced include:

Greater police visibility – increased community patrols and focus on bringing policing to rural communities with additional mobile police stations.

Increased policing – proactive, intensified policing in communities where necessary and use of all available powers.

Focus on service – ensuring staff are moving from a back-to-basics approach and evolving to drive improvement in the service received by residents.

Putting victims first and at the heart of every police interaction.

Focus on performance – driving slimmed down governance, introducing key roles back into the policing structure, giving greater control to commanders, driving up standards.

Opening Wiltshire Police up to enable more recruitment by dismissing need for mandatory police officer degrees.

Recruiting an experienced chief officer was a conscious decision on my part to drive the improvements Wiltshire Police needed to navigate its way through the Engage process but also so it can deliver the police service residents want – and deserve.



Despite only being in post for nearly four months, CC Roper's vision for Wiltshire Police is coming to fruition.

There has been a defined focus on quality of service, on driving performance, an increased focus on victims and quality of investigations to boost outcome rates. We have seen a determined effort by the Chief to encourage leaders within the Force to take control and drive up standards and for our communities to receive more visible, proactive policing.

Of course, we are both aware the scale of work required cannot be resolved in a short amount of time. There isn't a quick fix to sustained performance improvements across all areas and time is needed. The Chief and I are also acutely aware there will be challenges ahead for some time yet but the important point is: the right steps are being taken.

However, and more importantly, I have always known Wiltshire has many dedicated and hardworking officers, staff and volunteers and now they will be able to focus on what they want – delivering a quality, frontline, policing service which delivers for its communities.

**August 2023**

## **NEWS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Help shape the future of Wiltshire**

Wiltshire Council is considering the review of the Wiltshire Local Plan. The draft Plan sets out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years. Once adopted, all planning applications will be determined against the Plan, making it the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

It also identifies sites for housing and employment development until 2038.

There is good news in that following further work to assess the number of homes needed, the number of planned homes in the Plan has been significantly reduced from its last iteration by almost 9000. When the Plan was consulted on in 2021, it proposed 45,630 homes over 20 years to 2036, but the updated Plan proposes 36,740 homes, of which over 21,900 homes have already been built or are committed.

A number of important policies are included in the draft plan:

40% of all new housing on developments of 10 homes or more to be affordable.

Greater flexibility for rural exception sites to make it easier to provide affordable housing in villages where there is clearly identified demand.

New developments will have to meet zero carbon standards, including energy generation such as solar panels.

20% biodiversity net gain for all new developments, compared to the 10% legal requirement.

All new developments must also have cycling and walking connections.

Most of the housing development is planned to be in the major urban centres in the county, with Devizes needing to plan for only an additional 40 homes, when existing completions and commitments are taken into account. Potterne, Seend and Worton are considered to be large villages in the housing plan and some development will ensure that these communities can continue to thrive and meet local housing needs.

This Local Plan is about providing for a choice of high-quality designed housing, including affordable homes, in the most sustainable locations; maximising development on brown field sites; supporting town centres; and providing high quality new public open spaces.

A full consultation on the proposals is expected to take place in the Autumn so please do have your say about the plans. To read the full Council report, go to: [Agenda for Council on Tuesday 18 July 2023, 10.30 am | Wiltshire Council](#)

### **KEEVIL CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

#### **Keevil School welcomes surprising new staff member, Mr Moose**

Children at Keevil Primary School couldn't believe their luck when they met their latest teaching assistant this month. A huge, hairy dog named Mr Moose.

The school has recruited the help of Mr Moose, a registered therapy dog who is trained to quietly listen to the schoolchildren read.

Mr Moose, a gigantic Irish Wolf-Hound, has been helping the children overcome any nervousness when reading aloud by visiting each classroom and patiently listening to pupils read their story books.

Early research suggests that listening dogs can help improve reading performance in children, and Keevil head teacher Lindsey Hermon says their initial observations reflect those conclusions.

"It's clear to see that the children read more confidently to Mr Moose. Pupils not only love reading to him, they appear to put aside any shyness or self-consciousness that may be holding back their reading performance."

"It is amazing to see not only their enthusiasm, but also the focus the children possess when reading to Mr Moose."

Mr Moose, and his volunteer owner Emily, were organised via Therapy Dogs Nationwide ([TDN.ORG.UK](https://www.tdn.org.uk)), a registered charity that specialises in assessing and training would-be therapy dogs, and matching them up with suitable placements. Therapy dogs and their owners also make visits to local hospitals, hospices, care homes, and other establishments.

This week Keevil School was thrilled to receive a set of outstanding Sats results for 2023, and Mrs Hermon believes their innovative approach to developing 'the whole child' has really helped the children thrive.

"Together with other teaching initiatives, we expect Mr Moose to strengthen the children's learning achievements even further this year. It's tremendous seeing the children thriving and becoming more confident. However, it's fair to say that we also simply love having Mr Moose at the school and seeing the pure delight on the children's faces".

## **NURTURE NATURE**

Peregrines are the fastest birds on the planet when they perform their incredible diving ‘stoops’, 198 mph according to the BTO website. But another bird, the swift, is the speediest bird in level flight. Peregrines use urban environment as the high buildings attract them being the modern equivalent for clifftop sites, with safe nesting situations and plentiful prey. (See Salisbury Cathedral website for camera viewing.) Now is a good time to watch their young honing their hunting skills. So if you have peregrines nesting nearby do remember to listen and look out for the falcon fledglings. Earlier editions of these articles give similar information about speeds for swifts.



Probably due to poor nesting conditions because of inclement weather earlier in the year some garden birds are having late broods. There is a shortage of food for nestlings as the insect hatchings were also adversely affected by the weather. Providing live mealworms (from local pet shops) will help fledglings to survive. There is an interesting discussion about the world shortage of insects and loss of habitats currently on Al Jazeera TV (Channel 235). Hedgehog hoglets born in May and June can now be seen in some gardens at dusk and they, too, also enjoy a snack of live mealworms as a supplement to their diet of slugs, snails and fallen fruit. Please try to leave them wild spaces and plenty of cover such as fallen leaves, dry grasses and straw (available from pet shops) for them to domesticate. One neighbour who hadn't seen a hedgehog in her garden for at least five years now has three hoglets which visit in the gloaming for their supper of live mealworms, after which they set off in different directions to forage. They are the gardeners' best friends as they will keep your veg patches clear of slugs and snails and other pests, so they deserve nurturing. Autumn is not too far away and one thinks of the wonderful sight of starling murmurations. An eminent physicist, Giorgio Parisi, (Nobel 2021 Prize winner) has called his recently published book 'In a Flight of Starlings', he writes "Ideas are often like murmurations – they start moving in one direction and end up in another", thus great discoveries are often passed by to be discovered later by others. The book's title is based on the physicist's work in trying to compute the starlings' flight patterns where each bird is aware of its neighbours' movements and the comparisons have helped to increase his own wisdom as applied to Physics.

Otis Tarda

## **BITS AND BOBS**

### **Furlong Close, Rowde Summer Fete**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August

2.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Includes a Punch and Judy Show, bouncy castle, many stalls, BBQ and other refreshments.



### **Michael Gamble is back with one of his “infamous” quizzes!**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 at the Seend Pavilion

Michael Gamble’s brilliant themed and visual quiz for all the family + raffle and bar.

You don’t have to know anything about anything – it’s a fun quiz!

TICKETS (TO INCLUDE A PLOUGHMAN’S SUPPER)

£10.00 per adult (£5.00 for under 16s)

AVAILABLE FROM PHYL YARDE (01380 828116)

OR MAUREEN ALLCHIN (01380 828931)

*Profits to Christ Church, Bulkington*

THIS WILL BE A GREAT EVENING!! GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

### **NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME**



Gardens open in Wiltshire

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August , Duck Pond Barn

Church Lane, Wingfield, Trowbridge, BA14 9LW

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, Gasper Cottage

Gasper Street, Gasper Stourton, Warminster BA12 6PY.

Please visit the website for full details:

<https://ngs.org.uk/wiltshire-by-arrangement/>

[NGS Wiltshire 2023](#)

[www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

### **Edington Music Festival**

This year will be the 68<sup>th</sup> Edington Festival, making it the oldest festival of music within the liturgy in the world. It will run from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, with four services a day, three Cathedral and Collegiate choirs, top organists, and friends gathering from all over the world. Everyone taking part is grateful to the Priory Church for inviting them once again.

The theme is ‘A Crown of Prayer and Praise’, taking its inspiration from the seven-sonnet sequence ‘La Corona’ by John Donne. This year is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of William Byrd, so the week includes many of his works, but also pieces by Rachmaninov, Matthew Martin, Herbert Howells, Orlando Gibbons and others. As always, the days are book-ended with Matins and Compline, sung to plainchant by the Schola, and the Wednesday Choral Evensong will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 3.

The Musical Evening and Supper will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is lots of information about the festival on the website, [www.edingtonfestival.org](http://www.edingtonfestival.org); don’t forget that the festival is not ticketed, and that all services are free and unreserved.



And now for something not completely, but really quite, different: Edington Arts' next concert, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, has the title of 'Captain Corelli's Violin', and will demonstrate the instinctive technical and musical links between classical baroque music and jazz.

Thomas Gould (violin) and Gwilym Simcock (piano) are both virtuoso soloists in their own right, but have come together with a programme of music by Arcangelo Corelli, based on his famous Violin Sonata No 5, which includes the famous 'La Follia' variations.

Anyone who has listened to this Duo before, especially their previous programme of Bach, will know that the results of their explorations are simply jaw-dropping, drawing in both those who love classical music, and those who love jazz. This really is one not to be missed.

Full information about them, and details of the programme, can be found at [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org) ; tickets remain at £20/15/10 with under 18s coming free. Phone Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email [sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org) to secure your seats in good time.

### **Devizes Flower Club**

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, upstairs in Devizes Town Hall, SN10 1BN Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Contact us: [devizesflowerclubuk@gmail.com](mailto:devizesflowerclubuk@gmail.com)

Facebook: @Devizes FlowerClub Instagram: devizes\_flowerclub

Visitors £6 on the door.

Annual Subscription Membership £35

16<sup>th</sup> August "A Few of My Favourite Things" Denise Bright

20<sup>th</sup> September "Toy Stories" Alison French



### **Melksham Flower Club**

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at

2pm in Seend Community Centre

16<sup>th</sup> August "Pretty as a Picture" – Melanie Smith

19<sup>th</sup> September "The Floral Time Traveller" – Elizabeth Graham



### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **BULKINGTON'S MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 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!

Tombola with some fabulous prizes and lovely craft stalls will be there!

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



## **What a Night it was on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July for Lavington Community Choir .....**

singing to a full house and accompanied by such a talented jazz ensemble featuring Tim Price at the piano, Tony Jones, playing the flute, James Monkton on double bass, Nick Kingman at the drums, Nick Hale providing miscellaneous percussion and Henry Liebling on the saxophone.

In the first half, there was a programme of jazz inspired songs including Moon River and The Way We Were which had been arranged for the choir by Bernard Wight. There were also the wonderful solos Let there be Love, Mack the Knife and Autumn Leaves performed by Jessica Phillips, Jim Donovan and Paula Boyagis.

It was Robert Browning's poem 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' that inspired a 16 year old Tim Price to compose a jazz cantata. And on July 7<sup>th</sup> in 2023, the Lavington Community Choir, accompanied by soloists and the jazz ensemble was very proud to perform it.

The choir restarts on **Thursday Sept 7<sup>th</sup>** so, if you would like to add your voice then please contact [pboyagis@gmail.com](mailto:pboyagis@gmail.com)

Your first session is free and it isn't necessary to be able to read music as there are always rehearsal tracks on the choir website [lavingtoncommunitychoir.org](http://lavingtoncommunitychoir.org)

LCC's next concert is on **Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>**

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***And finally .....***

How did the baker get an electric shock?

He stood on a bun and a current ran up his leg.



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