

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



SEEND OPEN GARDENS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 10TH & 11TH JUNE

1.00 - 6.00PM

BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AND VIEWS

CREAM TEAS, HOMEMADE CAKES

PLANTS FOR SALE

TICKETS £15:00PP

INCLUDES CAR PARKING

CHILDREN FREE

June 2023

DIARY DATES FOR LATE MAY

- 26th Seend Ramblers Skittles evening at Seend Community Centre, all welcome
31st Nosh & Natter lunch club, Seend Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
31st Quiz Night, Brewery Inn

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 2nd First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30 am
7th Seend Shuttle shopping trip to Salisbury
7th Bulkington Village Lunch, The Well Inn, 12.15 pm
8th Pop-up lunch at Post and Provisions
9th Seend History & Archaeology, Irene Usher Memorial Hall, Seend, 7pm
10th Seend Open Gardens 1-6pm
11th Seend Open Gardens 1-6pm
12th Bulkington Tea and Craft group
15th Bulkington Ladies Quiz on Kenavon Venture barge
17th **LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JULY SPOTLIGHT**
17th Seend House and Seend Manor gardens open through National Gardens Scheme
18th Seend and District Ramblers walk
19th Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend The Lye; 10.05am Seend Cleeve phonebox; 11am Bulkington The Well Inn Car Park
21st Seend WI Craft and Chatter, Pavilion, 2-4pm
24th Celebration Concert in Holy Cross Church, Seend, 7.30pm
25th Drumhead Service, 3 pm Lye Field Pavilion
26th Bulkington Recreation Ground closed for improvement works
28th Nosh & Natter lunch club, Seend Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
28th Quiz Night, Brewery Inn

DIARY DATES TO NOTE

- 1st July – Afternoon Tea in Bulkington Village Hall
21st July – School's Out BBQ
29th July – first 2023 Summer Saturday Breakfast
12th August – Seend Fete and Flower Show
28th October – Oktoberfest, Seend Community Centre

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

Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?

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

WELCOME TO JUNE 2023 SPOTLIGHT

After an ultra-busy few weeks with the Beer Festival and the Coronation and other events (photos of which are featured in this month's online colour supplement) it looks like we are also in for a busy June. With a talk on archaeology in Seend followed by the Open Gardens weekend and the RBL Drumhead Service – plus all the regular sport and social activities – we hope there is something for everyone.

Volunteers still wanted! There are vacancies for parish councillors, Lye Field and Pavilion and Community Centre committee members and helpers. If you are nearing retirement or have some spare time for any reason, please consider volunteering! Our village facilities do not run themselves. They need you. Thanks.

There should be a small brown envelope in each copy of this month's Spotlight. This is for donations to help us to continue providing the magazine free to every household. If your Spotlight deliverer doesn't manage to collect the envelope from you, you can leave your donation in Seend Post and Provisions or with any member of the editorial team, or with Andie Elliot in Bulkington.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the July 2023 edition (copy by Saturday 17th June) can be emailed to 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** 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.



**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

SEEND EVENTS IN JUNE AND BEYOND

EVENTS IN SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE



SEEND CORONATION EXTRAVAGANZA Saturday May 6th

Many thanks to Tom and Team for organising and running this event which was enjoyed by all.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING on the 2nd June 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

The monthly lunch club meets at 12 for 12.30pm on June 28th. There will then be a summer break and N&N will recommence on Wednesday 27th September. Please book in advance 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!

MEMBERSHIP 2023: It's not too late to renew your membership. Full Membership is £15, Over 60s £12.50, Under 18s £5. You can sign up online at www.seendcommunitycentre.com or just pop into the CC and pay at the Bar in the Members' Lounge during opening hours. Full details on membership and benefits available online. Many thanks to all who have already paid their subscriptions.

TGI FRIDAYS: Every Friday from 6 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 date is 2nd June.



COMMUNITY CENTRE HELP REQUIRED: The Community Centre is run by a committee of volunteers, and we are looking for people help with this. You don't have to join the committee, but it would be great if you did! In addition, the Treasurer is retiring, so if anyone has an accountancy/book-keeping background with a few hours to spare each week we would be very pleased to hear from you. If you would be interested or would like an informal chat to discuss please leave your name with Tom at the CC or contact Jenny Dalton the Acting Chair.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

The famous Seend Breakfasts will be held from 8am on Saturdays 29th July, 5th August and 2nd September.

Friends of Seend School (FoSS) are hosting a **Schools Out for Summer BBQ** on Friday 21st July from 6pm and a **Hurrah they are back at School BBQ** 7pm Friday 1st September.



An Evening of Mediumship with Mitch Garlington on Saturday 29th July. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30start. Tickets £12.50. To purchase tickets please visit www.mitch-garlington.co.uk

Oktoberfest Saturday 28th October at 7pm. Details to follow.



Seend WI Craft and Chatter Group

Wednesday 21st June. 2 - 4 pm.

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.



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Members of the public are advised that they visit the gardens at their own risk.

Wheelchair access to some gardens is restricted. Dogs permitted in most gardens

Also wanted urgently are car parking volunteers ! Please contact Neil on 01380 827139

Thank you.

COME ALONG TO AN EVENING ON THE HISTORY OF AND RECENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS IN SEEND

Local historian Anne Ewing and Wiltshire Museum Archaeologists Phil Andrews and Mike McQueen will present illustrated talks

Irene Usher Memorial Hall, Rusty Lane, Seend 7pm on Friday 9th June
All Welcome!



BREWERY INN EVENTS

Wednesday Quiz Night —June 28th

Church of the Holy Cross, Seend Annual Celebration Concert

featuring talented young performers from the Devizes Eisteddfod
and the Seend School Choir

Saturday, 24th June 2023 at 7.30pm

Tickets: £5 at the door/children free



POST AND PROVISIONS LUNCHEON CLUB

Thursday 8th June at 12 noon.
Three course lunch at £22 per person.
Menu on request.
Book early to avoid disappointment.



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.

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) 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 and when you need it by. The fund can't make regular payments but may be able to help carry you over to better times.

SEEND FLOWER SHOW



The Seend Flower Show will be held on Saturday the 12th August 2023 and we welcome entries from gardeners, bakers, crafters and artists.

We are looking to increase our advertising and promotions in this year's Seend Flower Show Programme which is kindly delivered to you by the hardworking Spotlight delivery team. Please could you contact me, Julia (827082) if you wish to advertise at very reasonable rates or would rather make a donation to the Flower Show. We are extremely grateful for your support.

Please take a look at our website: <https://seendflowershow.org.uk> and our Facebook page for updates. We note with sadness that a number of local villages no longer hold their annual flower shows/fetes, so your support and enthusiasm is much needed.

All cup holders from last year (2022) please return your cups as soon as possible to John Williams at Canty Neuk, High Street, Seend (828965) or call Julia (827082). We are also happy to come and collect them.

Julia White, SFS Chair

NEWS FROM SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

CPRE Best Kept Village Competition: Seend is taking part in the annual **Best Kept Village Competition**. Judging will take place between 15th May and 13th June. Previously we've been marked down for having 'out of date' posters on our notice board and litter on along some of our pavements. Please could you help where you can to keep our village looking at its best over the coming weeks. Our thanks go to Councillor John Williams who will be overseeing our entry as he has done in previous years. Anyone wanting to contact him to offer help can email him: john.williams@seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Bradley Lane - Potential Upgrade: As part of a wider strategy by Wiltshire Council to improve its footpaths and byways, your Parish Council is considering upgrading the surface of Bradley Lane for the benefit of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. The plan is to improve the surface so that its more accessible for everyone and build on the work undertaken in Rusty Lane that will when finished provide a robust connection to the Canal Towpath and Route 4 of the National Cycle Network. Coupled with the closure of the School Grounds to Public Access, Bradley Lane would provide residents with an alternative route via the 'Pinch-Point' in the High Street. The Parish would welcome your comments, thoughts and views regarding the proposed work. Please contact the clerk (Chris Stirland) by email on clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk or contact one of our Councillors.

Ragwort: Once again Ragwort has been seen on land around the village and all land owners are requested to be vigilant. 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.

All parts of the plant are poisonous and are a hazard to grazing livestock. Stock do not generally eat the plant in its green state but consume it when dried in feed. The effect is likely to lead to the death of the animal. It is particularly a problem for cattle, horses, ponies and donkeys. However, Ragwort is also very important for wildlife in the UK. It is a major source of nectar for many insects. In many situations ragwort poses no threat to horses and other livestock. It is a natural component of many types of unimproved grassland.

Reporting Ragwort

Land not controlled by Wiltshire Council: If you are concerned about ragwort adversely affecting your land you should contact the landowner/occupier of the land with the ragwort. If they fail to take action in line with the Government's Code of Practice then you should follow the Government's advice.

NB Wiltshire Council has no responsibility for the control of ragwort other than on land that it manages.

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

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

Footpath Working Group

Seend Footpaths: The Parish Council is committed to keeping our footpaths and bridleways open and accessible as an important village amenity. However, we rely on our parishioners to report any problems such as broken stiles, blocked paths, overgrown vegetation etc. You can do this by contacting the Parish Council Footpath Officer (Jackie Hamblin) email: jackie.hamblin@seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Alternatively, you can report the problem to Wiltshire Council via their website or My Wiltshire app (<https://my.wiltshire.gov.uk>) with a copy to the Parish Council.

If the issue is an overgrown path, then Seend Footpath Working Group can help and can usually sort it fairly quickly. More volunteers are always needed, so anyone interested in being notified when these working parties are happening, please contact Penny England 07855 075780 or penny.england1380@btinternet.com

CHURCH NEWS

Maureen's Ramblings.....

What has the Church of England ever done for me? asked "The Telegraph" a while back. Of course, the church has its struggles and there is a decrease in people seeking God through organised religion. But in the 2021 Census "Christian" remained the most common response to the religion question. 85% of people apparently visit a church each year - to see beautiful, historic buildings, to worship or to mark a significant event in their lives. When a child goes missing, or floods destroy, it is often the parish church that provides a rallying point. In 2021 605,000 people went to church each week in the UK – making Christianity the largest group activity in the country. Even in these secular days, the church is still the warp and weft of our national life with faith in Jesus Christ deep in the soil of our history (as shown in the recent Coronation).

Sadly, Church weddings and funerals are not as popular as they were even tho' the venues, time freedom and the care from the clergy are good and the costs reasonable. Many people seem to think that the church will not baptise their children or marry or bury them if they are not churchgoers. This is not true All are welcome for these important rites of passage. You just need to ask! William Temple said, "the Church is the only society on earth that exists for the benefit of non-members." Yes!

The church is here for everyone, of any faith or none. Clergy and church buildings are available for the whole community, not just for those who attend church regularly. I have so many stories of the church, mostly without fanfare, seeking to serve and minister where there is need. Sadly, resources don't allow for there to be a priest into every parish. But much of the work is done by faithful, hardworking volunteers who, amazingly, give about 23 million hours every month to work that benefits their local community - youth/children's work, street patrols, bereavement counselling, visiting the elderly, sick and housebound, lunch clubs, etc. Of course, many atheists and agnostics work just as hard, but nobody else has the same national network, or the historic connections with their communities.



You might not go to church, but please be assured that the church is here for you anyway. You don't have to sign up as a member to use the church to celebrate the birth of your child, marry, renew your vows or have a funeral or memorial service for a loved one who has died. You don't have to be a member to discuss what you believe or don't believe or to rant or rave about God. The church exists to serve. The church is here for you. You just need to ask!

The Revd. Maureen Allchin (Retired priest)

CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE 2023

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



Sunday 4th (Trinity Sunday)

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

Sunday 11th (Trinity 1)

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

Friday 16th

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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Sunday 18th (Trinity 2)

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

Sunday 25th (Trinity 3)

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

Wednesday 28th

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.

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

From the Registers:

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.



Crafts – Worship - Refreshments

Friday 16th June

3.30pm

Potterne Village Hall

BULKINGTON NEWS

MONTHLY PARISH MEETING

Draft Minutes pending official approval at next meeting

Wednesday 19th of April 2023 at 7.30pm in Bulkington Village Hall.

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Alison Howard-Evans, Andrew Grabham and Julie Anderson-Hill

1 Apologies for absence: Carla Haslam and Alex Breach

2 To Record:

Changes to the Register of Interests

Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items

3 To Receive a report from Tamara Reay:

- **Devizes Gateway station update:** Following an Entry Feasibility Study completed in March 2023 – a comprehensive assessment by Network Rail – it was determined that stopping existing trains at a new station will mean disrupting the existing line. As a result, a Wiltshire wide Rail Strategy has been called into action; looking to improve the connectivity at Westbury station and how Devizes Gateway can fit within that. The options for serving Devizes are to stop fast trains going to Plymouth and Exeter or reinstate through services to Bedwin. These plans will coincide with HS2, a line in construction which comes into London near Paddington Station in London. Timings wise, the idea is to reach a decision in one year's time and delivery in 2029.
- **Potholes:** Wiltshire council was awarded £23million to pay for highways maintenance and a further £3.6 million from the pothole funding. There are currently a lot of potholes to address, please assist the Council where you can in reporting potholes on the myWiltshire app online so that these can be fixed.
- **Local businesses:** Wiltshire Council are concentrating on working more with Wiltshire based businesses, there are workshops planned on how to do business with Wiltshire council, the next workshop is on the 27th of April in Corsham from 10-12 at the Digital Mansion. More information can be found on the Wiltshire Council website.



4 Local Police Report:

- The local police have offered to attend Annual Meetings where requested.
- Burglary is showing as abnormally high for this area, with 6 offences over the course of March. This is against a backdrop of 28 offences in Melksham in total.
- One individual has been arrested and is being charged with 10 offences so far
- The Team are continuing to conduct secondary investigation into other offences which have been reported.
- The Police are delivering free property marking equipment to Victims, as well as other initiatives such as Tack Stamping.
- Bulkington will remain on the Police priority list in terms of patrols and the previous burglaries are still being investigated.

5 Open Forum:

- Defib electricity costs: The Parish Council contributions for the electricity running the village Defibrillator, housed at The Well pub, have increased from £30 annually to £60 from 2024, due the cost of electricity.

6 Local Planning Updates:

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Responses

Officer's Name: Jonathan Maidman Direct Line: 01722 434384

Number: PL/2023/02133 Type Household planning permission

Proposal: Timber Framed Car Port 9m x 6m

Address: Barnfield House, Mill Lane, Bulkington, Devizes, SN10 1SP

No concerns raised.

Officer/s Name: Selina (Nina) Parker-Miles Direct Line: 01225 716770

Number: PL/2023/02173 Type: Full planning permission

Proposal: Change of residential annexe to independent residential use

Address: Tudor Cottage, 13 High Street, Bulkington, SN10 1SJ

No concerns raised.

7 Minute Approval: The March Parish Council Meeting Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

8 Finance:

Clerk February	£325
Grass cutting	£228
Bike Rack	£91.99
Newsletter printing	£76.56
Total approved in meeting:	£721.55

Village Funds total after payments made: £8,505.70

Finance Dates coming up:

May is Annual PC Meeting with Financial Reports and Chair Report.

Vat report after that.

AGAR Monday 3 July 2023

9 Newsletter: Printed and due to be distributed by Councillors alongside 2 leaflets

10 Recreational Ground:

- Update: Pathway and Pergola works to commence 26th of June 2023. **Please note that the Rec Ground will need to be closed for the duration of the works to keep children safe.** 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.
- The Trim trail was installed before the Queen's Golden Jubilee (which was in 2002) and the swings and several other items were salvaged and second hand at this time also. Furthermore, most of this equipment has wooden stakes in the ground to support the equipment, due to the wetness of the field, these are decaying and declining fast.
- Work will commence on fixing the wooden bridge once the weather is drier, costs are approved and the work is booked.
- The Rec Committee have submitted an Area Board Grant application for £3K to replace some of the equipment being removed in the June works. If the application is successful; the £3k will be added to the existing £2.5k the rec committee have in the account and will be used for replacing the removed trim trail with new, safe equipment. Swings are significantly more expensive and some fundraising will be required before this can be purchased. Any volunteers for fundraising please contact Carla Haslam or our Clerk Hannah with any ideas.

Both the Oak Bloke works and the equipment replacement works mentioned above will be funded through Rec Ground funds and grants.

11 Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Clerk and Julie to meet Matt Perrot on the 3rd of May at 12:30 at the rec ground to discuss clearing the verges currently spilling into the road.

12 LHFIF requests: Update on the 3 Village requests for dropped curbs and white road markings: These requests were discussed at the April LHFIF meeting. The dropped curbs are due to be completed in Autumn 2023, the cost to the village for this project will be 25% of the estimated 3K (£600). White lines works will be revisited in the future, the dropped curbs were prioritised at LHFIF were not able to proceed with all three tasks.

13 Summer party: Bulkington will be holding a village event on the 13th of May – between noon and 4pm. Villagers are invited to attend, bringing picnics, blankets, flags, bunting etc. Team games like tug of war, rounders, three-legged race and so on will be played throughout the afternoon. This event will no longer be a ticketed event.

14 Best Kept Village Competition: Bulkington has entered this year's competition, judging for the first (District) round will take place from 15th May to 13th June. Now is a great time to spruce up front gardens and tidy the village up ahead of the summer and the judging.

15 Recruitment: We are currently recruiting for one Councillor to join the team, if you would like to put yourself forward, please email our Clerk, Hannah.

16 Bus shelter Bike Rack: A metal rack was purchased by the Parish Council and has now been installed.

17 War memorial amend:

The Clerk has been in correspondence with a family member of an individual mentioned on the war memorial. He wishes to change the rank of the individual and have the monument updated.

Councillors agreed they need a proof of records for the individual's ranking and that the village does not have the funds to cover an update to the War Memorial. If the individual wishes to go ahead with the change, and can prove the rank, the works will need to be funded by grants obtained by the individual or through fundraising, also by the individual. The priority currently for PC moneys is making the village accessible and safe for those living in the village and paying the council tax.

18 AOB:

Councillors are experiencing problems with their email addresses and the website is costing the village money to have the domain name, however it is not getting many visits.



THE BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH

Wednesday, 7th June 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 **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 19th June 11.05-11.30 am.



THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 12th June. Please contact Phyl Yarde on 828116 for the venue. New people always welcome.



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

BULKINGTON LADIES' GROUP.

The Ladies' Group have booked to go on the Quiz Night on the Kenavon Venture Barge leaving Devizes Wharf at 7 pm. Please meet at the Wharf Car Park at 6.30 pm. Please note this is on Thurs 15th June and NOT our usual date.

There will not be a meeting on 29th.

AFTERNOON TEA

Bulkington PCC invites you to Afternoon Tea with bumper raffle and Bring & Buy stall on Saturday 1st July from 3pm – 5pm in Bulkington Village Hall. Proceeds will be shared with the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Donations of cakes and /or raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Thank you.



Liz Futter 828485

BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"

We held the draw at the Village Lunch in The Well on Wednesday, 3rd May, and the winners were :-

£30	No. 37	Diane James
£25	No. 02	Phyl Yarde
£20	No. 35	Sue Oakey
£15	No. 22	Amanda Bennett
£15	No 56	Bev Kerslake
£10	No. 41	Sue Rose
£10	No. 76	Ian Rawlings



Congratulations to the winners and thanks to our diners for their help with the draw..

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



SEEND WI

We had a real treat with our choice of speaker at the May Meeting. Geoff Travers gave a very informative talk on the ancient craft of basket weaving, the popularity of which is currently enjoying a revival. He showed us materials suitable for weaving, including willow, hazel and dogwood, as well as several finished baskets. He also demonstrated several techniques used in their making. It was a joy to see someone who has spent a career pursuing his craft still exuding a warmth and passion for his subject. Overall it was a thoroughly enjoyable demonstration.

Attention was drawn to our June meeting which will be a visit to Merchant House in Marlborough, to include a visit to the house as well as some leisure time in the town afterwards.

Craft and Chatter Group will be on 21st June 2pm to 4pm. Bring your own craft or just pop in for cake and a chat we look forward to seeing you there.

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

All regular meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, please contact Joyce Harvey on 01380 828511.

Joyce Harvey



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Kevin, our Chairman and County Standard Bearer, was privileged to have been one of only 100 Standard Bearers to parade at the King's Coronation on Saturday 6 May. Kevin is one of only a few Standard Bearers who paraded at both Queen Elizabeth II's funeral and the King Charles coronation - well deserved for all his time and dedication to RBL.

The Drumhead Service will begin at 3pm on Sunday 25 June on The Lye field. This is a short ceremony which provides an opportunity for the nation to show its support for our

Armed Forces community. Afterwards, tea and cakes will be available to buy inside the Pavilion. All welcome.

Kevin, along with Gavin Perry and other cyclists, will be cycling along the Kennet & Avon canal on Monday 26 June to raise money for the Battle Back Centre at Lilleshall.

Next meeting: Thursday 8 June, 7.30pm, Community Centre.

Drumhead Service – Sunday 25 June, 3pm, Lye Field/Pavilion.

Dancing to The Pop Pickers (50s, 60s, 70s music) – Friday 15 September, 7.30pm, Community Centre.

Annual Lecture – Saturday 14 October, 7.30pm, Community Centre.

Anita Heatley, RBL/PR

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Sunday 14th May – 19 members met on a sunny morning at Honeystreet near Alton Barnes for a 4.5 mile flat circular walk led by Colin and Jo. The walk had beautiful views of the surrounding countryside including the white horse. Many of the footpaths, by ways and lanes were new to us all and thoroughly enjoyed. We finished along a stretch of the canal back to the starting point and a welcome drink for some in the nearby Honeystreet Café, which is well worth a visit. Thank you to Colin and Jo for leading such a lovely walk.

Next walk Sunday 18th June 2023. Leaders will be Anita and Pete, details to follow in the usual way nearer the time.



Sandy



SEEND THEATRE CLUB

Members gathered in the evening of Tuesday 9th May for the Annual General Meeting in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion. Reports were made by the Chairman and Treasurer showing it had been a very active period with a good number of outings to favourite theatres (eight in 2022 and five in the first months of 2023). One of the main issues was the rising cost of transport which had almost doubled since the pandemic. Also the change of financial year to 31st March was ratified, which means the next subscriptions will not fall due until April 2024.

The existing Committee comprising Ann Burgess, Pauline Robertson, Ken Harvey (Chairman) and Marion Whitehead (Treasurer) was re-elected. However there are two vacancies on the Committee which need to be filled as soon as possible. Founder member Sylvia Ewin thanked the Committee for continuing to organise the Club's activities.

After the essential business, we enjoyed a most entertaining talk by Anita Shea and Tessa Doe, the original Fawltly Players, who produced a wonderful show highlighting the Pantomime years. We laughed when the panto cow paraded around the hall. In true tradition there was audience participation with play reading and singing. Photo albums were available for us to share memories across numerous Seend Pantomimes.

The evening was complete with a raffle, a glass of wine and delicious nibbles.

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

SHUTTLE NEWS

Shuttle News : The next trip to Salisbury will be the 7th of June. Leaving the Barge Inn at 9.30am. Getting back about 3.15 pm. Phone Anita to book a seat and arrange pick up. 828757.



SEEND SCHOOL



In the lead up to King's Coronation at Seend Primary school we came together as a school community to recognise this important of this significant event. The children enjoyed learning about the history of the royal family and King

Charles and had great fun taking part in games, activities and crafts in the run up to the big day. We were even lucky enough to have one of our parents take a picture of us as a whole school dressed in our royal colours! *(See online colour supplement for photo.)*

Our youngest children in school had a great morning out visiting the allotments and are feeling inspired to grow and cook using their own vegetables. We are all very excited to see how our tomatoes turn out!

The sunny weather has meant that the children have had great fun getting back out on to the school field and making the most of our beautiful grounds and tidying up our flower beds. Our school is looking lovely and is beginning to bloom.

SEEND PLAYGROUP

We welcomed Harley and Korbyn in term 5 and hope they enjoy their time with us.

The photographer took photos in the Millennium garden, and all the children posed well and they have all turned out lovely.

The children stuck gems, red, white and blue paper and pom-poms on to the cardboard crowns for the Coronation. They also took home commemorative medals with their name and age on them.

We return after a week off on Monday 5th June.

Rose Dick, Playgroup Leader 828003



SEEND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS

Athletics.



The Bishops Cannings 5000 Metre Dash was first run in 1983, some 40 years ago, and remains probably the most exciting and challenging race over this distance in Wiltshire. This year it will be run on Saturday 24th June as part of the Bishops Cannings Summer Fayre.

The start time is at 2pm. Entries accepted on the day. Medals for all who finish plus cups for the various categories. The present winner's cup holder is Seend runner Owen Lythell.

Football.

Seend United FC finished runners up to Haytesbury in Division One of the Trowbridge and District football league having played 16, won 13, drawn 1 and lost only 2 with a goal difference of +22. Congratulations to all of the Seend squad and their manager Andy Dyer for yet another great season back in Division One. We all hope that this good form on the pitch will continue into next season.

Tennis.

The new Chippenham and District League matches started in late April and then, traditionally, began to get rained off only too often. Seend have two teams, one in each of the mixed and men's divisions. The men's have had their moments with Mark Newman, Tom Collins, and Harry Waylen leading the way with some positive results interrupted unfortunately by silage making and the Seend Beer Festival .

The latest match on 17th May was at Malmesbury and featured the pairings of Liam Bergin, the men's captain, and Andrew Johnstone plus Jack Churchill and Frankie Goddard. It was not Seend's night !

In the mixed Seend have held their own primarily due to the performances of Scout Johnstone accompanied by Harry Waylen and Tom Collins. Unfortunately last week's match against Chippenham was a total washout so we were prevented from watching Scout plus Syd Evenden play, but the match on 17th May against Devizes was a draw with Scout and Harry taking all their four sets. However for Sally Jackson and Frankie Goddard it is back to the drawing board !

The social tennis on a Thursday, organised by Fiona Stanford and Giles Collins, continues to attract a good turnout despite the state of the courts that badly need resurfacing, and to that end our new chair, Sally Jackson, is already seeking to organise fundraising and to move the club up a gear or two.

On the 15th July Seend is hosting a small tournament for the Wiltshire Archers, organised by Giles, using not just the village courts but also a number of the private courts that we are so fortunate to have.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of David Meharg on 19th May. David was one of the greats of Seend tennis playing with Susie in the mixed and a regular in the men's.

Short Mat Bowls.

With Colin and some of the boys focusing on their maypole dancing agenda and the summer solstice this month things are perhaps a little quieter on the green runways, but they do understandably need a rest and time to regroup so as to be in tip top condition for the coming summer break.

Cycling.

Ric tells me that his new electric bike has been a great success and he now has little difficulty keeping up with the rest of the pack on their Sunday morning training sessions. Nice one Ric.

The Boards.

Our local thespian is taking a rest over the summer having moved into the antique carpet trade alongside his father, but we hope to see him back in the credits come the autumn.

All sporting news, fixtures and results for next month's edition to the flight deck by 15th June please.

Frankie Goddard, 828488

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

April PC meeting

Attendance - 7 Councillors, 3 members of public

Local Council Matters

Cllr Reay: No report this month

Matters Arising

Seend Cleeve Sewage Spill

Wessex Water advised their recent survey of the sewage pipe in the vicinity of the pumping station has recorded some ingress of tree roots into the pipe. Steps will be taken to rectify this.

Items for Discussion from Members of the Parish

None

Local Highways & Footpath Infrastructure Group (LHFIG)

Seend Cleeve Northern Extension of 30mph speed limit

The extension of the existing 30mph speed limit needs to be implemented before new residents arrive. Tamara Reay advised that Highways were reviewing the requirement and requested details of the funding provision for this extension.

Bollands Hill Freight Assessment and Priority Mechanism (FAPM)

LHFIG agreed this item should remain on their Agenda. Concern was raised regarding the road width below the junction with Pelch Lane. LHFIG stated that 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 to advise LHFIG of the Council's findings.

Much of the HGV traffic using Bollands Hill also passes through Worton. Tamara Reay advised that options to limit HGV traffic travelling through Worton are to be discussed at their Annual Parish Meeting 15th May. If possible, the Clerk to attend with Tamara Reay

The Stocks Advanced Direction Signage (ADS)

LHFIG are scheduling the deployment of the additional signage. Although a firm date has not been forthcoming, the Parish Council believes the deployment will be completed within the next three months.

Broad Lane

Concerns were raised regarding the general state of the lane and verges adjacent to Cherry Tree Farm. The verges need to be cleared of farm machinery and other related items. Potholes along part of the lane also need to be filled. The Clerk to report the potholes on MyWilts App and task the Parish Steward to visit the lane to fill some of the smaller potholes and report any that are beyond the capability of the Parish Steward.

Bradley Lane

The Clerk advised Wiltshire Council Rights of Way and Countryside Team that their quote to upgrade the surface of Bradley Lane was acceptable and details of the land owners had been provided.

Rusty Lane

The new surface does not reach the Canal at the lower end of Rusty Lane. The Clerk has written to the Rights of Way and Countryside Team.

High Sided Vehicles, High Street Seend

A vehicle collided with the roof of a listed building at the Pinch Point on A361, Seend High Street. The matter has been reported to LHFIG who subsequently advised the Parish Council consider the implementation of Shuttle Working Traffic Lights at this point.

Although there will be some 'downside' with such an installation, there are significant advantages if this was implemented, not only protecting adjacent property but also being able to potentially widen the existing pedestrian footway and reduce vehicle speeds in this vicinity. Councillors indicated they were willing to consider this option.

Speedwatch

The issue of 'hands-on' as opposed to 'online' Speedwatch training was raised with LHFIG. We were advised that John Derryman (PCC) may be able to assist.

The next LHFIG meeting is 4th July 2023. The Chairman and Clerk to attend.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council raised no objections to the following applications:

PL/2023/00050 – The Laurels, High St, Seend - Installation of garage door to existing carport

PL/2023/02434 – Rusty Lane Farm, Bath Road - Replacement ancillary accommodation outbuilding. The Parish Council did not object to this application provided the building remains 'Ancillary' to the main house.

The Parish Council objected to the following application:

PL/2023/02712 – Barn at Curnicks Lane, Sells Green, Seend SN12 6RL - Demolition of one building (which has an approved residential use) and replacement with one purpose built residential dwelling

Sandridge Solar Community Benefit Payment

An additional cycle rack adjacent to the East Bound Bus Shelter at Sells Green has been installed. There is the potential to install cycle racks at the Three Magpies. John Williams to agree an exact location and number of racks with the Landlord.

Devizes Area Board

The next Devizes Area Board meeting will take place on 19th June 2023

Items of Correspondence

Roadside Parking adjacent the Barge Canal Bridge

Evidence of excessive vehicle parking at this location has been collected. The Clerk to write to the Canal and River Trust Regional Manager.

Roadside Parking adjacent the Spout Lane Canal Bridge

Evidence of excessive vehicle parking at this location has been collected. The Clerk to write to Highways regarding the possibility of re-instating the adjacent white lines and the Canal and River Trust Regional Manager.

Parish Steward

The Clerk to request the Parish Steward undertake the repair of Pot holes in Broad Lane between Broad Lane Farm and Cherry Tree Farm

The Clerk to report to Highways the trench accommodating the water pipe crossing Bollands Hill adjacent to the Allotment Entrance has subsided causing a dip in the road.

Items for Note

Defibrillators

As a result of an incident at the school on 24th April 2023, a new Pad is required for the Community Centre Defibrillator.

Anita Heatley

Anita Heatley announced that after many years of being a Councillor she has decided to step down from the role. She has been Vice Chairman for more than 5 years. She will be sorely missed. The Chairman thanked her for her service and hard work, then presented her with a gift from the Parish Council as a token of our appreciation.

Following Anita Heatley's retirement, the Wiltshire Council Elections officer will issue a formal notice to be displayed in the Parish after this meeting.

Finance

Bank Reconciliation to end of March 2023, circulated to Councillors, came to:

£32,360.17

Date of next meetings:

- 16th May - Annual Parish Council meeting (7pm) and Annual Parish Meeting (7.30pm)
- 26th May – May Parish Council meeting 7pm
- 30th May – Parish Council meeting (7pm)

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

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

Spotlight on Children's Services. Could you make a difference to a child's life?

Wiltshire Council has a duty to give the County's children the best start in life as it is fundamental in improving their long-term life chances and gives them the best opportunity to live full and healthy lives. Children and families are at the heart of Wiltshire Council and a key part of the 10 year Business Plan.

Led by Laura Mayes, Councillor for Bromham, Rowde and Roundway and Deputy Leader, the Council has worked relentlessly to improve Children's Services and now delivers consistently "Good" services that ensure the needs of families and children are met. This is reflected in the 2019 Ofsted inspection which rated Children's Services "Good" across the board. The Council has a comprehensive Early Help Offer which aims to give support as soon as families need it – with several special programmes designed to help to prevent family break down and reduce the number of families requiring support from Statutory Services.

In 2023/24 Wiltshire Council is budgeted to spend £62.7m on Children's Services and whilst care numbers are stable – the Council is responsible for more care experienced young people until they are 25 years old. In addition, the complexity of cases has increased, and it can be hard to find the right provision, so sometimes there is a requirement for high-cost placements.

Wiltshire Council is focused on finding local foster carers for local young people so that young people can stay within the local area, as well as making sure siblings find a home where they can stay together. The number of children coming into care continues to rise which means more foster carers are needed – since 2020 70 new foster carers have been recruited but another 30 are needed.

Fostering for Wiltshire Council means all money is spent on frontline services and the child is more likely to be able to stay close to their school, friends and family networks. The council recently increased its fostering rates - they range from £380 to £710 a week per child, depending on people's skills and experience.

Foster carers need to be over 21 years of age, have a spare bedroom, time to care for a child and a willingness to care and seek to understand young people who have experienced trauma and loss.

For more information, please see www.fosteringwiltshire.uk, email fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk, call 0800 169 6321 or text the word Foster to 60002.

Foster carers talking about their proud moments can be seen on You Tube at:

https://youtu.be/lhIZ2qL_cFE - Ana and https://youtu.be/eQ_F9duIdIs - Joe

Thank you!

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West. Tel: 07711 824864 Email:

tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk

NURTURE NATURE



How lovely the roadsides and hedges look with foaming cow parsley on the verges and all the hawthorn blossom out in the hedges, great for wildlife. A benefit of the energy crisis as local authorities and landowners cut down on expensive roadside maintenance, unless a danger to road users. Very few hirondines have been seen so far this year. However, it was pleasing to note that some householders have erected martin boxes under the eaves. The cold weather killed many garden birds last winter. Wrens are very susceptible to the cold and not many wrens have been seen, or heard this year. The writer has not seen one and a pair used to nest regularly in ivy on a fence. He remembers, when living in a thatched house with deep eaves, counting wrens going to roost in a gap in the thatch eave at dusk in winter. One year over twenty were counted roosting together for warmth. The tit species also suffered in the inclement December and January weather. A box used annually by great tits is not occupied this year. This could possibly be due to the box not having been cleaned out in November and a species of wild bee had taken over occupancy - the owner finding out the hard way when putting his hand in without gloves to clean out old nesting material and having to withdraw his hand quickly with half a dozen angry wild bees clinging to it.

I think readers will find it noticeable that the garden bird scenario has changed over the last few years, due to house and industrial building development on fields and green spaces nearby. Now, the corvid family, wood pigeons and grey squirrels are marauding

garden bird feeders, and are very much more prominent. This phenomenon is upsetting the balance of nature in gardens and there is more predation of nests and fledglings too. Garden bird feeders are not designed for corvids. A rook or crow with its beak like a hammer drill can easily get through even metal feeders. Recently the cock of a nesting pair of blackbirds, in defending its territory, had its leg severed by a rook, and fluttering away was never seen again. The hen blackbird valiantly kept feeding their nestlings for a couple of days until taken by a sparrow hawk and the hungry nestlings were then predated by a grey squirrel. Having written earlier that hirondines appear to be ever declining there are several local locations where swifts have nested for years, such as in church towers, but have not, and are not returning to these ancestral homes. The success of these migrations depends mainly on the weather. They prefer wet and warm weather for travelling which encourages the hatching of swarms of insects for survival on their passage. Scientists have estimated that a pair of birds can consume some 20,000 insects and arachnids in a day. All these three species however are in decline and in 2021 swifts were added to the Red List of our endangered birds having suffered a 60% decrease over the last quarter of a century. Scientists fear that in time none of these three beautiful migrants will return to these shores.

Otis Tarda

KEEVIL CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL MARKS CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

This month of course saw the unforgettable coronation of King Charles III. Keevil School pupils enjoyed marking the historic event in a variety of ways during May. Every pupil in the school created a portrait of King Charles III, which was part of an initiative across the entire Acorn Trust.

Our youngest pupils in Winter Class created self-portraits in the style of a royal portrait. Spring Class practiced their sketching skills creating a portrait of King Charles. Summer Class produced Cubist style collages of the King. whilst Autumn Class were inspired by Andy Warhol's screen prints to create Pop Art portraits. Parents will be invited to view Keevil School's Coronation gallery over the coming weeks. Prior to the historic day, children dressed in red, white and blue and enjoyed a special coronation picnic.

FoKS (Friends of Keevil School) supported the school's celebrations by giving each child a memento of the occasion, which was a special pack of wild flower seeds. We felt this was very in-keeping with the King's own environmental passions and our work as a school to become more ecologically aware. The children will be planting their wildflower seeds to help pollinators, and bring more colour to the local area.

In other news this month, Year 5 & 6 Keevil School pupils visited the Science department at Clarendon School in Trowbridge. With the expert guidance of Courtney Hitchen, Diana Gullis and Cheryl Witt they learned about the circulatory system and got hands on with dissecting a heart! Needless to say, the children were both fascinated and curious. This is usually an activity children undertake in Year 10, so they were thrilled to be invited to Clarendon for this amazing opportunity.

BITS AND BOBS



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME – WWW.NGS.ORG.UK

What a glorious month for our gardens. Please note we have two pop ups opening mid week in June. The Talos Gallery at Heddington near Calne and Connock Manor near Devizes.

The gardens at Seend House and Seend Manor will be open on 17th June. For details of all the Wiltshire Gardens see ngs.org.uk/wiltshire-gardens-in-june
A reminder that there is also a lovely range of “by arrangement gardens” who are really happy to welcome visitors on their days of choice without the crowds, so easy to organise just make contact with the owners directly to discuss your visit, many will take as few as 2 or 3 and others for a larger group as well. Always a warm welcome.
<https://ngs.org.uk/wiltshire-by-arrangement/>



YOUR CHANCE TO HEAR ONE OF THE GREAT PIANISTS OF HIS GENERATION

We've been waiting a long time for this, but finally, the extraordinarily talented and charismatic pianist **Martin James Bartlett** will be performing in Edington Priory Church on Saturday 24th June at 7.30pm.

Having won the BBC Young Musicians competition in 2014 at the tender age of 18, he has gone on to fulfil the promise of a glittering career, performing all over Europe and making a number of recordings which have received brilliant reviews. He combines flawless technique, adventurous and wide-ranging musical tastes, and huge emotional depth to produce performances which are remarkable on many levels.

His programme for us is mostly, but not exclusively, French: Couperin, Debussy, Rameau and Ravel, interspersed with Haydn and Schumann/Liszt. This will make for a lovely concert of delicate and summery music.

Full details are on the Edington Arts website, and you can secure your tickets, still at 2014 prices, NOW by ringing Chrissy on 01380 831256 or emailing sue@edingtonarts.org; £20/15/10, and 18 and unders come free

THE KING'S MEN COME TO EDINGTON!

We are looking forward to The King's Men coming to Edington on Friday 14 July to give a concert in the Priory Church. Although they haven't completely finalised their programme, the ensemble of eight promise to sing an eclectic programme ranging from Byrd (celebrating his 400th anniversary) to arrangements of songs by Michael Bublé: something for everyone!

A perfect way to spend a summer evening, come and join us! The concert will begin at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available during the interval.

Tickets from Susie Hancock – secretary@edingtonfriends.org.uk or 01225 754626
Prices: £20, £15, £10, under 18 free. 10% discount for Friends of the Priory Church.
Proceeds from the concert will contribute to The Friends of Edington Priory Church.

The Arts Society North Wiltshire

We are a friendly group who enjoy hearing about a wide range of arts based subjects. – **so do come and join us!** We meet in The Assembly Hall in Melksham from 10.30am for coffee followed by a one hour lecture at 11am.

June 7th: Victorian Art & Scandals by *Val Woodgate*

July 5th: Eric Ravilious by *David Haycock*



Interested in the welfare of children and have a few hours to spare? West Wilts. Child Contact Centre are looking for a chairperson.

We are an independent charity, accredited by the National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC), and have been operating for over 25 years in Trowbridge.

The centre is run by a group of volunteers, who offer their time to give children the opportunity to maintain a relationship with a parent they no longer live with. We provide a safe and neutral place where parent and child(ren) can enjoy spending time together.

Due to the retirement of our current chair, we are looking for a volunteer to lead our committee and ensure that the centre operates in alignment with the current guidance form NACCC and that our policies and procedures are adhered to. Previous experience working with children and their families and a knowledge of governance is an advantage, although not essential.

Please contact us on 07704789157 or email westwiltsccl@hotmai.com for further information.



Dauntsey's Choral Society and individual soloists from Dauntsey's invite you to come and enjoy Music for a Summer's Evening at All Saints Church, West Lavington on Friday 9th June @ 7.30pm

A selection of music will be performed by composers including Elgar, Parry, Stanford, Byrd and Gibbons

Free admission with a retiring collection in aid of church funds

Edington Priory Church

The Philomel Singers present - **A Summer Serenade**
with guests Holy Trinity School, Great Cheverell

Saturday, 17 June 2023 at 7.pm

Tickets: £10/£4 children (in advance £8/£2) from
[wegottickets/ThePhilomelSingers](http://wegottickets.com/ThePhilomelSingers) and at the door

Assembly Room, Devizes Town Hall
Devizes Eisteddfod presents
A Star Showcase
featuring students of Naomi Ibbetson
Wednesday, 21 June 2023 at 7pm
Admission £5 (children) by programme at the door only.



Swine of Passion



Annual Murder Mystery and Hog Roast in aid of Wilton Windmill

WHERE | Wilton Windmill, Nr Marlborough, SN8 3SW

WHEN | Saturday 24th June, 7.00pm

TICKETS | £30 (murder mystery & hog roast) - GROUP RATE | Buy ten, get one free

FANCY DRESS OPTION | St Trinian's

BOOKING | Phone: 07769 977779

Email: info@hauntedmysteryweekend.co.uk

WHITE HORSE OPERA

Don't miss our final Ruddigore performance at St Mary's Church Upavon on Sat 3rd June at 7.30pm.

It is an hilarious operetta by G&S, very light-hearted with extremely pretty music.

We perform our tours on a 50:50 basis of ticket sales so the venue gets half of the ticket money and all of their bar takings etc for their charity. WHO has raised many thousands of pounds for charity in this way while providing top quality entertainment. Do come along and have a good laugh on us!

Tickets just £10 from Upavon Village Shop, Round the World Pewsey
& www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera



presents **The Pied Piper of Hamelin at their SUMMER CONCERT**
Friday 7th July at 7.30 pm

Market Lavington Community Hall SN20 4DG

This jazz cantata, composed by their resident accompanist Tim Price, was due to be performed in July 2020, but then the pandemic arrived!! The choir is delighted that, three years later and with a live band and soloists the show can now go on.

Supported in the programme by a variety of popular music.

It will be a night not to be missed!!

Tickets cost £10 and will be on sale from June 5th at Devizes Books, from any choir member or contact Jean Edwards edwardsjean39@gmail.com for contactless payment and free local delivery.

STOP PRESS



Nev Boulton – who recently retired from his role as owner/station master/maintenance man/train driver of the wonderful Great Bulkington Railway – and the ladies who made tea on steam days, were recently invited to a presentation at Wiltshire Air Ambulance Station to thank them for their fundraising over many years.

The GBR had raised over £6,000.

Many of us have happy memories of rides on Nev's railway on Bank Holiday steam-ups and children's parties, so thanks to Nev and his team from all of us.

Do have a look at this month's bumper edition of the online colour supplement for pictures of Seend Beer Festival, all the coronation events (including Seend and Keevil School celebrations) and more at seend.org.uk

Just click on Spotlight and then on June colour supplement – available shortly.

And finally



An optimist and a pessimist walk into a bar, order half a pint in a pint glass and spend a pleasant evening debating which one is right.

(Another one stolen from the 'I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue Appreciation Society' facebook page.)

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

Church: Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07938 270815. PCC Secretary: Anne Ewing, 828557. Churchwardens: Seend: Len Murray, 828513;

Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mike Rose 01249 248516; LPAs: Liz Futter 828485, Rosie Forsey 828843, Len Murray 828513, Sue Noad 870343, Sue Rose 01249 248516, Hilary Hutchings 828129, Tina Yockney 827139. Bell Tower Captain: L Murray 828513.

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

Bulkington Village Hall – Bookings: Roger and Liz Futter 828485

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

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

Seend Parish Council Clerk – Mr Chris Stirland clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk

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

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

Seend School – 828334

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

Bulkington Parish Council—theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk

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Police Community Support-Sergeant Twyford. email: James.twyford@wiltshire.police.uk
Tel:01722547242

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

Book Clubs - the original: June May
827169 / 07590 818750 - the other: Frank
Teasdale 07719 918310

Cricket Club - Brian Hunt 828581

Day Schools -Tessa Doe 07719 917814

Fawltly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe
07719 917814 & Seend Village
Pantomime on fb

Fete-see Lye Field

Flower Show -Julia White 01380 827082

Football -Jake Sainsbury

FoSS - friendsofseendschool@gmail.com

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

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field - www.seendlyefield.org

Neighbourhood Watch - Seend - Brian
Hunt 828581 Sells Green - Cavan
Moroney 828606 Seend Cleeve - Owen
Burton 828820

Preschool Playleader- Rose Dick 828003

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Table Tennis - Chris Brooker, 828047

Tennis Club - Sarah Pearson 07980
744420

Theatre Club - Ken Harvey 828511,
Marion Whitehead 828612

Wheelchairs to borrow - Sue and Graham
Jones in Seend Cleeve, tel: 01380 828354

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Opening hours:

Shop and Cafe:

09.00 - 17.00 Monday to Saturday
09.00 - 10.30 Sunday

PO:

09.00 - 15.30 Monday to Friday
Closed Saturday and Sunday

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Free delivery within Seend area on orders over £20.00