

# SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



May 2023

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE APRIL

27<sup>th</sup> Link Annual General Meeting, Irene Usher Hall, 7.30 pm

29<sup>th</sup> Seend Annual Beer Festival

## DIARY DATES FOR MAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Seend Shuttle shopping trip to Salisbury

3<sup>rd</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch, The Well Inn, 12.15 pm

5<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30 a.m.

6<sup>th</sup> Coronation Extravaganza, Seend Social Club

7<sup>th</sup> Coronation Tea Party at The Brewery.

9<sup>th</sup> Seend Theatre Club AGM and social meeting, Memorial Hall

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

10<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night, Brewery Inn

13<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JUNE SPOTLIGHT

14<sup>th</sup> Seend and District Ramblers walk

14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week

15<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Tea and Craft group

16<sup>th</sup> Seend Annual Parish Council Meeting, Seend Community Centre, 7pm  
followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

17<sup>th</sup> Seend WI Craft and Chatter

18<sup>th</sup> Melksham Flower Arrangement 2pm at Seend Community Centre

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

26<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers Skittles evening at Seend Community centre, all welcome

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

31<sup>st</sup> Quiz Night, Brewery Inn

## DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

10/11 Seend Open Gardens

### **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)**

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

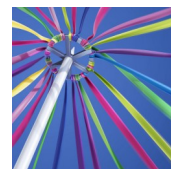
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## **WELCOME TO MAY 2023 SPOTLIGHT**

It is the merry, merry month of May. Time to welcome Jack in Green, and dance the summer in.

Our cover picture is 'The Village May Day parade.'

This month we are looking forward to the Coronation of King Charles III. And many opportunities to celebrate with our family and neighbours at the many events.



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## **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 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 EVENTS IN JUNE AND BEYOND



### EVENTS IN SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE



#### Seend Coronation Extravaganza

On **Saturday 6th May** A Village Celebration for the Coronation of **King Charles III**, with family entertainment including a magician, live music, food and of course the **Beacon** lighting.

- Bouncy Castle and Hog Roast from 5pm
- Magician and Balloon Modeller from 6pm
- Live Music from Siren and Ian Rayney from 7pm
- Beacon Lighting at dusk

*Free entry for all. We hope to see you there.*

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS** on 5<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Weds 31st May. Please book in advance for all lunch dates 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!

**The famous Seend Breakfasts** will be held from 8am on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> August and 2<sup>nd</sup> September.



**Schools Out for Summer BBQ** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 6pm.

**An Evening of Mediumship with Mitch Garlington** on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July, at Seend Community Centre. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30start. Tickets £12.50. To purchase tickets please visit [www.mitch-garlington.co.uk](http://www.mitch-garlington.co.uk)

**Pilates** Annette Witte will be running Pilates Introductory Sessions at 7pm on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please contact Annette for further information [annettewitte@hotmail.com](mailto:annettewitte@hotmail.com)

#### **MEMBERSHIP 2023**

Full Membership is £15, Over 60's £12.50, Under 18's £5. You can sign up online at [www.seendcommunitycentre.com](http://www.seendcommunitycentre.com) or just pop into the CC and pay at the Bar in the Members' Lounge during opening hours. Many thanks to all who have already paid their Membership 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 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### **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.



### **Seend WI Craft and Chatter Group**

Wednesday 17th May 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.



### **BREWERY INN EVENTS**

**Coronation Tea Party Sunday 7th May—Singing Herdsman,  
Cream Teas and Guest Ales**

**Wednesday Quiz Nights—May 10th and 31st**

### **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.*

### **THANK YOU**

**Nigel Knocker.** Angela, Jonathan and Fiona would like to thank you for all the love and support you have given us since dear Nigel died and for attending his Thanksgiving Service. Thank you too for all your lovely cards and letters, they were a great comfort.

### **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

The rescheduled Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Hall, Rusty Lane, Seend.

Meet our members and hear about plan for future trips. Wine, nibbles and entertainment, plus raffle prizes. All welcome. Enquiries to Ken Harvey (01380 838511) or Marion Whitehead (01380 828612).



**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)



## **SEEND OPEN GARDENS 10/11 June 2023 1.00 pm - 6.00pm**

This is our major fundraising event for our church and is held biennially, alternating with Seend Cleeve open gardens. Anyone, especially newcomers to the village, is most welcome to open their garden and whether it be small or large it will be greatly appreciated by our visitors. Thank you to those who already take part on a regular basis. It is much appreciated. For further information or if you are intending to open your garden please contact me, Tina Yockney, either by email or on 01380 827139.

**Urgent, help needed for car parking on the day, contact Neil 01380 827139**

**Also, Bakers and Tea help needed for Open Gardens Teas**

Calling all you lovely bakers out there who need no excuse to bake something delicious - we are again asking for donations of homemade cakes for the Open Gardens weekend on 10th and 11th June. All the visitors appreciate homemade cake with their cuppa and if you can help by donating a cake or serving the teas please get in touch.  
Anne Ewing

**The Seend Flower Show** will be held on Saturday 12th August 2023 and we welcome entries from gardeners, bakers, crafters and artists. This year we are including new categories such as Terrariums, Speciality Breads and Wooden Models/3D Printed Models.

The success of the show is very dependent on your support and attendance so please contact us if you are able assist on the day and/or are interested in joining the committee. 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**

## **Seend Shuttle - Join our Rota of School Bus Drivers -**

**Recruiting now** We are currently recruiting volunteer drivers to join our school term only, 1 week -in-4, mornings only Rota taking children from Seend and Bulkington to Seend School in the Seend Shuttle.



All you need to join the gang is a D1 category on your driving license, an alarm clock and a sense of humour! This is a much appreciated service by users and we really need your help to keep the service rolling along.

We welcome enquiries from men or women, local residents or not, parents or grandparents of school pupils or any other volunteers who would like to help out.

**Interested but would like more information? Then please contact Robin Thornton on 07725 105398 by call or message or email to Pete Wallis at [seend-shuttle@gmail.com](mailto:seend-shuttle@gmail.com)**

Please pass this on to anyone you think might be interested and share with your FB contacts. We also have seats available for pupils on the bus for the rest of this year.



## **Christian Aid Week    Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>. – Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Christian Aid, with 70 years' experience, works to bring an end to poverty in 37 countries, helping people in Africa, Asia and the Middle East as well as Latin America and the Caribbean, addressing the root causes as well as the effects of poverty. They work with 475 local, national & international partner organizations; some are Christian, some Muslim, Jewish or Hindu – some are of no religious persuasion at all. Christian Aid's primary concern is that partners are good at what they do. The work is inspired by Christian values of faith, charity, hope and truth. Put simply 'aid' is what Christian Aid does, 'Christian' is why they do it."

Christian Aid makes best use of monies collected by allocating funds from a central budget to partners according to need. A close relationship is maintained with partners to learn more about the problems in their areas, to offer support and check that money is spent wisely. Over a quarter of the money collected is spent on emergencies but, the key area is long term development.

Spending nearly half of the income on projects such as education and health as well as ways to improve people's resilience to shocks and disasters, like stronger houses in earthquake zones. The remainder is divided between campaigning and fundraising. No money is given to governments.

The rise in the cost of living here and the continuing War in Ukraine, for which many of you have contributed, suggests this is not a good time to be asking for donations. But the global changes in weather which we have already experienced with hotter summers and warmer winters with periods of drought and heavy rain are much worse in many of the poorer parts of the world. In Northern Kenya and other parts of eastern Africa for example, where they are pastoralists there has been no significant rainfall for 4 years. Many cattle have died as a result and people only survive on food aid. Mass starvation is feared, without help, like the famine of 1984 in Ethiopia. This has led to considerable mental illness, especially amongst the men since they are traditionally the bread winners and can no longer provide for their families. Suicides have increased whilst others seek solace in alcohol. Parts of India and Pakistan and other areas of Asia have had cyclonic weather causing widespread flooding with houses being swept away. Christian Aid have also been in Turkey and Syria recently helping with the earthquake damage.

Asking for more money seems hard when you may have probably contributed recently to one of the many Ukraine appeals and are likely to have little to spare due to the sharp rise in the cost of living. But those in the Wellsprings Benefice have always been generous to Christian Aid so I hope you will feel able to support Christian Aid Week once again. As usual, for your convenience, a Christian Aid envelope is inside this May edition of Spotlight; please keep it safely. The collectors will call during the week of 14th – 20th May. It helps them considerably and is more convenient to you if the donation is ready when they call. I appreciate it is a nuisance but if you pay income tax, please complete the Gift Aid slip too, it increases your amount to Christian Aid by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. If you miss your collector for any reason, please hand your envelope in at the Village Shop in Seend or to Liz Futter, Mill Lane, Bulkington or to me at Whites Farm, Seend Cleeve, whichever is the easiest. Thank you. Dick Church, Christian Aid Week Local Organiser.

## **CHURCH NEWS**



The days are getting longer and lighter, spring is here, the sun is shining and it's getting warmer.

As the sun shines through my windows into the dark corners of the house, it prompts me to start thinking about spring cleaning. Looking around the different rooms, I have decided that it's time to put a bit of extra effort into making everything in our house clean and in order.

And so I begin – I know that I am going to turn my house upside down as I clean out the cupboards, take things apart, clean and scrub everywhere. I am going to reach into every dark corner of my house in order to make it presentable, fresh, and new, getting rid of junk and rubbish in the process.

I wonder how many of you still do a thorough spring clean of your homes, or perhaps you may find it all just a bit too much.

We may find it helpful to make a decluttering plan. Mess can affect our mood, but it's not always easy to get rid of things or know where to begin. Why not start by identifying your cluttered hotspots and visualising how you'd like them to look. Break it down into small areas, perhaps even taking "before" photos so you can monitor your progress. Once you get going, put everything into designated bags for recycling, rubbish, selling and donating.

Sometimes we need to do the same thing with our minds, souls and bodies – we need to clean them up and get rid of the junk and rubbish that add clutter and affect our well-being. Things like worry, anger, gossip, bad habits and anything else that can drag us (and other people) down. I hardly ever watch the television news now and am careful what posts I read on Facebook – I just don't need that negativity in my life.

As humans, we are programmed towards negative thinking and generally need five positive thoughts to counteract one negative one. Why not practice gratitude every day? Start each morning by thinking of five things you're grateful for, such as a warm bed or a nice message from a friend. Do the same in the evenings just before you go to sleep.

There is a lovely verse in the Bible in Paul's letter to the church at Philippi that says something similar:

*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."* (Philippians 4:8)

Liz Starling (Licensed Lay Minister)

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

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

### **From the Registers:**

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.



## CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY 2023

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



### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> (Easter 5/Coronation weekend)**

10am	Coronation Service	Poulshot
10am	Coronation Songs of Praise	Worton
11am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
11am	Holy Communion	Seend

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> (Easter 6)**

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

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> (Easter 7)**

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

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> (Easter 8)**

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

### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

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



Crafts – Worship - Refreshments

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Holy Cross Church, Seend SN12 6NX

Parking near church or over the road at Community Centre in Rusty Lane

**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.**

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**



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

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

**Held Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bulkington Village Hall.** Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Alex Breach, Alison Howard-Evans and Julie Anderson-Hill

### **Agenda Item**

**1 Apologies for absence:** Andrew Grabham, Carla Haslam and Tamara Reay gave their apologies, their apologies were accepted in the meeting.

**2 To Record:** No changes to the Register of Interests received

No declaration of Interest in Agenda Items received

**3 To Receive a report from Tamara Reay:** Tamara gave her apologies for the meeting and sent her report to the councilors. The report was distributed and discussed. Tamara's Report:

"Ask The Leader" event - will take place at Devizes Library on Tuesday 28 March, from 6pm to 7.30pm. Residents will be able to meet Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council, share their concerns about local issues and ask questions on a wide variety of council services and projects.

Council Tax online - Wiltshire Council is launching a new, updated portal to enable residents to manage their council tax online and go paperless. This will enable people to check their council tax account and make payments, view their bill, set up and amend a direct debit and notify the council of any changes. They can also opt out of receiving a paper bill through the post. To use this new facility, you need to visit [Managing your council tax online](#) and enter their tax reference number.

Wiltshire Council is supporting the local administration of national Government schemes that aim to help people who haven't yet received any automatic financial assistance from energy support schemes.

Most households get a £400 discount on their energy bills. However, in some cases, people do not get the discount automatically; for example, if they pay for energy through a **landlord, housing manager or site owner, or live in a park home, houseboat or off the electricity grid**. The Government's Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS AF) Alternative Funding is now in place to help these people. The EBSS AF is providing support of £400 for energy bills for households in England, Scotland, and Wales without a direct relationship to a domestic electricity supplier. The scheme is now open to all eligible households until 31 May 2023. Anyone eligible for EBSS AF will need to fill out a short online form via the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website. The form can be found by searching—"Apply for energy bill support if you do not get it automatically" into the search bar on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). Applications are made directly to the Government, not to or via Wiltshire Council. For those who do not have online access, they can apply via a contact centre on 08081 753287 where a representative will guide them through the application process.

The EBSS AF is separate to the Alternative Fuels Payment (AFP) which is for people that use alternative fuels for heating. People should have received the £200 Alternative Fuels Payment (AFP) if both the following are true:

Their household is not connected to the mains gas grid or they use alternative fuels as their main form of heating.

People are eligible for this payment if the main way they heat their home uses: tank or bottled gas, liquid petroleum gas (LPG), oil, wood, or solid fuel.

Most homes that are eligible for this payment should have received it in the last few weeks as a credit on their electricity bills.

Councillors discussed an expanding property in Keevil near the sewerage site.

**4 Local Police Report:** The local police report for Melksham Rural South (Semington, Seend, Seend Cleeve, Great Hinton, Keevil, Bulkington, Steeple Ashton and Poulshot) reports that, for January, no offences outside of the normal average ranges occurred. The area saw 16 offences in total, most of which were one-off occurrences. Due to the recent burglary series, the area will remain on the Police priority list this month while the night time offendings are still being investigated.

**5 Open Forum:** No new matters raised by the community.

**6 Local Planning Updates:**

**Application No.** PL/2023/00927—Listed building consent (Alt/Ext) To demolish modern ground floor rear lean-to and replace it with new lean-to addition. At Home Farm Cottage, 8 High Street, Bulkington, SN10 1SJ

No comments raised.

**Application No.** PL/2023/01321—Removal/variation of conditions—Variation of condition 2 from application ref. PL/2021/05910 At Land adjacent to Ashatch Farm, Mill lane, Bulkington, SN10 1SP

No comments raised.

**7 Minute Approval:** Approval of the last Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting in February with minor adjustments made.

**8 Finance:** Clerk February £325

Defib contribution to The Well 2023 £30. Defib contribution to The Well 2022 £30

Contribution to electricity used by Defib for The Well to be paid every March..

**Total approved in meeting:** £385

**Total in account:** £ 9,308.35

**9 Newsletter:** Councilors discussed the next Newsletter and agreed that all working files will be sent to the Clerk to complete so that the finished Newsletter can be included in the submission for Best Kept Village as this fulfills some of the judging criteria. The submission deadline is the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. It was agreed that the newsletter will mention Council tax online from Tamara's report along with a reminder about the upcoming Coronation event in May. It was also agreed to include a plea to villagers not to park blocking pavements as this really affects pedestrian access.

**10 Recreational Ground:** Carla sent an update on progress made by the Rec Committee:

The Oak Blokes are booked to begin work on the Bulkington Recreation Ground in the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2023. The works will cost £7500. 00 and will include: To install Pathway from existing gate to new Pergola area (approx. where the little white springy horse currently is) To install Hard standing area, using same material as pathway, underneath Pergola.

Removal of existing timber play apparatus including swing and make good any holes. The play apparatus being removed has not passed the ROSPA tests for some time and are no longer considered safe to use. Installation of new pergola.

**Please note that the Rec. Ground will need to be closed for the duration of the works to keep children safe.**

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 apparatus with new, safe equipment. The current quote for this is £6k so £500 will need to be raised. Any volunteers for fundraising please contact Carla Haslam or our Clerk Hannah with and ideas. The replacement works will only be able to be completed once the funding has been secured and money raised. The Oak Bloke works and the equipment replacement mentioned above will be funded through Rec. Ground funds and grants. Councillors discussed changing the gate latch to the Rec. Ground to allow access for mobility scooters and wheelchairs.

As agreed in September 2022, a new grass cutting contract with Mark Goddard & Sons Landscaping will be signed this month for the maintenance of the grass on the Rec Ground, the bus shelter and the war memorial. The contract is to start March 2023. The contract includes 12-14 cuts over the summer cutting season. £228 per month to cut all the playing field grass, the bus shelter and the war memorial area. It was agreed to include the War Memorial grass area and behind the bus shelter in the scope of work despite this in theory being covered by Wiltshire Council's contract with IdeVerde. Due to past unreliable service, the Parish Council has decided to outsource these areas to ensure consistency and quality.

**11 Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. Clerk to chase meeting about grass verges and contact steward. Clerk to advise Steward of Best Kept village dates.

**12 LHFIG requests:** Bulkington currently has 3 Village requests for dropped kerbs and white road markings submitted to the LHFIG group, we are awaiting an update in the next LHFIG meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April.

**13 Coronation Picnic:** The Coronation of HM King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, with Monday 8<sup>th</sup> being declared a holiday. It was decided that the village event will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May – between noon and 4pm. Villagers are invited to attend bringing picnic, blankets, flags, bunting etc. Team games like tug of war, rounder's, 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:** The next year of this competition is coming up, the entry deadline is 21<sup>st</sup> April. Councillors agreed that Bulkington will be entering again; judging for the first (District) round will take place from 15<sup>th</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> June. Clerk to submit entry once the Newsletter is complete.

**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:** Councilors agreed on the style of wall rack – the Clerk volunteered to order the rack and install it.

**17 War memorial amend:** Clerk to give update. Just re pointed, original plaque.

**18 AOB:** parking on paths

**NEXT MEETING: 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 at 7.30pm**

### **The Bulkington Village Lunch**



takes place on

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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 22<sup>nd</sup> May 11.05-11.30 am.



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

Will meet from 2.00—4pm on Monday 15th May

Please contact Phil Yarde (828116) for the venue nearer the time. New people always welcome.



### **TABLE TENNIS**

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that Bulkington Village Hall has a table tennis table. The hall can be hired to play table tennis for £5 per hour. Please call 828485. There are bats and balls available to borrow.

### **Keevil CofE Primary School - Latest News**

This month a number of village children experienced their first trip away from parents and carers with an exciting residential school trip.

Year four children from Keevil Primary School headed off to the Brecon Beacons, staying in the Danywenallt Youth Hostel and undertaking activities led by staff from the National Parks Authority. The activities centred around the wildlife and geography of the National Park. This included a treasure hunt, survival challenges, and a tough 4.5 mile hike (learning navigation skills along the way). Head teacher Lindsay Hermon praised the children's resilience. "The children met all of the challenges thrown at them with an incredible spirit. Through taking part in activities outdoors that challenge them to move outside of their comfort zone, we find that the children develop real resilience and self-belief, which translates into increased self-esteem and better learning behaviours back in school.

**Book share library** In other news, the school would like to invite the local community to make use of the school book share library. The book share is the result of an ‘up-cycle’ project by the school. The old rabbit hutch has been refurbished and weather-proofed and is now positioned on the corner of Church Lane, behind the railings. Come along and choose some books, and return them when you have read them for others to enjoy. If you have books to donate they can be placed in the hutch or dropped into the school’s reception. We would be grateful if donated books are current novels in good condition and modern children’s books. We also have a collection point for recycling pens and printer cartridges, which helps raise funds for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Baskets for these are inside the book share hutch. Both of these recycling initiatives have contributed to the school’s Green Tree Gold Award and hopefully help the Village to reduce waste, and support such a worthwhile charity in the process.

## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

### **SEEND WI**



There was a real buzz in the room at our April Meeting. As well as Seend members it was great to share the meeting with Bromham WI. Seend WI members voted unanimously to support the WI Resolution for 2023 “Clean rivers for people and wildlife”. This decision will be conveyed to our delegate before she attends the Annual Conference in Cardiff in on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Our speaker was Stuart Flitton with a talk entitled “Journalism, my part in its survival”. He grew up and began his career in South Africa during apartheid. This experience greatly influenced his thinking across the 45 years he has spent in journalism. Stuart regaled us with amusing stories of places and people he had encountered over the years, both in South Africa and the UK. In May there will be a talk and demonstration on basket weaving on 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm given by Geoff Travers. Craft and Chatter Group will be on 17<sup>th</sup> May. 2pm to 4pm. Bring your own craft or just pop in for cake and a chat we look forward to seeing you there.

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



Kevin Toft, our Chairman and County Standard Bearer came second in the Regional Standard Bearers competition held in Ferndown on Saturday 18 February.

The day trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on Easter Saturday went well and Kevin laid a wreath at the Basra Memorial Wall on behalf of Ken & Sue Holloway in memory of their son Ollie. Kevin also paraded at the Savernake Dedication on Sunday 23 April and laid a wreath from Seend RBL.

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

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

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

Anita Heatley RBL/PR



## **SEEND TENNIS CLUB - UPDATE**

Just a reminder that it's a new Tennis season and the weather is getting better, so come and join us on the courts soon at the heart of the Village.

All you need to do is join or renew your membership. The new season runs from 1st April 2023 until 31st March 2024 and full payment is required upon joining/renewing. You must be a member to book the courts (which you do through the web-site). Contact [membershipstclub@gmail.com](mailto:membershipstclub@gmail.com) for any specific queries.

This year's fees are: £40 for adults £75 for families £10 for children or students

**Help still needed** We are still looking for a new Fundraising Secretary and a new Coaching Co-ordinator, so if you fancy joining a fun committee and keeping a precious village resource not just alive but thriving, please do get in touch!

**League teams** Frankie Goddard (07854 660582) & Liam Bergin (07738 269739) still look after the League Teams so if anyone is interested in some more competitive matches, please contact them directly.

**Social games** We have been running a very successful social weekly club, which now on a Thursday night from now on (currently 3.00- 4.30). Please contact Fiona on 07749 716662 and she will add you to the WhatsApp group.

For all general enquiries, please contact: [Seendtennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:Seendtennisclub@gmail.com)

For membership queries, please contact: [memberstclub@gmail.com](mailto:memberstclub@gmail.com).

See you on the courts!

### **SEEND 100 + CLUB APRIL DRAW**

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|---|---------|------------|-----|---|---------|-------------|-----|
| 1 | No. 51  | E Braney   | £50 | 2 | No. 178 | P Jackson   | £25 |
| 3 | No. 168 | D Crawford | £25 | 4 | No. 148 | D Smethurst | £15 |
| 5 | No. 23  | L Murray   | £15 |   |         |             |     |



Thanks to the Ladies at the Brewery who helped with the Draw. This is the last draw this year, it starts again in May. If you want to join please message me. Annual Subscription £15.

Alison Bottomley

## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

It was an overcast morning on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April for 11 members to complete a 6.5 mile walk starting from the Newbridge Park and Ride Bath. Bob and Brenda led us along the river towards Bath passing Pulteney bridge and weir which was in full flow!! From here we cut through the centre of the city up to the impressive circus and Royal crescent, through Victoria park and then rejoined the river to return to the carpark.



It was a very enjoyable walk and we all saw parts of Bath we hadn't seen before. Thank you to Bob and Brenda for leading.

Next walk – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May leaders will be Colin and Jo. Members will be notified in the usual way nearer the time.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June leaders Anita and Pete again details in the usual way.

Date for the diary – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, skittles evening in Seend Community Centre. That is all for this month.

Sandy

## **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

Members really enjoyed our coach outing to the Bristol Hippodrome in March to see "The King & I". This was a revival of the famous Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. It starred Helen George (Call the Midwife) in the lead role of Anna Leonowens and Darren Lee as the King of Siam. The costumes were fabulous and with a huge cast, including talented young child actors, the show was fast moving and thoroughly entertaining. Our trip in April was to Salisbury Playhouse for an evening performance of "Brief Encounter". Based on the classic story of a chance encounter in a train station tearoom, this adaptation had live music, comedy and spectacle to enhance the entire performance.



The AGM, combined with a social evening, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion. After the essential business, which will be kept as short as possible, there will be a break for wine and nibbles followed by an entertaining talk by two stalwarts of the Seend Village life. There will also be a raffle, so do come along to support us and hear about our future plans.

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**

Next Shuttle trip to Salisbury is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Carry on the Bank Holiday feeling by joining us. Please ring me if you'd like to come. Anita 01380 828757.



## **SEEND SCHOOL**

In the lead up to Easter at Seend Primary school we came together as a school community to recognise this important time of year. Throughout the period of Lent we collected items for Melksham Foodbank which were very gratefully received. We also held several Lent reflections and an Easter Service in the Church of the Holy Cross where we came together as a whole school along with parents, the local community and members of the clergy to reflect on the significance of Easter for Christians. The children led us through moments of reflection and prayer and invited us to all be part of these services. It was a very special time in school for all involved and was lovely to be able to share these events with the wider school community.



## **SEEND PLAYGROUP**

We have welcomed Billy and Dennis in Term 5 and hope they enjoy their time with us. Thank you to Nicky, Val, Amy and Liz D for making a successful Easter Bonnet Parade and coffee morning. Also thank you to the committee for serving coffees and hot cross buns, and to everyone who attended. I was very disappointed to miss it as I had Covid. Liz F had it too. From the photos I saw there were some amazing bonnet creations. Nicky hid bunny masks which the children found and decorated with parents and grandparents.



Our topics this term are shapes, seasonal things and the King's coronation. We finish for half-term on May 26th.

Rosie Dick, Playgroup Leader 828003

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

**March Parish Council Meeting** Attendance - 7 Councillors, 5 members of public

### **Local Council Matters**

Cllr Reay was unable to attend the meeting and sent the following report:

**Opportunities for Wiltshire-based businesses to supply goods and services to Wiltshire Council.** The Council is holding two workshops that will explain how the council buys what it needs, allowing local businesses to get greater access to sell their goods, works, and services and encouraging businesses to bid for Wiltshire Council contracts. These are scheduled for 20 & 27th April. For further information please contact the procurement team at Wiltshire Council

[procurementunit@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:procurementunit@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### **Funding for Council Housing upgrade**

Wiltshire Council secured ~£3.6m of Government funding, which will help increase the energy efficiency of existing housing in the county. It will be spent on retrofitting up to 210 Wiltshire homes by March 2025, supporting the council's ambition for the county to be carbon neutral by 2030. In 2021, the council secured ~£550,000, which was used to improve 90 of its least energy efficient council homes. This additional funding will allow the council to support retrofits for owner occupied and privately rented homes that are not connected to mains gas and are EPC band D-G subject to household income levels.

### **£2 single bus fare promotion has been extended until 30 June.**

The promotion, which began on 1 January, has been very popular in Wiltshire, one bus operator in the county seeing more than 70,000 reduced-fare trips in the first month. The extended fare price reduction, which is aimed at getting more people to use buses during the current cost of living challenges, means that Wiltshire bus users can travel on most routes in the county for just £2 or less for a single fare.

### **Matters Arising**

**Defibrillator Support** Jamie Halliday and Phil Springate agreed to take on the weekly checks of the Defibrillator at the Brewery.

**Row Lane Stile** The land owner has repaired the stile and it has been used.

### **Items for Discussion from Members of the Parish**

#### **Surface Water in Seend High Street**

An on-site survey was arranged overnight 28<sup>th</sup> March. Following this visit, arrangements were made to carry out an excavation in the highway to try to trace the source. The excavation, required permission of the Council Highways department for a road closure. The Clerk to write to Highways, Wessex Water and Cllr Reay to expedite matters.

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

#### **Seend Cleeve Northern Extension of 30mph speed limit**

The extension of the existing 30mph speed envelope NE from Seend Cleeve to include the new affordable housing development (11 Dwellings) needs to be implemented before new residents arrive at the beginning of September. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Reay to see if this item can be prioritised.

### **Bollands Hill Freight Assessment and Priority Mechanism (FAPM)**

LHFIG responded to the Council's request for vehicle restrictions on Bollands Hill referring to the two alternative routes for large vehicles via either the A365 Sells Green and Seend or Melksham, A350 / A361. It was noted many of the larger vehicles were the same vehicles that were seen travelling through Worton, hence it might be appropriate for LHFIG to review both locations as a combined project.

The reply also detailed the Freight Assessment and Priority Mechanism (FAPM) process in some detail including the fact Bollands Hill has not been included in this process since 2016. For Bollands Hill to be considered for vehicle restrictions Highways would require a comprehensive study and survey.

Given the strength of opinion from local residents and recent damage to private property along this road, Councillors agreed this issue should remain on LHFIG's agenda. The Chairman/Clerk to request this at the next LHFIG meeting.

### **The Stocks Advanced Direction Signage (ADS)**

The proposed Stocks upgrade comprises deployment of:

- A junction warning sign with a supplementary "reduce speed now" plate.
- A new nameplate

These signs will be placed east of the junction to Seend Cleeve. The Clerk to advise LHFIG that the Council supports their deployment and will fund the cost up to a maximum of £2,000 as detailed in their report.

**Broad Lane,** - The occupants of Cherry Tree Farm volunteered to remove items left on the verge in the vicinity of the farm and repair some potholes. Concerns were raised regarding the use and general state of the lane, verges and access to adjoining land. The Clerk to see if a meeting could be arranged with Wiltshire Council.

**Rusty Lane-** It was noted the new surface does not reach the lower end of Rusty Lane adjacent to the Canal. The path is puddled and muddy. The Clerk to request the Wiltshire Council Rights of Way and Countryside Team to revisit this part of the Lane with a view to extending the new surface to the end of the Lane.

**Bradley Lane**—Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Team have advised that they can assist with the surface upgrade of Bradley Lane. The expected cost is likely to be between £4-£5k. It was agreed the Parish Council would fund up to £5k towards the upgrade. The Clerk to advise the Wiltshire Council Rights of Way and Countryside Team.

**Speedwatch** Two volunteers have completed the necessary training. However, to operate the Speedwatch campaign, five trained volunteers are required. Training at Trowbridge Police Station has been suspended. On-Line Training has not proved to be an acceptable alternative solution hence the campaign will be delayed until a workable training scheme can be deployed.

The next LHFIG meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The Chairman and Clerk to attend.

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

**PL/2023/01320** - Elm Cottage, Seend Hill - Single storey extension to rear/side of property

**PL/2023/01695** - Dormer Cottage, Seend Cleeve, Erection of garden room, associated facilities & raised deck area.

**Devizes Area Board** Pamela Akerman had previously circulated notes from the last meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The key points are summarised below.

There is an ambition for Wiltshire to become carbon neutral by 2030. 45% of carbon emissions are from vehicle transport. To reduce this figure, it was proposed that residents could be encouraged to avoid unnecessary travel (e.g., working from home), change their mode of local travel (e.g., more cycling and bus use) and move towards more sustainable modes (e.g., electric vehicles). School travel contributes an additional 45% traffic in rush hour hence there is a need to focus on school travel plans such as 'Walking Buses' that have been implemented in some local communities.

**Devizes Station** Network Rail is undertaking a study with Wiltshire Council and other local partners, to investigate the infrastructure requirements of a potential station which is expected to be issued this spring.

**Electric charging points** There is only one point installed in Devizes and unfortunately it is not working. Devizes needs to plan for more charging points of sufficient capacity for new technologies.

The next Devizes Area Board meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### **Items of Correspondence—Get to know your Village Day**

The Community Centre is considering a "Getting to know your community evening" to encourage people to become involved with and support local village groups.

Councillors agreed they would like to support this event. The Clerk to reply to the organiser.

#### **Items for Note—Queens Green Canopy update**

Parishioners have planted over 300 trees around the parish. A big thank you goes to all those involved especially Georgina A'Bear who agreed to act as the local collection point for the deliveries.

**Councillor Vacancies** A Vacancy can only be advertised after an existing Councillor has stood down. Wiltshire Council has to be notified of the Vacancy and they issue a formal notice that has to be displayed within the Parish for a period of 21 days. During this period if ten or more parishioners wish to request an election, they have to inform the Returning Officer at Wiltshire Council by the deadline given on the vacancy notice not the Clerk. The Returning Officer will advise the Parish Council if an election has been requested. If not, the Parish Council can fill the vacancy through co-option. The Parish Council has one vacancy advertisement outstanding and is awaiting confirmation from the Wiltshire Council Elections officer that it can proceed with a co-option after 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Anita Heatley has formally announced her retirement. Wiltshire Council has advised that her vacancy will be advertised after her departure on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### **Finance**

Bank Reconciliation to end of January 2022, circulated to Councillors, came to:

**£33,252.10**

25<sup>th</sup> April. April Parish Council meeting 7 pm

16<sup>th</sup> May - Annual Parish Council meeting (7pm) and Annual Parish Meeting (7.30pm)

26<sup>th</sup> May – May Parish Council meeting 7pm

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

My office is once again looking to help fund voluntary groups, organisations and charities that tackle major issues like anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol related crimes and supporting young people.

Each year we work in partnership with Wiltshire Community Foundation (WCF) to award grants to community and voluntary groups who support the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan. It's a really great way for us to give back to the community with the money raised from unclaimed property.

I wanted to make the grants even more accessible for those smaller community groups this year, so the eligibility criteria and application process itself has been re-designed as well as there now being multiple opportunities to apply throughout the year. In previous years we have awarded thousands of pounds to some incredible causes which have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in Wiltshire and Swindon, including Youth Adventure Trust which works with vulnerable and disadvantaged children aged 11-16 from deprived areas to run activity days for young people.

Another example is Warminster and Westbury youth clubs which were forced to close during the lockdowns. The grant enabled the clubs to cover the costs of re-opening in line with guidelines and to ensure they were Covid-safe.

I want to encourage groups to visit the [fund page](#) to read the full eligibility criteria and get your application in. Or if you have any questions, please sign up to WCF's free [Meet the Funder webinar](#) to find out more.

### **Contact Amy Pantall**

Campaigns and Communications Manager  
OPCC

[amy.pantall@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:amy.pantall@wiltshire.police.uk)

### **NURTURE NATURE**

Some of you early birds might listen to the Tweet of the Day at two minutes to six – just before the news. The Whitethroat's repetitive sweet toned song can be heard from the hedgerows in the summer months, it can easily be confused with the Lesser Whitethroat. In 1969 this species, which winters in tropical and semi tropical Africa, also in Arabia and Pakistan, suffered a catastrophic collapse, which scientists have now connected to the start of warnings of changing climate patterns, i.e. that the planet was noticeably warming. The Whitethroat has made something of a recovery since then, so listen out for it on your walks.

Have readers noticed a sharp decline in the under appreciated wasp species populations, which play an important part in the insect world of the British Isles? So please don't swat them, leave them be and they won't hurt you unless threatened. Regarding our garden birds which appear to be ever more in decline according to recent surveys, please keep your moggies inside at sunset to protect foraging parent birds and fledglings and bats (eighteen species in the UK), another threatened species. And don't let your moggies out until well after dawn, as again this is a very vulnerable time for birds and their young.





We need trees, and trees now need our help more than ever before. Some of you will have noticed the devastation to our native ash trees as they have been widely felled in an attempt to prevent the spread of ash dieback disease. Thanks to the Woodland Trust and the PC those of you who ordered tree whips for planting will now have them. However, they will need tender care and nurturing to get them established.



Anyone seen any hirundines yet, or heard a cuckoo?  
Still keep feeding sites and bird baths clean to protect against avian flu.

House Martins: These lovely migrant birds fly from Africa to nest in the British Isles, many in our area. They spend a long time making their mud nests under the eaves of houses. Please be tolerant of their building habits. The birds do not cause too much mess and they become distressed if all their hard work is destroyed. If house martins cannot raise their broods, yet another species will be endangered.

Swallows: These beautiful birds always return to their old nest sites, so please ensure access to them. If, for reasons of security, access has to be shut, swallows will fly through small openings in order to reach their traditional nesting sites.

Swifts: Their nesting sites, some of which are centuries old, are fast disappearing, due to development and property maintenance. They require an access tunnel of at least 18" long with a small entrance hole; please don't block them off. Swifts are believed to spend as much as nine months to a year on the wing, and they are known to nap whilst flying.

Swift sightings can be reported to Bradford-on-Avon Swift Group at [climatechampions@gmail.com](mailto:climatechampions@gmail.com), or [www.swift-conservation.org](http://www.swift-conservation.org).

Note: These birds are all, of course, protected species – it is a criminal offence to disturb or destroy their nest sites and environments. There was the distressing sight a few years ago when an active house martin nest had been wired over, preventing the juveniles from flying out, and they perished inside the wire. Otis Tarda

## **BITS AND BOBS**



**Melksham & District Flower Arrangement Society  
meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 2pm in  
Seend Community Centre 18th May**

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



### **NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME – [WWW.NGS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.NGS.ORG.UK)**

Many wonderful gardens in Wiltshire are open in May - some very local to us. Do check on the website where you can see all the details but it is always best to check before leaving for your garden visit.

**Julia's House Childrens's Hospice**, Bath Road, Devizes, SN10 2AT  
Open Gardens on Saturday 13th May  
10am—4pm Adults £4 children free

**The Annual Gardeners' Fair Wednesday 10th May 2023 9.00am – 2.00pm.**

**The Shambles, Market Place, Devizes**

Wide range of plants including unusual perennials, climbers, shrubs, clematis, alpiners, annuals and vegetable plants.

Donated plants for charity stall most welcome.

Contact: Jennifer Brisker 01672 851925 [jbrisker1@aol.com](mailto:jbrisker1@aol.com)



Save the Children.



**A HEADS UP FOR OUR JUNE CONCERT, and a reminder about the May Choral Workshop**

**Martin James Bartlett** will be performing in the Priory Church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

His programme is mostly, French: Couperin, Debussy, Rameau and Ravel, interspersed with Haydn and Schumann/Liszt. This will make for a delicate and expansive evening's music. Full details are on the Edington Arts website, still at 2014 prices, by ringing Chrissy on 01380 831256 or emailing [sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org); £20/15/10. **Don't forget also about the 2023 Choral Workshop with Jeremy Summerly on May 20<sup>th</sup>, when we will be learning, and learning about,**

**Spirituals. Full details are on the Edington Arts website, [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org). There are still spaces available for all parts.**

### **Coming Soon**

Talk on the history & archaeology of Seend after recent excavations in the village.

Further information to follow on the village website & Facebook pages.

Caroline Power (01380 827079)

### **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.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>: From Romans to Georgians: a city tour of Bath** by *Aaron Hunter*

**June 7<sup>th</sup>: Victorian Art & Scandals** by *Val Woodgate*

**July 5<sup>th</sup>: Eric Ravilious** by *David Haycock*

Do have a look at our online colour supplement for Pictures  
[seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk) and click on Spotlight then on May colour supplement

**And finally .....**

A passer-by said to a fisherman: Is this river any good for fish?

Fisherman: It must be, I can't get the fish to leave it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Seend's Wiltshire Councillor** – Tamara Reay 07711824864 [tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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

**Seend School** – 828334

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

**Bulkington Parish Council**—[theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk](mailto:theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk)

**Rights of Way Warden** – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

**Devizes Area Board** – 01225 718352 Support Officer: [tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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

**Police Community Support**—Sargent Twyford. email: [James.tyford@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:James.tyford@wiltshire.police.uk)  
Tel. 01722 547242

**100+Club Draw**-Alison Bottomley -  
[avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk)

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

**Cricket Club** - Brian Hunt 828581

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

**Flower Show** -Julia White 01380 827082

**Football** -Jake Sainsbury

**FoSS** - [friendsofseendschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofseendschool@gmail.com)

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

**LINK Scheme** - 075320 55560

**Lye Field** - [www.seendlyefield.org](http://www.seendlyefield.org)

**Neighbourhood Watch** -

**Seend** - Brian Hunt 828581

**Sells Green** - Cavan Moroney 828606

**Seend Cleeve** - Owen Burton 828820

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**Poetry Group** - Tessa Doe 828617

**Ramblers** - Sandy James 01380 739235

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*Welfare:* Christine O'Reilly 07791 157060 /  
01380 828888

**Seend Baby & Toddler Group** - Eleanor  
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**Short Mat Bowls Club** - Colin Waldeck  
01225 736092

**Table tennis** - Chris Brooker, 828047

**Tennis Club** - Sarah Pearson 07980 744420

**Theatre Club** - Ken Harvey 828511,  
Marion Whitehead 828612

**WEA/Day Schools** -Tessa Doe 828617

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

**WI** - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Joyce  
Harvey 828511

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### **Shop and Cafe:**

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09.00 - 10.30 Sunday

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