

# **SPOTLIGHT**

## **Seend & Bulkington**



**October 2023**

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

- 27<sup>th</sup> Brewery Quiz Night
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter lunch club, Seend Community Centre, 12 for 12.30 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Ladies Group
- 29<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am – noon
- 30<sup>th</sup> Seend Wine Circle, Seend Community Centre

## DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Walk Around Wellsprings
- 4<sup>th</sup> Seend Shuttle to Marlborough
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch, The Well Inn, 12.15 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, 10.30 am Seend Community Centre
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Macmillan Coffee Morning, 11 am to 2 pm, Village Hall
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend, The Lye, 10.05am Seend Cleeve, phone box;  
11 am Bulkington, The Well Inn Car Park
- 10<sup>th</sup> Seend Community, Land & Asset Trust AGM, 7.30 pm The Pavilion
- 11<sup>th</sup> Seend WI Quiz 7.30 pm The Pavilion (Open to All)
- 14<sup>th</sup> **LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Seend Community Centre Annual Meeting, upstairs Village Room, 7pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> “Female of the Species” 7 pm Seend Community Centre
- 24<sup>th</sup> Seend PC Meeting 7 pm, Seend Community Centre
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter lunch club – 12 for 12.30pm, Seend Community Centre
- 25<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Quiz Night
- 26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Haunted Garden, 6pm, Brewery Inn
- 28<sup>th</sup> Seend Oktoberfest, 7 pm, Seend Community Centre
- 29<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Competition, Brewery Inn
- 29<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> Nov Partial closure of road through Seend Cleeve for sewerage mains work.



### Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion & Seend Lye Field

Available for parties, meetings, sports events.

Book online: [www.seendlyefield.org](http://www.seendlyefield.org) or email: [seendlrf@gmail.com](mailto:seendlrf@gmail.com)

## SEEND COMMUNITY LINK SCHEME

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

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

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

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

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

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



## **WELCOME TO OCTOBER 2023 SPOTLIGHT**

Firstly, we have a whole set of **new adverts** in the centre of this magazine. Please do have a look and try to support these local businesses. Thanks. You'll find a **Poppy Appeal envelope** inside – see the RBL entry in the magazine.

Have a look at the online colour supplement when it's posted for evidence of the fun we had during the summer. Finally, enjoy the coffee mornings, lunches, theatrical and music offerings, Oktoberfest and other delights in our two villages this month.

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the November 2023 edition (copy by Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October) can be emailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) or delivered to Seend Post & Provisions. Editors: Tessa Doe (07719 917814) Sue Isaac (828461) and Jan Field (827140). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to individuals – even if they have emailed you from their own email address – just in case they are not around. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401), Jan Field (827140) for printing and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising. Potential volunteer deliverers or printers can contact Fiona or Jan. **Lost emails:** Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. **If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring editors (see above) to check if all is well.** And please note the following. **When sending emails to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk)** please include the word **SPOTLIGHT** in uppercase to help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

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

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

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

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

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

# **SEEND EVENTS IN OCTOBER AND BEYOND**

## **COMMUNITY CENTRE EVENTS**



**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS** on the 6th October and 3rd November 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 25<sup>th</sup> October. 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!



**TGI FRIDAYS** - Every Friday from 6:30 pm. Club members and guests meet in the Members Bar. Come along and find out what's going on in and around the village. Free Bar Snacks on the First Friday of each month - 6th October & 3rd November.



**SEEND WINE CIRCLE, Saturday 30th September** - This evening will have a Spanish theme. Contact: [seendwinecircle@gmail.com](mailto:seendwinecircle@gmail.com)

**SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE** will hold its **Annual Meeting** on Thursday 19th October at 7 pm in the Village Room (upstairs at the Centre). Meet the Committee and hear our news. All welcome.

**FEMALE OF THE SPECIES BAND playing on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 7pm** - Charity Concert in aid of Alzheimers Support. Tickets £12:50 + booking fee. Please book tickets through [seendcommunitycentre.com/box-office](http://seendcommunitycentre.com/box-office)

**SEEND OKTOBERFEST:** Oktoberfest will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm with Baron Von Schmidt Haus Oompah Accordionist, Beer gulping, thigh slapping, games, disco and more!! Dressing Up encouraged. Oktoberfest has always been a great event at the Community Centre. Tickets £15, which includes a light supper, can be booked through



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

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

'Is That a Bolt in Your Neck?' Rural Arts Touring, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 7.45pm

Christmas Bingo - Saturday 2nd December. No need to book

Seend Christmas Wine Circle - Saturday 9th December. A choice of wines suitable for the Festive Season. Contact [seendwinecircle@gmail.com](mailto:seendwinecircle@gmail.com) to book

Theatre Performance 'Twisted Christmas' Thursday 14th December. Tickets available at the CC Box Office. Adults £15 Young People aged 14-17 £12

Already thinking of the Festive Season?? 31st December NYE Party at the CC.

Party with The Reason and DJ Meaze. More details to follow. Tickets £15 from the CC Box Office. 10% discount before 1st November with code PARTY

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

Seend Community Centre

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

Coffee and cakes – raffle – games – stalls – good company

Come along to raise money for this much valued charity. Please bring cash if possible.



### **SEEND WI BIRTHDAY QUIZ NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 7.30 PM PAVILION

QUIZ MASTER CHRIS DOWNHAM

Raffle & nibbles - bring your own drinks

No charge; everyone welcome

### **BREWERY INN EVENTS**

**Quiz Night** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Halloween haunted garden** 26th - 31st October

from 6pm (weather permitting)

**Pumpkin competition** Sunday 29th October - 4pm judging



## **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.)*

### **BIRTH**

Ottillie May Joanna Goddard born in Wellington New Zealand on August 1st 2023 to Paris Goddard and Lucy Hammans who were married in Seend on the 21st May 2022.



### **SEEND FLOWER SHOW**

Dear villagers, thank you for supporting your flower show. Thanks to you, this year had a record number of exhibits – 753 items. We also had around 400 of you coming in to take a look, plus the 120 people who entered items to show. We couldn't do it without you!

Planning will start again in February and the class categories finalised by May, in time for getting everything else ready. If you have any ideas for new classes or other suggestions, then please do let us know. New this year was model making which thankfully saw a few entries. Hopefully it will grow for next year, so please get building your metal and wooden creations now! You can see the guidelines for this on our show website.

Talking of the website, did you know that there are lots of photos from this year's show to see on there? In fact, we have them going back to 2013. Do you have any material that we may add? We are looking for anything going back to the start. The show as we know it today was resurrected after the second world war in 1949. Do you have anything



relating to us lurking in the loft? We can create high quality copies/scans of your photos and documents and return them afterwards.

Alan Bryer (for Seend Flower Show Committee). SFS Chair: Julia White 01380 827082  
Website: [seendflowershow.org.uk](http://seendflowershow.org.uk) Email: [seendflowershowentry@gmail.com](mailto:seendflowershowentry@gmail.com)

### **SEEND CLT**

**Shared Ownership Homes for Sale:** The three shared ownership homes within the Hook Hollow development at Seend Cleeve are now being marketed. On offer are 1 x 2-bedroomed and 2 x 3-bedroomed homes, built to a passive energy standard. For further details and pricing go to <https://www.seendclt.org/shared-ownership-homes-sale.html> or <https://www.whitehorsehousing.co.uk/52/Shared-Ownership/>

To provide further information and advice, White Horse Housing Association will be holding a presentation, followed by a Q & A session at the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

**AGM:** The Seend Community Land & Asset Trust Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion. All Seend CLT members are invited to attend.

Steven Vaux, Director, Seend Community Land and Asset Trust CIC, [www.seendclt.org](http://www.seendclt.org)

### **NEWS FROM THE LYE FIELD**

**The good news is that despite the atrocious weather over Fete afternoon, we managed to generate between £2,000 to £3,000 for the future upkeep of the Lye field and pavilion.**

Thanks to all the visitors who braved the conditions and supported the various stalls, bar and church teas. Even bigger thanks go to all the volunteers who made the event possible, by setting up & decommissioning the Lye Field gazebos, tents & markings, helping to man the many stalls for long periods during the fete and finally to Richard Walker for once again ensuring the fete actually took place. This was Richard's second and final Seend fete, but I am pleased to announce that (after a short hiatus) Liam & Nicole have, once again, agreed to take over the organisation of the Seend Fete. Watch this space for more details in the coming months.

The not so good news is that we have finally been given a court date for the Lye Field right of way dispute with Mr MacDonald. The hearing is scheduled to last for a week, and will take place at the end of January 2024. I will update the village as we get closer the court hearing on any developments.

Ric Ellinger, Chair of Trustees



### **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS**

**Dates for your diary:** Our 44<sup>th</sup> village panto 'Aladdin'  
February 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in the Community Centre. Expect the unexpected.

<p><b><u>STOP PRESS:</u></b> Road through Seend Cleeve will be partially closed from 29<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November for sewerage mains work at the new housing development.</p>
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## **SHUTTLE NEWS**

By popular request on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October we shall be going to **Marlborough** instead of Salisbury. The W.I. recently visited there and thought it would make an interesting shopping trip. The times and fares will still be £5 return and a 9.30 am start. Ring me to save a place and say where you would like to be picked up from. (Anita 828757)



I have a bag full of lost property from the bus containing an L plate, a windscreen holder for a phone or sat nav, a toy plastic leopard, two collapsible umbrellas, one black, one navy blue, a pair of adult grey and red gloves and a key ring with a unicorn, a Madrid badge, some beads and a D attached. If no one claims them by next summer they will probably end up on the white elephant stall!

## **PARISH COUNCIL NOTES**

**Local Footpath Notice:** The Parish Council has received concerns from two landowners who own land between the footpath that links School Road to the Stile at Bollands Hill and the footpath linking Bollands Hill to Bradley Lane. Walkers are reminded they must stick to the footpaths and not take shortcuts from one footpath to the other without going all the way to the Stile on Bollands Hill.

Users of the footpath that links Bradley Lane to Rusty Lane have tended to walk to the west of the designated footpath route. Walkers are reminded that to avoid trespass they must follow the designated line of the footpath.

Dogs must be kept under control and on a lead when requested by the landowner. Dog waste must be collected and taken away.

To see a definitive map of our local footpaths and byways, search online for “Wiltshire Council Rights of Way”.

**Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust:** On 2nd May 2017, WBVT, working in partnership with Wiltshire Police, launched a bespoke Online Safety Initiative – Stay Safe Online. The service is free to those people who are over 60 or 18+ with a registered disability. Trained Stay Safe Online Volunteers provide improved digital security awareness, scam prevention advice, support and reassurance; basic practical skills for checking and understanding digital privacy settings; and signpost people to future sources of advice and resources. The service offers one-to-one home visits and community group talks and is managed by a dedicated Stay Safe Online Coordinator

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## **CHURCH NEWS**

### ***Maureen's Ramblings.....***

Looking in my diary for an idea for this month's Ramblings I see that it is Thanksgiving Day in Canada (9<sup>th</sup>) and I am leading an assembly at Keevil School (11<sup>th</sup>) on the theme of “Thankfulness”. Yes! A good start for my reflections and a good reminder for those (many) times when I don't always feel thankful! The Theasurus gave me lots of words for thankfulness – to be contented, at ease, satisfied, grateful. Being grateful! I like that. But can I grateful when my life gets tinged with sadness, anxiety or pain?



And why be grateful? There's lots of research online showing that gratitude is strongly associated with greater happiness and helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships. A study of couples found that individuals who took time to express gratitude for their partner not only felt more positive toward the other person but also more comfortable expressing concerns about their relationship. And, managers who remember to say "thank you" to people who work for them found that those employees feel motivated to work harder. I could go on.....!

I suppose that gratitude is a way for me to appreciate what I have instead of always reaching for something new in the hopes it will make me happier or thinking I can't feel satisfied until every physical and material need is met. Gratitude helps me refocus on what I have instead of what I lack. So what can I do to cultivate gratitude on a regular basis? I can be aware and maybe write a thank-you note expressing my appreciation of a person's impact on my life. And, once in a while, I can write one to myself! Maybe, each morning, find something to be thankful about. Well at least I'm breathing!! And, end the day with a review of all that has been good and to offer to God the things that are not so good. There was an old chorus I used to sing: "Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings, see what God hath done". If I look, I can see so many good and beautiful things about my life. Maybe I should sit down and write them down so that I have a reminder to read when I am struggling to feel thankful.

The Bible encourages me to be thankful. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his love endures forever!"; "Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving"; "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!". And that lovely hymn: "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love...". OK – I have shared some rambling thoughts with you – now I need to live them out!

*Rev. Maureen Allchin. Retired priest.*

## **WALKS AROUND WELLSPRINGS**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October:** gather at St Peters, Poulshot

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

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

Revd Caroline O'Neill, Wellsprings Benefice





**CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2023** The Parishes of Holy Cross, Seend,  
Christ Church, Bulkington & St. Peter's, Poulshot, part of Wellsprings Benefice

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> (Trinity 17)**

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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 18)**

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 19)**

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> (Trinity 20)**

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

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

5pm	Celtic Meditative Service	Poulshot
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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> (Last after Trinity)**

10am	Benefice Service	Poulshot
2pm	Potterne RBL Centennial Celebration	Potterne

**\*\* Please note there is no Messy Church this month.**

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

**FROM THE REGISTERS:**

**Baptisms** - Sonny O'Neill on 26<sup>th</sup> August at Holy Cross, Seend.

**Weddings** - Natalie A'Bear and Robert Young on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Holy Cross, Seend.

No funerals this month.



## **BULKINGTON NEWS**



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

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 11am - 2pm**

**Bulkington Village Hall, SN10 1SW**

Come along, grab a cuppa, a piece of cake (or two) and have a good ole chinwag with friends whilst raising money for a great charity!

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

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

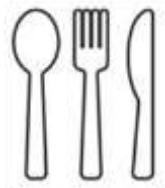
### **THE BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH**

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 12.15 for 12.30pm 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 9<sup>th</sup> October at 11.05-11.30 am.

### **BULKINGTON LADIES' GROUP**

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 33 Littleton Willows, Semington BA14 6LQ, the home of Sue Noad, 870343. Please get in touch with Phyl Yarde 828116 for lift sharing. New people always welcome.

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

Liz Futter 828485



### **Monthly Parish Meeting – DRAFT**

#### **Minutes Pending official approval at next meeting**

**Councillors met for the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 at 7.30pm at the Bulkington Village Hall**

**Present: Julie (Chair), Philip, Alison and Alex**

#### **Agenda Item**

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Carla Haslam, Andrew Grabham and Tamara Reay
- 2) **To Record:**
  - There were no changes to the Register of Interests
  - Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items: Alex expressed his interest in Agenda Item 6
  - New Councillor Philip Oakey was voted onto the team with a unanimous vote
  - Chair Julie signed declaration of Acceptance of Office
- 3) **To Receive a report:** Tamara Reay sent her report in advance of the meeting:  
**Local Plan Review:** At Full Council on Tuesday 18 July, Wiltshire Council considered the review of the Wiltshire Local Plan, as this important document approaches the final stages. The Plan will set out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years. Once adopted, all planning

applications will be determined against the Plan, making it the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

It also identifies sites for housing and employment development until 2038. Following work to assess the number of homes needed, the number of planned homes in the Plan has been significantly reduced. When the Plan was consulted on in 2021, it proposed 45,630 homes over 20 years to 2036, but the updated Plan that Cabinet will consider proposes 36,740 homes, of which over 21,900 homes have already been built or are committed. The local plan update now requires 40% of all new housing on developments of 10 homes or more to be affordable. Greater flexibility has been added to rural exception sites to make it easier to provide affordable housing in villages where there is clearly identified demand, but those developments will still need to be proportionate to the size of a village. Bulkington is considered a small village in the Local Plan and so there is no specific new housing allocation for Bulkington.

The proposed Plan also sets out ambitious sustainability policies, as new developments will have to meet zero carbon standards, including energy generation such as solar panels. Biodiversity will improve too, as the policies set out a 20% net gain for all new developments, compared to the 10% legal requirement. All new developments must also have cycling and walking connections.

See: <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=14748>

Also attached is a summary of rural housing numbers.

**Solar Together:** Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council are working with iChoosr, independent experts in group-buying, to launch a second Solar Together scheme, following the success of the first in 2022. Since the first round of the scheme launched in May 2022, over 1,500 homeowners across Wiltshire and Swindon have installed over 8,500 solar panels and 720 storage batteries. Solar Together makes the switch to clean energy as hassle-free as possible. The scheme supports people by providing clear, objective information so that people can make a well-informed decision and receive expert guidance. The initiative offers solar panels with optional battery storage and electric vehicle charge points.

*(The deadline for registrations in Wiltshire and Swindon was 11 August 2023.)*

**Local Cycling & Walking Plan:** People in Wiltshire are being asked for their views on cycling and walking plans in Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge. The three Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) set out proposals for cycling and walking networks in each town, and highlight how these networks will be improved and connected to make it easier and safer to walk and cycle in the towns.

The aim is to deliver infrastructure that will enable and encourage more trips to be made on foot or by bike, and help to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and cut carbon emissions. They will also be used to inform the planning process where relevant, and future funding from the Department for Transport for active travel schemes will be linked to the walking and cycling schemes. The council has already consulted on the draft county-wide Wiltshire LCWIPs and a Salisbury LCWIP.

In the future the council intends to develop LCWIPs for Amesbury, Bradford on Avon, Calne, Corsham, Malmesbury, Marlborough, Melksham, Royal Wootton Bassett,

Tidworth, Warminster and Westbury. *The consultation on these three LCWIPs ended on 31 July*). See: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/transport-town-cycle-networks](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/transport-town-cycle-networks).

**All About Potholes:** Potholes remain a key focus for Wiltshire Council's Highways Team - a webinar was held a few weeks ago which enabled people to find out how potholes are inspected, prioritised and filled throughout the county, as well as information on long-term maintenance schedules and resurfacing. The recording can be viewed at [\(24\) Pothole webinar - YouTube](#)

#### 4) **Local Police Report:**

Melksham Rural South: ED13 Seend, Great Hinton, Poulshot, Bulkington, Keevil, Steeple Ashton.

29 Crimes Reported – 14 classified as violence (includes malicious comms), and 7 criminal damages.

16 incidents Reported- 3 ASB 2 of which are neighbour related.

#### **Incidents of note:**

Steeple Ashton- 25/06/23- Dwelling burglary, forced entry, cash & jewellery taken.

Post Office Seend- 05/07/23- Unknown suspect has put a screw in the back gate leading to the Post Office and Cafe from the outside of the gate, screwing it shut and preventing it from being opened. Thought to be related to a local dispute.

Lower Foxhangers Marina- 25/06/23- Electric bike stolen.

Greenacres, Semington- Police car tyres deliberately punctured whilst dealing with an incident.

Seend- 04/07/23- Sash window tried- potential attempt burglary.

Our PCSOs have highlighted the importance of reporting all break-ins and suspicious activity - as the police force is understaffed they are working off the data gathered through reports and will spend more time in the town centres unless something happens in the smaller villages.

It only takes a moment to make a report online: <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/>

In an emergency, or if you need urgent police assistance, you should always dial 999.

You can also report suspicious activity by contacting the police in confidence on 0800 789 321.

The police advise that an active Neighbourhood watch scheme is also a good deterrent to crime. If there is any appetite for re-instating the Neighbourhood watch scheme in Bulkington and there are active volunteers to run it, the Parish Council can assist you in forming a group.

#### 5) **Open Forum:** No issues raised.

#### 6) **War Memorial request:** The Parish Council team have been dealing with a War Memorial request since December 2022. Thank you for your patience as this has taken up a considerable amount of Parish Clerk and Councillor time and has resulted in the loss of our Chair and much appreciated long term Councillor Amy Powell. Legal advice has been sought from a number of different sources.

#### 7) **Local Planning Updates:**

No comments raised

Bulkington CP Application Ref PL/2023/05045 - Modification of Planning Obligation  
Address: Tudor Cottage, 14 High Street, Bulkington, Devizes, Wilts, SN10 1SJ  
Proposal: Discharge of Section 106 Agreement under planning application  
W/11/02717/FUL Applicant Name Mr & Mrs Dildford Case Officer: Steven Vellance  
Respond By 28-07-2023 Application Link:

<https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z00001BIbIY>

No comments raised

Bulkington CP Application Ref PL/2023/04219 - Works to a Listed Building Address:  
Manor Farm, Bulkington, Devizes, SN10 1SL Proposal: Removal of UPVC windows  
and replacement with single glazed timber frame windows in reference to enforcement  
letter ref : ENF/2023/00292. Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs G Breach Case Officer: Fiona  
Webb Decision Date: 29-06-2023 Decision: Approve with Conditions Application  
Link: <https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z00001Axdzl>

- 8) **Minute Approval:** Approval of the last Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting in June
- 9) As there will be no August meeting, more funds were approved in this meeting to allow the clerk to make necessary payments during the summer.

#### **Finance:**

Clerk Pay	£325 x 2
Grass cutting for two months	£228 x 2
William Breach Play Area - Annual Inspection	£75
Bulkington.org.uk website domain name registration for 10 years	£96.82

#### Signing of Cheque:

Village Hall Hire: 12 x £9.00 for July 2021 to July 2022	£108.00
Village Hall Hire: 10 x £12.00 for September 2022 to June	£120.00

Alex and Philip volunteered to be added to online banking to facilitate payment of cheques going forward.

- 10) **William Breach Playground:** The works on the path and new pergola are now complete and the space has been reopened. The funds obtained through the Area Board Grant are due to come into the account this month and take up to 28 days to clear, the go ahead can then be given for the building of the new Trim Trail to be placed to the left of the path. The cost is roughly 4.5k to include installation. The next priority for improvements is the purchase of an accessible gate, kids picnic table and a swing. Depending on final costs, the Rec Committee may need to fundraise/ or receive some parish funds.

Councillors discussed the works on the bridge and agreed to request additional quotes in a bid to get the bridge completed as soon as possible.

ROSPA Inspection: We have received notice of an upcoming ROSPA inspection, this is to take place during September. The team discussed the equipment checking process and whether the costs of inspection are likely to change as there is currently less equipment in the area than before July. The inspectors offer a checklist for completing the regular checks of equipment.



11) **Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit.

Bulkington has been assigned a new Parish Steward, some of you may have seen him in the village last week. Our Clerk sends a list of priorities for him to concentrate on each month - these usually include grass verges, mossy pavements and hand clearing drains. As our Clerk doesn't live in the village anymore, she can't always see when a new area comes up for his attention; so please do email Hannah on [theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk](mailto:theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk) if you have a request that needs adding to his job list.

Jobs we can ask our Parish Steward to carry out on his one day in the village a month:

- Hand clearing and cutting of growth from drainage grips and drain gully covers
- Hand clearing of blocked drainage gullies, grips, culverts, pipes and pits
- Clearing debris from the roads and footways
- Pedestrian barriers preparation and painting
- Cleaning and straightening of small road signs, street nameplates and bollards
- Securing of existing small road signs, verge marker posts and supplied street name plates
- Removal of limited graffiti from road signs, bollards and street nameplates
- Hand cutting of grass and vegetation in visibility areas
- Hand treatment of weeds
- Hand clearance of encroaching growth and soils from footways
- Repair of small potholes in roads and on footways
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12) **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.

13) **AOB:**

- The Bulkington.org.uk website domain name registration was purchased by the Parish Council in November 2013 but is due to expire on 19 November this year. The quote to extend this for the next 10 years was approved.
- Work on drop curbs is to commence in August in Chestnut Drive and Northfields.
- Cars parked on the pavement in Chestnut Drive are really affecting pedestrian access. Our PCSOs have offered to patrol this area – so please note you may receive a police warning if your car is parked blocking a pavement.
- Tree Planting: Eden Speller has contacted the Parish Council with a proposal from the Woodland Creation Funding. Councillors are interested to explore this further and invite Eden to attend the next Parish Council meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Defibrillator: Philip agreed to take over the responsibility for the village Defibrillator.
- Open Reach – Fibre Broadband: Councillors discussed that fibre optic broadband is due to be installed in the village at the end of the summer. Villagers are urged to sign up online registering their interest as this helps with its funding and helps bring the timing forward when the demand is high enough.

Councillors discussed reviewing the latest emergency plan in September

**December meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> December to be brought forward to 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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## SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

### SEEND WI



Before mention of the Autumn programme, it is worth a look back to our August meeting when WI members, and friends from Seend Church visited the Churchyard to view the roses planted in memory of HM Queen

Elizabeth II and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh. Photographs were taken by Tony Murch to mark the occasion, before everyone joined in a celebratory cream tea in the Church.

On 13<sup>th</sup> September our own member Jean Drewett, an enthusiastic amateur mycologist, gave a very enlightening talk on “Mushrooms (Fungi) and its uses”. Fungi are organisms that live under the ground or on their host and disperse spores to produce further colonies. As they don’t photosynthesise, they get their energy from their growing medium e.g. trees. Jean enhanced her talk with several examples as well as wonderful photographs, books and cards. Everyone was amazed to learn that there are 15,000 different varieties of fungi in Britain, many with exotic names such as Honey fungus, Chicken of the Woods, Ink Cap, most of them beautiful but poisonous. Whilst we were enthralled with her talk and all felt we had learnt lots about the humble little mushroom, one thing we all agreed on is that foraging is best left to the experts!

**Looking ahead** – Our meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion will be our Birthday Quiz Night, to include a raffle and nibbles. You are welcome to bring your own drinks. As always our Quiz Master will be Chris Downham. This is open to everyone including family and friends. Do come along it is always good fun.

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

Joyce Harvey, 01380 828511.



### SEEND THEATRE CLUB

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting Autumn/Winter programme, including trips to Bath Theatre Royal, Salisbury Playhouse and to The Wharf in Devizes. The first of these trips is to see “Murder in

the Dark” at Salisbury Playhouse Theatre on 5<sup>th</sup> October. This is a new ghost story starring Tom Chambers (Holby City etc.) and we are told it will keep us on the edge of our seats! We have a group of 27 attending and a coach booked for transport.

Also in October we have a visit to The Wharf Theatre in Devizes to see “Happy Jack”. We have made a block booking on the evening of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October to enjoy this funny, touching, political play, which follows the ups and downs in the life of a Yorkshire working class family. It is gratifying that we have a large group of over 30 attending.

Also we are pleased to have the Seend Shuttle for those requiring transport. As we have to book seats in theatres a long way ahead, our members are sent notices/booking forms well in advance.

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

Ken Harvey

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

In mid-June, our new Committee member, Gavin Perry, visited the D-Day landings memorial in Normandy, where he laid a wreath.



On 26 June, Kevin and Gavin organised a fundraising cycle ride leaving Bishops Cannings, cycling along the K&A canal to Bath and back. They, and their colleagues efforts, raised £3,087 for the Battle Back Centre, Lilleshall.

On Friday 15 September, The Pop Pickers band played all the classic hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s. It was a full house and a very successful evening. Our thanks to all for helping raise funds for Seend RBL.

The **Poppy Appeal** launch date is on 25 October– our loyal poppy collectors will be coming round collecting soon after so please give generously and don't forget to fill in the enclosed gift aid envelope.

**Dates for Diary:** *N.B. Annual Lecture – Saturday 14 October – POSTPONED.*

Next Meeting and AGM – (Postponed from Tuesday 17 Oct) Thursday 23 Nov., 7.30pm, Kennet Room, Community Centre.

Armistice Day – Saturday 11 November.

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 12 November.

Anita Heatley, RBL PR



### **SEEND BABY & TODDLERS GROUP**

For children from newborn to primary school age.

We are open every Wednesday in term time. 9-11am at the Irene Usher Pavilion.

First session is free and then £1.50 per family thereafter. We are a really friendly, informal group and a fantastic place to meet other parents from in and around the village.

Come along and join us for a cuppa and a natter!

Contact Ele , 07947867701

### **August Draw**

1	No. 6	C Springate	£50
2	No.143	S Lythell	£25
3	No. 39	V Bowes	£25
4	No.139	N Smart	£15
5	No. 25	L Bergin	£15

Thanks to the volunteers at the Lye Field Fete who helped with the draw.

### **September Draw**

1	No.1	A Moore	£50
2	No.185	P Robertson	£25
3	No.189	A Hutchinson	£25
4	No.68	J Williams	£15
5	No. 142	C Waldeck	£15

Thanks to the dancers at Pop Pickers who helped with the draw



Alison Bottomley



## **SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

July's walk had a good turn out for Colin and Denny who led 16 members on a 5 mile walk around the village of Monkton Farleigh.

August's evening walk with picnic was very well attended with 20 members.

On a sunny evening Reg and Wendy led the walk from Yatton Keynell following paths on a loop of approx. 4 miles returning for a 'BYO' picnic. A very sociable time was had by all.

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Nick and Rachel led 14 members on a 6.5 mile walk. The weather had been very hot and so the walk started at 9.30am, walking to Reybridge, taking in Camilla's house, the Wilts and Berks canal, and heading up Naish hill. The views were beautiful. The loop continued via Winestocks estate and over the common, back via Reybridge and the other side of the river which took them past the abbey grounds and back to the carpark. Thank you to everyone who leads the walks, the club wouldn't run without your help.

Next up is our annual weekend away in October, heading to Minehead. We will be walking both Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November walk 10am – details will be sent out in the usual way or give me a call if you would like to join us.

Sandy James 01380 739235



## **FRIENDS OF SEEND SCHOOL - FoSS**

We have had a great summer break, beginning and ending with a BBQ at the Community Centre, thanks to all those that turned up, and enjoyed the food!

It's wonderful to have the children back at school, and time to start thinking about the term ahead. I wanted to remind you all of some really easy ways you can help us fundraise. There is a textiles bin in the school playground, please continue to donate unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding etc...

We are still collecting preloved CDs & DVDs. Drop off in school reception during school hours. Please no VHS tapes, and only donate discs that are in the original casing. We also take used, branded ink cartridges; drop off in school reception.

We will soon be on the hunt for raffle prizes for our Christmas Fayre, so if you or your business have anything, or a service to donate, please please get in touch.

We have a Friends of Seend School WhatsApp group, the "Super Squad".

This is a group where we can ask for help, advice or donations, but doesn't require any commitment from yourselves to be involved with the committee. If you feel like you may be able to help us every now and again, please join the group using this QR code.

FOSS Super Squad  
WhatsApp group



## **SEEND PLAYGROUP**

Thank you to all the parents who helped on the toy stall at the fete, and thank you to Seend Flower Show Committee for the donation to Playgroup. We have spent some of it already on craft things for the children.

We welcomed Cody and Jesse this term and hope they enjoy their time with us.

We have been able to play outside a lot and the children have enjoyed the new water tray we bought last term. The children enjoyed walking to the Church and found the cool interior very welcoming when it was hot.

We have returned to the library van and the children were excited choosing a book each and have loved being read to. We will be blackberry picking to use for cooking and looking for conkers on walks this term. While making gingerbread people, the older children talked about the gingerbread man who ran away in the story.

Our topics this term are about me and our senses.

The last day of term is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and we return on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Rose Dick, Playgroup Leader, 828003



### **SEEND TENNIS CLUB UPDATE**

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

### **SEEND SPORTING NEWS**



**CRICKET:** On 9th July, a beautiful sunny day, a Seend XI welcomed Everdon Cricket Club from Northamptonshire for a 35 over per side match with, of course, a sumptuous tea at half time. Mathew Thorpe umpired for Seend with Dan Crossman captaining the home side. Everdon scored 193 for 5 with Dick Waylen making a comeback to the game with the best bowling figures of 4 overs for only 9 runs and a superb wicket. Seend's response was an enthusiastic 127 with top scorers Dan Crossman and Will Goodier both on 25 followed by James Gray with 17 and Luke Ballinger scoring 15. Harry Waylen's innings was cut short by Mathew Thorpe's raised finger for LBW just as Harry looked set to start scoring, so he tells me. Teenagers Edward and Emilia Churchill played their first match for Seend alongside another youngster Freddie Crossman who was the last batter standing at 7 not out.

A wonderful afternoon and hopefully next year two or three matches might be arranged.

**FOOTBALL:** Seend United FC under manager Andy Dyer are presently at the top of Division One of the Trowbridge and District League having played 6, won 5 and lost just one match. The last two weeks have seen narrow victories over close rivals Melksham Town 2-1 and Heytesbury 3-2. These are early days of a long season with two cup competitions yet to come, but things are definitely looking good for the village team. The next three matches will see Seend pitched against Warminster, Bromham and Bradford. Top scorer is presently Mark Reynolds. Stop Press: Seend 1: Heytesbury 1. 2 penalties – one missed.

**TENNIS:** This season has been a great one for Seend Tennis Club both on and off the court. Our new Chair Sally Jackson has worked incessantly behind the scenes applying for funds that may well pay for the resurfacing of the village courts and more. Watch this space !

Thursday's social tennis organised by Fiona Stanford has been a tremendous success with a group of ten or more players turning out each Thursday which has certainly upped the standard particularly with many of the same group having tennis lessons each Monday



under coach Will Baillie. In addition the tennis club held a magnificent BBQ at the Community Centre in August organised by Fiona with a band of helpers, another great success.

On court Seend has had both a men's and a mixed doubles team competing in the Chippenham and District league this season. The men's started slowly but the arrival of Seend's own tennis coach Jordan Frederick took the team up several levels and they finished well up the table. Liam Bergin captained the men's with stalwarts Harry Waylen and Mark Newman hardly missing a match and even Olly Goddard and your reporter making guest appearances. Andrew Johnstone, Jack Churchill and Tom Collins all played their part as well. The mixed only lost one match at home but illness and injuries took their toll on the away record. Four of the last five matches saw the extraordinary spectacle of Harry Waylen and 10 year old Karin not losing a set as they beat any opposition that turned up. Karin has to be seen to be believed! As last year Scout Johnstone played virtually every match and both she and Syd Evenden will be greatly missed next season as they both go off to university this month. Mention must be made of Katie and Elliot for turning out in all weathers plus of course Pam Akerman and Teresa Hamilton, graduates of the Thursday social tennis scene.

At the BBQ in August medals were presented to the club's two players of the season, Scout Johnstone and Harry Waylen. Special mention must be made of Harry who hardly missed any men's or mixed league matches turning out regularly twice a week.

Copy for next month's Spotlight to the sub's bench by October 12th please.

Frankie Goddard

### **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL** **JULY PC MEETING**

Attendance - 8 Councillors,

**Local Council Matters:** Cllr Reay provided the following update:

**Local Plan Review:** At Full Council on Tuesday 18 July, Wiltshire Council considered the review of the Wiltshire Local Plan as this important document approaches the final stages towards adoption. The Plan will set out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years. Once adopted, all planning applications will be determined against the Plan, making it the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

It also identifies sites for housing and employment development until 2038. Following work to assess the number of homes needed, the number of planned homes in the Plan has been significantly reduced. When the Plan was consulted on in 2021, it proposed 45,630 homes over 20 years to 2036, but the updated Plan proposes 36,740 homes, of which over 21,900 homes have already been built or are committed. The proposed Plan also sets out ambitious sustainability policies, as new developments will have to meet zero carbon standards, including energy generation such as solar panels. Biodiversity will improve as the policies set out a 20% net gain for all new developments, compared to the 10% legal requirement. All new developments must also have cycling and walking connections.

See <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MIId=14748>

Under the new Wiltshire Local Plan, Seend is classed as a large village and as such may be potentially tasked to provide an additional 23 houses by 2038. Cllr Reay has offered to review/unpick the Plan to which the Parish Council agreed. As Phil Springate is the Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator, he agreed to be the primary contact for this.

**Local Cycling & Walking Plan:** People in Wiltshire are being asked for their views on cycling and walking plans in Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge. The three Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) set out proposals for cycling and walking networks in each town, and highlight how these networks will be improved and connected to make it easier and safer to walk and cycle in the towns. The aim of the LCWIPs is to deliver infrastructure that will enable and encourage more trips to be made on foot or by bike, and help to improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and cut carbon emissions. They will also be used to inform the planning process where relevant, and future funding from the Department for Transport for active travel schemes will be linked to the walking and cycling schemes in each area.

### **Matters Arising**

**Canal & River Trust (CRT):** A large number of live aboard boats have been recorded being moored for more than the maximum 14-day period. The Clerk has requested a visit from the CRT Moorings Officer and is awaiting an update.

**Tennis Club:** It was noted the Tennis Club is a private members organisation and therefore the Parish Council is unable to make a donation towards the repair of the facilities. However, should the club be able to offer some free open sessions available to the whole community, the Parish Council would review its position.

**Damage to Swing Bridge by Giles Wood:** Phil Springate contacted Sargent Gemma Rutter regarding the damage to the Bridge. This is being treated as a criminal act and the police are investigating.

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

**Bollands Hill :** The Parish Council was saddened to hear about the fatal accident that occurred on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The Parish Council would like to express its sorrow and sympathy to the families of both parties. The Parish Council understands that the accident is subject to a full investigation by Wiltshire Police, and a Coroner's Inquest.

**The Bell Crossroads:** LHFIG are scheduling the imminent deployment of additional signage/infrastructure.

**The Stocks Advanced Direction Signage (ADS):** New signage has been deployed at The Stocks.

**Bradley Lane & Rusty Lane:** Cllr Reay has identified a new contact point for the Parish Council and the Clerk has forwarded the Parish Council's request for the upgrade works. The next LHFIG meeting is confirmed as being **Wednesday** 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The Chairman to attend.

### **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council raised no objections to the following applications:

- PL/2023/05155 – 5 The Lye, Seend - Maple - Reduce by 3 metres

- PL/2023/05824 - 7 Dial Close, Seend - T1 Birch, Crown Reduction 3/4m Due to proximity to building and shading. T2 Cherry deadwood and reshape due to unbalanced crown after limb failure.
- PL/2023/03778 - Ferrum House, Pelch Lane, Seend Cleeve, Seend - Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic, with Installation of 40 panel ground mounted solar panel system, using GSE mounting kit, within land to south of main house.

The Parish Council provided comments on the following application:

- PL/2023/05376 - Barn at Curnick Lane, Sells Green, Seend - Demolition of one building (which has an approved residential use) and replacement with one purpose built residential dwelling (resubmission of PL/2023/02712)

### **Asset of Community Nomination – Area of Grassland Near Bollands Hill Seend**

It is understood the land has been purchased by a third party.

### **Items of Correspondence**

**Openreach:** The Parish Council received a request from Openreach for the Parish Council to encourage parishioners to sign-up for their network campaign to obtain government funding to upgrade their existing network. Openreach is contacting residents directly and requesting they submit their Government Gigabit Vouchers in support of Openreach. As the Parish already has a full fibre network deployed by GigaClear, the Parish Council decided to remain neutral as it is up to individual residents to choose the service that best fits their requirements

**Finance:** Bank Reconciliation to end of April 2023 came to: **£39,259.45**

### **AUGUST PC MEETING**

Attendance - nine Councillors, Cllr Reay, Clerk & four parishioners

**Local Council Matters:** Cllr Reay provided the following update:

**Local Plan Consultation:** The consultation for the Wiltshire Local Plan begins on Wednesday 27 September, with in-person events being held across the county. Wiltshire Council are holding drop-in events at libraries and leisure centres and a live webinar-style event on Microsoft Teams. You can turn up to the in-person events, but you will need to register beforehand for the online events. If you cannot make your local in-person event, you are welcome to attend any of the others to discuss the plan and your own area – all events are open to all.

The Local Plan sets out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years. All planning applications will be determined against the plan, making it the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

The consultation begins on Wednesday 27 September and ends at 23:59 on Wednesday 22 November. To find out more about the events and to sign up for the online event, visit

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/8048/Current-consultation-Reg-19-autumn-2023>

From a housing perspective Seend is currently being treated as a large village with the other settlements such as Sells Green being treated separately. Councillors agreed that from a housing perspective, Seend Parish should be treated as a whole in that the number of houses required for both Seend village and its settlements (Seend Head, Seend Row, The Stocks, Seend Cleeve, Sells Green and Martinslade) should be added together to give

a figure for the whole Parish. The Clerk to place Local Plan Consultation posters on the parish notice boards.

**Recycling Centre Pilots :** It is estimated that ~ 30% of items being placed in Residual Waste could be recycled. Devizes & Warminster Recycling Centres are piloting a trail whereby vehicles unloading waste are inspected to check that recycling is being deposited in the correct containers.

**Wessex Water:** Major water pipe replacement commences in Devizes from 4<sup>th</sup> September for 6 months. It is expected there will be increased local traffic diverting through adjacent villages to avoid Devizes.

### **Matters Arising**

**Canal & River Trust (CRT) Removal of Dog Waste Bins :** The CRT has removed dog waste bins from the Kennet & Avon Canal. It was noted two waste bins (Seend Cleeve & Spout Lane) were adjacent to CRT Waste Collection facilities so dog waste could be placed in those bins. The Clerk advised CRT that if these bins were removed then it was likely that dog waste could end up in their waste facilities. CRT did not raise an objection. The bin at Bollands Hill Lock does not have an adjacent CRT waste facility. However, there is a Wiltshire Council litter bin adjacent to the bridge on the road at Bollands Hill. A Councillor raised this issue along with the apparent lack of vessel licence enforcement with our local MP (Danny Kruger). Cllr Reay requested a copy of the Canal & River Trust correspondence on these issues.

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

**The Bell Crossroads / Bollands Hill:** Dropped curbs and pedestrian marker posts have been installed across Bell Hill and Bollands Hill. Three accidents were recorded at this junction between 29<sup>th</sup> July & 4<sup>th</sup> August along with a fatality on Bollands Hill 9<sup>th</sup> July and Coach Collision 14<sup>th</sup> July. The Clerk has written to Tamara Reay expressing the need for a further review of the junction layout and infrastructure at the Bell Crossroads along with a review of traffic management on Bollands Hill. Cllr Reay agreed to pursue this within Wiltshire Council.

**Bradley Lane & Rusty Lane:** The Parish Council is keen to progress the work on surface upgrades and completion. Cllr Reay agreed to continue to chase the department involved with this project for an early engagement.

The next LHFIG meeting is confirmed as being Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council raised no objections to the following applications:

**PL/2023/06326** – Cleeve House, Trowbridge Rd, Seend - Works to a Protected Tree

**PL/2023/06109** - 2 Dial Close, Seend - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

**PL/2023/06708** – 8 The Lye, Seend - Eucalyptus tree – fell

**PL/2023/06567** - 28, Seend Cleeve, Seend - Single storey extension.

**PL/2023/06994** - 30 Row Lane, Seend - Single storey Conservatory to rear elevation.

**PL/2023/05886** - Broad Lane Farm, Broad Lane, Seend - Proposed industrial unit for Class B2 & B8

**PL/2023/06532 & PL/2023/06399** - Little Thornham Farm, - Works to a Listed Building.

**Devizes Area Board:** The next Area Board is 6.30pm 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## **Items of Correspondence**

**RBL Wreath:** Jamie Halliday agreed to lay the Royal British Legion wreath at the War Memorial Remembrance Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Turnpike on A361 Keevil/Bulkington Junction:** The owners of the disused Keevil Turnpike building applied for Planning Permission for a worker's dwelling at Woodhouse Farm, for the reasons listed with that application PL/2023/05095. The Parish Council agreed the owners should work with Wiltshire Council to demolish it and create a safer road junction.

**Seend Tennis Club:** The Tennis Club will make the new courts available to non-members who are Parish residents on a limited basis during daylight. The Parish Council therefore agreed it could make a donation of £3000.00 towards the repair of the courts.

**Parish Council Co-option:** A parishioner has contacted the Parish Council about the number of Councillors who currently serve on Seend Parish Council. The parishioner indicated they would like to see a change to the number of Councillors and enquired as to how Councillors are co-opted. A reply was sent saying that the number of Councillors is set by Wiltshire Council along with the electoral process for filling a casual vacancy.

**Bollands Hill Hedges:** Given the recent fatality in the vicinity of Bollands Hill, the Parish Council contacted Wiltshire Highways and from a road safety perspective asked if the mobile team with appropriate traffic management could undertake the work. The request was declined and Wiltshire Highways wrote to the landowners advising them of their responsibilities. One of the land owners contacted a Councillor, who having raised this issue of the hedge overgrowth at the previous meeting was concerned about a potential conflict of interest. Following discussion, Councillors agreed that as residents had not been given advice as to how the work should be undertaken there was no conflict of interest.

**War Memorial:** Correspondence has been received by the Parish Council confirming the War Memorial has been added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The building is now listed at Grade II.

**Allotment Rent Review:** The Parish Council needs to review the allotment rents on an annual basis. Rents were last changed in November 2019. The Parish Council currently charges £65 for Double plot, £35 for a Single and £17.50 for ½ plot. The Parish Council agreed the price of a single plot be increased by £2.50. (Other plot sizes will be proportionally adjusted) for tenancy renewals commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

**Finance:** Bank Reconciliation to end of April 2023 came to: **£38,109.91**

### **Dates of next Parish Council meetings:**

26<sup>th</sup> September & 24<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at the Community Centre

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



**Wiltshire's Police and Crime Commissioner** Philip Wilkinson wants victims in the county to be confident they will always be provided with the support they need after the weekend's media revelations of historic rape and sexual assault allegations by several victims against a comedian.



Last month the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) launched a new campaign focusing on signposting the broad range of commissioned support services available for victims of all types of crime, including rape and sexual assault. Alongside the funding made available to the police to enforce the law, more than £4.5M is being spent in Wiltshire this year alone to help and support victims, contribute towards community safety, aid in the reduction of serious violence and reduce reoffending. To find out more, please visit our online [Victim and Witness hub](#)

## **NEWS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

**£10m extra to improve our roads:** Residents and Parish Councils across Devizes Rural West tell me regularly that the maintenance of our roads is one of the top priorities. I'm really pleased therefore that an extra £10m has been secured for preventative highways work. The extra funding, which is on top of the £14m the council will spend this financial year on highways maintenance, is being funded through the council's capital funding programme. The additional money will be spent on preventative maintenance and a road resurfacing programme including small, local repairs to the highways; verge repairs on rural roads and materials support to volunteers working on public rights of way. Work on potholes will continue, with £2m of existing funds and the government's £3.6m additional grant. The preventative investment will reduce the number of potholes forming on the road network, mitigate the risk of further deterioration; improve road safety across the county for all road users; improve customer satisfaction and reduce the number of highway defect reports to the council, which will save officer time by reducing the number of ad-hoc inspections required and expensive reactive works.

This funding allocation has been made following the first formal update of the 2023/24 financial year. At the end of the first quarter there is a forecast overspend of around £0.3m which equates to less than 0.1% of the budget. More than £26m of savings were identified to be made during 2023/24 and, at the end of the first quarter, more than £6.2m has already been achieved (around 24%) with a further £15.7m on track to be delivered (around 60%). This ensures that the council can deliver core services such as children's and adult social care, and focus on the local issues such as roads. By contrast, the list of local authorities up and down the country which are at risk of bankruptcy, is growing.

The programme of additional highways work will begin with identifying the roads due to be resurfaced and give Area Boards the opportunity to comment before the work programme begins in earnest from April 2024 until the end of 2025. Meanwhile please do continue to use My Wilts to report concerns.

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## **KEEVIL CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL** *(See photos in the online colour supplement.)*

### **Primary School looks forward to another activity filled year.**

Keevil Primary School welcomed their new reception class at the beginning of Autumn term, with 16 new pupils joining the school. Headteacher, Mrs Hermon, reports that all of the pupils have "settled in wonderfully, and will all be looking forward to an action packed year ahead." Keevil pupils will be lucky enough to embark on many new

activities that are not available to the majority of primary schools, including swimming, gymnastics and Keevil's own forest school.

This month also saw the completion of the new wall at the front of the school. The school was asked to raise the height of the existing wall in order to provide better safety for the children. Mrs Hermon would like to thank the local community for their ideas and input to ensure that the wall remains in-keeping with the beautiful village of Keevil.



## **NURTURE NATURE**

Forests and woodlands are the roots of our nation, and we need to cherish and protect them and increase their acreage more than ever. A recent report stated that the UK was well down in the list of countries supporting nature. This comes as quite a shock to many of us. Cats and their impact on our native birds – the University of Exeter is conducting excellent research on the impact of cat predation on songbird numbers, which will assist cat owners to reduce their moggies' hunting behaviour with simple solutions. Such actions will help to save tens of thousands of songbirds across the landscape of the British Isles, and in our gardens and wild spaces. (For further info see [www.songbird-survival.org.uk](http://www.songbird-survival.org.uk)). Readers – be early birds yourselves and listen to Tweet of the Day just before the 6 a.m. News on Radio 4. You will learn a lot of interesting information about our birds and species around the world generally. Autumn is the best time of year to plant trees and shrubs. Some of the bee magnet plants are abelia grandiflora, the sarcococcas, honeysuckles, including the winter flowering Lonicera fragrantissima, mahonias and sedums. As a follow up to an earlier article on swifts – developers, house builders and house owners can provide help to halt the sharp decline of this extraordinary species by incorporating 'swift bricks' into new builds/extensions etc. Details can be found on the Internet. A few years ago one house holder had just made the final touches to a swift brick he had installed in the side of his house at a suitable height and aspect, and had hardly reached the ground off the ladder when an adult swift swept into this artificial nesting site and successfully bred. What a joy! One can also get nest boxes for house martins to be attached under the eaves of houses and other buildings. There are also swallow nests available for erecting in barns, stables and outhouses, even lean-tos. For further information on hirundinidae see April editions. A recent reader response to hedgehog sightings and diets is that it's best not to feed mealworms. So a trawl of the scientific research is on the menu. Proprietary hedgehog food and dog and cat food are recommended by hedgehog sanctuaries. However, it's wise not to leave food out overnight as this could encourage unwanted vermin. Another interesting response about birds and chimneys and flues was that on clearing out a blocked off fireplace during a house renovation the number of dead birds found at the bottom was staggering. So please consider having cowls fitted to your chimney pots and flues – cowls with sufficient close meshed wire around them to prevent birds from accessing stacks and flues, which should they succeed – will almost certainly lead to their demise. We are again in the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and spiders' webs are works of art. Please try not to destroy them or kill spiders in the house by vacuuming etc as they do so much good.

Otis Tarda

## **BITS AND BOBS**



The National Garden Scheme will open applications for its Community Garden Grants programme for six weeks from Monday 2nd October 2023. These grants provide funding to amateur gardeners from community groups to create or complete a garden or similar project (such as an allotment) that has a horticultural focus for the benefit of the local community or charitable group. The aim should be to bring a community together by creating or developing a space that people can share, by the acquisition and sharing of gardening knowledge and skills, and by inspiring a love of gardening. Submissions close at noon on Monday 13th November. For more details and an application form visit: <https://ngs.org.uk/who-we-are/community-garden-grants/> Meanwhile, visit [ngs.org.uk](https://ngs.org.uk) for information about open gardens.

### **Devizes Flower Club**

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

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

Facebook: @Devizes FlowerClub Instagram: devizes\_flowerclub

Visitors £6 on the door. Annual Subscription Membership £35.



### **Melksham Flower Club**

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at  
2pm in Seend Community Centre

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## **CARERS' SUPPORT WILTSHIRE**

**CARERS RIGHTS EXPO:** 21 November, 10.00am – 6.30pm, Civic Centre, Trowbridge. Unpaid carers are facing profound challenges – a struggling social care system and NHS, increasing financial pressures because of the cost-of-living crisis and an increasing number of hours caring. For Carers Rights Day this year Carer Support Wiltshire are bringing together experts from across local government and the voluntary sector to share their expertise and guidance with carers. Through workshops and an information hub, the expo aims to empower carers with the knowledge to help them live their lives well and help them to feel supported in their caring role.

This one-day event will attract unpaid carers from across Wiltshire, local government, the NHS, private and voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations. To register your interest, email [admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk) or call 0800 181 4118.

**CARER CAFES:** Our cafes are a great way to make new friends and enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat with others in relaxed, friendly surroundings.

**Devizes** – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes, SN10 1HS. **Time:** 10:30am – 12:00pm.

**Melksham** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at The Kings Arms Hotel, 20 Market Place, Melksham, SN12 6EX. **Time:** 10:30am – 12:00pm

Kindly funded by Melksham Almshouse and Melksham Area Board

**Bereavement help points** - a community-based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. It's a space to meet and talk with others who may be experiencing similar thoughts and feelings, in an informal and supportive setting.

**Devizes:** Bear Hotel, 2-3 The Market Place, Devizes, SN10 1HS. **Time:** 10.30am - 12.00pm. **Dates:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

This group is kindly funded by Devizes Town Council, Devizes Lions, Potterne Parish Council, Worton Parish Council. Run in partnership with Dorothy House Hospice

**Carer café facilitator volunteers wanted:** Carer Support Wiltshire are currently looking for carer café facilitator volunteers to help run the carer cafés in **Tisbury, Chippenham, Devizes, Malmesbury, Melksham** and **Salisbury**. Volunteers will need to be able to commit to a minimum of 2 hours per month, as well as initial and face-to-face training sessions.

Applicants will need good interpersonal and verbal communication skills and have the ability to listen and be empathetic with people who may, at times, be distressed, without feeling a need to 'fix things'. For further information about this role, visit

<https://carersupportwiltshire.co.uk/get-involved/volunteer/> or email [volunteer@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk) / call 0800 181 4118.



## WILTSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD STUDY DAY

**SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 2023**

**10.30am – 16.15pm (from 10.00) in Melksham aAssembly Hall**

**The House Transformed - A time of change in Tudor & Stuart buildings**

Optional Buffet Lunch £12 (booked in advance)

**01249 705508** [dorothy.treasure@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:dorothy.treasure@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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

## Potterne Village Hall Management Committee

**invite you to their**

**15<sup>th</sup> annual Art Exhibition and Sale**

**Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th October 2023 11 am - 4pm**

**at the Village Hall, Mill Lane, Potterne. Entry £1.00.**

**Stop Press:** By the time you read this, we will know if **Len Murray** – churchwarden and master of the pantomime double entendre – has beaten the other finalists for the BBC Radio Wiltshire Great Neighbour category of their 'Make a Difference' awards at the Steam Museum on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

## **MUSICAL EVENTS**



**DAUNTSEY'S CHORAL SOCIETY** rehearses on a Monday evening 7.30-9pm (during school term time) in the Old Hall, Dauntsey's School, West Lavington. No audition is required. If you would like to challenge your vocal chords in a fun and relaxed choir, please do come along and join us! We will be rehearsing Mozart's Requiem and the Chichester Psalms. Please contact the Secretary, Caroline Haywood, at [dauntseyschoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dauntseyschoralsociety@gmail.com) for details.



Holy Trinity Church, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1LW  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October - 4pm

**Cantamus Chamber Choir's Autumn Concert** sees the choir join forces with Cantores Chamber Choir based near Cheltenham for a weekend celebrating choral collaborations. 60 voices will be raising the roof of Holy Trinity Church. Works including Howells Hymn for St. Cecilia, Stanford Three Motets, Bainton And I Saw A New Heaven, Bairstow Blessed City, Pearsall Lay a Garland, Dove Vast Ocean of Light, and Gardiner Evening Hymn. Conducted by Mike Daniels with organist, Steven Hollas.

### **It's celebration time!**

**White Horse Opera** missed its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday during Covid so we are having a belated celebration in the form of a Gala Concert to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> October in Devizes Town Hall at 7.30pm. We will be singing pieces from all the operas we have performed and a few extra treats with guests Carlos Alonso, Robert Felstead, Edward Harper and Pamela Rudge.

Tickets only £10 from Devizes Books and

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera)

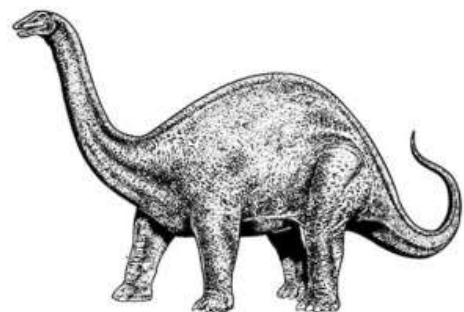
We will be dedicating the concert to our recently departed dear friend Graham Billing who gave so much to White Horse Opera, he will be sorely missed.

Do have a look at this month's edition of the online colour supplement for pictures of some of our many summer events.

Just click on Spotlight and then on October online colour supplement – available shortly

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

First rule about Thesaurus Club: You don't talk, discuss, speak, chat, confer, gab or gossip about Thesaurus Club.



*having great vocabulary didn't save the*  
**THESAURUS**  
*from extinction / eradication / extirpation*



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

**Church:** Rector – vacant. Assoc. Priest Rev. Caroline O'Neil 828302 (p/t) 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, 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** - Roger and Liz 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

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**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)

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**Cricket Club** - Brian Hunt 828581

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