

SPOTLIGHT

SEEND & BULKINGTON

SEEND SUPER SUMMERTIME!



**Seend Fete &
Flower Show
Saturday**

9th August 1-5pm

**Summer Saturday Breakfasts
2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th August
8-10.30am**



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025

DIARY DATES FOR LATE JULY

29th Seend Parish Council meeting in Seend Church at 6.30pm. Topics to include possible housing development in Spout Lane.

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

- 1st First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30 am – 11.15am
- 2nd Summer Saturday Breakfast, Seend Community Centre, 8-10.30 am
- 6th Bulkington Village Lunch, The Well, 12.15 for 12.30 pm
- 8th Seend Ramblers' evening ramble.
- 9th Seend Fete, Lye Field 1-5pm and Seend Flower Show, Community Centre
- 11th Mobile Library 9.40am Seend, The Lye. 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box.
11.00am Bulkington, The Well Inn car park.
- 16th Summer Saturday Breakfast, Seend Community Centre, 8-10.30 am
- 23rd Summer Saturday Breakfast, Seend Community Centre, 8-10.30 am
- 26th Big Heads v Little Heads non-cricketers cricket match on Lye Field
- 27th Brewery Inn Quiz Night
- 30th Summer Saturday Breakfast, Seend Community Centre, 8-10.30am

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Seend Shuttle to Salisbury
- 3rd Bulkington Village Lunch, The Well, 12.15 for 12.30 pm
- 5th First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30 am
- 8th Mobile Library 9.40am Seend, The Lye. 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box.
11.00am Bulkington, The Well Inn car park.
- 13th Ride and Stride church fundraiser
- 13th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT
- 15th LAST DAY TO BOOK ADVERTISING SPACE IN SPOTLIGHT 2025-26
- 16th Open Mic and Jam Night, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 19th Messy Church, Potterne Village Hall
- 20th The Bee Gees Experience, Seend Community Centre, 7.30 pm Tickets £15
- 24th Nosh and Natter Lunch, Seend Community Centre, 12.30 pm
- 24th Brewery Inn Quiz Night
- 26th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am-noon
- 27th Seend Wine Circle, Seend Community Centre, 7.30 for 8pm



Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion & Seend Lye Field. Available for parties, meetings, sports events.

Book online: www.seendllyefield.org or email: 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

Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington? Visit www.seend.org.uk, www.bulkington.org.uk and the Spotlight, Bulkington, Seend Community Centre and Seend Village Group facebook pages.

WELCOME TO AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025 SPOTLIGHT



In full summer holiday mode, we can look forward to the twin events of the Seend Fete and the Flower and Produce Show: always a joy! Meanwhile, Summer Saturday Breakfasts continue plus a smorgasbord of events in our two villages to participate in – and, as ever, plenty of opportunities to volunteer!

The Lye Field and Seend Community Centre Committees are both looking for more members willing to be officers, and remember that the many events and amenities that our villages enjoy depend on volunteers to make them happen.

ADVERTISING IN SPOTLIGHT

Local businesses are offered advertising space in the middle pages of 10 issues of Spotlight on an annual basis. Charges are £55 for a quarter page, £100 for a half page and £170 for a full page. **The deadline for booking a space (including renewal of existing adverts) is 15th September** with the new adverts being published from our November 2025 issue. Please send your adverts before that deadline to spotlightads@btinternet.com

Contributions for the October edition by Saturday 13th September please.

- Always email to spotlight@seend.org.uk
 - You should get a receipt of your item by the end of the Monday after deadline. If not, you should contact one of the Editors. Who are:
Tessa Doe 07719 917814. Sue Isaac 07779 075383. Jan Field 01380 827140
 - Send contributions by the deadline
 - Use Word documents (or compatible) not PDF or jpg files
 - Contact for Advertising is Chris Brooker 01380 828047
 - Contact for Deliveries is Fiona Johnson 01380 828401
 - Contact for Printing is Jan Field 01380 827140
- Potential volunteer deliverers or printers please contact Fiona or Jan

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 | * Household fuel |
| * Vets Bills | * Medical Equipment | * Electrical appliances |
| * Musical instruments | * Training | * School and work clothes |
| * Wheelchairs | * Food | |

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

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

SEEND EVENTS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE EVENTS



Rusty's Café

The Community Centre's Rusty's Café – Lounge - Bar is receiving great customer reviews and comments. Serving a selection of cakes, sandwiches and all-day breakfasts. Teas, coffees, hot chocolate in addition to the usual range of alcoholic and soft drinks.

Opening Hours

Thursday	12noon	–	Close	Food until 5pm
Friday	12noon	–	Close	Food until 5pm
Saturday	10:30am	–	Close	Food until 5pm
Sunday	10:30am	–	Close	Food until 4pm

Do come and try it out. Well-behaved dogs on a lead are welcome. You don't have to be a Community Centre member to use the cafe.

Constructive feedback, comments and suggestions are welcomed.

Rusty's has its own Facebook page where you can see photos and keep up to date with news and photos:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61577364235352>

Community Centre Regular Events



First Friday Coffee Mornings

On the 1st August** and 5th September from 10.30am in the Lounge. Come and enjoy freshly made real coffee or tea (plus a refill) and delicious home-made cakes for just £3. Everyone welcome! No need to book.

** Please note that on 1st August coffee will only be served from 10.30 am until 11.15 am.

Nosh & Natter Lunches

The monthly lunch club meets from 12 for 12.30pm on 24th September and 29th October. Please book in advance for lunch by calling Frank Teasdale on 07719918310. 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. On September 19th and November 21st there will be a Veterans and Armed Forces Social, from 18:30 in the Members' Lounge.

Special Events and Dates for the Diary

To keep up to date with Community Centre Information visit: seendcommunitycentre.com. For the Box Office visit: seendcommunitycentre.com/box-office



The Famous Seend Summer Breakfasts have returned.

Join us for a delicious breakfast prepared and served by volunteers and in aid of Community Centre funds.

Breakfasts will be served from 8 -10:30am on Saturdays August 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Summer Pilates Classes

Annette Witte is running some additional Summer Pilates Classes on Tuesday the 5th, 19th and 26th August at 7pm in the Community Centre.

These are open to all, both regular class members and anyone wishing to try a class. Pay as you go, £10 per class. All are welcome to come along and bring a friend.

For any further information please email Annette at: annetthewitte@hotmail.com

Saturday 16th August 7:30pm Open Mic and Jam with Live Band

Hosted by Free Radicals Rock Covers Band.

Contact Marie on 07973725894 to register your interest and discuss any technical requirements. Any other enquiries to seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com



Saturday 20th September – The Bee Gees Experience 7:30 Tickets £15.00

Seend Royal British Legion present this Bee Gees tribute band.

A recent review states” The Bee Gees experience were excellent in every way - I would recommend them to everyone”

Saturday 27th September Seend Wine Circle 8pm (Doors Open at 7:30pm)

More details to follow. Contact seendwinecircle@gmail.com



**Macmillan Coffee Morning
Seend Community Centre
Friday 26th September 2025 from 10.30am-noon**

Coffee and cakes – raffle – games - stalls including greetings cards and Bring and Buy produce stall. Please come along to raise money for this much valued charity.

Entry by donation (suggested amount £3, which includes coffee or tea and cake!)

Please bring cash if possible.

If you can bake a cake for us, offer a raffle prize, help on the day or would like a stall please call 07719 917814. Thank you.

BREWERY INN EVENTS

Quiz Nights - 27th August & 24th September

Big Heads v Little Heads Cricket Match - Bank Holiday Monday
August 26th on the Lye Field



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.

VISIT FROM OUR MP

Our MP, Brian Mathew, plans to visit Seend in the latter part of August to hold a pop-up meeting with his constituents. This will be publicised on facebook and by word of mouth.

SEEND LYE FIELD

Sadly, at the recent Lye Field AGM , no one came forward to stand as Chairperson, and so for a second year, the committee will be without a Chair.

Also at the same meeting, Chris Savage gave notice that he would be resigning as committee Secretary in November, and so we will be in need of a new Secretary by the year end. Now that the legal issues surrounding the right of way claim have all been put to bed, the roles of Chair & Secretary are not that onerous as they have been over the last five years.

For the Chair, it's about ensuring the committee operate effectively to maintain and enhance the Lye Field assets as well as chairing four quarterly meetings and an AGM each year. The Secretary is responsible for arranging these five meetings, as well as issuing agendas, taking minutes and dealing with any correspondence relating to the Lye Field.

As with all of the facilities within the village, we totally rely on volunteers to keep these valuable assets in good working order, including the management of these assets through the Lye Field Committee. Without these committee members & volunteers, the village assets (such as the pavilion, the play area, the field itself) would soon become unsafe and

unusable. If you want these facilities to be available for the villagers in the future, please help support the Lye Field Committee.

If anyone is at all interested in either of these roles, and wants to know more information, please feel free to contact me at ricellinger@hotmail.com

Ric Ellinger, Chair of the Seend Lye Field Trustees

SEEND FETE August 9, 2025, 1-5pm

We can't wait to see the village come together for another fantastic Seend Fete!

Enjoy: The Super Pirates, Face Painting, The Petting Farm, Classic Cars, Wild Edge Adventure, The Slow Stitch Club, Men's Shed, glorious food and posh coffee.

We have a fantastic range of artisan traders, plus amazing prizes to be won in our Grand Draw!

Please share our Facebook updates, invite your friends, and spread the word far and wide. Every share counts!

Drop-Offs at Irene Usher Hall: We'll be accepting items for the White Elephant, Book Stall, Bottle Stall and Toy Stall at the Irene Usher Hall on: 6th – 8th August, 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM. If you need to drop off outside these hours, just get in touch — we're happy to arrange it.

Volunteers Needed! We still need a couple more helpers with parking on the day. We're determined to keep traffic flowing this year. If you can assist, even for an hour or two, please let us know!

We rely on our brilliant volunteers to keep everything running smoothly. Can you spare a little time to help on the day? Every offer of support makes a big difference.

Stay Connected: For updates and event info, follow us on Facebook: [@seendfete](https://www.facebook.com/seendfete), or visit our website: www.seendfete.org

Warm regards, Team Fete, #teamseend

**Donations of home-made cakes for the Fete teas are very welcome,
as are offers of help on the day.**

Anne Ewing

SEEND FLOWER SHOW 9 AUGUST 2025

Please all note that the Entry Programme of this year's flower show is in your Spotlight magazine. Thank you Spotlight deliverers for adding the programme to your load. Copies of the entry programme are also available on our website: for more information, please visit: <https://seendflowershow.org.uk>. There will also be copies available in the village shop and the Community Centre.



To all cup holders, if you have not already done so, please return last year's trophies as soon as possible to: Jackie Hamblin, 3 Hillcrest, School Road, Seend SN12 6NL - 01380 828171.

Looking forward to your entries and participation in the flower show. See you all there.

Julia White, SFS – Chair +44 7904791743



This is an annual national sponsored event, organised locally by County Historic Churches Trusts. Wiltshire Ride + Stride (or its predecessor the Great Cycle Ride) has been going since 1984 and has raised over £1.6 million for the county's churches. 50% of the money raised goes to the participant's chosen church and the other half to the County Historic Churches Trust.

It takes place on the second Saturday in September between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00p.m. The next annual Ride & Stride will take place on **Saturday 13th September 2025**. Participants may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters. They can be of any age, but under-13s must be accompanied by an adult. All denominations are welcome.

Visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route. Seek sponsorship from friends, relations and colleagues, so much per church visited or a lump sum.

Contact Len Murray, for more info and sponsorship forms to support your local Church - **Holy Cross, Seend** - on 01380 828513.

www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk Charity Number: 1075598

CHURCH NEWS



THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

I have been sitting in my garden on what is supposedly the last day of the heatwave and wondering is this what the garden of Eden was like. My garden is by no means perfect to the normal English way of thinking (plenty of weeds) but to sit underneath the walnut tree, with the slightest of breeze watching the bees and the butterflies all going about their time-honoured business, with the faint sound of water in the background, and reflecting on

the fact that every bush or tree seems to be heavy with yet to ripen fruit of all descriptions, well what could be better? And no serpents as far as I can see, and no temptations either other than to while away too much time. Lucky me!

Just this week the Buzz group celebrated a beautiful service of Holy Communion underneath a huge oak tree, near a gentle river, and again with birds and bees and butterflies drawing it all together in a symbiotic relationship. We are so fortunate to live in such a lovely area, and yet how often do we take time to notice? In our human world we have learnt to put ourselves under such stress. Many of the young people have been so pressurised with public examinations and now wait fearfully for their results. Every news item seems to be telling us that the mental health of the nation, particularly the young, is severely troubled, and economically families are having to struggle to make ends meet, and the world situation seems to be going from bad to worse. How can I sit in my garden

and rest in the beauty of creation when all around seems to be in so much difficulty?
I have a suggestion; do it. Do what? Go outside and rest. Ponder on the natural world.
Feel the grass beneath your feet. Wonder at the magnificence of creation; be amazed at the
beauty of the stars. Our ancestors did just that. Why else was Stonehenge built? Be brave
enough to realise and accept that not only are we all star dust, but God dust too because
there was nothing else that he could make us out of.

Star dust and God dust; you and me. What an amazing thought.

So, as WH Davies so famously said, “ what is this life if full of care we have no time to
stand and stare?” I’ll leave you to answer that question.

Jane Knowles

The Wellsprings Benefice REFRESHER AND TRAINING COURSES 2025

*These courses are open to all in our Benefice area. You are welcome to join any or all the
courses, even if you are not currently involved in the specific areas of ministry. It is
intended that all who are currently involved in the specific areas of ministry attend the
related courses, if possible.*

*These courses will be led by Rev. Maureen Allchin and the venue is 4 Northfields,
Bulkington, SN10 1SE. Each course will be from 10.30-12.30 on Saturdays.*

Saturday, 6th September	Intercessory Prayer in church. This is for all those who lead or would like to lead intercessions in our (or other) churches and who would like to learn more about intercessory prayer.
Saturday 18th October	Lay Ministers of the Sacrament (Eucharistic Ministers) assist with the distribution of Holy Communion during church services and can take consecrated bread and wine to those who are sick or unable to attend church.
Saturday 29th November	Looking after the linen, vessels and vestments. This is for all who prepare our Eucharistic services and care for the vessels, linens and vestments and who prepare the altar for services.

*Please contact Maureen Allchin **as soon as possible** to let her know if you will be
attending and which course(s) you will come to. This is important as she will need to know
numbers to refreshments and handouts, etc. If you are unable to attend on a specific date –
please let Maureen know, as courses might be repeated in 2026 if there is enough interest.
If you would like further details of any of these courses or to put your name on the
attendance list please contact: The Revd. Maureen Allchin maureen@mallchin.co.uk
07421 137462.*



CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2025

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

AUGUST

Sunday 3rd (Trinity 7)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Communion	Seend
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bulkington

Sunday 10th (Trinity 8)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Family Service	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Potterne

Sunday 17th (Trinity 9)

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

Sunday 24th (St Bartholomew)

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

Weds 27th

5pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot
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Sunday 31st (Trinity 11)

10am	Benefice Service	Seend
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SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7th (Trinity 12)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Communion	Seend
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bulkington

Sunday 14th (Holy Cross)

8am	Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Harvest Festival Family Service	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Potterne

Friday 19th

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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Sunday 21st (St Matthew)

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

Weds 24th

5pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot
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Sunday 28th (Trinity 15)

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

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

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

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

From the Registers:

Baptisms: Lily Freegard on 6th July at Holy Cross, Seend.
No weddings or funerals this month.

BULKINGTON NEWS

The Bulkington Village Lunch takes place on Wednesdays 6th August and 3rd September at 12.15 for 12.30 at The Well.



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

New people are always welcome to join us.

It is a good social event for the entire village and area.

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 11th August and Monday 8th September 11.05 – 11.30 am.

THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 11th August at 46a Bulkington, the home of Phyll Yarde, and on Monday 8th September at 14 Chestnut Drive, the home of Janet Rawlings. New people always welcome.

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



BULKINGTON LADIES' GROUP

The Ladies' Group will be having a BBQ on Thursday 28th August at 6pm at 42 Bulkington, the home of Sally and Dom Gosling. Please bring your own choice of food which will be cooked on the BBQ. Thanks to Sally & Dom for hosting this event.

Our September meeting on Thursday 25th will be in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. There will be the usual bring and share refreshments and a raffle. More details to follow.

Liz 828485.

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB

We held the draw at the Village Lunch in The Well on Wednesday, the 2nd July, and the winners were :-

£50	No. 05	Craig Thomas
£40	No. 59	Michele Gregory
£35	No. 86	Tina Fagan
£30	No. 54	Sally Gosling
£25	No. 56	Bev Kerslake
£20	No. 02	Phyl Yarde



This was the last draw for this year so thank you very much indeed to all our members for your support - we couldn't do it without you!

Subscriptions for the new year are due next month please, ready for the start of a brand new year on the 1st September. We would welcome new members to join us - contact Phyl Yarde on 01380 828116 or phyllisyardes@gmail.com. Thank you.

Phyl Yarde

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



On Sunday 20th July a walk was organised starting at Dyrham Park NT property. 12 people started a five mile walk.

We walked out of the park and headed off-road to the village of Dyrham where we joined the Cotswold Way for a mile and a half before taking the footpath to Hinton with beautiful views over the valley. We eventually returned to Dyrham Park, walking through the lovely gardens. We were lucky enough to see the resident deer sheltering under the trees at the start and at the end of the walk.

Our summer evening walk will be on Friday 8th August and the next Sunday walk is Sunday 14th September.

Information will be sent out in the usual way but please get in touch if you would like to join us on any of our Rambles.

Sandy

SEEND WI



Our speaker Simon Goodwin, assisted by a colleague also called Simon, gave a very thought-provoking talk on Cybercrime at our July meeting.

Members were advised on the importance of creating strong passwords for our devices. Also, we were warned to be very vigilant when receiving unsolicited telephone calls; if in doubt always ring separately to a recognised number on another phone. He stressed the importance of backing up the material held on home computers as well as the need to replace old laptops which may not be robustly secure. Members appreciated the advice given which gave them much to ponder.

We are looking forward to our outing to Iford Manor in August, this being our only meeting in the month. September takes us back into the hall when Alison Warren will give a talk on "A short history of ice cream." This is expected to be a very popular topic considering how much ice cream has been consumed recently in the hot weather!

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

Joyce Harvey

JULY DRAW

1	No.123	N Townsend	£50
2	No.130	R Walker	£20
3	No. 71	L Murray	£20
4	No. 15	R Bailey	£20



Thanks to everyone at Indoor bowls who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley

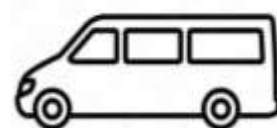
SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS SEEK PIANIST FOR FUN AND FUND RAISING!



We're still looking for that elusive creature, a local versatile pianist who would like to join us in putting on the annual Seend Village Panto at February half-term. We thoroughly enjoy ourselves and raise hundreds of £s for local good causes. If interested, please call Anita on 01380 828757 or Tessa on 07719 917814. Pass it on!

SEEND SHUTTLE NEWS

There will be no trip to Salisbury in August. Everyone seems to be busy enjoying the summer. The July trip was cancelled because I only had one person interested in going so I am leaving it until 3rd September before we go again. Please contact me as usual on 01380 828757 to reserve a seat and I hope to have a happy bus full. Enjoy your holidays.



Anita

SEEND THEATRE CLUB



It was a lovely summer evening for us at Cleeve House to see "Much Ado About Nothing" performed by Shakespeare Live. Members took advantage of the weather to picnic in the grounds before enjoying the excellent outdoor performance.

Our next visit is to the Watermill Theatre, near Newbury, at the beginning of September to see their production of "Jesus Christ Superstar". It will be interesting to see their talented interpretation of this well-known musical by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Our forward programme includes a booking for "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward at Salisbury Playhouse in October. We are also going to Bath Theatre Royal for "Small Hotel", a new play starring Ralph Fiennes, who is performing there for a festival season.

We always welcome new members so, if you are interested, please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or email: membership.seendtheatreclub@gmail.com for an application form.

Ken Harvey



SEEND BRANCH – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

We currently have 68 members enrolled in the Seend Branch, but would love to see a few more, especially from the younger community and also local serving members of HM Armed Forces. Membership is £22 per year and our mission is to support serving members, veterans and their families. We normally have two fund-raising events in Seend per year, in addition to the annual poppy appeal. Typically, we meet four times per year, but we also have a social on the 3rd Friday of every other Month – July, Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, May – at the Seend Community Centre; all are welcome.

We are also looking for two new committee members – no specific roles, just to be able to help out in general. Contact details are at the back of Spotlight, if you are interested.

A date for your diaries

Seend Branch has arranged for a Bee Gees Tribute night on Saturday 20th September, at the Community Centre. Tickets are only £15 and are available from Rusty's Bar at the Community Centre or can be purchased on-line at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/seend-trust-community-centre>. Alternatively, contact me at steven@cubberley.com and I can reserve your tickets.

Do come along for a spot of Saturday Night Fever but don't delay, over half the tickets have gone already.

Steve Cubberley Chair – Seend Branch RBL

SEEND BABY & TODDLER GROUP



Every Wednesday (Term Time) 9-11am at the Irene Usher Pavillion

For ages 0 months to school age

An informal meet up for parents to get together and children to play!

Free taster session, and then £1.50 per session per family.

Contact elebraney84@hotmail.co.uk



SEEND PLAYGROUP

The children enjoyed learning a song about brushing their teeth to the tune of baby shark. We also talked about food and bad foods for their teeth.

We had the teachers from Seend and Keevil visit us and they played with the children who are leaving us to go to school in September.

Our trip to Longleat went very well. The children loved seeing the animals up close in the coach. The driver even went round one enclosure twice as Anne the elephant came out after we had passed.

At the police visit the children enjoyed climbing into the car and pretending to drive. They also sat in the backseat.

Harry joined us for a week on his work experience and the children loved playing football with him using the small goals on the field. He also helped the Rugby Coach organise the children into different activities. The children had lots of fun even though it was very hot for running around. The Rugby Coach is a dad of one of our children and he kindly gave us half an hour of his time and brought ice lollies for all the children and staff which was very much appreciated.

We will have had our leavers' presentation on the 18th July and they will have enjoyed a bouncy castle.

Our last day is 22nd July and we will return on the 1st September 2025. We now have a waiting list for September.

Rose Dick , Playgroup Leader, 01380 828003

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



We were so proud of our Sports Day this year. It was a huge success; thanks to everyone who helped make it happen. We had so many gazebos donated for us to use which meant we were able to shade the children and many of the parents.

We are also grateful for so many volunteers who helped to put them up before the event and pack away after too! Thank you to those who helped with chairs, mats, benches and everything else. It was done so quickly!

Huge thanks to FOSS for all of your hard work; refreshments for the children during the event and refreshments for everyone else after school. A number of you also helped with the finish line, including the all important stickers! thank you! Sports Day is a fantastic example of our whole school community coming together.

This term our football team played a friendly match with one of our sister schools - St George's, Semington. The match wasn't just about goals and games — it was about respect, teamwork, and community spirit. From high-fives between teams, to cheers from the sidelines, our young players showed that football is more than a sport — it's a way to bring people together. Their lights shone brightly today, showing compassion and sportsmanship both on and off the pitch. We are incredibly proud of our team and we are looking forward to playing more matches in the future.

Our KS2 children presented The Greatest Showman. Their courage, enthusiasm, and talent truly shone on stage, and it was wonderful to see each and every child performing with such confidence and joy. A special mention goes to our soloists, who sang or played the piano so beautifully and bravely in front of a packed audience — a real testament to their determination and self-belief.

Behind the scenes, this production has been a real team effort. The hard work and dedication of both the children and our fantastic staff have made it a performance to remember. From learning lines and songs to perfecting stage directions and costumes, the commitment has been exceptional. Big thanks to a parent who volunteered to do some face painting for us too!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did!

Finally, this term we say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they finish their primary school journey.

From their first day in Reception to their final day in Year 6, these children have grown into confident, kind, and resilient individuals. We are so proud of everything they've achieved and the memories we've shared together – the laughter, the learning, and all the adventures in between.

Your future is bright, and we can't wait to see all you'll become. 🍀

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

Read All About It!

Firstly, Debbie Savage Chair of Seend Parish Council would like to thank the previous chairman, Terry James, for his dedication to the Parish Council.

Seend Parish Council are very keen to engage our residents, in what we do, why we do it, and who we do it for!

Each month (except December), we have a full council meeting on the last Tuesday of the month.

As some of you were unable to attend the June meeting, please see below the Draft Minutes awaiting approval. We would love to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday July 29th 2025 @ 18:30 pm, taking place in Seend Church and including the proposed housing development in Spout Lane. The eagle eyed amongst you would have noticed the meeting start time and venue change.

More details on this can be seen in the Draft Minutes.

Yet another example of **Seend Parish Council** listening to feedback, responding to feedback, doing what our residents ask!

Draft Minutes – Seend Parish Council meeting: Tuesday, 24th June 2025 19.00pm.
Location: Seend Community Centre.

Present: Cllr Debbie Savage (Chair) Cllr Bridget Johnson (Vice Chair), Cllr William Lack, Cllr Paul Manning, Cllr Phil Springate, Cllr John Williams, Cllr Pamela Ackerman, Cllr Jamie Halliday, Parish Clerk: Hayley Bell

Public Attendance: 5 Members of the Public, Cllr Tamara Reay

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Helen Robinson- Gordon – apologies accepted

Declaration of changes to the Register of Interests - none

Declaration of interest in items on the agenda - none

Requests for Dispensation - none

Seend Parish and Unitary Councillor's updates.

Cllr Reay provided the following updates on local matters:

Cllr Reay advised the council that on Tuesday, 2nd July, at Wiltshire Council, a planning hearing will take place for Gompels. Seend Parish Council can make a 3-minute statement to the planning committee. Councillors raised concerns regarding the development and its impact on the boundaries and traffic. Whilst the council understands economic growth, it wishes to protect the open spaces and countryside.

Proposed by Cllr Lack and seconded by Cllr Johnson : Clerk / Chair to address planning

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 27th May 2025, were circulated to all Councillors. Minutes approved: By Cllr Johnson and Cllr Halliday.

Matters arising not on the agenda:

Welcome Message from The Chair to Councillors, Residents, and Officers.

Items for discussion from members of the parish:

Residents requested that the Parish Council consider a map of Seend to showcase all Seend has to offer tourists. The council supported the concept, and the clerk will gain concepts and quotes for the next Parish Council meeting.

Speedwatch:

Confirmed that locations for mobile SID in The Stocks and Sells Green have been sent off to Wiltshire Council for approval.

Devizes Area Board:

Next meeting will take place on 30th June at Needham House, Devizes.

Items of Correspondence

Recommendation for Parish Council meetings to be 18.30 from July 2025 approved

Recommendation to consider alternative venues within the parish to host future council meetings approved.

AED update:

AED are all working. The Clerk thanked the volunteers who support her with the checks. AED sponsoring opportunity for local businesses being promoted.

Visit Wiltshire opportunities raised by Cllr Johnson. Cllr Johnson to investigate partnership opportunities and present at July council meeting.

Seend Flower Show:

Cllr Johnson asked the council to consider supporting the flower show. The council approved to pay for an advert in the programme of events to cross-promote the Council's activities.

Parish Councillor Vacancy:

Co-option policy approved by Cllr Halliday and Cllr Williams

Noted the website, social media posts and information provided in Spotlight.

Co-opting opportunity to be promoted.

Financial Matters

a. Payments

- Salaries: £660.91
- SLCC: £144.00
- Microsoft: £84.99

Debit Card: No forecast payments for next month.

Payment schedule: annual payment schedule to be produced for Councillors' approval.

Insurance: signatories Councillors' indemnification to be confirmed.

More information and previous minutes available on our website.

<http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk>

UPDATE FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

The changes at Wiltshire Council following the election, mean that I am no longer a Cabinet Member. Instead as an opposition backbencher I have been appointed to two key committees: Overview & Scrutiny Management (O&S) and the Electoral Review Committee. As such, I thought that readers may be interested in more detail about how the Council works.

Wiltshire Council has a robust system of Committees to review Officer recommendations and Cabinet decisions. O&S is a key committee, ensuring that decisions are taken based on sound evidence, include the views of those with an interest in the matter, and are in the best interests of the people of Wiltshire. It has powers to require decision-makers to attend meetings, answer questions, and provide written evidence on any matter under review.

One of the first items to be reviewed by O&S Committee was the 2024/25 budget outturn which showed an overspend of £4.9m - including an overspend in Adult Social Care (ASC) of £12.9m (an increase of £6m since the Q3 budget monitoring). This is extremely disappointing given that as a Conservative-run Council until the elections in May, stringent financial controls were in place. The Q3 budget report stated that Officers forecast that the overspend would be corrected by the end of the financial year. There continues to be considerable uncertainty about the detail and scale of the ASC overspend – the O&S Committee has demanded that this continues to be scrutinised very closely.

The last month has been a busy one for Planning Committees too. The current system enables local Councillors to “Call-In to Committee” planning applications where there is significant local concern, and it is felt that the details of the application should be fully considered in a public forum, and a decision made by the planning committee rather than delegated to planning officers. Hence, over the last year or so, I have called-in the planning applications for the proposed solar installations at One Tree Hill, Potterne Park Farm, Townsend in Poulshot, and the Gompels Warehouse in Bowerhill.

The One Tree Hill proposal was refused by the Planning Officer for very clear planning reasons in June, and in July the Potterne Park Farm (PPF) proposal came before the Planning Committee. Following a lengthy debate, the PPF application was also refused.

Thank you to everyone from Potterne Solar Action Group and Potterne Parish Council who spoke so eloquently at the Planning Committee.

At the same Meeting, the Gompels Warehouse was also discussed, with strong arguments made on both sides. As the local Councillor for Seend, I spoke of the importance of Gompels to the local economy but argued that the proposed location of the warehouse in the area of open countryside between Seend Cleeve and Bowerhill was wrong and urged that discussions should be urgently reconvened with Wiltshire Council's Economic Development Team to find another suitable site in the Melksham area. The Committee agreed to defer the application whilst an archaeological study was conducted.

I am also expecting that the Townsend Solar application will go to Committee in the next few weeks. I will keep you updated on all these developments – or please email me if you have specific questions.

Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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BITS AND BOBS



Now is the ideal time of year to join The Arts Society Devizes. Your £50 membership covers a lecture each month from 15th October 2025 through to July 2026. Join with the “Click to Join Us” button at www.theartsocietydevizes.org or at the October lecture, which is at 10:45 for 11am on Wednesday October 15th in the **Corn Exchange**, Devizes, and is: **“Murano Glass – The Jewel of Venice”** given by Laurie Wickwire.

Please be in your seats for 10:45 am. Lecture starts at 11 am through to 12 noon. Coffee is available beforehand, guests welcome £8.

Find us on Facebook: The Arts Society Devizes

MELKSHAM FLOWER CLUB

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



NATIONAL OPEN GARDEN SCHEME



We have a pop up garden and two new gardens for you in August. The pop up in Brampton near Salisbury is new to us. A small garden in Purton seems packed with plants and ideas. And then Ogbourne Manor near Marlborough opened for us as a pop up last year and proved very popular.

Great gardens to visit by arrangement can be found on:

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

www.ngs.org.uk



Afternoon Tea

Saturday 2nd August
Worton and Marston Village Hall
2pm – 4pm



Amazing raffle prizes include:

A round of golf for 4 at Bowood
A Samsung Galaxy Chromebook (laptop)
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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR CHORAL WORKSHOP

This year's Edington Arts Choral Workshop will be held in Edington Priory Church on Saturday September 13th from 10am-4pm. Applications are now open for what will be a really interesting and enjoyable day's learning how to sing a capella (unaccompanied) in different styles to the highest standard we can achieve. If you can read music and have some experience of singing in a choir, this one's for you! The day will be led by The King's Singers' first baritone, Chris Bruerton, who has chosen the music. The day will finish with tea and cake to which family and friends are invited, followed by an informal run-through.

Full details are at www.edingtonarts.org, where you can also make an online booking. If you would rather book by phone, please phone Anne on 01380 831425 or 07977 464375. The cost for the day is £25, which includes music hire and refreshments on arrival and mid-morning. We look forward to welcoming you!

EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL: AUGUST 17TH - 24TH

The Edington Festival of Music within the Liturgy is celebrating its 70th birthday this year! Started in 1956 to raise enough money to repair the church's very leaky roof, it now involves three choirs, six organists, over 70 participants in all, and over eight days of services, and has raised over £250,000 for the benefit of the parish and the wider communities which host this wonderful event. Its congregations now come from all over the globe, drawn to what is the oldest, and generally regarded as the finest, celebration of church music within the context for which it was written.

This year's theme, "The Ways of the Lord", follows journeys made along roads and ways in the Holy Land. Three choirs will sing at four daily services including Choral Evensong, recorded for later broadcast on BBC Radio 3, a rare liturgical performance of Wood's Mark Passion and Choral Matins. Services are free, and everyone is welcomed to enjoy sublime music and spiritual solace.

The Festival Supper is an evening of food and music on Wednesday 20th August, and tickets can be bought from Hugh Hancock; musicalsupper@edingtonfestival.org.

SOME FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

11 th October	Seend Vegas Ca-Seend-o Party	Seend Community Centre
17 th October	Guitarist Martin Simpson	Seend Community Centre
29 th November	Cilla & The Swinging 60s	Seend Community Centre
19 th -21 st February	Seend Fawltly Players' Panto	Seend Community Centre
2 nd May	24 th Seend Beer Festival	Seend Community Centre
8 th August	2026 Fete & Flower Show	Lye Field & Community Centre

Don't forget to look at our August/September online colour supplement – available shortly on seend.org.uk – for photos of what's happened since the last issue..

AND FINALLY.....



In a restaurant in Australia, the chef made a meringue and everybody applauded.

That was unexpected as in Australia they usually boo meringue.....
(all groan).

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

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Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07938 270815. PCC Secretary: Anne Ewing, 828557.
Churchwardens: Seend: Len Murray, 828513, Anne Ewing, 828557 ; 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 or 828970

Bulkington Village Hall - Roger and Liz Futter 828485

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

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Seend and Bulkington's Wiltshire Councillor – Tamara Reay 07711824864
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Seend Village Website: www.seend.org.uk – webmaster Neil Yockney 827139.

Seend School – 828334

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

Bulkington Parish Council—Tekla Hicks clerk@bulkington.org.uk

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MP: Dr Brian Mathew – email brian.mathew.mp@parliament.uk

Police Community Support, Sgt Kerena Walters, kerena.walters@wiltshire.police.uk

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avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk

Book Clubs - the original: June May 827169 /

07590 818750 - the other: Frank Teasdale

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Cricket Club - Brian Hunt 828581

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Fawltly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe

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Flower Show -Julia White 01380 827082

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