

# SPOTLIGHT

## SEEND & BULKINGTON

### Summer Saturday Breakfasts

*Freshly cooked and  
served by volunteers*



26<sup>th</sup> July  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
and 30<sup>th</sup> August

**from 8am-10.30am**

**in Seend Community Centre**

**Every welcome. Just turn up**  
Proceeds to the Seend Centre

# JULY 2025

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE JUNE

- 25<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter Lunch, Seend Community Centre, 12.30 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Quiz Night
- 27<sup>th</sup> Dee Dee Wilde and Henry Marsh, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm

## DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seend Shuttle to Salisbury
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch – The Well, 12.15 for 12.30
- 4<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30 am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Seend Wine Circle, Community Centre, 7.30 for 8pm
- 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Much Ado about Nothing at Cleeve House
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library 9.40 am Seend, The Lye. 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box.  
11.00 am Bulkington, The Well Inn car park.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Last day to apply for Seend PC vacancy
- 19<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUGUST/SEPTEMBER  
SPOTLIGHT
- 20<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers
- 25<sup>th</sup> FoSS Summer BBQ at Seend Community Centre
- 26<sup>th</sup> First Summer Saturday Breakfast, Seend Community Centre, 8-10.30am
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bath Opera 'La Traviata' Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm

## DIARY DATES FOR EARLY AUGUST

- 1<sup>st</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Saturday Breakfast, Seend Community Centre, 8-10.30am



### 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, Bulkington, Seend Community Centre and Seend Village Group **facebook** pages

## WELCOME TO JULY 2025 SPOTLIGHT



We hope we haven't jinxed the July weather by putting a smiley sun here. Sunny or not, we hope you enjoy this month's activities in our villages and prepare yourselves for participation in the Fete and Flower Show in August!

If you still have your brown envelope with a donation to Spotlight from last month, you can still contact any of the editorial team below to arrange a handover, or you can transfer money to: Seend PCC Melksham, sort code: 09-01-28, a/c 37153587 – ref: Spotlight donation. Thanks. (We missed Melksham off the account name last month. Sorry!)

***Don't forget to look at our online colour supplement for photos of events since the last issue, including the gorgeous Seend Open Gardens.  
Go to [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk) and just click on Spotlight and then on July online colour supplement – available shortly***

### **Contributions for the August/September edition copy by Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July please.**

- Always email [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk)
  - Send contributions by the deadline
  - Use Word documents (or compatible) not PDF or jpg files
  - You should get a receipt of your item by the Monday after deadline. If not, you should contact one of the Editors. Who are -  
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### **THE SEEND FUND - A REMINDER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES**

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

\* Rent Payment      \* School Trips   \* Food   \* Household fuel   \* Vets Bills  
\* Medical Equipment   \* 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 JULY AND BEYOND

**seend  
centre**

AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

### Welcome to **Rusty's Café . Lounge . Bar**

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

#### Opening Hours

|          |         |   |       |                |
|----------|---------|---|-------|----------------|
| Thursday | 12pm    | – | Close | Food until 5pm |
| Friday   | 12pm    | – | 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 4<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August 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 (first price increase from £2.50 in years!). Everyone welcome! No need to book.



**NOSH & NATTER LUNCHES** The monthly lunch club is on a summer break during July and August. N & N lunches will restart on 24th September.



#### **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 the third Friday in Jul, Sep, and November there is a Veterans and Armed Forces Social, from 18:30 in the Members' Lounge.

#### **SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY - SEEND WINE CIRCLE 8pm (Doors Open at 7:30pm)**

Summer Wine Tasting – a selection of Mediterranean wines.

Always a good evening. Tickets at £15 are available through the link below

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seend-wine-circle-summer-tasting-tickets-1357315620559>

#### **FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY SUMMER BBQ in association with Friends of Seend School (FOSS)**

#### **SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 7:30PM - BATH OPERA'S SUMMER TOUR VERDI'S LA**

**TRAVIATA** Guiseppe Verdi's La Traviata is being performed at Seend Community Centre. Staged and sung in English. La Traviata is a tragedy of love, loyalty and self-sacrifice

Tickets £18/12 using the bar codes on Community Centre Box Office advertising flyer.

More information is available at [www.bathopera.com](http://www.bathopera.com)



**THE FAMOUS SEEND SUMMER BREAKFASTS RETURN IN JULY AND AUGUST**  
**8-10:30AM.**



Join us for a delicious breakfast prepared and served by volunteers and in aid of Community Centre funds. Breakfasts will be served between 8 -10:30am on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July and August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SUMMER PILATES CLASSES**

Annette Witte is running some additional Summer Pilates Classes on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the CC. 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: [annettewitte@hotmail.com](mailto:annettewitte@hotmail.com)

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 7:30PM OPEN MIC AND JAM WITH LIVE BAND**

Open Mic and Jam evening. 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](mailto:seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com)

**Seend Community Centre Club**

Membership runs from April to March each year. £15 for adults and £12.50 for Seniors. You can join at the Members Lounge bar, or go online at <https://buytickets.at/seendcommunitycentre/1534089>

**Bar opening times**

Weds, Thurs & Sat from 7pm. Friday from 6pm. Sun 12 –4pm

**Shakespeare Live**  
**present 'Much Ado About Nothing'**  
at Cleeve House, 7th - 12th July.  
Tickets from [www.ticketsource/shakespearelive](http://www.ticketsource/shakespearelive).



**BREWERY INN EVENTS**

Quiz on 25th June and 30th July

Dog Show Saturday 5th July 1-4pm in aid of Leash of Life Dog Charity

£1 entry per class. Music from The Singing Herdsman

Sausage & Cider Day 16th August. SOLD OUT



**Wessex Water**

Do you have a query about your water bill, how to save water and prevent blockages, or your water and sewerage services? @wessexwater will be holding a drop-in session on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10-12 & 1-2 in Devizes Library, Sheep Street, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 1DL to answer all your water related questions.

To find out more, visit: <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/community-drop-ins>

## **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.***

### **Support Your Community – Become a Parish Councillor!**

Do you care about the future of Seend? Do you want to make a difference to where you live or work?

Seend Parish Council is looking for community minded individuals to join us as Parish Councillors. This is your chance to give back, volunteer your time, and help shape the parish.

#### **Why get involved?**

Help maintain and improve village life  
Be a voice for residents  
Influence local decisions  
Support local initiatives



#### **Who can apply?**

You must be:

- ✓ At least 18 years old
- ✓ A British, Commonwealth, or EU citizen
- ✓ Registered to vote in Seend or have lived, worked, or owned property in the parish (or within 3 miles) for at least the past 12 months

No prior experience needed just a desire to make a positive impact!

**Interested? Please email [clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk) a covering letter with how you can contribute to Seend.**

**Deadline 12.00pm Sunday the 15th July 2025.**

Let us work together to keep Seend thriving. ♥ Kind regards Hayley Bell  
Seend Parish Council Clerk & RFO

### **SEEND FLOWER SHOW 9th AUGUST 2025**

Seend Flower Show 2025 preparations are well under way! We look forward to welcoming you all on the 9th August. Doors open at 1pm - the Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane.

**To all cup holders, please return last year's trophies by the 1 July 2025 to:**

Jackie Hamblin, 3 Hillcrest, School Road, Seend SN12 6NL - 01380 828171.

The Show schedule will be delivered with August/September Spotlight. For more information, please visit: <https://seendflowershow.org.uk>.

All queries: [seendflowershowentry@gmail.com](mailto:seendflowershowentry@gmail.com).

Julia White, SFS – Chair  
+44 7904791743

## **SEEND FETE**



**Not Long Now** – The Seend Fete Is Almost Here! We're counting down the days and can't wait to see the village come together for another fantastic Seend Fete!

**Here's a quick reminder of who's joining the fun:** The Super Pirates, Face Painting, The Petting Farm, Classic Cars, glorious food and posh coffee. NEW this year: Live demonstrations from Wild Edge Adventure, The Slow Stitch Club, and Men's Shed. We have a fantastic range of artisan traders, plus amazing prizes to be won in our Grand Draw!

### **Important Advertising Update – We Need Your Help!**

Due to new fly-postering restrictions from Wiltshire Council, we're not allowed to place signage beyond the Seend Parish boundary. So we're calling on YOU to help spread the word to Devizes, Melksham, Trowbridge, and Chippenham!

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, 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.

**Bottle Stall:** Donations Needed! Ric and Jan are looking for donations for our ever-popular Bottle Stall. Think wine, spirits, beers, olive oil, fancy sauces — if it comes in a bottle, we'll take it! Drop bottles at the Pavilion from 6th August, or bring them along on the day.

**Volunteers Needed!** We need another 3–4 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, or visit our website: [www.seendfete.org](http://www.seendfete.org)

We can't wait to celebrate with you. Warm regards, Team Fete #teamseend

## **SEEND TENNIS CLUB NEWS**

In the centre of Seend village (Rusty Lane) there are two newly resurfaced tennis courts so if you haven't already done so, book a court and enjoy some tennis.



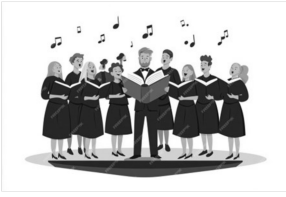
You can become a member (which means free court hire and LTA advantages) or just book and pay a small hourly fee.

All info is available on the Seend Tennis Club website or on Facebook.

Membership renewal is now due.

Seend tennis club Comms team.

## **WARMINSTER MILITARY WIVES CHOIR.**



The profit made from the performance on 9<sup>th</sup> May was £1594.  
Many thanks to everyone who supported the event.  
It will be a great help to the churches of Seend and Bulkington.  
Sue Noad on behalf of both churches.

## **CHRISTIAN AID**

Thanks to everyone in Seend and Bulkington who once again contributed so generously to CAW. This year £1132.65 was collected, £92 less than last year.

Thanks also to everyone who was able to Gift Aid their contributions. Christian Aid will claim a further £135 on all of the gift aided contributions, increasing the total amount from the Christian Aid Week in our villages to over £1,267.

Particular thanks to the collectors who generously give of their time each year, most of whom have volunteered before and most for a number of years. Thanks especially to Liz for once again organising, and this year was the sole collector in Bulkington. Special thanks also to Sylvia and Mike who joined our collecting team for the first time.

Spotlight, as always, gave us a flying start in terms of informing everyone and inserting envelopes into the magazine. It makes it so much easier for contributors to prepare in advance, especially completing the Gift Aid slip, whilst those on holiday in Christian Aid week can return their envelopes before departure or on their return.

Thanks to Rex for counting the money donated prior to banking the proceeds, especially this year with Jan being unwell. He is very accurate and never seems to tire of counting some one else's money.

Thanks once again to Post and Provisions for acting as a collecting point for those not at home when their collector called.

Thanks also to Pam and Hilary for driving me to various parts of the Benefice to deliver administrative information to make life easier for collectors, and thanks to any others who helped to make this year's CAW collection in Seend and Bulkington another success.

It was £300 less than our highest figure in 2021 but whilst we are able to raise over £1267 it seems very worthwhile and we look forward to participating in the next CAW - May 10 - -16th 2026.

Dick - Local Organiser.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Seend Open Gardens in whatever way, making it a very successful weekend.

## **CHURCH NEWS**



I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling powerless in the face of a world where power and the will to abuse it seem to be spiralling out of control. I feel powerless in the face of the grim events in Ukraine and the Middle East, where human ingenuity is put to building ever more ingenious ways for people to kill other people.

I often worry that the fruits of our intellect are outstripping our wisdom to use them well. Why is it that every couple of months, one of the pioneers of Artificial Intelligence research pops up in the news to tell us it could wipe out the human race? Most recently, it was Professor Yoshua Bengio from Canada, whose research is cited more often than any other computer scientist in the world, who left Faisal Islam visibly shocked when he told him bluntly on *Newsnight* that “the worst case scenario” from AI “is human extinction”.

I feel powerless in the face of not only of Artificial Intelligence galloping ahead but also Genetic Modification. I worry about why we feel driven to develop these very powerful technologies quickly, even when we know things as seemingly innocuous as social media and video streaming are driving some people crazy, partly thanks to smartphones that follow us everywhere, constantly buzzing and demanding attention.

Despite these problems, technology is often presented to us uncritically as good of itself. We live at a time when people seek truth in spreadsheets rather than sonnets. Yet human beings are more than rational creatures. We are made not for power, which often brings out the worst in us, but for beauty, truth, goodness, and love.

One beautiful idea from Christian theology is that the Holy Spirit is the circulation of love between God the Father and Jesus Christ—Love as a person in its own right, Love as God.

What does this have to do with our daily lives? Well, if power brings out the worst in us, it is often other people who bring out the best. We see this most powerfully in the love within families, but a strong society is made up not just of families but dense networks of organisations and communities.

In the smartphone era, many voluntary organisations have weakened as people retreat into their own homes, streaming entertainment and having their shopping delivered. In this context, it is a radical act of good to stay involved in the cricket club or the parish church, the art group or the Royal British Legion, especially if we help with the back office finance work and administration necessary for any voluntary group to thrive.

At a time when it feels like we are powerless to stop the world spiralling out of control, these little local gifts of our time and ourselves are one thing we can do; and they remind us that we are made not for power but for love—of our families, our neighbours, our country, and ourselves.

The Rev'd Gerry Lynch  
Rector

## **CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY 2025**



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

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 3)**

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

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 4)**

|        |                 |            |
|--------|-----------------|------------|
| 8am    | Communion (BCP) | Seend      |
| 9:30am | Communion (BCP) | Poulshot   |
| 9:30am | Morning Praise  | Worton     |
| 11am   | Communion       | Bulkington |
| 11am   | Communion       | Potterne   |
| 6pm    | Evensong (BCP)  | Potterne   |

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 5)**

|        |                      |            |
|--------|----------------------|------------|
| 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 27<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 6)**

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

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

|     |                |          |
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| 5pm | Celtic Service | Poulshot |
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Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot  
Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

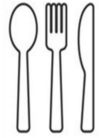
**From the Registers:** Baptisms—Toby Breach on 15th June, Christ Church Bulkington  
Weddings—Anastasia Nicholl and Frederick Goddard on 24th May, Holy Cross Seend  
No funerals this month.

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

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

### **The Bulkington Village Lunch**

takes place on  
Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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 14<sup>th</sup> July 11.05 – 11.30 am

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

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact Phyl Yarde 828116 for the venue. New people always welcome.  
Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



### **BULKINGTON LADIES' GROUP**

Seven of us have booked for the Quiz Evening on the Kenavon Adventure Barge leaving Devizes Wharf at 7 pm on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> July. This includes a fish and chip supper. We need to be there 20 mins before leaving time. Liz Futter 828485

### **BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**

SEATING FOR UP TO 60 PERSONS - FULL DISABLED ACCESS  
FROM £12. FOR A FIVE HOUR SESSION  
TABLE TENNIS £5. AN HOUR  
HEATING BY COIN METER

**For further information phone Roger Futter 01380 828485**



**Parish Clerk - Mrs. Tekla Hicks**  
**clerk@bulkington.org.uk**

**Draft Minutes of Bulkington Parish Council Annual Meeting held on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7.30pm at Bulkington Village Hall,  
Bulkington, Wiltshire.**

Membership: Councillors P. Oakey (Chair), S. Macalpine-Downie (Vice-Chair), A. Breach, J. Anderson-Hill.

Present: Councillors P. Oakey (Chair- arrived at 7.50pm), S. Macalpine-Downie (Vice-Chair), J. Anderson-Hill, A Breach.

Members of Public: Wiltshire Councillors Tamara Reay.

Proper Officer: T. Hicks.

**Apologies** - Cllr Oakey advised he would be late to the meeting. In Cllr Oakey's absence Cllr Macalpine-Downie (vice-chair) chaired the meeting.

**Declarations of Interest** - None.

**Minutes of the previous meeting**

**To approve** as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Approved without amendment.

**To note** any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025. None.

**Public Participation**

**To enable** members of the public to address the Council regarding any item on the agenda. None.

**To receive** any petitions or deputations. None.

**Reports**

**To receive** an update from Wiltshire Councillor – Cllr. Reay.

Cllr Reay advised the meeting on the up-to-date situation with the new council.

She said the priorities would probably be the Local Plan (which is now with the Planning Inspector) and the Gypsy and Travellers plan, but this may change under the Liberal Democrats.

Solar Together is an initiative for householders to obtain a more competitive price for solar panels by buying collaboratively.

The meeting also discussed the local solar park action groups. The proposed park at One Tree Hill had been successfully opposed by the action group. The plan at Potterne Park Farm was still in the planning process. The council had been notified about Lime Down Solar Park and more information is in the agenda pack.

Wiltshire Council has launched a one-year project to monitor air quality. They are asking residents to host Air quality sensors. Cllr Reay also gave the council advice on applying to the LHFIG for funding towards the proposed village entry gates and safer access to the village for the new houses.

**To receive** the chair's report. None.

**To receive** the up-to-date external meetings schedule and to decide who will attend meetings. Noted.

**Matters arising from previous meetings**

**To discuss** any events planning volunteers' meeting if available. Venue to be confirmed. While there is still no meeting booked, the village is considering if the annual fireworks event will go ahead. The council to be updated by the September meeting.

**Planning**

**To note** any applications received before the meeting. None.

**To note** the BPC Planning Schedule as at 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025. Noted.

**Maintenance**

**To discuss and agree** parish steward - consideration of jobs for next visit – to tackle the vegetation growing through the kerb stones on the pavements and to clear around the village entrance signs.

The council noted and thanked the works carried out in the village by the newly created Bulkington Army Volunteer Group (BAVG).



This group will carry out the maintenance tasks not within the parish steward's remit to keep the village looking tidy and well-cared for. Should you wish to join the group, please contact Cllr Anderson-Hill or the clerk.

**To discuss and agree** Maintenance Log – for ongoing items. Noted and add:- Entrance gates at each end of the village – clerk to investigate sites, suppliers and funding options.

Clerk to apply to LHFIFG for investigation into the possibility of safer access to the village for the new houses.

### **Finance**

#### **Payments for approval:**

Clerk's Salary May & June 25. Approved.

Clerk's PAYE May & June 25. Approved.

Clerk's expenses to 31<sup>st</sup> May 25. Approved.

Mark Goddard & Sons – INV-3117 - £954.00. Approved.

**To approve** invoices/requests for payment received prior to the meeting. None.

#### **Monthly Management Accounts**

**Members to receive** the monthly financial report and bank reconciliation. See attached papers. A non-signatory member to sign the bank reconciliation and bank statements. Approved, but to be signed in September.

### **Playground & Grounds**

**To receive** an update on the playground maintenance. Clerk and Cllr Breach updated the meeting regarding their recent meeting with Inspect and Repair. The zip wire is unsafe and has been closed. It will now not be cost effective to keep maintaining the old wooden zip wire. Clerk to obtain three quotes for a metal zip wire.

The phone box in the sensory area is in poor condition. Cllr Anderson-Hill to liaise with the BAVG for maintenance. Also to investigate re-siting, renovating and making into a book-swap.

### **Governance**

**To discuss** new 'gov.uk' website & email requirements to be actioned. After considering the clerk's direction, it was decided to move the website to point to [www.bulkington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.bulkington-pc.gov.uk) with TEEC, to comply with NALC's new requirements and new email addresses to reflect this. A new accessibility-compliant website to be looked at during the next financial year.

**To consider** the Communications Protocol. Carry forward to next meeting.

#### **Correspondence Received Since Last Meeting, to note**

Lime Down Solar Park information.

Tamara Reay ref air quality sensors.

Flood Wardens Newsletter.

Town and Parish Council Meeting notes 29.05.2025.

**Confirmation of date of next meeting** Due to not being quorate the next meeting will be on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025** at 7.30pm.

**To close the meeting – 9.05pm**

## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**



### **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 11 members walked approx. 4.5 miles from Manton Hollow, Marlborough. It was a perfect morning for a ramble and the circular route following tracks and footpaths took us over the Manton downs and Hollow to a valley filled with Sarsen stones, ideal for our coffee stop before returning to the start. A lovely walk with beautiful views of our countryside, thank you to Anita and Pete for leading us on a Sunny Sunday morning.

Next walk – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 10am, members will be notified in the usual way.  
August will be our evening walk with picnic. Sandy, 07835 450892



### **SEEND WI**

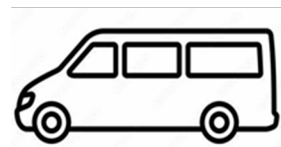
There was a change of venue for our June meeting, when members met at Seend Church. It commenced with the A.G.M. when reports by the President and Treasurer were signed. The Committee was re-elected, with Fiona Johnson as President for 2025/2026. Attention then turned to a joint talk by Len Murray and Alan Bryer on Seend Church bells. Apparently bells were originally cast in sand, probably at public houses now called “The Bell”. Currently there is only one bell foundry in England specialising in this work. Seend Church has six bells, sixty five feet off the ground; the biggest weighing fourteen hundredweight. There is a Tower Captain and a Tower Keeper who is responsible for the bells. From a demonstration via a camera in the belfry members could see the technical elements of bell ringing which were very impressive. Len and Alan were thanked for a very informative talk and joined us for a well earned cream tea.

Our July meeting will be a talk by Simon Goodwin on Cybercrime, currently a very topical issue.

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. JH

### **SEEND SHUTTLE NEWS**

Our next trip to Salisbury will be July the 2nd. Call Anita on 828757 to book a seat.



### **SEEND 100 CLUB**

#### **May Draw**

|       |                |     |
|-------|----------------|-----|
| 1 No. | 173 M Earley   | £50 |
| 2 No. | 70 C Duparcq   | £20 |
| 3 No. | 41 M Robertson | £20 |
| 4 No. | 97 S Barrett   | £20 |

#### **June Draw**

|       |                 |     |
|-------|-----------------|-----|
| 1 No. | 66 S McCulloch  | £50 |
| 2 No. | 74 A Hutchinson | £20 |
| 3 No. | 181 P O'Reilly  | £20 |
| 4 No. | 67 B Catte      | £20 |

Thanks to everyone at the open gardens and the coffee morning who helped with the draws.  
Alison Bottomley

## **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**



Our most recent visit was to the Wharf in Devizes to see Calendar Girls, based on the well-publicised true story of eleven WI members who posed nude for a calendar to raise money for Leukaemia Research.

In July we are hoping for good weather to enjoy an outdoor performance of “Much Ado About Nothing”, performed by Shakespeare Live. This is at Cleeve House and members have the chance of picnicking in the grounds beforehand. We have supported this local theatrical company for many years and are delighted to have the opportunity to see them in action again.

Several trips have been organised for the Autumn, the first being “Jesus Christ Superstar” at the Watermill Theatre, near Newbury. Rehearsals are well under way by their talented cast of musician/actors, who have been busy immersing themselves in Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber’s amazing musical.

A highlight of our forward programme for 2026 includes a booking for “Operation Mincemeat” at Bath Theatre Royal in March. This is a fast-moving, hilarious and unbelievable true story that influenced the course of the Second World War.

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

Ken Harvey

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

We ended last term with our sponsored walk, taking in the beautiful local countryside and canal paths. Our EYFS and KS1 pupils walked an impressive 2.5 miles, while KS2 completed a 5-mile route! The children raised money in the process and we cannot wait to hear how much they raised in total! We hope to use the money raised to help create a brand-new school library. A big well done to all the children who took part, and a heartfelt thanks to the parents and staff who volunteered on the day. Special thanks also to everyone who supported the event, including FOSS for providing refreshments—and a sweet surprise of Hollyhocs chocolate buttons to help us tackle the hill!



This term we have begun by our Y6s taking part in Bikeability. All children showed great resilience and some children went from not being able to ride a bike on day one, to being able to ride with confidence just the following day. What a fantastic achievement!

Our Y6s have also been busy attending the annual Leavers’ Service at Salisbury Cathedral. They were shining examples of our new vision and values and played a vital role in the service; children from our school along with St George’s Semington and St Mary’s Broughton Gifford wrote and read out a special prayer.

We also recognised Cystic Fibrosis Day. A family in our school community is affected by the condition and we wanted to support by raising awareness and money. A parent talked to the children about what Cystic Fibrosis is and how we can help by fundraising. Children wore yellow to school and we held an ice-cream sale after school; all proceeds going to the charity.

Watch out for details in our next extra from our Sports Day!

## **KEEVIL SCHOOL**

Another huge thank you to everyone who supported the **Keevil School Scarecrow Trail**. We raised over £8000 during the weekend. Congratulations to the FoKS crew for staging another brilliant event this year. Dates for next year are 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Despite the weather which forced one postponement, we managed to host **Sports Day** at the beginning of June. Congratulations to all the participants.

Thank you to everyone involved in the service to celebrate the life of **Mrs O'Brien**. The children and staff were joined by former colleagues and her son. Everyone enjoyed hearing the readings by Summer and Autumn class and sharing memories of Maria. Thank you to Rev Jake for leading the service for everyone.

Our KS1 children have been particularly busy this month with **trips** to Langford Lakes, the Trowbridge Mosque, Goodson Lodge for a planting session with the residents as part of Dementia Action Week, and the Acorn dance festival in Bath! Phew!

There was more fun and learning for our year 6 children recently during their **bikeability** week. The children learned how to stay safe and seen on their bikes when riding on the road.

We are preparing to welcome our **new reception children**. There will be three induction sessions before the end of this school year, and we are all looking forward to meeting the new children and their families. We have a '**Stay and Play**' open morning on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Contact the school office to book in for that or to arrange an individual tour of the school at another time. We're always very happy to show prospective children around.

## **SEEND BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

Every Wednesday (Term Time) 9-11am at the Irene Usher Pavilion  
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](mailto:elebraney84@hotmail.co.uk)



## **SEEND PLAYGROUP**

The children have enjoyed making cards for their Dads for Fathers Day. We have also been busy getting pictures ready for going on the wall for the fete in August. Our topics this term are road safety, car safety, dentist and teeth, teachers and going to school. We are looking forward to the teachers visiting us from Seend and Keevil school.



We also have the police visiting us in July.

Playleader Rose Dick 01380 828003

## **BITS AND BOBS**

### **MELKSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY SUMMER CONCERT**

Do join us on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of July at 7.30pm in the Rachel Fowler centre in Melksham for our nautical themed end of term concert. We will be singing Elgar's Sea Pictures and a selection of sea shanty arrangements. Entrance is free but donations to our choir funds will be appreciated.



### **WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE AND DOG SHOW**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm**

**on the Village Playing Field parking and entry free.**

Music from the **Amesbury Town Band**, dancing from the **Devizes Morris Dancers**, plus a **Harley Davidson procession with bikes from the Great Western and Oxford chapters**. Not to mention homemade teas from the WI in the Village Hall, and a drinks tent!



### **MELKSHAM FLOWER CLUB**

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month  
at 2pm in Seend Community Centre  
This month's meeting 15th July



Our lecture on July 16<sup>th</sup> in the **Corn Exchange**, Devizes, and is:  
**"Going Potty About Commodes" given by Janusz Karczewski-Slowikowski**

This lecture traces the origin, purpose and social significance of what were highly fashionable and often beautifully decorated pieces of furniture in the 18th century drawing rooms of both country and town houses. A study of them provides an insight into "the politer way of living" of that time.

*Janusz worked part-time in an antiques shop, which he came to take over as proprietor. Such was his interest in collecting that he became known as "the dealer who bought but seldom sold". He has lectured on antique furniture since 1975 and has been an Arts Society lecturer since 1982.*

Why not come to this lecture as a guest? - £8 on the door. Please email us first at [theartsocietydevizes@gmail.com](mailto:theartsocietydevizes@gmail.com). To join the Society, go to [www.theartsocietydevizes.org](http://www.theartsocietydevizes.org) or search Facebook for The Arts Society Devizes. Please be in your seats for 10:45 am. Lecture starts at 11 am through to 12 noon. It is our AGM for 15 minutes beforehand. Coffee is available beforehand.

### **DEVIZES FLOWER CLUB**

Meet on the 3rd Wednesday every month upstairs in Devizes Town Hall 7 pm for 7.30pm visitors £6 on the door. Annual subscription £35.

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

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## **EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL: AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup>**



The Edington Festival of Music within the Liturgy is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this year! Started in 1956 by the Priory Church's new vicar, Canon Ralph Dudley, over one weekend with half a dozen of his choral scholar friends, it was part of a bid to raise enough money to repair the church's very leaky roof. In its 69 years so far, and now with three choirs, 6 organists, over 70 participants in all, and over 8 days of services, the festival 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, from New Zealand to North America, 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, with music celebrating the anniversaries of the birth of the leading composer of the late 16th century, Palestrina, and of some more recent composers, Sir John Rutter and Bob Chilcott, whose compositions for the season of Christmas feature in Tuesday's 'Road to Bethlehem'. The Festival Supper, the light-hearted demonstration of the relationship between festival and Parish, is an evening of food and music this year on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, and tickets can be bought from Hugh Hancock; [musicalsupper@edingtonfestival.org](mailto:musicalsupper@edingtonfestival.org).



Some of the gardens open in Wiltshire.

A full list can be found on The National Garden Scheme.

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

### **July**

**Sunday 6th**

**THE PARISH HOUSE**

West Knoyle, Mere, BA12 6AJ. Alex Davies.

**TEASEL**

Wilsford, Amesbury, Salisbury, SP4 7BL. Ray Palmer, 07785 233155,

[Ray.Palmer@fierarealestate.com](mailto:Ray.Palmer@fierarealestate.com).

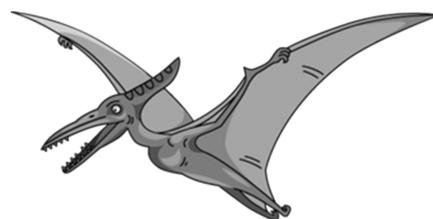
**Saturday 12th and 13th**

**DANE BROOK**

Milkhouse Water, Pewsey, SN9 5JX. Peter & Gill Sharpe.

## **AND FINALLY.....**

Why can't you hear a pterodactyl in the loo?  
Because the P is silent.



**Don't forget to look at our July online colour supplement—available shortly on [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk)—featuring photos of the Seend Open Gardens**

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

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