# SPOTLIGHT SEEND & BULKINGTON



**3rd May 12 noon—11pm** At The Seend Community Centre



## Stories in the Dust

Sunday 11th May 3pm
Seend Community Centre
With live music and puppetry
An adventurous show for 5-12 year olds,
plus their accompanying adults!!

**MAY 2025** 

#### **DIARY DATES FOR MAY**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30 am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Seend Beer Festival
- 7<sup>th</sup> Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury
- 8<sup>th</sup> VE Day Celebrations
- 9<sup>th</sup> Military Wives Choir
- 11<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week
- 11<sup>th</sup> Stories in the Dust. 3pm Seend Community centre
- 13<sup>th</sup> Seend Theatre Club AGM, Irene Usher Hall 7.30 pm.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Link Scheme AGM, Irene Usher Hall 7.30 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sir Matthew Thorpe's book launch, SCC 7 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Plant Sale, Irene Usher
- 17<sup>th</sup> DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JUNE SPOTLIGHT
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library 9.40am Seend, The Lye. 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box. 11am Bulkington, The Well Inn car park
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Seend Lye Recreation Field AGM, Irene Usher Pavilion, 7.30 pm
- 28th Nosh and Natter lunch, 12.30 pm

#### DIARY DATES FOR EARLY JUNE

- 4<sup>th</sup> Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury
- 7<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30 am



## Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion & Seend Lye Field

Available for parties, meetings, sports events. Book online: <a href="www.seendlyefield.org">www.seendlyefield.org</a> or email:<a href="mailto:seendlrf@gmail.com">seendlrf@gmail.com</a>

## 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 - <a href="https://www.seend.org.uk/seend\_link">www.seend.org.uk/seend\_link</a>

## Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?

Visit <u>www.seend.org.uk</u>, <u>www.bulkington.org.uk</u> and the Spotlight, Bulkington, Seend Community Centre and Seend Village Group **facebook** pages

## **WELCOME TO MAY 2025 SPOTLIGHT**

The big events this month are The Seend Beer Festival. A lively day of events as well as the Beer. A National celebration of the 80th year of VE Day. And something for the family on a Sunday afternoon, 'Stories in the Dust.'

And we wish our sporting teams good luck for the coming season.

Don't forget to look at our online colour supplement for photos of events since the last issue.

Go to seend.org.uk and just click on Spotlight and then on MAY online colour supplement – available shortly

## Contributions for the June edition copy by Saturday 17th May please.

- Always email 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 Tessa Doe 07719 917814. Sue Isaac 07779 075383. Jan Field 01380 827140
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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:

- \* 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) 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 MAY AND BEYOND

# seend centre

AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

## **COMMUNITY CENTRE EVENTS**

## FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS on

the 2<sup>nd</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am in the Lounge. Come and enjoy freshly made real coffee or tea (plus a refill) and delicious home made cakes for just £2.50. Everyone welcome! No need to book





#### **Nosh & Natter Lunches**

The monthly lunch club meets from 12 for 12.30pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> May and 25<sup>th</sup> June. 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 the third Friday in May, Jul, Sep, and November there is a Veterans and Armed Forces Social, from 18:30 in the Members' Lounge.

# Saturday 3rd May 23<sup>rd</sup> Seend Beer Festival 12 noon—11pm Beers, Bands and Hog Roast

Tickets £15.00 plus 50p booking fee from: https://seendcommunitycentre.com/box-office



## May 8th 8pm Seend Royal British Legion VE80

"Fly on over and Celebrate with Guest Band @59" 8-9:30pm followed by the Lighting of the Beacon. All welcome.

## Sunday May 11th 3pm Stories in the Dust Theatre

An adventurous show for 5-12 year olds, plus their accompanying adults!! Doors Open at 2pm for refreshments. With live music and puppetry, Stories in the Dust is a funny, heartfelt and hopeful eco-fable that takes you to another world. A world where an ancient book guides your way, a drop of rain changes everything and a mighty lion holds its secrets in an old clay pot. Our intrepid explorers are full of ideas and full of hope but dangerously low on baked beans!!

Tickets £6 from: <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/seend-trust-community-centre">https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/seend-trust-community-centre</a>

## **Dates for the Diary**

## 1st June - An Evening of Mediumship - with Mick Garlington.

Mick is returning to Seend for another evening, doors opening a 6.45pm for 7.30pm Tickets £14 available at: www.MITCH-GARLINGTON.CO>UK/TOURDATES

## Friday 13th June 7:30 pm - Summer Hootenanny Will Blake9 Piece Band

A night full of singing, dancing and partying as the band perform a range of ultimate party hits. Tickets £19 plus booking fee from Community Centre Box Office.

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 7:30 - The 60's & 70's

In Conversation with Dee Dee Wilde of Pans People and Henry Marsh of the 70's Band Sailor. Tickets £12 from Community Centre and online at Box Office Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm - Bath Opera present Verdi's La Traviata

Tickets £18/£12 from Community Box Office

## **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

#### **BREWERY INN EVENTS**

Quiz night is Wednesday 28th May





## **VE Day at Seend Community Centre**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May
6pm – BBQ or Bring Your Own Picnic
In the garden – all are welcome
8pm – Free Live Music by @59
In the Hall – just turn up
9:30pm – Beacon Lighting

As part of the nationwide VE Day 80 commemoration

## The Warminster MILITARY WIVES CHOIR

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Seend Church (SN12 6NR)

Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 Tickets: £15.00

from Sue Noad (01380 870343) Tina Yockney (01380 827139)

or the Seend P.O. or £16 from Eventbright. bit.ly/

MilitaryWivesSeend

Wine and soft drinks available. Raffle for 3 lovely hampers.

<u>Limited tickets</u> so buy them asap! Proceeds to Bulkington and Seend churches.





## Seend Plant Sale - Saturday 17th May. Irene Usher Hall

After a successful start last year, the Seend Plant Sale will be held again in May.

Funds raised from last year were split between the Seend Tennis Club and the church, with two sales held - the main one in May and then a stall at the Open Gardens event in June. The plan is to do exactly the same this year but with the wonderful addition of tea and home baked cakes at the May sale!

The event was made possible through very kind villagers donating plants and volunteering on the day and in the week beforehand and so we are asking for that help again please.

If you can donate a plant or two of any kind - or you can volunteer a bit of time to help out, please contact Helen Robinson-Gordon

by email: <a href="mailto:seendplantsale@gmail.com">seendplantsale@gmail.com</a>

#### **BOOK LAUNCH**

Sir Mathew Thorpe will be launching his latest book

'The Passionate Countess Thun und Hohenstein and the British Ambassadors in Vienna' in the lounge bar of the Community Centre from 7pm on Friday 16th May. It will be available at a special Seend price!

Inspired by an archive of love letters from the Countess - a leading light of her day in Vienna and patron of Mozart and Beethoven - to John Boyd, and by Ambassador Sir Robert Murray Keith's correspondence posthumously published in 1795, the book paints a vivid picture of Viennese society at its zenith.

This is the third book published by Sir Mathew. If you cannot be at this event, you can order copies of the book by emailing <a href="mailto:thorpe@1hc.com">thorpe@1hc.com</a>

## **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.

## SEEND THEATRE CLUB AGM

Annual General Meeting and Entertainment, to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May in the Irene Usher Hall. We welcome all members and those interested in joining our programme of activities.

#### SEEND COMMUNITY LINK SCHEME AGM

The AGM will be held on 15th May in the Irene Usher Hall at 19.30 Link is a team of volunteers who assist residents in the area who are elderly or incapacitated and are unable to use public transport.

We are always in need of volunteer drivers and would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to find out more at our AGM and meet the team.

www.seend.org.uk/seend\_link

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SEEND LYE RECREATION FIELD

To be held on Thursday 22 May 2025 at 7:30 pm at the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6NS. The AGM will be immediately followed by the quarterly meeting to appoint members to the Committee of Management.

Agenda items should be forwarded, in writing (email: honsec seendlrf@gmail.com) to the se

(email: honsec.seendlrf@gmail.com), to the secretary by 5:00 pm on Friday 9 May 2025.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK SUNDAY 11TH MAY - SATURDAY 17th MAY

Christian Aid, (CA) started at the end of the second world war in 1945.

As it celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday CA is still fighting against poverty and injustice. It now works in 37 countries, via 275 projects which help people in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, addressing the root causes as well as the effects of poverty and injustice. CA raised £30.6M. in 2022-2023, working with 475 local, national & international partner organisations; some Christian, some Muslim, Jewish, Hindu or of no religious persuasion at all. CA's primary concern is that partners are good at what they do. Put simply 'aid' is what Christian Aid does, 'Christian' is why they do it. CA makes best use of monies received by allocating funds from a central budget to partners according to need.

A close relationship is maintained with partners to learn more about the problems in their areas, to offer support and check that money is spent wisely. Over 25% of the money collected is spent on emergencies but the key area is long term development. spending nearly half of the income on projects such as education and health as well as ways to improve people's resilience to shocks and disasters, like stronger houses in earthquake zones.

The remainder is divided between campaigning and fundraising. No money is given to governments. PARC, a partner charity in Gaza, where most staff have been forcibly displaced from their homes, has reached more than 430,000 people living in shelters and with overcrowded families ,providing drinking water, fresh food, dried goods, blankets, nappies and hygiene kits.

The emphasis for CA Week 2025 will be Guatemala in Central America, where although more than half of the population works in agriculture it is a hunger hotspot. It has one of the highest rates globally of children with stunted development and is in the top 10 countries most vulnerable to climate emergencies. Both dry and rainy seasons used to arrive with predictability and intensity but both have become more erratic, resulting in crop failures, plunging families into hunger and poverty. This plan has recently been adjusted following the 7.7 strong earthquake and a 6.4 aftershock in Myanmar, already a low income country where the civil war continues in spite of the disaster.

Those in the Wellsprings Benefice have always been generous to Christian Aid so I hope you will feel able to support Christian Aid Week once again. For your convenience, a Christian Aid envelope is inside the May edition of Spotlight; please keep it safely. Collectors will call during the week of 11th - 17th May. It helps considerably if the donation is ready when they call. If you pay income tax, please complete the Gift Aid slip too, it increases your gift to Christian Aid by 25% at no extra cost to yourself.

If you miss your collector for any reason, please hand your envelope in at the Village Shop in Seend or to Liz Futter, Mill Lane, Bulkington or to me at Whites Farm, Seend Cleeve, whichever is the easiest.

Thank you - Dick Church, Organiser.

## Maureen's ramblings.....

May is a great month for celebrations! May 3 is World Laughter Day; 4 is Star Wars Day; 10-18 is National Doughnut Week AND we have 2 Bank Holidays. But most importantly – on May 8 the country will be commemorating VE Day.



On May 8, 1945, most of the world erupted in celebration as Nazi Germany's surrender marked the end of World War II in Europe. It was a moment of immense relief, joy, and reflection, as thousands took to the streets to commemorate the hard-fought victory. Crowds flooded to Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace, cheering as King George VI and Winston Churchill appeared on the balcony and parades and festivities brought people together in shared triumph. For soldiers returning home, it was a time of pride and reunion, while civilians, who had endured years of rationing and bombing raids, finally saw hope for the future. Of course, for some, it was a day of grief and loss.

John Hewitt recalls: "We were a family of boys (aged 9 & 7) who lived through the war in North London apart from being evacuated to **Seend, Wiltshire**. We took the underground from Golders Green to Embankment. We just enjoyed being with the crowds knowing that we were safe. At some stage a car drove through the crowds with The King and Queen! For us, victory meant that air raid warnings would no longer mean going to the Morrison Shelter, which was a reinforced table in the dining room; no longer would mum tell us that she had heard bombers flying over during the night for a raid on Germany; and nor would we stand and watch V2 flying over, waiting for the engine to stop. For us children "the normal" was living through war, now we could look forward to new experiences!" All the accounts of that day remind us of the resilience and unity that made victory possible and celebrate the sacrifices and triumphs of those who lived through this time of darkness.

On May 29 we will also celebrate Ascension Day – when Jesus returned to heaven. This day also celebrates sacrifice and triumph and encouraged resilience and unity in the disciples who would also be facing into new experiences. They, and we, in our dark days, need to hold on to Jesus' promise that he will always be with us.

I love this poem by Colleen Hitchcock: "And if I go, while you're still here, know that I live on, behind a thin veil you cannot see through. You will not see me, so you must have faith. I wait for the time when we can soar together again - both aware of each other. Until then, live your life to its fullest. And when you need me, just whisper my name in your heart - I will be there".

"Live your life to the fullest" – important words for those who had survived the war, for those on their journey through grief and for us.

The Revd. Maureen Allchin (Retired priest)

## **CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2025**

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



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> (Easter 3)

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

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> (Easter 4)

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

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

3:30pm Messy Church Potterne Village Hall

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> (Easter 5)

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

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> (Easter 6)

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

Weds 28<sup>th</sup>

5pm Celtic Service Poulshot

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> (Ascension Day)

7pm Ascension Day Service Poulshot

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

From the Registers:

**Baptisms** 

Clayton Derrick on 13<sup>th</sup> April at Christ Church, Bulkington.

**Funerals** 

Janet Aspinall on 10<sup>th</sup> April at Christ Church, Bullkington. Janet Boyd on 12<sup>th</sup> April at St Peter's, Poulshot.

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

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**



Parish Clerk - Mrs. Tekla Hicks 07427 406943 clerk@bulkington.org.uk

Minutes of Bulkington Parish Council General Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm at Bulkington Village Hall, Bulkington, Wiltshire.

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

Present: Councillors P. Oakey (Chair), J. Anderson-Hill, A. Howard-Evans,

S. Macalpine-Downie, Wiltshire Councillor T. Reay.

Members of Public: None.

#### **MINUTES**

**Apologies To receive** and accept apologies for those unable to attend. Cllr Breach unable to attend. The reasons were accepted.

**Declarations of Interest: To receive** any declarations of interest under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. None.

Minutes of the previous meeting: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Approved without amendment. To note any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025. None.,

Standing Orders were suspended to allow for public participation

**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.

Standing Orders were reinstated following public participation

## Reports:

**To receive** an update from Wiltshire Councillor – Cllr. Reay. Cllr. Reay updated the meeting regarding the Wiltshire Council elections.

**To receive** the chair's report. Cllr Oakey reported on the need for councillors to return the elections expenses forms to Wiltshire Council, even if a nil return.

**To receive** the clerk's report. The clerk updated the meeting with the success of her investigation into the Bulkington Pumping Station. A resident had contacted the council during the January floods stating that the pumping station was not up to the requirements during the flooding, and this resulted in sewage backing up into resident's houses. The clerk had attended the recent Operational Flood Working Group meeting and had had dialogue with Wessex Water. This had resulted in an investigation by them and the outcome is that Wessex Water have confirmed that the levels within the station did go high during the flooding and have agreed that the Bulkington Water Pumping Station will be upgraded. Timescale to be advised.

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

**Matters arising from previous meetings: To note** volunteers meeting has been set for 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Venue to be confirmed. This date was now not suitable. Cllrs. Breach, Macalpine-Downie and Anderson-Hill to notify clerk of new volunteers meeting date. C/f.

**Planning Matters to discuss: To note** the BPC Planning Schedule as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 Noted

To discuss any other applications received before the meeting.

**To discuss and agree** Parish Steward - Consideration of jobs for next visit. **It was agreed** Clerk to advise Parish Steward that the pavements are requiring weeding. The council thanked the resident who has cleared up the top of The Close.

Maintenance to include items as below: To discuss and agree Maintenance Log – for ongoing items. Noted. Entrance gates at each end of the village. Clerk to investigate costs.

#### **Finance**

## To agree and approve invoices and payments:-

Clerk's Salary March 25 - Approved.

Clerk's PAYE March 25 – Approved.

Clerk's expenses to 31st March 25 – Approved.

Expenses Cllr Anderson-Hill for BVKC Improvements. None.

WALC subscription Invoice WALC-0478 - £121.33 – Approved.

Microsoft 365 renewal £84.99 – Approved.

Inspect & repair – INV-0876 - £1451.96 – Approved.

**To approve** invoices/requests for payment received prior to the meeting.

Julie Bailey – Audit Fees - £240 – Approved.

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 and signed by the chair. Unity Bank application to open a new account. Agreed and Cllr Oakey signed the application form to comply with Financial Regulations.

**To note** receipt of PKF Littlejohn instructions as external auditor. Noted.

**To note** that BPC has received income over the £25,000 threshold in 2025-26 and now must be considered a parish council subject to a review, and unable to claim exemption from this. Noted.

**Playground & Grounds: To receive** an update on the playground maintenance. Clerk to create a rota for the council to share the weekly inspections and share with council. Clerk.

**Best Kept Village Competition:** To receive update and discuss. 17th April deadline. Cllr Anderson-Hill to purchase wood stain and bunting. Clerk to write to village hall regarding the handrail refurbishment as this was noted in last year's report as requiring attention. Cllr. Anderson-Hill, Clerk.

Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting: To agree plan for both meetings. Timings were agreed and permission to spend for refreshments. Clerk to put up posters and in to Spotlight and Facebook.

**Governance:** To discuss and agree asset register. 2025-26. To be updated and brought as part of the end of year accounts in May.

## Correspondence Received Since Last Meeting, to note.

Wiltshire Council Email update 21.02.2025

Wiltshire Council Annual Report

## Confirmation of date of next meeting:

Annual Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 14th May 2025 at 6.30pm, Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.,

## To close the meeting – 8.30pm

## THE BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH

takes place on

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May at 12.15 for 12.30 at The Well. Please contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (828116). New people are always welcome to join us. It is a good social event



For the entire village and area.

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

Will meet from 2.00 - 4.00 pm on Monday 12 May – venue to be confirmed.



## **BULKINGTON LADIES' GROUP**

The Bulkington Ladies' Group are hoping to visit Trowbridge Garden Centre for lunch at 12.30 on Thurs 29th May.

Please let me know asap if you would like to come.

Liz Futter 828485

#### **BULKINGTON CHURCH FLOWERS**

Each week we have 2 vases of flowers on the altar and a vase on the "Bethlehem shelf," which is near the vestry door. We thought we would revive the rota of volunteers to do 2 consecutive weeks of flowers between Easter and the end of November. Flowers will normally last the 2 weeks.



Of recent times Andie Elliott has arranged the flowers each week and we miss

If anyone in the village would like to join the rota please get in touch. The more people we have, the better. You don't need to attend the services although you would be very welcome!

Liz Futter 828485 Sally Gosling 828138

## **BULKINGTON 100 CLUB**

We held a draw on Monday, the 14th April and the winners were:

£30 No. 77 David Raby-Cox £20 No. 45 Karen Lock

£25 No. 66 Hazel Miles £15 No. 62 Diane James



£10 No. 73 Claire Jones

Well done to the winners and thanks to the ladies of the Tea, Craft and Chat Group Phyl Yarde for their help with the draw.

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the carpark of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 11.05 – 11.30 am

## **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

## SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

We are still looking for volunteers and ideas for our 8<sup>th</sup> May VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the free children's ROYAL BRITISHLECION Street Party, due to lack of volunteers.

However, we are still going ahead with the following:

- 9am Flag raising and short Memorial Service at the Church.
- 2:20 pm presentation of a memory board to Seend School, capturing some local memories of VE Day in 1945.
- 6pm BBQ and Bring Your Own picnic at the Community Centre.
- 8pm free live music by @59.
- 9:30pm Beacon Lighting, as part of the nationwide VE Day 80 commemoration.

We currently have 67 members of the Seend Branch, which is quite good for a rural branch, but we would love to improve on this. Membership is £20 per year and joining is easy – simply scan the QR code below. You don't need to have served in His Majesty's Armed Forces – all are welcome.



## SEEND WI

We were treated to a wonderful talk, given by our member Sandy Pearce, at our April meeting, entitled "Coping with deafness". This was of particular interest as it is a problem experienced by most people in later life. Sandy used a power point presentation to illustrate her talk.

Deaf awareness refers to understanding and appreciating the deaf community and promoting inclusivity for people who are hard of hearing. Suggested strategies included speaking clearly, facing the person and reducing background noise. Everyone agreed it was an excellent presentation.

We are looking forward to hearing "All about the Wharf Theatre in Devizes" on 14<sup>th</sup> May, presented by Pete Wallis.

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.

## SEEND SHUTTLE NEWS

The next trip Salisbury will be Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Phone me on 828757 to book a place. Thanks, Anita





#### **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

Members thoroughly enjoyed our visit to see "Piaf" at the Watermill Theatre near Newbury. The story of Edith Piaf's life was portrayed in this amusing yet poignant musical tribute. Audrey Brisson had the voice of Piaf to perfection and with the very talented supporting cast made the

standing ovation much deserved. Everyone agreed the whole production exceeded expectations.

Our next main event is the Annual General Meeting and Entertainment, to be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May in the Irene Usher Hall. We welcome all members and those interested in joining our programme of activities.

We have a group booking at the Wharf for "The Diary of Anne Frank" in May. We return to the Wharf in early June for "Sherlock Holmes: The Last Act", a Devizes Arts Festival event. Also, we are taking bookings currently for "Much Ado About Nothing", being performed by Shakespeare Live at Cleeve House in July. We always welcome new members so, if you are interested, please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or email: <a href="mailto:membership.seendtheatreclub@gmail.com">membership.seendtheatreclub@gmail.com</a> for an



application form.

## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

On Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 12 members met at Brabazon Way for a 5 mile walk. The weather was overcast but dry, we went through the estate and playing field to the canal, we walked towards Seend stopping for a break at the picnic area, we then crossed the canal up into Seend Cleeve and then down to the Barge back onto the canal and returned to Bowerhill. It

was a lovely walk, thank you to Sheila and Terry for leading.

Next walk – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 10am, meeting point to be arranged, members will be notified in the usual way.

Hope you have been enjoying the lovely spring sunshine, come along and join us for a spring/summer walk.

That's all for this month.

Sandy, 07835 450892



## **SEEND PLAYGROUP**

The children and their families made some amazing Easter Bonnet creations all so different. The weather was lovely for us to be outside. Parents and Grandparents came along to help the children find the cardboard eggs in the Millennium Garden. Thank you to the committee

for serving tea, coffee and hot cross buns, which was enjoyed by all. All the children were very excited when it was time for them to go home as they knew they were taking home a large chocolate egg.

Our last day of term is Friday 23rd May. We return on Monday 2nd June.

Playleader Rose Dick 01380 828003



## **SEEND 100 CLUB**

Please support the Lye Field 100 club, new draw starting 1st May £15 a year, monthly prizes.

Please contact me for details avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk 01380828544

## **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS**

The story of Pinocchio, and Gepetto and Figaro.

A cricket who's a conscience and a fairy dressed in blue.

Was deemed to be the next in line to be a Fawlty pantomime.

The 45th to be exact—hard to believe but true.

Stromboli and his puppet show, some kids you wouldn't want to know.

Two rather risqué mermaids and a pair of comic cops.

Two pixies and a fox and cat, a showman in a boater hat.

An apprentice and a sailor helped to pull out all the stops.

# Our lovely long-time pianist retired and will be sorely missed. So if you can play piano please be sure to let us know.

So now we have a few months free of pantomime activity. But in February '26 there will be another Fawlty show!

Seriously, any versatile pianists in the village who could be free most Sunday evenings between November and February and in February half-term week and who have the patience of a saint - please contact Tessa (07719 917814) or Anita (01380 828757). Thanks.

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

Since our last entry, we have continued to prepare for Easter with a second Lent reflection, an Easter experience at church and our Easter Service.

Our second Lent reflection had the theme of trust. Lent can offer us the chance to learn to trust God, just like Jesus did during his time in the wilderness. Whether we feel angry, scared, frustrated or helpless... if we trust in God, he will help guide us through these emotions.



Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will guide your paths." Our visiting parents and carers, along with school adults, placed candles at the foot of the cross in a moment of reflection where they thought about what trust what means to them. Whether it's someone they trust, something they have faith in or simply a contemplation of how it feels to trust. For our Easter experience, the children learnt about the days in Holy Week leading up to Jesus' death including Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and Good Friday. There were times where the children could reflect upon what this meant to them and the children thoroughly enjoyed each station.

Finally, we ended the term with our Easter service. During Easter, there are four main virtues that we focus on Joy, Hope, Peace and Love. Each of our classes took part, sharing the significance of the Easter story, the rainbow of hope and singing jubilant songs. Our youngest classes sang a beautiful rendition of Jesus Loves Me and all children were blessed with a palm cross as a reminder of the event. We look forward to more fantastic learning in term 5 and hopefully some more sunshine too!

**KEEVIL SCHOOL** Our **Ofsted report** is in. While this was an ungraded inspection, we were very proud and pleased to receive confirmation that we have maintained our 'good' standards. The full report is available on the website, but some personal highlights include "The school is ambitious for pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)" and "Pupils' service to the school and the wider community is commendable" which both confirm that the inspectors really understood the school and what makes us special.

**2025** Keevil School Scarecrow Trail – come and join us on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Parking by kind permission of The Manor House in the Cricket Club parking field. Follow the signs. Donations of bottles, raffle prizes, cuddly toys and cakes are still being accepted. If you would like to sponsor a scarecrow for £100, please get in touch via the school office.

In other news, our classes had another busy month with lots of trips and excursions. Spring class enjoyed a short walk up to the church with Rev Jake for a session about Holy Communion. Spring and Summer classes both enjoyed trips to Woody's Farm to learn more about where food comes from and looking after the environment. Autumn class 'enjoyed' a trip to Sevington, a Victorian school.

If that wasn't enough, there was an Easter bonnet parade and lots of litter picking to be done around the village as part of the Great British clean up.

Congratulations to Kestrels for winning the house cup this term – all members of Kestrels got to enjoy a special Forest School session up in the field, complete with plenty of mud and s'mores (but not together!)

Finally, a thank you to FoKS for donating an Easter treat to each pupil on the last day of term before the Easter holidays!

## **NEWS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Devizes Gateway – what next?**

For my final parish magazine contribution ahead of the election I thought it might be helpful to give an update on Devizes Gateway. As readers may recall, in 2020, I worked with Danny Kruger MP to submit a successful application to the Government's Restoring Your Railways (RYR) programme for a study to assess the potential for a new rail station to serve the Devizes area.

The initial RyR study resulted in Network Rail undertaking a <u>Devizes-Gateway-Interim-Feasibility-Study.pdf</u> together with Wiltshire Council and the Devizes Development Partnership & Devizes Town Council in 2023. This concluded that there is a strong business case for adding a stop at Devizes Gateway on a new Paddington-Westbury stopping service BUT to enable, this GWR would need more rolling stock and improvements to signalling and platform infrastructure would be needed at Westbury as well the new Devizes Station itself.

Following this, Network Rail completed a <u>Wiltshire Rail Strategic Study.pdf</u> which sets out the basis of a plan for rail in the county in the future. Its key recommendations look to increase services, grow passenger numbers and build new stations, including:

Enhance local services, especially on the TransWilts route (via Melksham), to improve connectivity within Wiltshire.

Build new stations at Devizes and Corsham to support population growth and increase rail usage.

Develop new direct rail services between Wiltshire and key hubs.

Upgrade track and signalling infrastructure, such as in Westbury and Melksham, to accommodate more services and improve connections at Westbury.

As Cabinet Member for Transport at Wiltshire Council I have been working closely with Network Rail and other industry bodies to champion the case for investment in rail in Wiltshire and I hope to continue to do so. In answer to the question – will Devizes get its station? And when? Whilst I can't give a specific answer, and much depends on Government and local funding, I'm pleased that Network Rail is continuing to develop the case for the first part of the "jigsaw" – that is the improvements to infrastructure and platforms at Westbury to increase service capacity on the Reading – Taunton line and improve connections. I'm also pleased that Devizes Town Council is also committed to building the business case and has engaged a local project manager/consultant to ensure that Devizes Gateway continues to be advocated. So, in summary, Devizes Gateway continues to be a reality – and if I am re-elected as your Wiltshire Councillor, I will of course continue to make the case on your behalf.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

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## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

## PC Meeting

The monthly Parish Council meeting took place on 25th March attended by 8 Councillors, Cllr Tamara Rea, & The Clerk

## **Local Council Matters Local Transport Plan**

The Local Transport Plan (LTP) outlines Wiltshire's approach to managing transport in a way that supports local needs, growth, and sustainability goals. The current plan (LTP3) ends in 2026 and Wiltshire Council is drafting its fourth edition, which will be known as Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4), covering the period to 2038.

## M4 to Dorset Coast strategic study

National Highways have completed a study to establish if there is an alternative key north-south route between Dorset and the M4. The results of this study can be read by either searching 'M4 to Dorset Coast strategic study' or clicking the link: <a href="https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-west/m4-to-dorset-coast-strategic-study/">https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/south-west/m4-to-dorset-coast-strategic-study/</a>

#### **Elections**

Wiltshire Council and Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday 1 May Nominations to be submitted by 4pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and the list of Candidates published Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 4pm

#### **Canal & River Trust**

Following a spate of issues with dogs escaping from at least one canal boat and killing two geese and a kitten, Cllr Reay agreed to progress the Parish Council's previous request in August 2024 to engage directly with the Canal & River Trust to offer its assistance to enforce CRT's Continuous Cruiser Regulations throughout Wiltshire.

By permitting a boat to remain within the same Neighbourhood for more than 28 days contravenes Planning regulations in England, hence the request for Wiltshire Council Planning Enforcement

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

#### **Bell Hill Crossroads**

No further reported incidents since 21st February.

#### A361 Pavement - The Stocks to Bell Hill Crossroads

Debris from overhanging trees has made some parts of the pavement difficult to transverse. Cllr Reay agreed to progress the clearing of this pavement with Highways.

## The Stocks – Request for a review of the 50mph Speed limit

Cllr Reay agreed to meet with the Highways Engineer to establish a way forward.

#### **Rusty Lane**

The Rights of Way team have replaced the Bollard at the top of Rusty Lane to prevent private motor vehicles from using the Lane.

## **Speedwatch - High Street Speed Indicator Statistics**

During the period 25<sup>th</sup> February – 25<sup>th</sup> March the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) installed on Seend High Street recorded an approximate daily average of 5600 vehicles in each direction of which 98.7% of vehicles were within the 30mph Speed limit. To put this into perspective, it means on average less than 75 vehicles exceeded the speed limit each day. In summary, the SIDs are being effective at reducing vehicle speeds through the village.

## **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council approved to the following application:

PL/2025/02118 – Little Thornham Farm - Change of Use of development land from Agricultural to Camping site up to 10 tents

## Annual Parish Council & Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place at the Irene Usher Hall on **Monday** 12<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 7pm with the Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.

## **Retiring Councillors**

Sadness was expressed that three Parish Councillors will not be standing for election in May. Their local knowledge has been invaluable to the Parish Council and will be missed.

#### Finance

Bank reconciliation at end of March 2025 was £28,511.59

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

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Parish Council Meeting - Community Centre 7pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Annual Parish Council Meeting – Irene Usher Hall 7pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Annual Parish Meeting – Irene Usher Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Parish Council Meeting - Community Centre 7pm

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

## SEEND SPORTING, DRAMATIC AND LITERARY NEWS



#### **FOOTBALL**

Under the expert guidance of our manager Andy Dyer Seend have, for successive seasons, won the First Division of the Trowbridge and District League. I went to watch the home match on Good Friday accompanied by a handful of family members and with a kick off around 6pm the match did not finish until shortly before 8pm. The result was Seend 2 - Dilton Marsh 0. The standard was high, the crowd in good voice and the newly instigated "respect" barrier a yard or so from the touchline was never breached. After the game Seend players were presented with their medals plus the Champions cup and showered with the traditional bottle of fizz. Congratulations to all but there is more to come with Seend having made the final of two cup competitions to be played on Friday the 25th of April and then on the 29th of April both at the smart football stadium in Melksham. The opponents for each final will be Devizes so expect some good natured rivalry. Kick off on both occasions will be at 6.45pm. I will be there for both finals along with Seend's band of travelling supporters. Stop press—Seend lost to Devizes 3-2 on 25th.

#### **TENNIS**

The new season's league matches started on Easter Monday with the Seend Mixed Doubles team taking on Biddestone in the Chippenham and District League Division 4. This match they won 5-3.

#### **CROOUET**

I have been asked from several quarters whether or not some competitive croquet might be in order this summer particularly following the victory of local croquet virtuoso Janey Wilkes in the recent Dahlia Cup. If you are interested please let me know and I will organise a mid summer match here on the lawns at Manor Cottage. DARTS

We are still waiting for Harry's match reports from as far away as Marlborough but I fear that they will not be with us before our current deadline so they will have to be included in next month's edition.

#### LITERARY

Sir Mathew's latest publication will be launched at the Community Centre on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm

All results, fixtures and sporting gossip to the tennis hut by 15th May please.

Frankie Goddard 828488

#### 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.

Our next fundraiser is the plant sale on 17th May so please come along and support us.

Seend tennis club Comms team.

#### **NURTURE NATURE**

#### SUMMER VISITORS

<u>House Martins</u>: (Delichon urbica – 12 cms) These lovely migrant birds fly from Africa to nest in the British Isles, many in our area. They spend a long time making their mud nests un-



der the eaves of houses. Please be tolerant of their building habits. The birds do not cause too much mess and they become distressed if all their hard work is destroyed. If house martins cannot raise their broods, yet another species will be endangered. According to the RSPB their population has halved since 1969, and they are now on the Red List

<u>Sand Martins</u>: (Riparia riparia – 12 cms)

These migrants can be seen from April to September especially around sand quarries and sandy banks, where they burrow out their nesting sites. Many of their ancestral breeding sites have gone. In some East Anglian areas the local ornithological groups have had built artificial banks for nesting which are well used. A site near Blaxhall, Suffolk has enabled the sand martins to thrive. However, they can be seen in many areas of the British Isles. Plumage is sandy brown above and whitish below. Once numerous, they can still be spotted in their traditional British Isles habitats with fresh water nearby. These agile fliers make harsh twitter calls in flight.

Swallows: (Hirondo rustica -20 cms) These beautiful birds always return to their old nest sites, so please ensure access to them. If, for reasons of security, access has to be shut, swallows will fly through small openings in order to reach their traditional nesting sites.

<u>Swifts</u>: (Apus apus – 18cms)Their nesting sites, some of which are centuries old, are fast disappearing, due to development and property maintenance. They require an access tunnel of at least 18" long with a small entrance hole; please don't block them off. Swifts are believed to spend as much as nine months to a year on the wing, and they are known to nap whilst flying. Swifts were added to the Red List in the 2021 UK Conservation Status Report. Swift sightings can be reported to Bradford-on-Avon Swift Group at <u>climatechampions@gmail.com</u>, or <u>www.swift-conservation.org</u>. Note: These birds are all, of course, protected species – it is a criminal offence to disturb or destroy their nest sites and environments. There was the distressing sight a few years ago when an active house martin nest had been wired over, preventing the juveniles from flying out, and they perished inside the wire.

<u>Cuckoos</u>: (Cuculus canorus – 33cms) Should a reader wish to track cuckoo migrations there are websites (such as the BTO one) which should give up to date progress of incoming birds. Please post any cuckoo sightings and hearings on your local Facebook page.

We read daily of animals and birds driven to extinction, here's one of the extinct species which could be regenerated. It's 10,000 years since there were woolly mammoths here on planet earth, but scientists in the US are working towards bringing it back from extinction. They have engineered mice to grow thick, warm coats by using DNA from mammoths remains. The future aim is to use this technique on elephants so that they become woolly mammoths. Elephants in a California wildlife park demonstrated their remarkable intelligence recently—they can detect early warnings of earthquakes through their feet, and formed what is known as an 'alert circle' during the 5.2 magnitude earthquake that shook Southern California last month, showing the pachyderms scrambling to protect their calves by surrounding them in an alert circle.

Some readers might have watched BBC TV Planet Earth III, narrated by Sir David Attenborough. In central Africa 95% of the elephant population is slaughtered for their ivory. Their near extinction alters the whole eco system of the area. Nature must be allowed to restore its own balance. We need to ensure that we assist Nature to survive and restore and nurture these fine balances. Another excellent series currently on BBC TV is 'The Americas' (both North and South), narrated by Tom Hanks, which demonstrates the fragile balances in the different eco systems.

Those readers who bought the Royal Mail's special Wildlife stamp issue will recognise how much of nature is around us and in our own gardens to enjoy, as we wrote in the August 2024 column. Now is the time that nestlings are becoming fledglings and are at their most vulnerable to predators, especially from corvids, grey squirrels, raptors and our own domestic moggies.

So please do all you can to ensure that nestlings and fledglings are protected, the latter until they have learned to fly. Please remember to keep your feeding stations and bird baths scrupulously clean because there is still avian flu about. Also, as reported in earlier years be aware, especially if you are a bee keeper, that Asian hornets are now more prevalent. Let us ensure our own habitats are safe for nurturing nature

The Princess of Wales told scouts of the healing benefits of Nature on a visit to the Lake District in mid April, describing how she had found a very spiritual and very intense reconnection with nature. Otis Tarda

## **BITS AND BOBS**



Melksham Choral Society Spring Concert will be at 7.30pm in The United Church Melksham on May 10th. Come and hear the gorgeous melodies of Puccini's Messa di Gloria and well-known choruses and

solos from operas and operettas. Tickets £12 (under 18s free) from Melksham Tourist Information or on the door from 7.00pm.

# -Adington OPERA PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED artš

The programme for the Edington Arts concert "A Night at the Opera" on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church has just been announced.

Our four great soloists are Anna Sideris-Dupuy, soprano, Beatrice Sideris-Dupuy, mezzo, William Diggle, tenor and Thomas Bennett, bass, and their accompanist is Edward Picton-Turbervill.

The full programme is on the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org, where you can choose your seats and buy tickets. Alternatively you can phone Chrissy on 01380 831256, from £11-£25; 18 and under come free.



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 3.30 pm – 5.15 pm

Potterne Village Hall, Mill Road, SN10 5ND (parking available at the hall and old school)

Crafts – games – worship – food – and fun You are welcome to arrive any time in the first hour. Refreshments when you arrive, then crafts and activities, Bible story and song, followed by a sit down family meal.

#### KEEVIL SCHOOL SCARECROW TRAIL

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May 10.00 - 16.00 The theme is British Literary Characters Details on page 14



Our lecture on May 21<sup>st</sup> in the Corn Exchange, Devizes, and is: "John Singer Sargent: The Private Radical" given by Gavin Plumley Please be in your seats for 10:45 am. Lecture starts at 11 am through to 12 noon. Coffee is available beforehand

John Singer Sargent – who died a hundred years ago, in 1925 – was high society's leading portraitist. His luxurious canvases mirrored his subjects' wealth. Yet beneath the high fashions and dazzling veneer of works such as Madame X, lurks a much rawer world. Why not come to this lecture as a guest?- £8. Please email us first at theartssocietydevizes@gmail.com.

## Gardens open in May (for a full list go to their website)

https://ngs.org.uk/wiltshire-gardens-in-may/

Friday 16th BIDDESTONE MANOR Chippenham Lane, Biddestone, SN14 7DJ.

Sunday18t May TRYMNELLS 1a Coxhill Lane, Potterne, Devizes, SN10 5PH.

Sunday 18thh May KNOYLE PLACE Holloway, East Knoyle, Salisbury, SP3 6AF

Saturday 31st May EASTWELL MANOR Eastwell Road, Potterne, Devizes, SN10 5QG.

It is always best to check the website before leaving for your visit



## 30th May—15th June

MUSIC—all sorts COMEDY—lots of laughs TALKS & WALKS DRAMA & WORKSHOPS

Go to www.devizesartfestival.co.uk for more information Box Office at Devizes Books—07833 342067



## **MELKSHAM FLOWER CLUB**

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm in Seend Community Centre This month's meeting 20th May

**SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS** Hola! I'm running a new complete beginners Spanish course at Seend Community Centre Mondays starting date is 2nd June for 6 weeks. At 1.00 - 2.00pm. If interested contact Claudia: claudiapineros@hotmail.co.uk Text or WhatsApp on 07508 532488

**And finally** .... What do you call a cow with only two legs? Lean Beef

## <u>USEFUL CONTACTS:</u> Please tell Spotlight if your group's contact details change

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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 <u>seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com</u>

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

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

Seend's Wiltshire Councillor – Tamara Reay 077 11824864 tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Seend School – 828334

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

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

Bulkington's Wilts Councillor – Tamara Reay 07711824864 <u>tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk</u> Countryside access officers (new name for rights of way wardens) for Seend & Bulkington:

Ali Raisey ali.raisey@wiltshire.gov.uk and Stephen Leonard Stephen.leonard@wiltshire.gov.uk

Devizes Area Board – 01225 718352 Support Officer: tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

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

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

Book Clubs - the original: June May 827169 / 07590 818750 -

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Cricket Club - Brian Hunt 828581

Day Schools -Tessa Doe 07719 917814

Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 07719 917814

Fete-see Lye Field

Flower Show -Julia White 01380 827082

Football -Jake Sainsbury

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Historic Houses Club - Debbie Savage

07753 311996 or Neil Yockney 827139

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Seend - Brian Hunt 828581

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Harvey 828511

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#### **OPENING HOURS**

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