

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



Saturday 4th May in Seend Community Centre from 12 noon until 11pm.

Wide range of real ales and ciders - Pig Roast with veggie options.

Live music from Melksham Oak music students, Mal Rogers, Larkin,
The Blue Rose Band and Train to Skaville.

Accompanied children welcome in the afternoon. Tickets £12, which includes souvenir glass and tokens for two half pints, from Seend PO, Seend Community Centre, the Brewery Inn, Devizes Books or online with booking fee at www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk

Non-beer drinkers tickets (only for those accompanying beer drinkers) on the door.

Usually a sell out - so book in advance!

May 2019

DIARY DATES FOR LATE APRIL 2019

- 26th FoSS Quiz Night, Pavilion, 7pm
- 27th Royal British Legion Annual Lecture at the Community Centre
- 29th Mobile Library; 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box:
11.05 am Well Inn car park
- 30th Wessex Fuchsia Group - "Something Fuchsias" Irene Usher 7.45 pm
- 30th Parish Council Meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30 pm

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 1st Salisbury Shuttle Shopping Trip – call 01380 828757 by Monday 29th April to book
- 1st Bulkington Village Lunch, The Well, 12.15 pm
- 3rd First Friday Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 10.30 am
- 4th 19th Annual Seend Beer Festival, Community Centre, 12 noon till 11pm
- 8th History Revealed (about Seend), Melksham Library at 11.00 am
- 11th Rum tasting at the Brewery Inn
- 12th Deadline for submitting advertisements to Spotlight
- 12th Christian Aid Week starts
- 14th Start of Three-a-side skittles competition
- 16th WI Craft Afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4 pm
- 18th **LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE SPOTLIGHT**
- 19th Seend & District Ramblers, 10am at starting point or 9.15am in Rusty Lane.
- 20th Annual Parish Meeting, Pavilion, 7pm for 7.30pm
- 22nd Skittles social for those wishing to join a new ladies skittles team, C Centre, 7.30pm
- 24th Family BBQ, Community Centre, 6pm
- 28th Parish Council Meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30 pm
- 29th 10th Anniversary Nosh and Natter lunch club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30 pm
- 29th Brewery Inn Fun Quiz, 8 pm

DIARY DATES FOR EARLY JUNE

- 3rd Mobile Library; 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box:
11.05 am Well Inn car park
- 5th Seend Shuttle shopping trip to Salisbury
- 7th First Friday Coffee Morning, Community Centre lounge, 10.30am
- 8th/9th Seend Open Gardens

Newcomer to Seend?

Call in at the shop/PO and ask for your copy of the **Welcome booklet**, which tells you all you need to know about the village.

Visit www.seend.org.uk and the Spotlight and Seend Village Group **facebook** pages.

Welcome to May Spotlight.....

The BIG event in May is always the Beer Festival. You do need to book in advance as it usually sells out. It's a great family party during the day then a bit of a rave in the evening. It also happens to be the Community Centre's biggest fundraiser and a great start to the first of two Bank Holidays this month!



May is also the start of the BBQ season, and Nosh and Natter Lunch Club celebrates its 10th anniversary. It doesn't seem that long ago that John and Lilian Smallshaw got it going. Plus, of course there are lunches, coffees, teas, meetings, walks and talks to enjoy in both villages. And Christian Aid week is coming, so we enclose an envelope.

ADVERTISING IN SPOTLIGHT

It's time for the annual intake of new ads to be published in the ten editions of Spotlight between July 2019 and June 2020.

Rates are: £80 per half page and £45 per quarter page. We try to give preference to businesses that are local to Seend and Bulkington. Adverts and cheques (payable to Seend PCC) must be received by Chris Brooker **by 12th May**. Because of giving precedence to local businesses, and the fact that we are sometimes oversubscribed, we cannot guarantee you a space. We will, of course, return your cheque as soon as possible if you are unsuccessful.

Please email your advert to spotlightads@btinternet.com or deliver it on a CD to Spotlight Advertising, c/o Chris Brooker, 2 Somerset Close, Seend, SN12 6QH. If you need to talk to him, call 01380 828047.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the June edition (copy by Saturday 18th May please can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to Sue or Tessa – even if they have emailed you from their own email address – just in case they are not around. Joanna Goddard (828488) organises printing Mondays and also types up the items left at Seend PO. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401) and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising. Volunteer printers or delivers can contact Joanna or Fiona.

Lost emails: Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa or Sue (see above) to check if all is well. And please note the following. **When sending emails to spotlight@seend.org.uk** please include the word **SPOTLIGHT** in uppercase as the first word of the Subject. This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

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

VILLAGE EVENTS IN MAY

(for Bulkington events see pages 11-12)

See p.24 for diary dates for the rest of the year.

May in SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE



First Friday Coffee Mornings in the Lounge

From 10.30am on Friday 3rd May. Come along for proper coffee, home-made cakes and a chat in good company! It's just £2 for coffee or tea - plus a refill - and a slice of cake. All welcome.

Seend Beer Festival

Saturday 4th May. See front cover for details.



Family- (and dog-) friendly BBQ

Friday 24th May!

It's the first BBQ of the season, timed to kick off the Bank Holiday weekend! All welcome. Free entry – just pay for food.

Nosh and Natter Lunch Club

29th May, 12 for 12.30 pm - Special 10th anniversary lunch

Please book in advance by calling Pauline on 01380 828638 or, if no answer, 828401. Only £5 for two courses – all home-made of course. All welcome!



Three a side Skittles competition



This well-established annual competition starts on 14th May and continues on Tuesdays through May and June. Don't worry if you can't make every date; it's flexible! Entry costs £9 per team and there are several prizes.

Teams can be all male, all female or mixed. To enter, put your name on the list in the bar or talk to Paul.

BREWERY INN

Thursday 2nd May – Book Club

Saturday 11th May - Rum Tasting - £15 including buffet – book in advance

Wednesday 29th May – Monthly Fun Quiz, 8pm

A NEW LADIES SKITTLES TEAM?

There has been quite a lot of interest on facebook for starting a new Devizes League Ladies Skittles team. **A skittles social evening is planned so that anyone who is thinking of joining can have a practice and meet like-minded people. Please come along to the Community Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd May with a small plate of finger-food and some cash to contribute to the cost of the hall.** Any queries, please contact Tessa on 01380 828617.

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.)

THANK YOU

Jacqui, Garry and Linzie Reason would like to thank everyone who donated to Linzie's Gofund me page to buy an electric motor for her wheelchair. The Seend Fawltly Players also made a very generous donation as did the Seend Fund and we are very grateful. The motor has arrived and already it has made a huge difference to Linzie's ability to get around by herself.

NOTE FROM A DOG WALKER

I recently got a dog and walk her around and about. I don't quite understand some people. I have noticed that some dog walkers pick up their dog's mess and then leave the plastic bag, hanging on gatepost's gates or on the verge. I just don't understand this mentality.

SEEND VILLAGE FETE UPDATE

Spring is in full swing, and so is the planning of this year's Seend Village Fete. We've been busy putting everything into place and it's slowly but surely taking shape. Thank you to everyone that has already been in touch and contributed.



First and foremost a huge thank you the WI who have been busy creating bunting for the festivities. There will be more workshops soon so if you want to get involved keep your eyes peeled. Event announcements will be made via our Facebook page. (facebook.com/seendfete)

In other news we are very pleased that Altfield have agreed to the headline sponsor yet again. As previous years they have been super supportive and we are looking forward to working with them to make this an event to remember.

The committee are changing their approach slightly and would like to include the community's thoughts on how we are spending this year's Fete's proceeds. We have come to realise that we still need to put money towards the maintenance of the Lye Recreation Field and its Pavilion however, we would love to give some to a charitable cause within the village, chosen by the village community. Any thoughts on causes will be welcome.

There are plenty of reasons to sponsor the Seend Village Fete. From great exposure for your company within the village and local community, to the warm feeling that comes in keeping this fantastic event alive. Our sponsorship packages have something for all budgets. Should you want to help us in way of either financial assistance, vouchers or prizes, please don't hesitate to contact us on seendfete@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Sunday 12th – Saturday 18th May

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

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

Over a quarter of the money collected is spent on emergencies. But the key area is long term development spending nearly half of the income, on projects such as education and health as well as ways to improve people's resilience to shocks and disasters, like stronger houses in earthquake zones. The remainder is divided between campaigning and fundraising. No money is given to governments.

The focus of this year's Christian Aid week is on maternal and child health in Sierra Leone. A decade of civil war in the 1990s and especially the ebola outbreak 2014 – 2016 have led to it being the most dangerous place to give birth.1 in 17 women die in child birth, about the UK level in the early 1700s and three times the maternal mortality average for sub-Saharan Africa. Nearly all of the problems can be treated successfully with basic interventions.

A Christian Aid envelope is inside this Spotlight; please keep it safely. The collectors will call during the week of 12th – 18th May. It helps them considerably and is more convenient to you if the donation is ready when they call. I appreciate it is a nuisance but if you pay income tax please complete the Gift Aid slip too, it increases your amount to Christian Aid by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. Then tear off the slip, place inside the envelope, moisten the strip at the top of the envelope and fold.

If you are on holiday during Christian Aid week or miss your collector for any other 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 most convenient.

Thank you, Dick Church

SEEND AND DISTRICT LINK SCHEME

A new secretary to replace Jean Gosling has not yet been found – so if you are interested in taking on this voluntary role please contact her on 828855 to find out more about what's involved.

Welcome to
SEEND OPEN GARDENS

8th/9th June 1:00pm - 6:00pm

12+ beautiful gardens open including Seend Manor

Tickets covering both days £10:00 pp

Children FREE Parking FREE

Enjoy a Cream Tea and delicious cakes

Flower show in Church. Bell ringing demonstration. Have a go !

In aid of church funds

Contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 for further information

Can you spare a couple of hours to help with car parking on the Lye Field and/or the Teas in the Pavilion between about 12:00 and 18:30 on Saturday and/or Sunday?

Please let Tina or Neil know. 01380 827139 or tinayockney@btinternet.com



HISTORY REVEALED

The Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre have organised a History Revealed event focussing on Seend. It is taking place on 8th May at Melksham Library. It will be an all-day event starting at 10am and finishing with a walk around Seend in the afternoon.

Price: £10/£8 concession. Tickets available from Melksham Library. Tel: 01225 702039 or Email: libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk

The event will be run again on Wednesday 24th July, all other details are the same.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be taking place on Monday 20th May at 7.30pm at the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion. Refreshments will be available from 7pm. All parishioners are invited to attend. Seend clubs and organisations are invited to give a short summary of their year's activities.

Metro Count Results – Seend High Street

This was undertaken between 4th and 10th February 2019 along the High Street between the Lye Field and the Manor House. Speeds for a total of 28,962 vehicles in free flowing traffic in both directions were recorded. Total traffic volume during this period was 47,519 vehicles (this figure may be higher than above due to congestion when 'free-flowing' speeds cannot be recorded. The 85th percentile speed was 34.6mph (the speed at or below which 85% of the traffic is travelling). The average speed was 30.6 mph.

The results mean that because the speeds were under 35mph, the criteria for taking further action, there can be no community speed watch or police enforcement. We will not be able to install a speed indicator device.

The Parish Council appreciates that the results will be disappointing for residents, but we cannot request any further action to be taken by Wiltshire Police or Wiltshire County Council Highways regarding speed enforcement or management based on these results.

SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

May Update

You may remember that during late summer last year, letters were sent to everyone in the Parish asking for comments on the short list of suggested **local green spaces**. This was to collect evidence on whether the spaces are special to the community, and to ask for suggestions for any green spaces, which had been missed.

For a space to be eligible, it has to be particularly important locally with regard to beauty, wildlife, tranquillity, recreation or historic significance. It must also be small, not an 'extensive' area and in, or near, to the community which uses it.

Suggestions were also made at the coffee morning in January. The group have assessed these against national planning policy criteria, and found the **green space** at the junction of the High Street and Dial Close is one which could potentially meet the criteria. We are now gathering evidence from nearby residents to help consider its value to the community. If you also value this green space as part of our High Street scene, please register your support on our website 'Comments' page.

We are also undertaking the next stage of consultation in this exercise, by making contact with landowners of the other suggested **local green spaces**. They can comment or object to the proposed **local green space** designation, and their response(s) will form part of the evidence base on which the Steering Group will decide whether to recommend spaces for designation.

The decision will ultimately be up to the Examiner of our draft Neighbourhood Plan. The decision will be based on all of the evidence and information gathered ~ **hence the importance of your views**.

I repeat last month's appeal for **your suggestions** in establishing a **List of Local Heritage Assets**. This is a way of identifying buildings, structures, sites or landscapes which do not quite meet the criteria for being nationally listed, but which are still of architectural or historical importance in their local area. We can identify and map our Parish's locally important heritage assets within our Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that planning decisions that directly affect them or their setting are taken into account.

Identification of a Local Heritage Asset in our Parish does not change the existing planning controls that already apply to a building. However, local heritage listing means that the interest of the building or site will be at least a "material consideration" during the planning process.

Historic England sets out criteria to inform what could be appropriate for the list:

Rarity: This can include unusual assets such as traditional signage or industrial relics

Representativeness: Representative of a particular architectural period, architect, movement, company or group of its time, for example railway, Victorian and industrial.

Architectural interest: Of importance in its architectural design, decoration or craftsmanship

Townscape value: walls, fences, railings, street surfaces (including cobbles, setts and grass verges), street furniture.

Group value: Groupings of assets with a clear visual, design or historic relationship (including farmyard and terraces)

Artistic interest: An asset with artistic interest exhibiting some degree of creative skill (including sculpture, decoration, gates, railings, door surrounds, finials and signage)

Historic association: Associated with an historical person or event of acknowledged note (including important local figures or events).

On our website you will find a Local Listing Nomination Form, or you can simply email your idea via the Contacts page. (www.seendparishplan.org).

Once we have a shortlist for the Seend Parish Local Heritage List we will share it with you and undertake consultation with any owners who may be able to provide valuable information, which can influence the decision about whether to add the asset to the Local Heritage List.

All are welcome at the monthly open meetings. The next Committee Meeting will be Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm. in the Community Centre. There will be no open Committee Meeting in May, but there is the PC Village AGM at which Georgina A’Bear will report on our progress. (Some members of the SG meet again between these open meetings to progress the background work, together with our Consultants).

Carola Thorpe on behalf of the S.P.N.P. Steering Group

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

PASTORAL LETTER

I recently took a short break around the North Norfolk Coastline, where I spent the time mostly walking. It was bliss, being so very close to nature what with trees already in blossom, hares leaping through the fields, the joyful sound of birdsong, the already fading daffodils now interspersed with cowslips, primroses and early bluebells, carpeting the soil, and ... well, it was as good as it ever gets. Cecil Rhodes once said “To be born British is to win first prize in the lottery of life.” How right!

One of my walks took me to the village of Burnham Thorpe, Nelson’s reputed birthplace, and his childhood home. His father, Edmund, had been a long-time rector of All Saints Church, where he was buried, in the chancel. I spent some time looking at the display of two flags from “The Victory” draped at the west end of church, an extract from “The Times” newspaper dated November 7th, 1805 reporting

that great man's death, as well as other memorabilia, and then continued on my way, walking in Nelson's steps on some of the local tracks. It was quite overwhelming. And then I got to thinking of the last time I was aware of walking in someone's steps – someone who had a much greater impact on our lives, whose life was sacrificed for us over 2000 years ago, and whose promised resurrection we celebrate each Easter Day.

In 2009 Dave and Ann Howard led a group of us to the Holy Land. I was deeply touched as we walked on the shores of Lake Galilee (experiencing a storm of our own whilst out on that Lake, one which came upon us so unexpectedly – dramatically even). We visited all those places that we read of in the Bible – the Mount of Olives, Nazareth, Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha (the place of the crucifixion) – all this, and so much more, made everything we knew seem so real. It's impossible to describe the roller-coaster of thoughts and emotions that hit us during our time there, and which will remain with us forever. “Bah humbug” you might say, or, “How can you believe all those fairy stories?”

I once read it is good to question our faith. But let me leave you with just a few thoughts expressed by Leslie Weatherhead*.

- “How could a person too weak before his crucifixion to carry his cross, who had been scourged, tortured, nailed to a cross through the hot hours of a whole day, and into whose side a spear had been thrust ... get off a stone slab in the dark, remove his tightly wound wrappings or bandages, push back from the mouth of the cave-tomb a heavy, grindstone shaped boulder ... which it took several strong men to move, evade the guards, procure from some unexplained source some clothing, and then appear to his friends ... as a man so fit that, in spite of two terrible wounds in his feet, he could, on the same day walk seven miles with two disciples, have supper with them, and then travel another seven miles to Jerusalem in time to meet the rest of his friends?”
- “If his friends had hidden the body it is incredible that no one ever divulged the secret as to where it lay. The new resting place would have been a venerated shrine, like Lenin's, but it would not have been the basis of a world faith in a risen Lord.”
- It is made clear that the grave-clothes, covering the body up to the armpits had collapsed as if the body had evaporated” (and that) ... “not a fold of the ‘linen cloths’ was out of place and the turban was ‘wrapped up in a place by itself’ ... “ (John 20:1-20)

To paraphrase a traditional aphorism, if you don't have faith, then there will never be evidence enough to convince you, and if you do have faith, no evidence is needed!

Blessings

Renée

*”The Christian Agnostic”, Leslie Weatherhead (Pub. Hodder & Stoughton, 1965)



CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY 2019

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

You are welcome to worship at any of the services in any of the churches in the Benefice.

Every Tuesday at 9.00am there are Morning Prayers at St Peter's Poulshot.

Every Thursday at 8:30am there are Morning Prayers at Christ Church Bulkington.

Sunday 5th May (Third Sunday of Easter)

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend

9.15 am Parish Eucharist at Poulshot

11.00 am Morning Praise at Seend

6.00 pm Evening Prayer at Bulkington

Sunday 12th May (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

9.15 am Parish Eucharist at Seend

11.00 am Parish Eucharist at Bulkington

(A Special Service to celebrate Maureen's 25th Anniversary of Ordination)

6.00 pm Evensong at Poulshot

Sunday 19th May (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend

9:15 am Morning Praise at Bulkington

11.00 am Parish Eucharist at Poulshot

6 pm Evensong at Seend

Sunday 26th May (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

9.15 am Matins at Poulshot

11.00 am Parish Eucharist at Seend

6.00 pm Parish Eucharist at Bulkington

Other Events and Benefice Services

Thursday 30th May (Ascension Day)

7:30pm Ascension Day Cluster Service, Rowde

From the registers

No weddings, baptisms or funerals this month.

Friends of Holy Cross Church

Since 2012 the Church Friends have helped in the funding of numerous church projects including the repair of roof pinnacles, the replacement of pew seat runners, providing new ropes for the church bells and the new stacking chairs.

This year the Friends have paid for some replacement communion linen and have given £5,000 towards the reordering project. They will also be helping to fund a glass door at the south entrance to the church. Thanks to the continuing generosity of members to the Church Friends the account currently stands at £2,382.

The Friends of Seend Church are to celebrate their 7th Anniversary with a concert in the church on Saturday, 22nd June at 7pm. Tickets for the concert will be £5, students free.

We currently have 59 members but would ideally like to double this number! If you are not already a member do consider joining us to help secure the future of our beautiful church.

Fiona Johnson Friends of Holy Cross Church

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH

Church Services for May 2019

12th May 10.00 am Revd. Wendy Tucker – Holy Communion

26th May 10.00 am Douglas Colborne

Everyone always welcome.

Les Warren

Dear Friends,

I expect most of you have forgotten about Easter now – and the chocolate is well and truly gone (tip: Easter Egg chocolate doesn't keep well, so you may as well just eat it up).

Sometimes Christians describe ourselves as 'Easter people' – meaning that, although we might forget the festival most of the year, we live our lives knowing that our belief in resurrection, that Jesus came alive again, changes everything. Whatever we individually believe about what actually happened that day when Jesus came back from the dead, it should make a difference every day to us.

This is how it works for me at least. Knowing Jesus rose from the dead means that death is not the final answer, whatever happens beyond death, for me it is not to be feared. Because of the resurrection there is hope for all sorts of situations to be sorted out ultimately. Because of the resurrection I live in real hope every day. I fully respect that this is one of the hardest things for those who believe and those who don't to accept – I can only say that it makes a difference to my life and to the lives of many others.

I am writing this a few days after the fire at Notre Dame de Paris. One of the interesting things I have read about this is that most if not all ancient cathedrals have lost their roofs, sometimes several times over the centuries. The stonework below is usually ok, if stained and marked, and the roof has been put back in time, allowing the worship space to be used again and the witness of ancient 'houses of God' to continue. The wonderful craftsmanship of architects and stonemasons and others means what seemed an utter disaster is resurrectable.

Sometimes though, when there is disaster something has to be rebuilt in another way, done in a different manner, rethought and rejigged. But the promise of resurrection –

of new life out of something that seems too terrible is available for so many situations, and for each one of us.

Life brings some really tough stuff to us all – and we can't see through to the other side of what seems to be the worst of life. God knows, through Jesus' humanity, what that feels like and walks with us through it. And God waits with us in the dark nights of despair and sorrow. And God is there too in the dawn, like the dawning of that first Easter Day, when it is still dark, although not as dark as things were, and the shape of a resurrected man can only be faintly seen in the gloom. And the hope of new life is always there – and God waits with us for it to arrive.

God bless
Wendy <><

BULKINGTON NEWS

Parish Council

As you may be aware Bulkington has its own Emergency Planning Committee (EPC). There is also an Emergency Plan available to view on the Bulkington website and the aim is to manage the mobilisation of emergency responders to a range of possible emergencies within the Village. In support of the EPC a storage shed has been erected behind the Bus shelter which houses basic equipment to assist responders. The all up cost of the shed and equipment was £1500 and half of that amount was kindly met by the Melksham Area Board.

Two new waste bins have been installed along the most popular walks within the Village boundary and it is clear that they are being utilised. Many thanks to villagers for using them!

The Parish Council are looking at ways to improve facilities within the playing field. One suggestion is to erect items of robust outdoor gym equipment for use by adults/older children. Anyone wishing to support/object to such a project or submit an idea of their own is asked to email Amy.powell@bulkington-pc.co.uk

The War Memorial is in need of repair and this will take place in late Spring/early Summer. The work will be cosmetic and in keeping with the original materials including the use of lime mortar. Ideally the monument would be underpinned but this is cost prohibitive and includes the removal of the surrounding trees which is unacceptable.

Bulkington Parish Council have a new Parish Clerk and we welcome Lorraine Montacute to the role.

The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch

will take place on Wednesday 1st May
at 12.15pm in The Well.

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.

Join Me For Lunch



**Benefice BUZZZZ Group
will meet on Wednesday 1st May 3 pm.**

This will be held at the home of Paulette Bremner Milne
at Bear Cottage, Poulshot, tel. 828527.



Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant group, led by Rev. Jane Knowles.

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

For our meeting in May on Thursday 30th we are planning to visit the Rhododendrons at Bowood, weather permitting. This will be an afternoon visit as they close at 6 p.m. The cost is £7 for adults and £6 for seniors. There is a refreshment kiosk. Transport by car and I suggest we leave at 2.30 p.m. Please check for last minute arrangements.

Liz Futter 828485

A GREAT NEW EVENT!

To announce a **Hymns and Pimms Evening** at Millcroft, 1 Mill Close, Bulkington on Saturday 29th June, from 6.30 to 9.30 pm. This will be a great evening, including singing by Seend Choir AND the Keevil Choir, not to mention "The Dog Collar Singers", with the opportunity for everyone to join in.

Tickets are available from Sue Rose (871655) and Sue Noad (870343) They cost £10, to include a glass of Pimms, barbecue and strawberries and cream.



**All welcome to
THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP
for the Wellsprings Benefice**

We next meet from 2pm – 4pm on Monday 13th May
at 46A, Bulkington. Contact Phyl Yarde on 828116.

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

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car park of The Well in Bulkington on **3rd June**, from 11.05-11.30am.

This replaces the visit that would have happened on May Bank Holiday.

Please support this. It really could be a case of use it or lose it.....

BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"

The March draw for the "100 Club" took place at the village lunch in The Well on Wednesday, 6th March, and the winners were :-

£40 No. 41 Susanne Rose

£30 No. 58 Phyl Yarde

£20 No. 71 Jane Dunlop

£15 No. 60 Ian Pendlebery

£10 No. 23 Samantha Taylor

Congratulations to the winners!



Phyl Yarde

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

'Happenings!', our quarterly newsletter, tells you about everything that is happening in the Centre in May, June and July. See also the events section at the beginning of this magazine and find us on facebook.

www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111.



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

ANNUAL LECTURE

This will take place in the Community Centre on Saturday 27th April 2019 commencing at 1930hrs. It is entitled "What Makes Putin Tick" and is being given by Air Chief Marshal Sir John Cheshire KBE, CBE. All are welcome, you do not have to be a

Member of the Royal British Legion to attend. The price will be £10.00 per head and will include a light supper. Tickets can be purchased only in advance from Robin Heatley (01380 828491) or Seend Post Office (01380 828250). There will be a raffle in aid of Royal British Legion Funds.

Dates to Note

27th June 2019

Next Committee Meeting. This will be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre commencing at 1930hrs.

30th June 2019

Drumhead Service (Details in June Spotlight)

Roger Brind

100+ CLUB DRAW

The results of the Lye Field 100+ Club draw for March are as follows:-

£30.00	No. 39	Mrs V Bowes
£25.00	No. 145	Mr D Frith
£20.00	No. 111	Mr P Grisham
£15.00	No. 95	Mrs C Russell
£10.00	No. 10	Mr P Wyatt



Congratulations to all the winners.

The new 100+ Club year starts on May 1st. Don't forget to fill in your application form and get it back to me!

Two thirds of the subscription income is redistributed in prizes and a third goes towards the upkeep of The Lye Field . Just £15 a year; please email me if you need a form avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk

You've got to be in it to win it!

Alison Bottomley,
Seend Lye Field Committee

Our speaker, at the April meeting, was Dawn Lawrence. She spoke on behalf of the Born Free Foundation about world endangered species.

She interspersed her talk with readings from her book “2 Steps Behind” an illustrated books of verse. The poems were written as if the endangered animals were speaking directly to us. It was an interesting and informative talk and the poems were very charming.

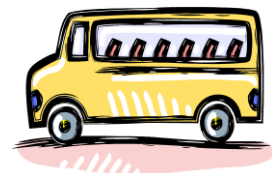
The next Craft afternoon will be on Thursday 16th May 2 pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't have to be a member of the W.I. to take part.

All meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise notified. For more information, please contact Joyce Harvey on 01380 828511 or check www.seendwi.weebly.com

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

Salisbury Shopping Shuttle

The shopping trip will be on Wednesday 1st May. Please call 01380 828757 by Monday 29th April to book a place.



Thanks, Anita.

(The Shuttle's scheduled services timetable can be found on www.seend.org.uk)



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Sunday 14th April saw 19 members complete a 3.5mile circular walk lead by Carole. We started from the car park at Fyfield Downs, walked along tracks and footpaths past the gallops and through lovely countryside with beautiful views. A great walk on a cold but sunny day.

Next walk Sunday May 19th at 10am. Leaders , Colin and Jo Waldeck.

Leave Devizes on the A361 as if you were going to Marlborough. At the last roundabout by the Cannings Hill Garage take the 3rd exit signed Allington, Horton and Bishops Cannings. Follow the road through Horton and Allington and shortly after leaving Allington you will see a byway sign on the right to Woodway Bridge (and Long Barrow). Park at the beginning of the byway. Meet at 10.00 a.m. or at Rusty Lane to depart at 9.15 a.m. Walk 5.5 miles, all flat, no stiles!

Any questions give us a call – 01380 828946 or Colin's mobile 07973 770057.

ADVANCE NOTICE – Friday July 5th, skittles social evening, more information nearer the time.

New members always welcome, just turn up on the day of walk or come and meet us all at the skittles evening.

Sandy James 01380 739235

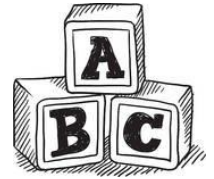


Wessex Fuchsia Group

Tuesday May 28th at 7.45pm in the Pavilion: Carol Gubler from Little Brook Fuchsias on 'Aspects of Fuchsias'.

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

This term we welcome Oakley, Reuben and Aidan. We hope they enjoy their time with us. Our topics this term are 'Shapes' and 'Transport'.



Thank you to everyone who came along to our Easter Bonnet Parade, it was very well attended. We raised £64 from the raffle and refreshments. The children had made some lovely bonnets, and they wore them outside to find the cardboard eggs.

We have spaces for September for children aged 2 to school age. Please come along and see what we do.

Rose Dick (Playleader) 828003

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

NB. The following minutes are a shortened version of the full minutes taken at the Parish Council meeting on 26th March 2019. These have not yet been ratified by the Parish Council and may be subject to change. A full copy of the minutes can be found on our website: www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

The meeting held on 26th March was attended by eight Councillors with Mr James in the Chair, Councillor Jonathon Seed, Mrs Sue Bond (Clerk), Mr Peter Davey (Agent for The Old Station Yard) and one parishioner. There were two apologies.

Local Councillor Matters – Electoral Review – Councillor Seed said that he had questioned the relevance of the new name given to the Seend, Potterne and Poulshot division and had suggested that it might be better called the Devizes Rural West Division, so that it was more appropriate to all the other parishes that were to be put in this new division, ie Bulkington, Worton, Erelstoke, Marston and Coulston. As there were also divisions for Devizes North, Devizes South and Devizes East, it would make sense for the Seend division to be renamed Devizes Rural West. Councillors agreed that this would make sense. Clerk to submit a response to LGBCE. Berhills Lane - Cars and vans were still parking close to the junction of Berhills Lane and the A365. This is being monitored. Leader of Wiltshire Council, Baroness Scott has announced she is stepping down.

Minutes and Matters Arising: The Minutes of the 26th February meeting were approved.

Litter Picking Equipment - The Clerk reported that she had just received an email from Wiltshire Council with an offer to community groups to provide litter picking equipment for free as long as they provide details and photos of litter picking events that had been organised. Wiltshire Council had been awarded £86,956 share of £9.75m from the government to back their efforts in cleaning up our high streets and town

centres. Councillors thought this was an excellent opportunity to acquire some litter picking equipment for free and to be kept by the Parish Council.

Bench at top of the Pelch – The Clerk had got prices for some replacement oak slats and a price for them to be fixed in place by a local contractor. The Chairman would have a look at the bench first to see if it was simply a case of replacing the bolts. If not it was agreed that new slats be bought and for the local contractor to fix them in place. There was also a discussion of how all the benches around the village could be cleaned and treated. The Clerk to see if there is a volunteer willing to do this on a regular basis.

Footpath bridge on SEEN45 to be fixed in June/July when the ground will be firmer.

Police Matters - The following incidents had been reported:

February:

- 4th Unknown suspects have stolen a generator from a Barge in Seend
- 8th Two vehicle RTC, elderly male passenger minor injuries. – Sells Green
- 23rd Hedge fire at The Barge involving an electricity pole along the canal towpath between The Barge Inn and the bottom Lock. Fire crews used canal water as they were unable to access the towpath with vehicles.

March:

- 11th Early evening – vehicle had fallen off the back of a scrap low loader lorry in Seend Hill.
- 18th 0945ish – RTC between 2 white cars – one gone in the back of another in the High Street (outside The Lye junction).
- 24th Early hours – 2 adult bikes stolen from outside house in the High Street, Seend.

Neighbourhood Plan – The NPSG are still working on projects with the Consultants. Mrs Vince is in the process of completing the locality grant application and to give details of where all the monies were spent from the last grant. Their next meeting with the Consultants will be 18th April. They are getting closer to having statements ready to be approved by the Parish Council.

Highway Matters - Metro Count – The results had been received. The metro count was carried out between 4th and 10th February and had been placed between the Lye Field and the Manor House. The travel volume during the period was 47,519 vehicles, but that speeds were recorded for 28,962 vehicles in free-flowing traffic in both directions. The results showed that the 85th percentile was 34.6mph (the speed at or below which 85% of the traffic is travelling) The average speed was 30.6mph. Councillor Seed said that the results mean that no further action will be taken by Wiltshire Highways. We do not qualify for a Community Speed Watch scheme or to have a SID (speed indicator device) installed. Councillors appreciated that the results would be disappointing for the residents of the High Street. The results show that it is more of a perception of speeding rather than actual speeding.

Church Crossing – no news as to when the high friction coloured surface treatment would be carried out.

Planning Matters –

Planning Ref: 19/01663/VAR - Thatched Cottage, Baldham, Seend SN12 6PW

Proposal: Variation of condition 3 of planning permission E/2011/1685/FUL to allow occupation of the annexed accommodation as a separate dwelling unit.

All Councillors voted unanimously to refuse the planning application.

Planning Ref: 19/02269/FUL - The Old Station Yard, Station Road, Seend SN12 6NG

Proposal: Retrospection planning permission for the continued B2 and B8 use of the western land and for the siting of existing containers and structures. Mr Peter Davey, agent for the owner, explained the reasons for the planning application and the need for it to be approved in order for the next stage of their proposed re-development plans to be able to go before Wiltshire Council.

All Councillors voted in favour.

Planning Ref: 19/02411/FUL - 54 Sells Green, Seend SN12 6PF

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension

All Councillors voted in favour.

Planning Ref: 19/02967/TCA – Nornour, High Street, Seend

Proposal: T1 Maple tree- reduce by 2.5m and reshape. T2 Conifer Tree – fell

All Councillors voted in favour

Constitution Updates – Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations, Internal Audit Report actions and Corporate Governance Questionnaire – All adopted.

Correspondence – **History Revealed Event** – Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre have organised a History Revealed event focussing on Seend. (*Details on p5. Ed.*)

Junior parkrun, Melksham – the Clerk had received an email from the leader of the Shaw & Whitley Beavers who is in the early stages of setting up a Junior parkrun to take place on Sunday mornings in Melksham. He is looking for help with set up funds to purchase a specialist computer and other equipment. The total funds needed are £3,000. Both Melksham Without PC and Melksham Town Council have agreed to provide some financial support on the condition that he also gets financial support from the 5 other parishes in the Melksham Area Board which includes Seend.

Councillors agreed to make a contribution of £50.

Financial Matters

There were 7 cheques for signature.

Bank reconciliation to end of January - £ 12,748.78

The next Parish Council meetings are 30th April 2019 and 28th May. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 20th May, from 7pm in the Pavilion.

NEWS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

What wonderful news that Salisbury has been voted the best place to live in the Country by Sunday Times readers. The City has had such a difficult year but Councillor Pauline Church and her Wiltshire Council Recovery Team have done an excellent (and award winning) job of getting the City back on its feet. This is being helped by ambitious plans from Wiltshire Council for development in the City as well as at-

tracting national events to Salisbury. The Council have produced a draft masterplan for the redevelopment of The Maltings and Central Car Park. It is also great to hear that businesses and organisations have shown their support for our Armed Forces by becoming sponsors and partners of this summer's Armed Forces Day National Event being held in Salisbury. The city is hosting the national event that honours and celebrates the Armed Forces, and veterans, and says thank you for all they do to protect us and keep our country safe. Armed Forces Day is traditionally marked across the UK on the last Saturday in June, this year it is 29 June. This year the event is being extended to three days from 28 to 30 June at Hudson's Field with a military parade in the city centre on the Saturday morning. Veterans and residents are urged to come and support our Armed Forces over the three day period of celebration in Salisbury.

In other areas of the County there is also positive news and helpful intervention from Wiltshire Council. The future of the North Wilts Rivers Route, a predominantly traffic-free cycling, walking and running path that links Chippenham to Calne, looks assured after Wiltshire Council reached agreement with the multiple landowners, who own sections of the route, to renew leases for the next five years. This is really good news for locals who value the route. In Devizes the long running saga of the future of the market place has finally been resolved to the satisfaction of all those involved. Initially there were plans to use the Market Place solely as a community space however following constructive feedback from businesses and residents a new agreement has been reached. So Devizes Market Place will have a dual role as a car park and community space following an agreement by council leaders from Town and County Halls.

All the above are examples of our communities and our Councillors pulling together to deliver the very best for us all. Often opinions differ but we in Wiltshire have a great reputation for bringing strong opinions together and finding solutions that benefit everyone. Now all we need to do is persuade our national politicians to do the same!

Jonathon Seed

SEEND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS

Tennis

By the time we go to press, the newly promoted men's team will have played our first Match against Devizes with a line up of Mark Newman, Liam Bergin, Harry Waylen and Tom Collins but the score is of course unknown.



Cricket

Provisional dates for the Seend matches against Bishops Cannings and Keevil in August and September to be announced soon.

Skittles

Josh Hamblin reports that the C team have secured promotion to a higher division so congratulations to all of the squad.

(Don't forget the 3-a-side competition at the Community Centre – and the skittle social for potential lady skittlers on 22nd May. Eds)

The Turf

Two locally connected mounts have been out on the racecourse lately with varying degrees of success. Tiger Skin ran a conservative but respectable race at Newbury a week or so ago with Guildhall being placed at Doncaster towards the end of March. Both deserved to be watched but with the wallet firmly tucked away for future use. The first of the classics, the 2000 Guineas, will be run on 4th May with our tip being Persian King.

Short Mat Bowls

Colin has given me the full story of the finding of human bones in the Philippines dating back some 67,000 years ago belonging to “Homo Luzonensis”. Fascinatingly alongside these ancient remains were found a block of what once must have been wood from a rain forest measuring some 12 inches by 5 inches and standing a similar height together with some virtually round stone balls. This all fits in with what Colin has been saying about SMT being a long established form of contest. Indeed if you have the odd hour or two to get through Colin will tell you the full tale with a slide show in support. I found it thoroughly educational and just what my doctor ordered.

Running

Seend, primarily in the shape of Wyn Evans' grandchildren, is making its mark at local running events with Owen winning the Calne Clock Change Challenge run over 5K in 16 mins 44 secs. Many congratulations.

The Bishops Cannings 5000m Dash will be under starter's orders at 2pm on Saturday 13th July which is a slightly earlier start than usual but designed not to clash with the Devizes Carnival. Go to the website for entry forms.

All entries for the midsummer issue by 15th May please.

Frankie Goddard 828488

BITS AND BOBS

KEEVIL CofE ACADEMY SCARECROW TRAIL 10am-4pm Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May 2019

During the weekend of the 18th and 19th May, Friends of Keevil School will be hosting its 11th annual Scarecrow Trail. Full details are in last month's Spotlight.

The Seend Fund – Your local fund

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. If you find yourself in financial difficulties the fund might be able to help with anything from school uniforms to heating bills. Don't hesitate to send details, saying how much you need, what it is for and when you need it by. Even if the fund has helped you before, your request will be sympathetically and confidentially considered. Although the fund is intended to help individuals, if there are any organisations or groups who need support to include someone with special needs in an educational activity, or who know of members who are struggling financially, the fund may be able to help.

STEEPLE ASHTON FILMS

SATURDAY 1st JUNE 2019 – 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Steeple Ashton

MARY POPPINS RETURNS (U)

(Doors open at 7 pm for refreshments)

Boasting a stellar cast of Emily Blunt, Ben Wishaw, Meryl Streep, Colin Firth, Julie Walters, Angela Lansbury and Dick Van Dyke, the story has moved on 24 years to the 1930s. Michael

Banks is living in his childhood home with his three children and his sister, Jane. One year after the death of Michael's wife, the family receive an unexpected visitor. Mary Poppins, played by **Emily Blunt**, returns to rescue the family and inspire them with joy and wonder.



There will be no film showing in May.

Tickets £6 from Steeple Ashton Village Shop. Reservations can be made, please ring Alison Wilson on 01380 871345

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: 6th July 2019 – Sometimes, Always Never, starring Bill Nighy, Jenny Agutter, Tim McInnerny as well as other well known actors.



Wiltshire Tortoise Group

OPEN DAY

Saturday 11th May

11 am to 2 pm at Sutton Benger Village Hall (SN15 4RP)

£2 adults Children free

Children's Activities Sales and Plant Tables Refreshments

Reptiles on display



ERLESTOKE HOUSE FARM SHOP
Wanted! - Farm Shop Co-ordinator
Part time volunteer post April - October

We are looking for a local volunteer to join our friendly and happy team to co-ordinate the weekly running of the shop and the volunteer staff on a part-time basis during the summer months.

Responsibilities include organising the volunteers' rota, liaising with volunteers and prison staff, maintaining and replenishing stock, responding to customer orders, dealing with invoices and takings and representing the volunteers at EHCIC meetings. There is no requirement to be at the Shop every day, and much of the work can be done via email.

For more information, please contact Janine Hodson on 07917 691034, or email: **janinehodson1@gmail.com**



The Wiltshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers with The Textile Studios in Steeple Ashton would like to invite you to their bi-annual exhibition on **Friday 31st May, Saturday 1st June and Sunday 2nd June, open from 10.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.** each day. The title of the

exhibition is “Made with Pride” and will showcase the very best of our recent work in spinning, weaving and dyeing, and also the crafts of patchwork, felting and sewing.

There will be an area dedicated to beginner's work, and there will also be a small exhibition of pieces both made by, and inspired by, founder member and very skilled spinner and weaver Ann Lander (1934-2018). We will also have a “fiesta of rugs” display and interactive demonstrations with the opportunity to try your hand at some spinning and weaving. Entry is free and there is parking at the rear of the Textile

Studios (entry via Acreshort Lane). There will be refreshments for sale with homemade cake. On the afternoon of Sunday 2nd, the village of Steeple Ashton is also hosting their Open Gardens event – tickets will be available to purchase on the day.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to **The Textile Studios, St Mary's School Building, High St, Steeple Ashton BA14 6EU**. For more information, please see our website : www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Wiltshire-Guild

CHALLENGE YOURSELF FOR WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE

Our bumper events calendar includes an abseil, skydive and a Snowdon challenge. As well as a personal challenge, by taking part you will be helping us to keep saving lives.

You can explore the stunning landscape of Snowdonia National Park by tackling our triple challenge of cycling, climbing and kayaking on Saturday 8th June.

If you want to see Wiltshire from a great height take part in our skydive at Old Sarum Airfield, near Salisbury, on 2nd June. Jumping in tandem with a professional instructor from either 10,000 or 15,000 feet, you can see the sights of Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge.

It costs £3.75 million a year to keep the air ambulance flying and we are not funded directly by the Government and receive no National Lottery grants.

For more information about our events go to our website

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events/> or call the charity team on 01225 300536.

Registered charity number: 1144097

LOCAL MUSICAL EVENTS

*(not forgetting our own Seend Singers.
See contact details inside back cover.)*



Lavington Community Choir Latest News

We are working on Canticque de Jean Racine, a piece of music for 4 voices composed by Gabriel Fauré and this is adding to a selection of songs from 'The Genius of Mozart' collection and from 'Songs of a Rainbow Nation' that we have already learned. Also to be tackled soon is 'Forever Motown' which includes of some favourites like 'Dancing in the Street' and 'What Becomes of the Broken Hearted'

Maybe you like the sound of this programme of music and would like to add your voice. There are no auditions and new members are always welcome. Just come along to Market Lavington Community Hall, 8 for 8.15 every Thursday.

For more information please contact Paula Boyagis, the musical director at pboyagis@gmail.com or Sue Ivey, committee member at sueivey3@aol.com

And finally - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!! Friday July 5th is our summer concert.

Dauntsey's school musicians and Dauntsey's Choral Society proudly present

A concert of *Midsummer Music* on Friday 21 June 2019 at 1930

In St Matthew's Church, Rushall (parking in field)

Music featuring Mendelssohn, Elgar, Rachmaninov and much more.

Free admission with Collection at the door raising funds for the church bells

We look forward to seeing you there!

CANTAMUS CHAMBER CHOIR

Saturday 18th May 2019 at 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Bradford on Avon

Tickets : £10/£5 students and under 18's available from

Wiltshire Music Centre 01225 860100 wiltshiremusic.org.uk

SILVER SWAN

Conductor – Mike Daniels; Organ – Steven Hollas; Piano Trio – Trefoil

Dvorak – Mass in D; Lauridsen – Les Chansons de Roses;

Gibbons – The Silver Swan

‘Orlando Gibbons’ stunning madrigal The Silver Swan inspired the title for Cantamus’ spring concert with choral music based on a theme of birds and flowers. Les Chansons de Roses by Morten Lauridsen and Eric Whitacre’s fabulously evocative Little Birds provide an American contemporary beauty while Dvorak’s Mass in D for organ and choir, written at the composer’s summer residence reflects his love of nature with a simple intimacy. And a treat is in store with a piano trio performed by Trefoil: Steven Hollas – Piano, Moira Alabaster – Violin and Xander Baker – ‘Cello

Charity no: 1176478



EDINGTON ARTS - CALLING ALL SINGERS!

The fifth Edington Arts Choral Workshop takes place on Saturday 18th May in Edington Priory Church, starting with registration at 9.30am and ending after tea and the final run-through at about 4.30pm. This year the leader is Paul Brough, Professor of Choral Conducting at the Royal Academy, former Principal Guest Conductor to the BBC Singers till 2016, and with over 60 broadcasts and many recordings with choirs and orchestras all over Europe under his belt.

We shall be learning how to sing four motets; ‘Ave Maria’ by Robert Parsons, (which traditionally brings the Edington Music Festival to a close), ‘I was glad’ and ‘Thou knowest Lord’ by Henry Purcell and ‘Ave Maria’ by Anton Bruckner. They are unaccompanied, but Chris Totney will be providing piano accompaniment during the rehearsals. The Bruckner ‘Ave Maria’ is written in seven parts, so all those tenors and basses out there will be particularly welcome!

Singers of all abilities are welcome; requirements are only that you have enthusiasm and can read music. You can listen to the Parsons Ave Maria, and follow the music, on the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on/choral-workshop .

Any non-singers are warmly invited to come for tea at 4pm and to stay on to hear the results of our hard work – no tickets needed.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on/choral-workshop, or phone Anne on 01380 831425; the cost is £20 plus £2 for music hire, and includes welcome and morning break refreshments.

SOME MORE DATES FOR YOUR 2019 DIARY



- 22nd June Summer Concert in Seend Church
29th June Hymns & Pimms Evening, Bulkington
30th June RBL Drumhead Service on Lye Field
5th July Ramblers' Skittles Social, Community Centre
24th July Repeat of History Revealed (Seend) event in Melksham Library
26th July School's Out BQ, Community Centre
27th July Start of Summer Saturday Breakfasts, Community Centre
27th July 50th Annual Fuchsia Show, Pavilion
17th August Gin tasting, Community Centre
24th August Night of Stage and Screen, Community Centre
5th October Oktobeerfest, Community Centre
12th October WI Centenary dinner, Community Centre
27th October Brewery Inn Pumpkin Competition
1st November Halloween Children's disco, Community Centre
9th November Day School on Stanley Spencer, Community Centre
16th November Wine and Food Fair, Community Centre
21st December Christmas Bingo, Community Centre

And Finally...

I made the mistake of hiring a Barista instead of a Barrister to defend me in court.

Although he did provide good grounds for my defence...



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

Church: Revd Ali Bridewell. 01380 739064. Revd Joshva John, 01380 828137. Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07938 270815. Churchwardens: Seend: Len Murray, 828513, Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; LPAs: Jane Goman 827121, Liz Futter 828485, Rosie Forsey 828843, Len Murray 828513, Sue Noad 870343, Sue Rose 871665, Hilary Hutchings 828129, Tina Yockney 827139.
Bell Tower Captain: L Murray 828513.

Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion bookings – www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html or 828970

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

Seend Community Centre - 828796. Bookings: 07703 814111. Seendcommunitycentre.com

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

Seend Parish Council Clerk – Mrs Sue Bond 07706 850859 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk

Seend Village Website: www.seend.org.uk – webmaster Neil Yockney 827139.

Seend School – 828334 **Seend Fund:** 01380 828757

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

MP Claire Perry, 01380 729358 (M-F 9.30am-1pm) claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk

MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265. **Melksham Area Board** – 07917 721371

Police: PCSO Maggie Ledbury (Internal:101 Ext 77436089 or Mobile: 07471028939

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

Book Clubs - *the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617(+ Brewery)*

Bouncy Club – Rebecca De Voogd 07840 382351

Cricket Club - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

Fawltly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617 & find Seend Village Pantomime on facebook

Fete – Liam Bergin – liam@thirdberg.com or 07738 269739

Flower Show –Carole Vince 828579

FoSS (Friends of Seend School) Peter Kay, friendsofseendschool@gmail.com

Historic Houses Club - Mary Warren 01225707357 or Neil Yockney 827139

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee – www.seendlyefield.org

Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606; Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.

Preschool - Rose Dick (Playleader) 828003

Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Ramblers - Sandy James 01380 739235

Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830

Seend CLT – www.seendclt.org info@seendclt.org

Seend Singers - Bob McCulloch 828508

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Table tennis – Chris Brooker, 828047

Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828687

Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA – Tessa Doe 828617

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

WI - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Joyce Harvey 828511

Wine Circle – Steve Parsons 07974 347487 or Simon McManus 07896 711764

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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Thurs	9-1.00	9-1.00
Fri	9-5.30	9-5.30
Sat	8.30-1.00	9-1.00
Sun	9-10.30	Closed
Bank Holidays	9-10.30	Closed

* note early closing