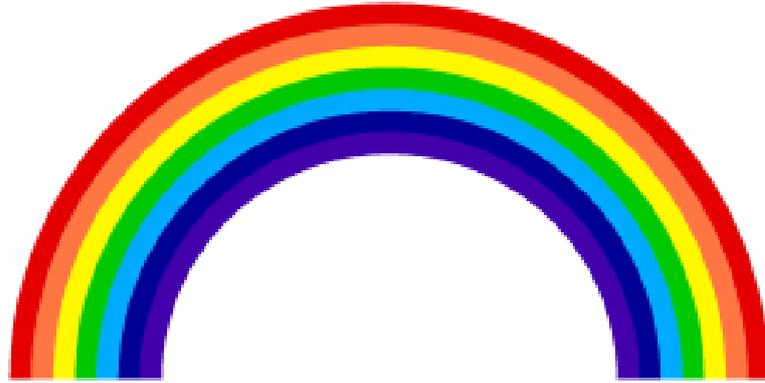


SPOTLIGHT

SEEND & BULKINGTON



ON LINE ONLY

IF YOU'VE FOUND US ONLINE – PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

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MAY 2020

DIARY DATES FOR MAY 2020

- 2nd Think about what fun the Beer Festival would have been
7th Clap for Key Workers 8 pm
8th Bank Holiday (Moved from the Monday for 75th anniversary of VE Day)
14th Clap for Key Workers 8 pm
18th LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE'S SPOTLIGHT
21st Clap for Key Workers 8 pm
25th Bank Holiday
28th Clap for Key Workers 8 pm

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<http://seend.org.uk/Assets/Adverts%202019%20layout.pdf>

If this does not work, please follow link at the www.seend.org.uk/spotlight.shtml

Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?

Visit www.seend.org.uk, www.bulkington.org.uk and the Spotlight, Seend Community Centre and Seend Village Group **facebook** pages.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the June 2020 edition (copy by Monday 18th May please) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post & Provisions. 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 (Unlikely at the moment, we know!). Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery when it resumes (828401) and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising. Volunteer deliverers can contact Fiona.

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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.

Our printing Captain, Joanna Goddard, is unwell and, in her own words, is not a fully functioning member of the Spotlight team at the moment but hopes to be so again in the future.

We're all thinking of you Joanna.

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Welcome to May Spotlight.....

We know that this is a very difficult time for many people in our villages. Some of you have fallen victim to the virus and others are suffering financially through not being able to work. We have all missed participating in the many activities usually provided in the community and having real contact with friends and family. Your Spotlight team feels for you all. However, we have decided to concentrate on:

NICE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN HAPPENING DURING LOCKDOWN

A number of people have been organising things to help occupy children on their daily walks. Rachel Downham created a wonderful Easter bunny trail that started in the Cleeve then got moved up to Seend. John Hardwick has put out some burnt wood pictures for children to take home and colour, lovely fairy doors have been appearing (we're not sure who is responsible for those) and more painted stones seem to be around than before – including lots of rainbows. See pages 14-15. Please let us know of other things and people that we should acknowledge here next month.

Pictures have been placed in windows throughout the village for children to spot on their walks – and Stacey Vaux has given us a list of what pictures to put in your windows for May:

Week 1 - Star Wars (*May the fourth.....*)

Week 2 - Strawberries

Week 3 - Hearts

Week 4 - Growing (think allotments, watering cans)

Home baking and cooking have come back into fashion and gardens have never looked so good. Friends, neighbours and volunteers have been shopping for those self-isolating, Link drivers have been taking people to medical appointments, and some who are handy with sewing machines (Yvette Rowe and Amy Plumb are two we know about through facebook) have been sewing scrubs and laundry bags for nurses and carers while Nathan Hamblin and others have been manufacturing visors. Last but not least, lots of us have been turning out on Thursday evenings to clap for NHS staff and all those other key workers whether in the food supply chain - from farms and factories to shops to delivery vans - postal workers, utilities, public transport and other public services who have kept our world turning. Thank you all!

A REMINDER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES: THE SEEND 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 may be able to help. The Trustees promise complete confidentiality. Don't hesitate to send details, saying how much you need, what it is for and when you need it by. The fund can't make huge donations, but may be able to help carry you over in this very difficult time.

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.)

Walter Mayell

Walter (Bib) Mayell, Retired Church Warden of Holy Cross Church, Seend, passed away peacefully on 13th April 2020 at the RUH, Bath, aged 80 years. A wonderful husband to Rosemary and stepfather to Nick, Gaye, Kate and Simon. Sadly missed by all the village. A memorial service for Bib will be announced later in the summer.

Bib's neighbour, Len Murray, recalls: "Bib was one of the first people I got to know in the village as I used to see him locking up the church in the afternoons and evenings, a task which, as his mobility deteriorated, became more perilous for him over the years due to having to cross the busy road. He carried on doing it as long as he could as it was his 'daily exercise' – thrusting his wheelie Zimmer frame out in front of enormous lorries! He always liked a chat and was a font of local knowledge, especially regarding the repairs and building of certain Seend properties which he and his brothers Jim and Charlie had been involved with, the family business having been started by their grandfather in the 19th century. There's a well-known photograph of Bib repairing a roof. Bib enjoyed his 80th birthday last year with family and friends on a beautifully sunny July Saturday afternoon. We rang the church bells to honour the occasion, at Rosemary's request, which gave him a great deal of pleasure. He had learnt to ring the bells along with his brother Charlie when they were youngsters, but although Charlie went on to become Tower Captain, Bib didn't continue with the pastime. A keen gardener, the large grounds of Somner Place were well tended and enjoyed by Bib in later years when he was able to drive his buggy around the paved areas. He would sometimes call over to me to discuss the trimming of the massive wall of ivy that covered the wall between our gardens. Eventually, shortly before his last bout of ill health took him to hospital, we agreed that the ivy had to go, a gargantuan task which pleased him greatly!"

Janet James

Janet died suddenly while travelling in Australia with husband Terry on 1st April aged 66. Our thoughts are with Terry and children Caroline and Robert. We'll miss her.

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**.



We are still operating during the crisis and can help with transport.

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

Telephone 07532 055560

www.seend.org.uk/seend_link

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE



The Community Centre, like so many organisations, remains closed but we continue to monitor the building and think about longer term events. ABBA Sensation is rebooked for December and we very much hope that the Beer Festival and plenty of other events can be

rearranged. As always, our Facebook page will be up to date with any news. Meanwhile, we have been heartened by the support of our community and in particular from Seend Short Mat Bowls, the Panto team and the Arts Day School Group, all of whom have not only paid their usual hire rates but have generously given us a little extra. We are so very lucky to have such loyal and helpful friends at a time when we need them.

Rob, Rose, Paul and Carrie are all on furlough but I know they are all raring to come back to work. The committee meets via email and our Treasurer, David Purdy, has been working hard on financial applications. The Centre will be the community hub it always has been as soon as the community can gather and we look forward very much to seeing you when that time comes.

Meanwhile, if anyone has any questions about the Centre, please feel free to get in touch with me directly.

Hatty Stafford Charles, hattysc@gmail.com

SEEND VILLAGE FETE 2020

Dear villagers

We're sure a few of you have wondered what's going to happen with the Fete this year. We've been following developments closely and we are sure it comes as no surprise, we have concluded that due to the unpredictability of the situation we're finding ourselves in, we will 'postpone' the Fete until next year 14th of August 2021 by which time I'm sure we will all be in need of a big village celebration!



As from today we will be posting updates publicly on the postponement, and what this means to the village as a whole. The Fete celebrates community. For 61 years to date, the village has come together to raise money for its valued assets. During the recent weeks, we have seen the community come together in other ways, helping neighbours in need, talking more, ensuring those isolating are safe and well. These actions, once again, remind us how special Seend is and how wonderful those who live here are.

So what's the plan?

As the Fete is the principal fundraiser for the Seend Lye Field and not running it means we'll be left with a massive hole in our fundraising target (around £7,000.00 per annum). We have decided to plan a different kinda fundraising event later this summer. We are hoping that we (the village collectively) can find creative ways to raise money for our village whilst adhering to rules set out by the Government.

Our first thought, prior to lock down, was to have a picnic in the park style event, on the Lye. As we hear that social distancing may remain enforced throughout this year, we have turned our minds to a 'virtual' picnic. One day, we will encourage everyone to dress up their gardens with bunting, bake a cake, light the BBQ, and pour a G&T! All the things you would have done on Fete day.

What can you do?

We would like every household to host sponsored events/games (at home) and document the day through photos and videos which can be shared with the rest of the village via our social pages and if you can't participate, please donate to those who can. (I heard of one girl, trying to raise £800, by performing 800 cartwheels, in 8 days, before her 8th birthday... What a brilliantly simple idea!!)

All fundraising can take place between now and then, much like TV fundraisers like Children in Need or Comic Relief. In the run up to the day, we will shout out to all those who have signed up to raise money, supporting them however we can. On the day itself, we will give updates on what has been raised and who is getting involved!

As volunteers, you can all help in different ways, most specifically encouraging the village to participate. To inspire by setting yourself your own challenge or to contribute ideas on ways to meet our fundraising goal.

It's a major re-think but we're hoping that this is something we all can look forward to and be part of.

What we need from you?

Suggestions! We would welcome any suggestions you may have on fundraising such as sponsored challenges, virtual auctions & quizzes, crafts you can make and sell with profits going into the fundraising pot etc.

Next steps

We will be creating a fundraising page which we can all use, all share. The event will support the village as a whole, and not just the Lye Field.

Further updates will follow in due course.

Until then keep safe, stay home, safe lives...

Your Seend Fete Committee

To stay in the loop, please sign up to our Facebook page @seendfete or alternatively check out our website seendfete.co.uk.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

Coronavirus

Wiltshire Council has produced a COVID-19 Community Pack which contains useful contact numbers and websites for advice etc. A copy of this is on our Parish Council website: www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk Wiltshire Council's webpage on this is: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus> This will give all the latest information in Wiltshire on COVID-19 in the coming days and weeks ahead. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

If anyone is self isolating and needs assistance with errands, deliveries or someone to talk to, there is a Melksham Community Support Team who can help. Please ring 01225 809265 or email support@melkshamcommunity.co.uk.

We will keep our website and noticeboards updated with any information we receive from Wiltshire Council.

Parish Council Meetings

Because of the COVID 19 lockdown, all Parish Council meetings have been cancelled for the foreseeable future until further advised by Wiltshire Council. This will include the Annual Parish Meeting which will now be carried over until 2021 with the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman carried over to next year. The Coronavirus Act 2020 has allowed temporary changes altering the legal requirements on local authority meetings that cover County, Town and Parish Councils in these difficult times.

Seend Parish Council are trying to carry on with important work remotely via email between the Clerk and the Councillors. In this way, in March the Parish Council has approved the Corporate Governance Questionnaire for the Internal Auditors and approved payment of invoices and commented on two tree planning applications. Notes have been made of what has been undertaken by the Parish Council and appear on the minutes page of the website.

Park Farm Planning Application – 20/02213/FUL

Site Location: Agricultural land, Park Farm, Seend Cleeve

Proposal: Erection of one four bed self-build house and 10 affordable homes.

Anyone wishing to submit a comment can do so via the Wiltshire Council planning portal. The deadline for comments is 7th May.

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-applications-search> (put in the application ref number).

By email: developmentmanagement@wiltshire.gov.uk

By Post: Development Management, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN.

SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

May 2020 Update

The Neighbourhood Plan consultation period is now closed, and work has begun looking through your comments and those from others such as Wiltshire Council.

The Steering Group and Place Studio have collated a full schedule of all responses received to the Regulation 14 Consultation spreadsheet. Once finalised, the spreadsheet will be an appendix to the Consultation Statement (required to be submitted to Wiltshire Council with the Neighbourhood Plan).

Thank you to all of you who sent comments. Here is a résumé of the comments.

- A total of 23 responses, disaggregated into approximately 128 comments, have been recorded as received during the Regulation 14 Consultation.
- Comments are generally supportive of the content of the Plan and in many cases add useful local detail, and constructive input for the final drafting of the Plan.
- Wiltshire Council has provided a number of helpful and constructive comments on the Plan, including recommended wording for strengthening the wording of the policies.
- Historic England commends the Plan's emphasis on the historic environment.
- The Canal & River Trust welcomes the Plan's recognition of the Canal as an important asset in the Parish. This relates to the Canal's key role in the green infrastructure network and the important unlisted heritage assets along the Canal that the Plan identifies.
- A few respondents comment that the Plan should be more ambitious in confronting the climate emergency and promoting sustainable development. Respondents suggest that the Plan should promote renewable energy, be stronger in promoting net biodiversity gain and generally increase resilience to climate change through various means.
- Comments were also made about the need for the Plan to address the potential Melksham By-pass and its impact on the Parish.

Each comment will now be addressed in detail, and responses will be made to each. Place Studio will propose amendments to the Plan, which reflect the Regulation 14 comments where appropriate. A meeting of the Steering Group, Place Studio and Wiltshire Council is scheduled for 12th May (via Zoom), in which the proposed amendments will be discussed and agreed. These will be incorporated into the Plan, which can then be submitted to Wiltshire Council (Regulation 15), who will hold a Regulation 16 consultation. There is another 6-week minimum period of consultation. The Plan will be examined and a report issued setting out whether the Plan meets the basic conditions. If any modifications are needed they will be made before proceeding to referendum.

The final stage of the Neighbourhood Plan creation will be the referendum. There are some important changes to neighbourhood planning (from 7th April) **in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic** that have implications for the timetable of the full 'adoption' or making of the Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Development Plan for Wiltshire: Regulations linked to the Coronavirus Act 2020 mean that **no elections or referendums can take place until 6 May 2021¹**. This includes neighbourhood planning referendums. However, linked to this, current planning guidance has been updated to set out that **neighbourhood plans awaiting referendums can be given significant weight** in decision-making. This last piece of news is, of course, very frustrating for all those who have been involved in the creation of this NDP. The Steering Group had been so hopeful that our Plan would be

completed before the end of the year. Nevertheless this is minor compared to other events, and it reminds us that ‘nothing is certain’.

¹ These provisions will be kept under review and may be amended or revoked in response to changing circumstances.

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

CLT PLANNING APPLICATION NEWS

The planning application for our community led Park Farm affordable homes development was submitted to Wiltshire Council before the recent COVID-19 restrictions came into effect in March. Our CLT has worked with our community to provide sustainable affordable homes for parish people. This is something that communities all over the UK are doing by taking up the powers granted to them by the Localism Act 2011 to have a say in how their communities develop. Our Neighbourhood Plan is also part of this localism progress.

The CLT Board wishes to thank all of the community minded Seend people who, since 2016, have steadfastly supported the CLT and its initiative to bring both localism and affordable homes to Seend. Our homes project could not have been brought to life without the support of the many agencies involved, from the unsung Spotlight delivery volunteers to Seend Parish Council, who provided CLT seed corn funding, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group who provided both guidance and the framework for development, to Wiltshire Council and Homes England, the housing accelerator arm of our government that provided just over £70,000 to enable both the Park Farm project and our CLT to exist.

Together, we now have the real opportunity to provide well designed, generously proportioned, sustainable homes of our own with annual energy costs of approximately £200. **This will not happen without the continuing and active support of Seend Parish Community through the planning application process.**

The next Seend Community Land and Asset Trust meeting will be held as soon as practicable following the lifting of public meeting restrictions. Meanwhile, you may wish to keep up to date with CLT issues via the web site at www.seendclt.org.

Steve Vaux, Seend CLT

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

The View from My Window (virtually speaking)

The first thing that comes to my mind today is thank God. “You must be joking” I hear you say, but I really mean it, so what is it that provokes that thought? Obviously it’s not the virus. I would be a psychopath or something similar if I thought that. No, it’s the incredible beauty of the area that we live in and the opportunity to take time to notice.

I am lucky; we live in the centre of the village and we have quite a big garden, with a stream going through it. How idyllic is that? Normally most of us spend a lot of time and energy booking holidays and pouring over travel brochures, in order to get away,

but now all we have to do is go into the garden, or walk down the road, and be amazed. At the time of writing we are enjoying beautiful weather, and when I go out I can hear bees and birds, and not much else. (Is it my imagination or are the birds noisier this year?) The tulips are a wonderful colour and my tomato and beetroot seeds have germinated, and I have been playing with the idea of having a special little bower under the apple tree, an area which up until now I have neglected. The cow parsley is just coming into its own, like champagne I always think, and the aroma of the May is unmistakable. So what have we got to complain about; it is surreal isn't it? I don't know anyone who is ill, and because I fall into that category of people who are past the age of doing anything I don't do a lot. And yet; and yet....

The whole planet is under threat. Where weapons of mass destruction fail, the tiny virus is spreading like an invisible cloud and it has changed everything, and we dare not look into the future. We must pray for our scientists, all our health workers and all the others who are really contributing to keeping our civilisation going.

Meanwhile even the churches, those buildings which are always there, those bastions of our history, are closed. But are they? At this time where people really could feel so alone, others are reaching out by any means they can to keep in contact, and I never thought I would put this in print, but thank God for the internet, and by the amazing technology of Zoom and the like we can still see each other, even if we can't visit. I have spoken to so many people, and almost without exception people are saying that they are more in contact with their families than ever before. In case anyone ever thinks that the church is just that beautiful building down the road, Alleluia, now we know that actually the church is the people who go out into the community and out of their way to help wherever they can, and most of all to pray together and to maintain a community even though they cannot meet in person.

And so, whilst there is such enormous sadness in our country and in our world, the same old thing seems to be triumphing; love. We are not weaker; we are stronger. Our hearts are not diminished but enhanced. Our compassion for others is greater, not smaller, and we are able to go out and see and feel and experience the God given beauty that is all around us.

Today is today; let it be. And Jesus said "do not worry about your life....

Consider the lilies of the field; they toil not neither do they spin and yet I say unto you that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these."

Thank God for today.

Jane Knowles



CHURCH SERVICES

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

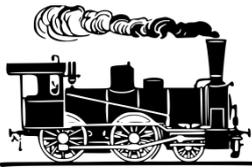
Sadly all church services are cancelled until further notice, however, should you like to join an on-line service, please visit the Wellsprings Benefice

website: <https://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk/>.

Here you will be able to sign up for online services using Zoom, updates and other links. Alternatively you can contact any of the following for further details: Our Priest: Rev Joshva John – 828137 (joshva.john@gmail.com), Len (828513), Tina (827139), or our Rector: Rev Ali Bridewell - 01380 739604.

You can also check out the Salisbury Cathedral website (<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/>) who - along with many local churches - are posting videos of their services on their websites.

BULKINGTON NEWS



GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY

It is positively awful having all this lovely weather around Easter and not having the garden full of happy children riding the railway.

Like everyone else I'm fed up of doing gardening and not being able to go out. So it would seem a good idea to have something to look forward to.

So providing we survive the dreaded virus (and are in reasonable health), once we are free to mix with other people again we will hold an 'Open Day' on the GBR.

As long as boys and girls bring along a Teddy Bear They can have free rides! Stay Safe, Stay at Home,

Cheers, Nev

Contact Station Master Nev Boulton - nev.boulton@outlook.com



BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"

There's been no draw as there have been no events to draw it at!

Watch this space.

Phyl

Please note that Buzzz Group is suspended.

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

Regretfully we are having to cancel our meetings.

Liz Futter 828485

The Mobile Library is currently not running, but please check @WiltshireMobileLibraries (Facebook) or @WiltsLibraries (Twitter) for updates.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

There is little to report on this month for most organisations, but see the inside back cover for contact information for when things are happening again and you want to join in.



SEEND WI

In these strangest of times, we must be grateful to live in such a wonderful place. The village is ablaze with colourful blossom and the gardens are buzzing with insects. It certainly helps to lift the spirits. The President is keeping contact with the membership generally and especially those in need of special care at the present time. For lighter relief the Secretary has published an Occasional Newsletter with contributions from members, as a way of keeping contact. They have laughed at the little stories and puzzled over the quizzes and enjoyed the photographs. Two editions have been published so far with a third currently in production for early May.

Despite the lockdown, a full programme has been prepared for 2020/21 for when we are able to resume meetings. If you are not currently a member of WI but are interested in finding out more, do contact us and we shall be pleased to share our future plans with you. Non-members are always welcomed and can attend one meeting without any obligation to join.

In normal times 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

The bus remains in The Barge Inn car park clean, checked, full of fuel with drivers willing to volunteer for emergency transport if needed. We all hope that won't be necessary.



In the meantime there is a reason why the sky is so blue. With so many cars off the road and factories closed the planet can literally take a breather. The World Health Organisation has calculated that we have already saved far more lives by reducing pollution than the virus has claimed. From Indian cities the folk can now see the Himalayas in the distance for the first time. I can safely ride my bike on the main roads rather than getting in the way of walkers and barge owners and the lorries have space to give me a wide berth.

When this is all over we will all be desperate to get out and about but remember what you were able to do without your cars and that your lovely low-emission community bus is there for you.

Anita Shea.

News from Wiltshire Council

Coronavirus or COVID-19, what an incalculable difference those words and their meaning have had to our lives. Even those of us in Wiltshire who currently live in a low risk area and with fewer tragic deaths here than in other areas have seen a total change to the way we live. I write this as we reach the fourth week of lockdown with little sign of emergence in sight. My own family are observing severe segregation due to underlying medical issues but together we share the trials and tribulations of this dreadful situation.

There is little local political news. In local government Councillors have stepped back and supported the experienced and professional officers of Wiltshire Council in their seven day a week endeavours to deal with the effects of the crisis and keep essential local services going. This is not the time for political point scoring although social media is full of disquiet at the failure of some national journalists and some national politicians to support the national mood of stoic resolution to tackle this crisis. Critical local services such as refuse collection are continuing with little interruption and Wiltshire Council is doing its very best to efficiently facilitate the local distribution of essential government assistance to businesses through the grant system.

Much of the real local work is taking place in our towns and villages. The spirit is a typical British effort of rallying round to help the most vulnerable in our communities. In our own Melksham Community area we were one of the quickest off the mark with a Melksham Community Aid system and website active within days of the start of the crisis and our Area Board meets on line every week to help to coordinate the Area effort. Councillors are in regular touch with local efforts and trying to help to oil the wheels of bureaucracy. Central Government has decided that many aspects of local government are to continue (and this includes the planning system) although the provision of virtual committee meetings has been allowed in the CORVID Act for all aspects of local government.

Locally every village and hamlet in the Area has seen the emergence of a commendable system to look after those who are struggling to look after themselves by collecting shopping, prescriptions or other services that individuals cannot access themselves. Please support these Herculean efforts as they continue to make a difference to people's lives especially the superb effort in Seend, where individuals are doing so much and businesses such as the village shop, Padfields Porkies and our pubs are adapting and making such a difference to local life.

Lockdown is not easy for anyone, whether or not the individual is vulnerable but already there are positive signs even from lockdown and this has started with families and communities having quality time for each other and taking a step back from our busy lives. I doubt any of us will go back to precisely the lives we lived before but in the meantime Best Wishes and PLEASE we all need to STAY HOME, in doing so SAVE LIVES and PROTECT THE NHS

Jonathon Seed, Wiltshire Councillor for Summerham and Seend
Chairman Melksham Area Board

SEEND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS



Football : Tennis : Short Mat Bowls : The Turf : Cricket :...all on hold!

Athletics :

It is good to see so many in Seend doing their daily run for the hour or whatever is permitted. However Owen Lithel can cover about 12 miles in that time whereas some of us think that 4 miles is quite a reasonable distance. Should the government be thinking in terms of distance rather than time limits?

Video Gaming :

This was recently reclassified by the IOC as a “sport” hence we feel obliged to include the same in our column. All enthusiasts are asked to put together a lockdown related video using the Tik Tok app, but limited to two and a half minutes. We will judge the same in the June issue. Send your entries to frankiegoddard@gmail.com

Veg Box Deliveries :

Another new category for the sports section. Many thanks and congratulations to the delivery boys, Henry S-C and Oscar Peters, the O'Reilly organising team, our postmistress Sophie and of course Natalie, the mainstay of the village shop alongside Jerome. The Veg Box High Street Race will take place once lockdown is over. Full details and entry forms will be available from me in the near future.

Drama:

Seend Fawltly Players have donated £300 each to Alzheimer's Support Wiltshire (in memory of Mike Ridgway), FoSS for improvements to Seend School's outdoor classroom and to Lavington School towards a Forest School. Thanks for your support that made this possible.

Keep safe and look after each other. FG
Frankie Goddard – 828488

BITS AND BOBS

PERSONAL ADS

You can advertise non-commercial items for sale, wanted etc here for just £2. Please leave the money for Spotlight in Seend Post & Provisions or deliver to 6 New Buildings, Seend Cleeve. Thank you.

HOLIDAY CARAVAN IN SWANAGE

A 4/6 berth immaculate, and well equipped static caravan sited at Swanage Bay View Holiday Park is available for hire. It has 2 bedrooms, a sunny West facing deck, with hill and bay views, parking for two cars, and is situated in a quiet cut-de-sac within the Park, which has a cafe, bar, gym and pool. This, together with easy access to the beach, heritage railway and surrounding countryside makes this a great base to explore the Isle of Purbeck. The caravan can be hired for full weeks or short breaks at competitive rates, For further details please contact Anne Ewing on 828557 or 07881 444787, or check out ukcaravans4hire.com, reference 9850.

FEED THE BIRDS

Feeding garden birds is a very British tradition and now has been more important to us as for many our garden has been a wonderful safe haven.

In spring parent birds are rushing around making nests and finding natural foods (mainly insects) to feed their young. These adults will use the food you give them to fuel themselves during this hectic time.

When the young have fledged the adults will teach their offspring places to source food and this will include your feeders.

An important point not to forget is to put out some shallow water containers for the garden birds to drink from and bathe in. Not too deep so that young fledglings do not drown in them.

Site your feeders and bird bath away from walls and fences where cats could pounce from and if cats do come into your garden then consider using a bird table rather than putting down ground feeders. Do not put them near to hedges, trees and other large dense shrubs. This will allow small birds to quickly get away to safety if a predator like a magpie or sparrow hawk is hunting them. You could grow more prickly shrubs and trees to help; not only for birds to find safety in but also for nesting sites as well as making predators move more slowly around the extra obstacles in your garden when hunting give the small birds time to get away.



FOOD BANKS

With self-isolation and school closures adding to demand, food banks are going to be of vital help to the community. Don't forget to leave a donation at your local supermarket if and when you go shopping. Thank you.



THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

During the current lockdown we would like to notify you of the services still available through The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust to those over 60 or 18+ with a registered disability.

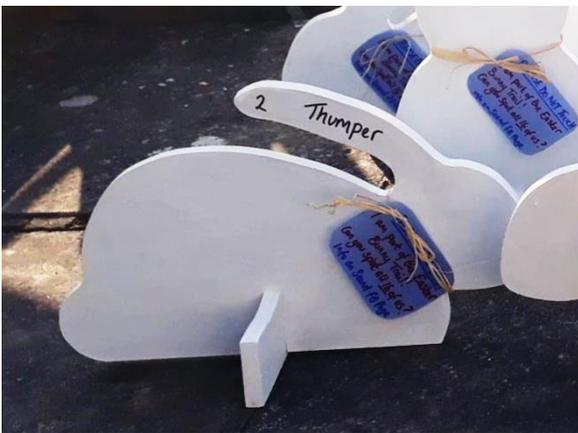
Our team of Home Security Operators are still securing the homes of victims of house crime and domestic abuse. Our office team are on hand to give telephone support and advice on a range of home security issues. Please call 01380 861155 and leave a message, your call will be returned within a few hours during working hours. Our operators are also delivering Personal Protective Equipment for Wiltshire Police across the County. Our team of Stay Safe Online volunteers are available to offer telephone advice on a range of issues from improving cyber security awareness, to cyber and scam prevention advice and signposting to future advice and resources. Please call and leave a message on 01380 861191 and someone will get back you shortly.

EDINGTON ARTS

Edington Arts are delighted that they have managed to reschedule the Operatunity concert which was to have been on May 9th.

It will now take place as an afternoon concert on Sunday October 11th, the day after the Choral Workshop. Full details in due course. www.edingtonarts.org.

We've 'stolen' some photos from facebook reports of some of the children's activities mentioned earlier in the magazine. We hope those we've stolen from don't mind, but thought it would be nice for others to see what we were reporting on: Easter bunnies ready for the Bunny Trail; painted stones waiting to be found and re-hidden; fairy doors; and one of the burnt wood pictures before and after. Thanks to all the creative and imaginative people in our community!





And Finally.....

“I’m working from home at the moment.....”



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, Mike Rose 01380 871665; 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

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

Police: PCSO 6039 Janet GOULD - Mobile 07471029772 –janet.gould@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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 – Brian Hunt 828581

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

Football – Trevor Vowles

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 – Jenny Phillips 828822

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 – Liam Bergin 07738 269739

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

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