

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



NOVEMBER 2020

DIARY DATES FOR LATE OCTOBER

31st /1st Nov Children's pumpkin trail by FoSS

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

2nd Seend Playgroup new term starts

4th Virtual Area Board meeting re: Melksham Bypass

5th Guy Fawkes Night

8th Remembrance Sunday

8th Seend & District Ramblers – details tbc

9th Mobile Library has recommenced! Times may be slightly altered. Please check.

14th DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 20/JANUARY 2021 EDITION

24th Parish Council Meeting

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.

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Yet more virtual hugs for Joanna from all the Spotlight team.

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.

Welcome to November Spotlight.....

N.B. Details of events mentioned in this magazine may have to change as Coronavirus restrictions change. Please check with organisers.



Firework parties and displays will presumably be small, family affairs this year, but we expect we shall all get a glimpse of some. Guy Fawkes seems to be a fairly popular chap at the moment in some circles.

Well done to FoSS (Friends of Seend School) for organising a pumpkin trail for the children, as the usual 'trick and treat' outings are likely to be somewhat curtailed. A map is available in Seend Post and Provisions.

The Melksham Area Board meeting on 4th November will launch the consultation period on possible routes for a Melksham Bypass, one of which crosses the canal between the Barge and the Bowerhill picnic area. More on that inside, including from our Wiltshire Council representative, Jonathon Seed.

November is, of course, the month of remembrance. Details of Remembrance Day ceremonies and services are given inside the magazine.

We have yet more new adverts in the centre of the magazine for you. Just about every sort of local business you could want is there! And Seend Post & Provisions has added a couple of new services to its advert on the back page. We also enclose two flyers - one about the Community Centre and one about some delicious apple juice - in copies of the magazine being delivered in Seend.

There's an article about a new local Debt Counselling Centre which, along with the Seend Fund described below, may be of help to those in our community who have been hit hard financially by Covid restrictions.

Stay safe everyone.

And congratulations to the Brewery Inn on being Pub of the Week in the Devizes Gazette & Wiltshire Times!

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. In the past it has contributed towards paying rent, paying for food, fuel, electrical appliances, school and work clothes, wheelchairs, medical equipment, vets bills, musical instruments, training, school trips and charitable work. The Trustees promise complete confidentiality. Don't hesitate to send your details, saying how much you need, what 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.)

NEEDED – A GIFT AID SECRETARY FOR THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

We are looking for a Gift Aid Secretary for the Church Of The Holy Cross - to take over from Bob McCulloch.

The task is not onerous - it involves collecting and recording Sunday donations and informing contributors - at the end of the financial year - of the amount they have paid. The Gift Aid Secretary works alongside our helpful Treasurer - Neil Yockney. If anyone would like to help, please get in touch with Bob or Neil (contact information below). Bob will, of course, hand over and explain in person how it works.

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Information from the Melksham Community Matters Newsletter

Melksham Bypass Plans

Wiltshire Council's cabinet on Tuesday 13th October approved plans for a non-statutory engagement exercise into a proposed A350 bypass around Melksham.

The council is currently exploring the case for a new bypass to take the A350 around Melksham, and later this month will be seeking the views of residents, businesses, town and parish councils, and other stakeholders on the progress made so far, and the proposed route options.

The council will present the progress of the project so far at the Melksham Area Board public meeting on Wednesday 4th November, and then give people the opportunity to take part in an initial engagement exercise. More information on the engagement exercise and how people can have their say will be available soon.

The engagement exercise will seek feedback on the early stages of the scheme development as the council creates an outline business case. It will be followed by further consultation later in 2021.

Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member for Highways, said: "This marks the next step towards a bypass for Melksham that would create a more reliable, less congested transport network; support economic and planned development growth at key locations; reduce air pollutants and emissions from transport; and also improve safety for all road users.

“We’ll be releasing more details soon on how people can have their say on the proposed route options at this early stage of the project, though it is important to note that at this stage, all route options are indicative and do not show the exact route that any road may take. The specifics of any preferred route will be subject to full consultation in 2021.

“Once this initial engagement is complete, we will begin to prepare an outline business case that will also include the outcome of the consultation, before it can be submitted to the Department for Transport in autumn 2021.”

The council was initially awarded Department for Transport (DfT) funding in March 2020 to further develop the case for the A350 Melksham bypass, having considered its initial submission in July 2019.

Since then, the council has been undertaking technical exercises to enhance the evidence base for a bypass, with this work, along with public feedback, due to inform the outline business case.

The scheme is being promoted through the DfT’s Large Local Majors Fund, which is intended to support a small number of large local highway authority road schemes that could not be funded through normal routes. If approved, the scheme could cost around £135m in total, but this would depend on the route option chosen.

The consultation will be formally launched at the Melksham Area Board meeting on Wednesday 4th November at 7pm.*

**Please note that this meeting will be ‘virtual’. Once log in details are obtained they will be posted on Seend Parish Council website.*

One of the route options crosses the canal very close to – and very visible from – Seend, so you may wish to investigate. Eds.

SEEND FETE COMMITTEE NEWS



Dear villagers

As mentioned in last month’s update, Nicole and I are looking to take a break from managing the Fete. We are really proud of what was achieved this year, and have really enjoyed engaging with the community and raising money for the village, however since lockdown, we have decided that for the short term, our energies need to be spent closer to home, both on the boys and our businesses.

We are asking for those who have time to give, to take the reins for the next few years. Nicole and I are happy to support whomever steps up. We feel a committee of six persons would be the perfect number to continue this tradition.

Posters

We still have a number of ‘Lockdown’ posters available for £10 per poster with all proceeds go to the village fund. See our facebook profile for details @seendfete

Masks

A reminder that there are still masks for sale at Hilary Hutchings should you need a few more: £5.00 per mask with all proceeds going to the village fund.

Car Boot Sales

We are looking for volunteers to help us manage a stall at the 'West Ashton Car Boot Sale'. Before lockdown, a number of items were collected for the White Elephant Stall. As storage space is limited in the village, we feel this may be a good opportunity to both sell some items and make a few extra quid for the village. If you are interested in helping, please do get in touch seendfete@gmail.com

Your Seend Fete Committee

#thebigpicnicseend2020
#teamseend

#fundraisingforourcommunity
#seendfete2020

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council New Website - www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

The Parish Council has a new website. It has been created by the Clerk. As well as the statutory requirements to publish all Parish Council information, it now contains much more information about Seend Parish including a village directory, a brief history of Seend, a gallery of photographs and useful links to information from Wiltshire Council.

The impetus for creating a new website comes from the new accessibility standards that all public sector websites must now meet. Whilst the new website is not wholly compliant yet, it is much improved from the old version and there are accessibility features imbedded in it that should make it easier to read for those in need. Anyone in the Parish that uses screen readers, hand held devices, etc to access websites would be welcome to give feedback to the Clerk, so that she can continue to make improvements to ensure it is accessible to all.

Area Board Boundary Review

Following the Electoral Boundary review carried out by the Boundary Commission in 2018/19, changes have been made to a number of electoral boundaries and wards. These will come into effect in May 2021 in time for the local government elections. Seend Parish will be moved into a new ward with other parishes and known as Devizes Rural West.

Wiltshire Council is now undertaking a review of the Area Board boundaries. Currently, Seend is in the Melksham Area Board. They are now recommending that Seend should be moved into the Devizes Area Board along with a number of other parishes.

Depending on when you get your copy of Spotlight, there is an opportunity to send in your comments by completing an online survey. The deadline is 31st October. I have put details of this on the Parish Council website under the Wiltshire Council page.

Parish Steward

As you know the Parish Steward visits our parish for two days each month to undertake a variety of tasks agreed by the Parish Council. Many of the tasks have been requested by parishioners. The tasks can include, filling the smaller potholes, hand clearance of vegetation from drains/gulleys, clearing weeds and overgrown

hedging from pavement areas, painting of street signs. Some months (such as August) he is assigned to other jobs by Wiltshire Council so does not visit. Two days is never enough time to complete all the tasks that he is regularly asked to do. Many get carried over to the next month and the next...

So, as we enter the winter months, and the amount of leaves that will fall and settle on the pavements, could we ask that when you are clearing leaves from your garden, that, if it is safe to do so, you also sweep the leaves from the pavements in front of your property to avoid any mishaps. If everyone does a little bit it will mount up to a whole lot!

Flood Plan

The Parish Council is in the process of preparing a flood plan for the Parish. Whilst there is a low risk of flooding from rivers and ground water in the residential areas, the main risk is from blocked drains and ditches. The aim is to take a pro-active approach to ensure that all drains/gullies are kept clear. Some Councillors have agreed to be flood wardens to cover the main areas of the parish and to keep an eye on the more vulnerable spots. We would like to enlist the help of parishioners as well. If you have a drain on the road edge outside your house, please can you check it from time to time. If it looks like it needs some clearing then please let the clerk know. The Flood plan will be put on the website once it is approved by the parish council.

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks

A representative from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) has been in touch with the parish council to explain how they can help communities become more resilient in the event of a prolonged power cut.

They talked through their Priority Services Register that residents who may need extra support during a power cut can sign up to. Those eligible to join the Priority services are:

- Those dependent on electricity for medical home care e.g. Kidney dialysis machine/ventilator
- Those who have a chronic illness or short-term medical condition e.g. recovering from a major operation
- Those who are disabled
- Those who have special communication needs e.g. blind, partially sighted, deaf or hard of hearing
- Those who have children under five years old
- Those who are over 60 years old

To register with the priority service, you can call FREE on 0800 294 3259 from a landline or mobile or 0800 316 5457 from a textphone. Or use the website <https://www.ssen.co.uk/Home/>

If you would like a Priority Services leaflet, please contact Seend Parish Council on:
Email: clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk

To report all power cuts and emergencies call 105.

Letter from Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire.

During the past few months of the COVID19 pandemic, the imaginative ideas, collaboration and generosity shown by many groups and individuals, voluntary and otherwise, across Wiltshire and Swindon has been inspirational and uplifting.

As Her Majesty The Queen's representative, I would like to thank you, your friends and colleagues for the wonderful and important contribution you have made to the community at large.

May I ask you kindly share this message with those you have worked with and after this extraordinary and challenging period let us hope for brighter times ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Rose Troughton, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire

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](http://www.seend.org.uk/seend_link)



CHURCH NEWS

PASTORAL LETTER

The church calendar of festivals and events is ancient, but not ancient in an out of date way but in an ever more relevant way for our times. For example, when things feel like they are changing for the worse, like the move from the glorious days of summer into the blustery autumn and on into the frozen winter, the church calendar offers us a Harvest Festival. And what a celebration it was this year with our drive-in harvest thanksgiving at Five Lanes Farm. Even though it tipped down, our spirits weren't dampened as we thanked our farmers and God for this year's harvest.

The church calendar also helps us name reality. Sometimes that reality is the feeling of being empty and sad at the loss of our loved ones. And that's where the All Souls service can help us. At this service we can gather together to remember all those we have lost and spend time giving thanks to God for the joy of our own relationship with them and to think about how they have influenced our lives for the better.

And then we have Remembrance Sunday, which for many in this area remains a profoundly poignant time as they remember the colleagues and friends they served with who lost their lives in the war against tyranny, corruption and evil. For people that don't have these connections we still feel deeply moved when we consider the

ultimate sacrifice that was made for our liberty, democracy and freedom. To all those that died in this valiant cause, we all stand up and salute you.

Loss of course is not just personal loss of a loved one. During the pandemic we're also experiencing a loss of certainty, security, freedom, close relationships, friendships, jobs and businesses. The reality is that any loss, be that of a loved one, someone that served their country, a job or business is likely to be painful. But our church calendar doesn't leave us languishing in the darkness. All Souls and our Remembrance Services also give us the opportunity to show respect, give thanks and look forward with hope to a better future.

Then, having journeyed through remembering we look forward to Advent and the lead up to Christmas, which the church calendar offers us as a beacon of hope and joy in the depths of winter. The church calendar may be ancient, but it really can help us through our challenging times, help us name reality and above all choose the hope that is found in and through God. If you have a moment, why not Google Jeremiah 29:11 to get a sense of what this hope looks like.

Please keep an eye out for news of our events and festivals by following the Wellsprings Benefice on Facebook or visiting our website.

Keeping in touch is even more important this year as most of the services are limited for numbers and will require pre-booking only to help keep us safe during the pandemic.

Rev Adrian



CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2020

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

Sunday 1st November (All Saints)

- 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Poulshot
- 10 am Holy Communion at Potterne *
- 3 pm All Souls Service at Seend *

Sunday 8th November (3rd Sunday before Advent)

- 8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Worton
- 10.50 am Remembrance Service at Bulkington
- 10.50 am Remembrance Service at Potterne *
- 10.50 am Remembrance Service at Poulshot
- 10.50 am Remembrance Service at Seend
- 10:50 am Remembrance Service at Worton

Please note: Because of limited church capacity and in order to keep everyone safe, all Remembrance services will be held outside around the war memorials.

Sunday 15th November (Trinity)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Seend

10 am Holy Communion at Bulkington *

Sunday 22nd November (Christ the King)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Potterne

10 am Holy Communion at Poulshot *

Sunday 29th November (Advent 1)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Potterne

4pm Holy Communion at Seend *

Every Tuesday at 9.00am there are Morning Prayers at St Peter's Poulshot (no booking necessary)

* Service will be live streamed via Zoom. The link is

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6778119535>.

Please Note:

- These are the planned services but are dependent on the Covid regulations at the time and may change at short notice. Please check with our website or speak to one of the ministry team or church wardens to check whether they are going ahead.
- Because of limited capacity in church and in order to maintain social distancing, we must ask you to register for the Sunday services. If you would like to attend any of the Sunday services in person please email sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com (by 5pm on Friday afternoon) or contact the church wardens directly (email addresses below). Many thanks for your co-operation.

▪ Bulkington	Liz Futter:	lizfutter@mailcan.com
	Mike Rose:	sue.rose4@btinternet.com
▪ Potterne	John Starling:	jwstarling@btinternet.com
	Ruth Thorman:	ruth@thormans.co.uk
▪ Poulshot	Kate Hunloke:	kate.hunloke@yahoo.com
▪ Seend	Len Murray:	seendlen@gmail.com
▪ Worton	Heather Walker:	heatherwalker66@gmail.com
	Jean Lane:	joje@talktalk.net

From the Registers:

Baptisms

Lily and Phoebe Murray on 19/9/2020 at Seend.

Funerals

Richard MacCleod on 4/9/2020 at Poulshot.

No weddings this month.

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

All Souls Service - 1st November

A special service to remember the departed will be held at Seend Church on 1st November at 3pm. If you would like us to remember someone dear to you please email or phone one of the Churchwardens or ministry team by Friday 30th October with the names.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Seend Community Centre needs your help

Since the Community Centre reopened, we have been very pleased to see people coming back to drink there. However, although our wonderful regulars have been very supportive, unfortunately there have not been enough bar sales to produce the income the Centre needs to remain viable.

The biggest problem is, of course, not being able to put on events. Without the profit from the Beer Festival, concerts, weddings, parties and all the other things that happen at the Centre, we are entirely reliant on day-to-day bar sales. Even with the support we have received from local and national government, some of which finished at the end of October, the gap between the profit we are now making and the fixed costs we have to meet (principally salaries) has become unsustainable.

This has, sadly, forced us to take the very difficult decision to make our Centre Manager, Rob, redundant. The bar itself will be staffed using casual labour while the Committee takes on other parts of his role, such as bookings, purchasing, etc.

Even with these measures in place, the Centre will continue to lose money unless we can increase income. We are therefore asking that you, the community around us, give us your support. Just a few extra drinks sold each week will help to keep the Centre open and avoid closing it completely until restrictions end. None of us wants to see that.

If you wish to support us in other ways, we plan to launch a crowdfunding campaign soon – more details to come.

Hatty Stafford Charles, Chairman, Management Committee

Membership enquiries - dawnsmethurst@hotmail.com for information and BACS details for payment. Full Members are £12, seniors £10.50 - further details on the website.

For latest news and updates, keep an eye on our Facebook page (and the Village Group Facebook) and check out our website for detailed information including how we are operating under the current regulations. www.seendcommunitycentre.com

100+ CLUB DRAW

September Results

1	No 35	J Crabtree	£30
2	No 29	Mr Burden	£25
3	No 9	Mrs Burden	£20
4	No 126	N Cubberley	£15
5	No 8	J Bourlet	£10
6	No 85	G Burgess	£10



Congratulations to all the winners, Alison Bottomley.



SEEND WI

Autumn is a truly lovely season when nature puts on a dazzling display that we can all enjoy, especially this year when things are so uncertain.

We were certainly cheered up at our virtual WI meeting this month. Our speaker, Jennifer Parker-Lummis, from Portsmouth (via Zoom) gave a very interesting talk entitled “A Light-hearted Look at Opera”. She performed a selection of popular operatic arias and musical theatre songs, punctuated with anecdotes about the origin of the pieces.

It is well worth mentioning that this October celebrates the centenary of the first time members met in their newly erected hall in Rusty Lane, to celebrate the first birthday of Seend WI. The hut, which came from Salisbury, cost around £500 including transport and re-erection costs. The money was raised by members and other benefactors, including Squire Bell. It owes its origins to the women of the village whose energetic efforts towards a vision made it become an accomplished fact.

The opening ceremony was held on Saturday 18th December 1920. Following the speeches by President Mrs Jones and Squire Bell, there was entertainment which culminated in tea and even a sale of Christmas trees.

For current members, a full programme has been prepared for 2020/21 for when we are able to resume meetings. The National Federation of WIs continues to offer a wide range of talks and courses online, which members can access for a small fee.

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 welcome 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.

Joyce Harvey

THE SEEND SHUTTLE

School Bus Service There are now three buses full of children going to school including one from Bulkington which is much appreciated. **To make an enquiry or a booking please call or text Robin Thornton on 07725 105398**



While the bus is only allowed to take five adults and driver we are not providing the usual scheduled services or hiring the bus.

Anita Shea

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



As with everything else our rambling has been a little different. August 7th was our evening walk with a picnic. We were led by Brenda and Bob on a four-mile walk in gorgeous summer sunshine starting from Box playing fields, following the river and then along road and tracks. On our return we had a very sociable picnic while keeping the distancing rules. It was great to catch up and chat with other people after being locked down for several months.

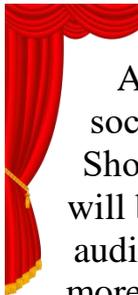
September 6th was a warm sunny morning, Tim and Sandy led us on a 5.5 mile ramble from The Smallgrain Plantation car park between Calne and Devizes. The walk followed tracks, bridleway and footpaths and was enjoyed by those who went. The planned annual weekend away for the beginning of October has been postponed to the spring of next year due to the restrictions in place. A walk on Sunday 4th was postponed due to very wet weather. It was rearranged for the following weekend, 11th October. Members completed a lovely walk led by Geraldine and Brian of approx. five miles from Heavens Gate to Shearwater in beautiful autumn sunshine. All activities have followed the up to date government guidelines on social distancing and numbers.

The next planned walk is on Sunday November 8th and members will be notified by email with relevant information.

Take care and stay safe.

Seend & District Ramblers

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS – ‘Not the Pantomime Show’



A fully-fledged village panto would appear to be a non-starter because of social distancing etc, therefore the Players are planning a ‘Not the Pantomime Show!’ to be performed in the Community Centre on Tuesday 8th December. It will be a cabaret/revue sort of thing aimed at a small but beautifully-spaced adult audience and will be a fund-raiser for the Community Centre. Watch out for more details.



SEEND PLAYGROUP

We got out the magnifying glasses to look at the daddy long legs on the walls of the pavilion. The children also looked at spiders and other insects they could find. We have walked around the field on a listening walk and also looked over the wall to look for colours on the vehicles going by. We have used our hands to make shortbread and cheese scone mixture into faces and people in our cooking. The children drew their members of their family and put them onto a family tree. They also drew themselves onto a leaf and we made a large friends tree on our display board. Our new term starts again on Monday 2nd November.

Rose Dick, Playleader (828003)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: In view of the current pandemic restrictions, we will not be parading at the end of Church Walk to march to church. We will assemble at the War Memorial at 1045hrs prompt for the annual wreath laying ceremony followed by the Service of Remembrance and two minute silence which will this year be held in the open in the churchyard.

Robin Heatley

Remembrance Day Poppies

A reminder that due to the current Coronavirus situation, there will be no door to door or street collections for poppies this year.

However, donations can be made in the Gift Aid envelopes enclosed in most copies of the October edition of Spotlight delivered in Seend. Seend Post and Provisions shop have kindly offered to be a collection point for these envelopes, so please take your sealed envelope containing donations there.

Poppies will only be available from large shops and supermarkets. Schools will also have Poppy Packs.

Thankyou,
Jenny Phillips.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

NB. The following minutes are a shortened version of the full minutes taken at the Parish Council meeting on 29th September 2020. 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 29th September was attended by eight Councillors with Mr James in the Chair, Mrs Sue Bond (Clerk), Councillor Jonathon Seed, and one other parishioner. Apologies from Mr J Padfield, Mrs Vince and Mr Manning

Local Councillor Matters - Councillor Seed said that he was aware that concerns had been raised by some landowners and parish councils about the land surveys that were being undertaken by Atkins on a number of sites in connection with the proposed Melksham Bypass. These were simply exploratory surveys and that they did not necessarily indicate any specific route, as this was still undecided. What is firm is that a bypass will be built. The government (DoT) had granted the funding. Mrs Janet Giles of Seend Park Farm, said that she had been contacted by Wiltshire Council requesting permission for surveyors to enter her land south of the canal. She was alarmed by the request, as her land had not been part of any of the three possible route options put forward by Wiltshire Council. Any plan to build the bypass that crosses the canal would have a huge impact on the landscape in Seend Parish. She also felt that with the current pandemic and changes to people's working lives, Wiltshire Council should reconsider its plans, particularly in the light of its commitment to become carbon neutral by 2050. She asked for the Parish Council's support to oppose the building of the bypass. Councillor Seed suggested that should the Parish Council wish to consider a response, it should be an agenda item for further discussion at a future meeting. He offered to ask Mr Peter Binley, Head of Major Highway Projects, if he would be willing to speak at the next meeting. Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea.

Minutes and Matters Arising: The Minutes of the 25th August were approved.

Allotment Deeds – these have been retrieved, photocopied, scanned and returned to the bank. There were no surprises in them. They all relate to allotment land and no other. **New Website** – The Clerk reported that the new Parish Council website was up and running. Although, it does not quite meet all of the accessibility regulations yet, it does have some accessibility function and is a continuing work in progress. **Circular bench** – This has been installed by Jamie Hiscox and Andy Waylen. **Milestone, High Street** – Agreed this should be painted. Parish Steward has agreed to do the work, with recommended paint provided by the Parish Council. **Parking on the Lye Green** – this issue was mentioned in Spotlight, requesting that residents do not park on the green. It seems to have caused some discussion on the village Facebook page. A resident has asked for assurance that access would be allowed for building works on their house behind the green. The Councillors agreed that as the land was owned by Aster, the resident should contact them for permission, but that from a PC point of view, they would not see any problems with this. Clerk to respond to the resident.

Police Matters – Incidents reported 7th September - unknown person entered insecure car parked on drive - searched car and glove box - nothing taken. (This was in Dial Close.). There is a new rural crime team which was launched on 18th September, to further protect our isolated communities in Wiltshire and Swindon. This has been made possible with the precept increase and additional central funding. The team will focus on agricultural, environmental, wildlife and heritage crimes and it has been brought together to increase confidence and encourage reporting through preventing crime and carrying out more intelligence-led operations. It is made up of 1 x Sgt, 2 x PCs and 35 community policing team officers working with Wildlife and Heritage Crime Officers across the county. An Inspector will act as a tactical lead in addition to members of the Special Constabulary.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mrs A’Bear reported that all the Regulation 15 material had been submitted to Wiltshire Council. They had responded very quickly with a letter saying they were satisfied that the Neighbourhood Plan proposal has met all the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. They are now arranging appropriate publicity of the plan proposal in accordance with Regulation 16 of The Neighbourhood Plan (General) Regulations 2012. The consultation period will last six weeks and so should be done before Christmas.

Highways – CATG - The Chairman gave a report of the recent CATG meeting that he attended. A number of Highway Improvement Requests that the Parish Council had submitted were discussed: **Church Crossing high friction surface** - Work complete and final account agreed at £690.03, an underspend of £104.97. The CATG had previously agreed to contribute £600 (the previous underspend on Phase 1). Parish to be invoiced for £90.03. **Seend High Street Pedestrian crossing warning sign** on eastern side of “new” crossing point. Work complete. **Village Gateways** – Following a site visit last January with Mr Stansby, the Parish Council agreed that they no longer wish to pursue white gates as they feel that the cost outweighs the potential benefits. Instead the Parish wish to pursue a new nameplate with road safety message at New Buildings. This could also feature a SLOW marking or faux cattle grid painted on the carriageway. CATG agreed to this request. **Speed Limit Review for Bollands Hill** - A site for a Traffic Survey has been identified and the survey has been ordered. Survey has been delayed due to lock-down restrictions. **Seend Bell Hill** – concerns that drivers are failing to give-way at crossroads (northbound). At a site meeting it was agreed that a SLOW marking could be provided by the Advance Give Way sign. Cost of SLOW would be £100 including temporary traffic management. CATG agreed to this request. **Seend Bollands Hill** – request for junction warning signs on approach to the Seend Cleeve turning. Ball park estimate for two signs, plus temporary traffic management = £600. The Parish Council would have to pay half the cost, namely £300. Parish Council agreed to pay this cost. **Seend High Street** – request for access protection markings. Residents to the right of the PO, and who share the driveway, have raised concerns about PO/Shop customers parking inconsiderately and blocking their driveway or causing visibility problems when they try to exit their driveway onto the High Street. CATG agreed to pursue this with a site visit to see if white lines will be suitable in the location. Meeting arranged. If approved, the road marking to be done at the same time as the road markings on Bell Hill

Letter from Resident re pedestrian safety on Bell Hill - The Councillors had been circulated with a letter from a resident on Bell Hill who wanted to raise his concerns about the danger of walking up Bell Hill to reach the village amenities. The same resident had contacted the Parish Council a year ago. The Councillors discussed the suggestions made in the letter, but felt that they could not be implemented. The Chairman said that the new signage agreed by CATG may help to reduce the speed of traffic approaching the hill. Mention was made of a historic but not definitive access route behind the Bell that had been used in the past to reach the A361. It was not known if this was ever formalised. To be further investigated.

Planning Matters

Application Number: 20/07533/TCA - Church Lane Corner High Street Seend

Proposal: T1 Spruce Tree – Fell. Approved by planning subcommittee, as the deadline for comments was before the meeting. Wiltshire Council has now approved this application.

Application Ref: 20/06741/FUL and 20/07243/LBC - The Bell, Seend SN12 6SA

Proposal: Alterations and subdivision to form three dwellings.

All Councillors voted against this application being approved.

Application Ref: 20/07725/TCA - Dial House, High Street, Seend, SN12 6NR

Proposal:- Cherry Tree – Remove

All Councillors voted in favour of the application being approved.

Application Ref: 20/07550/FUL and 20/07937/LBC - Hill Farm House, Seend Hill, SN12 6RU

Proposal: Demolish 1950s rear ground floor link, replace with new lean-to, repave courtyard and alter entrance drive.

All Councillors voted in favour of the application being approved.

Tree Matters – Avon Needs Trees are in the process of purchasing three plots of land off Bollands Hill/Rusty Lane that go down to the canal. Their aim is to plant woodland and a community orchard. The land is crossed by several footpaths. Whilst they have some financial support from businesses and trusts, they are hoping to raise the remainder of the money through crowdfunding. An open day took place on 4th October. **Dial Close Copse** – following the letter from a resident tabled at last month's meeting recommending that tree work be carried out on the Copse at the entrance to Dial Close, the Clerk had contacted Wiltshire Council to find out who was responsible for the maintenance of the trees and to seek their advice. Their response is as follows: *“the trees between the path and the carriageway are on the public highway and are looked after by the local highway arborist consultant. The trees on the streetscene maintained open space is looked after by the council tree and woodland officers. A visual inspection was made of the trees and none appeared to represent a risk to the travelling public or property, so they will not be passed through for expert inspection at the present time..... If the Parish Council wishes to carry out cosmetic work, then this would be possible using an accredited tree surgeon. The Council would require details of the contractor and the work intended and reasoning behind the work.”* After some discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should get some quotes from local tree surgeons for some of the work suggested by the resident. The Councillors could then discuss at the next meeting whether the work should be undertaken and financed by the Parish Council.

Melksham Area Board – The next meeting will be on 14th December.

Wiltshire Council Area Boundary Review - Following the Electoral Boundary review carried out by the Boundary Commission in 2018/19, changes had been made to a number of wards. These would come into effect in May 2021 in time for the local government elections. Seend Parish will be moved into a new ward with other parishes

and known as Devizes Rural West. Wiltshire Council are now undertaking a review of the Area Board boundaries. Currently, Seend is in the Melksham Area Board. They are now recommending that Seend should be moved into the Devizes Area Board along with a number of other parishes. The consultation period for the review is from 10th September to 31st October. On-line surveys have been prepared for people to respond to the proposals. Mrs Heatley asked whether these changes would mean our post code would change and whether our community neighbourhood policing team would come under Devizes. Councillor Seed said that the postcode will not change, but he was unsure whether the policing team would change. Councillor Seed said that Seend Parish had done well in the Melksham Area Board, and had got a lot of highway improvement requests through CATG and grant funding. Moving to a larger Area Board, may mean that Seend is less well represented. The Clerk asked for advice on how we should respond to the consultation and whether there was any likely chance that Seend could remain with the Melksham Area Board. He said that the chances were slim, but that the Parish Council should send in a carefully worded response.

Financial Matters - Bank reconciliation to end of August £24,174.15

Precept meeting was set for 10th November

Date of Next Meetings - The next Parish Council meetings are 27th October and 24th November.

Mr Steve Wilson, Project Engineer for the Melksham By-Pass, will be speaking at the beginning of the 27th October meeting.

WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

As the autumn progresses into winter local politics seems to match the burning autumnal colours of tree leaves. Covid has dominated national and local policies in recent months and there has been a good deal of political consensus on the response to the pandemic. However as response gives way to recovery this consensus is fracturing as quickly as the money is running out. This makes for harsh choices and even harsher political exchanges. This has been clearly seen both in the chamber of the House of Commons and the virtual chamber of Wiltshire Council. Sad though this is, it is also a sign of a return to normality.

One issue that is not going away but is being taken forward is the matter of the Melksham Bypass. Wiltshire Council has successfully applied for Government funding for the project and this means that the Council Cabinet must research and consult on a route. This consultation must consider all options. These include the most likely route to the east from Beanacre around Forest Lane and cutting above Bowerhill and north of the Canal to the current A350. Then I sing the current route which has been prepared for dualling, including a canal bridge. The possible routes also include a very unlikely, very controversial and very much more expensive option to the east crossing the canal below Seend, crossing a flood plain and joining the A350 at the Semington roundabout. Government requires that all possible routes must be looked at, surveyed and costed. The consultation will be launched at the

virtual Melksham Area Board on 4th November and will last for around six weeks. Please do attend the virtual Area Board and listen to the options and then have your say in the consultation being run by Wiltshire Council. Whatever your views, make them heard before a decision is made.

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

Lye Field – Right of Way Dispute

I have been asked by a number of villagers about the Public Notice we have inserted in the last few issues of Spotlight (see below). The notices have been published (on the advice of our legal advisors) as part of The Seend Lye Recreation Field Trustees ongoing right of way dispute with Mr MacDonald.

In effect, the Seend Trust and The Seend Lye Recreation Field Trust are granting Mr MacDonald (as well as the McManus's) an easement (right of way) over the bridleway at the end of the Rusty Lane (by the tennis courts). Most villagers would say that this has been the case for years. However, for the legal dispute, The Trusts need to give Mr MacDonald a legal right to travel over the bridleway and not just rely on historic usage.

I hope this helps but if you want greater clarification, please contact me on ricellinger@hotmail.com

Ric

“Public Notice given pursuant to the Charities Act 2011

The Trustees of the Seend Trust (a registered charity number 269973) (“First Grantor”) as owners of The Seend Club and Community Centre comprised in Title number WT178893 and the land to the north thereof, comprised in Title number WT11776; and the Trustees of the Seend Lye Recreation Field (a registered charity number 305565) owners of The Lye Field Title number WT440144 and as owners of the tennis courts to the north thereof (“Second Grantor”) propose to enter into a Deed of Easement to confer upon Mr John MacDonald and Mrs Sarah MacDonald and Andrew John MacDonald the registered proprietors of Title number WT127633 (“First Grantee”) and also upon Mr Simon McManus and Mrs Joanne McManus registered proprietors of Title number WT284895 (“Second Grantees”) a right of way for all purposes connected with the use and enjoyment of the aforementioned Titles belonging to the First and Second Grantees with or without vehicles and agricultural implements as a means of access therefrom to the highway currently known as the A361.”

BITS AND BOBS

THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTH WILTSHIRE

The Arts Society North Wiltshire is still up and Zooming. We have a full programme for the year plus some added bonuses via the internet. At present all our lectures are on line and members are contacted via email to give them the link. Our membership is only £46 a year which transcribes to £4.60 a lecture which is considerably cheaper than any other online art lecture. So if you are not already a member you can download a form from tasnorthwilts.org.uk or phone our membership secretary on 01225707534.

All lectures are on the first Wednesday of the month at 11am.

November 4th: *Art of the Steal: Nazi Looting in World War II* by Shauna Isaac

December 2nd: *Pantomime: A Very British Feast* by Gilks Ramsay

EDINGTON ARTS



This is for anyone who is NOT on any of the Edington Arts mailing lists!

We are undertaking a bit of research into the possible use of online ticket payment and booking. If you have been to any of our concerts in the past, or might attend one of our concerts next year, or the Choral Workshop, we wondered if you could be kind enough to send us an email with answers to the following four questions?

1. If you had the option, would you use your credit or debit card to pay for tickets?
2. If yes, would you prefer to do it by
 - a. Phoning a member of Edington Arts
 - b. By making the payment through our website, or
 - c. Either
3. If you answered no, please would you share your reasons with us?
4. If you are happy to use your credit card, would you like to be able to book and pay for a numbered seat at the event at the same time through a secure online ticketing system such as TicketSource?

Thank you all very much for taking the time, and for helping us!

Our Latest Update!!!

It's hard to believe that we're still unable to sing together and recent news doesn't fill us with any confidence for the rest of 2020 or even early 2021!!



But we are not going to be downhearted and we are determined to get together before Christmas for three evenings of Christmas singing, using our trusty download friend Zoom.

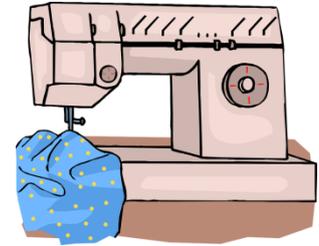
The dates are Thursdays 3rd/10th/17th December and the wearing of Christmas jumpers and hats would add to the festive fun.

If anyone reading this news bulletin would like to become involved with our choir even in its Zooming format then please contact sueivey3@aol.com

TEXTILE STUDIOS AT STEEPLE ASHTON

Have you ever wanted to sew but lack the basic skills or confidence?

Why not join our basic beginners sewing and patchwork lessons designed with you in mind. You will be taught in a small group so as to provide individual attention from the tutors in a sociable friendly atmosphere in our dedicated studios.



We have the space to comply with Covid 19 regulations and all users must adhere to these guidelines.

You will learn about all the features on your sewing machine, basic sewing and cutting for soft furnishings, dressmaking and patchwork and lots more.

We can provide patchwork equipment but a sewing machine is desirable. Coffee is provided.

The course starts mid-October, morning or evening every two weeks for four sessions lasting 2.5 hours.

Follow on courses are also available for patchwork or sewing.

At the end of the course, if you become a guild member you will have access to handicrafts, felting, sewing bee and patchwork groups and other guild activities.

Ample parking. Course Fee is £80 and £60 if a member of Wiltshire Guild of Spinners Weavers and Dyers. .

So come along, be part of a lovely small group, learn to sew, chat and make friends.

For further information and discussion contact:

Valerie Laverick valerielaverick@hotmail.com

Beryl Francis berylbadgers@icloud.com 01380 870524

Website. wiltshireguildswd.org

Always Hope!

A new Debt Counselling Centre for Devizes and its surrounding villages

Debt is not exclusive to people of a certain age or of a specific household make-up. Uncontrollable circumstances mean that no one is immune to finding themselves in financial hardship. Year on year, the debt advice industry is seeing a growing number of people in need of help. Even before Covid-19 struck, well over a million people in the UK were wrestling with unsustainable debt. We can only imagine how the financial fallout of the current global pandemic will add to this problem. Often, those

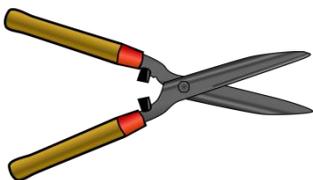
who fall into the sweeping tide of debt cannot swim against the current on their own and are instead dragged under, struggling to cry out for help. The stress of debt can be so destructive. It affects family relationships, health (both mental and physical), and can be very isolating.

Award winning national charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is seeking to release thousands of families from poverty by debt counselling and community groups, bringing hope to tens of thousands of people every year. CAP has more than 300 church-based debt centres combining the care of the local Church with the financial know-how at CAP's head office. Members of St James' Church, Devizes, amongst others, have decided to partner with CAP to open the Devizes and District Debt Centre, to serve the town and its surrounding villages. We are passionate about seeing people released from debt and poverty. CAP is an organisation that, at its core, cares for and listens to the people it helps, walking alongside them as they make their journey out of debt. The services provided are FREE and open to everyone. They are unique because we visit clients in their own home (when safe to do so) and we support them until they are debt free, however long it takes. We believe that there is always hope – you don't have to face financial poverty alone and no debt has ever been so bad that it couldn't be dealt with.

If you need help, please call CAP's free phone number 0800 328 0006 and an appointment will be arranged for you. More information can be found on the website capuk.org. If you are interested in financially supporting this community-funded venture, please contact me directly at katemorris@capuk.org for information on how to do this.

Kate Morris

And finally.....



I bought myself some state-of-the-art garden shears. They cost me a fortune, but they are the best in cutting hedge technology

Don't forget to look at our online edition with autumnal colour photo supplement!

www.seend.org.uk/spotlight.shtml

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. PCC Secretary: Anne Ewing, (828557). Churchwardens: Seend: Len Murray, 828513; 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

Melksham Area Board – 07917 721371

Police: PCSO 6039 Janet GOULD - Mobile 07471029772 –

janet.gould@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

MP: Danny Kruger -email:danny.kruger.mp@parliament.UK Devizes Office 01380 729358

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

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

Cricket Club – Brian Hunt 828581

Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe
828617 & Seend Village Pantomime on fb

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 Baby & Toddler Group – Rachel
Downham 07947 867701

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
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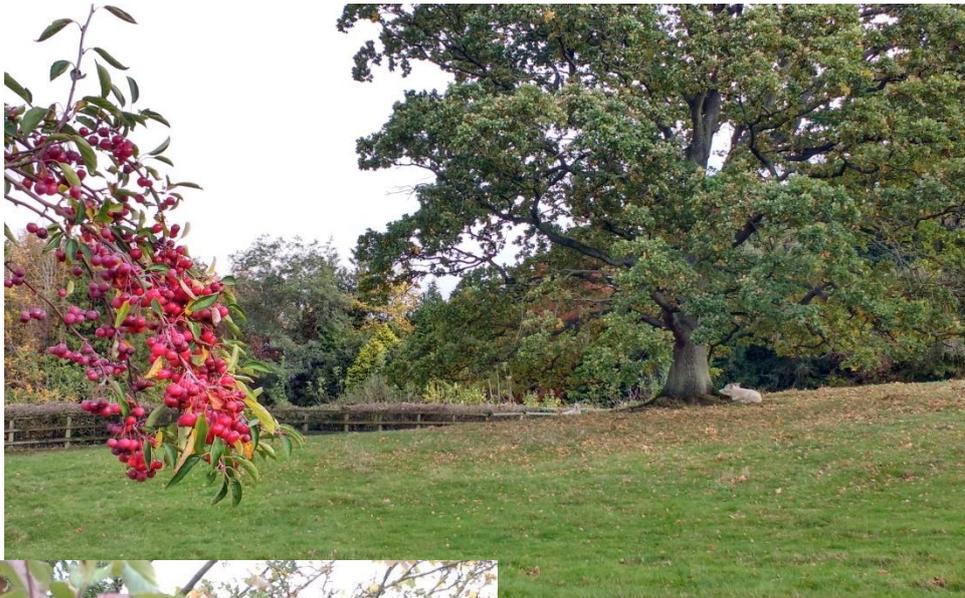
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November 2020 Spotlight Colour Supplement

An autumnal walk around Seend Cleeve:





And a colourful corner of Tina's garden:



**Getting ready for
'Wear it Pink' night:**

