

# SPOTLIGHT

SEEND & BULKINGTON



OCTOBER 2020

## **DIARY DATES LATE SEPTEMBER**

- 25<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Day  
30<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Monthly Fun Quiz restarts, 8pm

## **DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Pre-booked tours of proposed woodland and orchard site in Seend  
15<sup>th</sup> Seend Trust and Community Centre, AGM, 7 pm in the main hall of the CC  
17<sup>th</sup> Deadline for November edition  
23<sup>rd</sup> 'Wear it Pink' for Breast Cancer Research, Community Centre, from 6pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Clocks go back  
31<sup>st</sup> Halloween

*The Mobile Library is currently not running, but please check @WiltshireMobileLibraries (Facebook) or @WiltsLibraries (Twitter) for updates. If the service recommences in time, our visit would be on 12<sup>th</sup> October.*

### **Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?**

Visit [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk), [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk) and the Spotlight, Seend Community Centre and Seend Village Group **facebook** pages.

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**Still thinking of you Joanna – especially at Spotlight printing time.  
Love from all the 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](mailto: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 October Spotlight.....**

We've come to the end of the strangest summer most of us can remember, with no idea of what the autumn and winter may hold. The good news is – Spotlight is being printed and delivered to every household again! We hope this can continue unless stricter lockdown restrictions prevent it. We shall continue to add a 'colour supplement' to the online version of the magazine (on [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk)) so if you have any good photos of events in our villages, please email them to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) and we shall publish the most relevant and appropriate online. This month's supplement features cricket, Seend School, cakes, wildlife, fireworks and views!



More good news is the promise of a new woodland and community orchard planned for three fields between Seend and the canal, with existing public footpaths maintained. You can read about it on p7.

As well as the reopening of pubs and the Community Centre, some activities have restarted, such as Emma's Body Blast class on Tuesday mornings and the table tennis group on Wednesday afternoons, both in the Community Centre and both (of course) following Covid-19 guidance. Eric Lepine's pop-up restaurant has been much appreciated, as was The Brewery's participation in the 'Eat Out to Help Out' scheme followed by Sarah's own £10 for a meal and a drink deal in September. The new social housing scheme in Seend Cleeve has got planning permission, subject to the Section 106 agreement passing the necessary stages. See p6.

Most of you in Seend will find a Royal British Legion collection envelope inside this magazine. Unfortunately, as we did not think we were going to be delivering the magazine, RBL were not expecting to have to provide 710 envelopes but rustled up as many as they could at short notice! There is no door-to-door collection: please take your filled envelope to Post & Provisions. Thanks.

Last but not least, we have a whole new batch of local advertisers for you. Enjoy!

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

### **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](mailto: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.

## EVENTS in OCTOBER 2020

### SEEND TRUST & COMMUNITY CENTRE

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 7.00 pm  
in the main hall at the Community Centre

Your opportunity to find out what's happening at your Community Centre  
and to offer your own ideas for the future.

Everyone welcome.

(Please note that in accordance with any regulations in force at that time social distancing  
measures will be undertaken.)



Sad to say that the Community Centre's **Macmillan Coffee Morning** planned for 25<sup>th</sup> September - even on a much reduced scale – was not viable this year. **HOWEVER** – it's not too late to have your own little coffee morning in your bubble of six and donate some money to Macmillan. You can donate on their website <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/>, or you can donate £5 by texting CUPCAKE to 70550.

We shall also have a collecting box on the bar during the usual Friday evening gathering in the Community Centre on 25<sup>th</sup> September so you can donate then if you read this in time.

Please do all you can for this worthy cause, as Macmillan are going to miss the £800+ we raised for them last year! Thanks.

## WEAR IT PINK!

Come along to the usual Friday evening gathering at the Community Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Covid guidance permitting) but make sure you are dressed in pink to support Breast Cancer Research! You are asked to pay £2 for the privilege of wearing pink – or you may risk being asked to pay a fine of £2 for not wearing pink. The choice is yours. Come anyway.

## 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.)*

**David Hiscocks** of Weavers Cottages sadly passed away on 11th August after a short battle with cancer aged just 68. David worked for Clifford and David Smith at Home & Inmarsh Farm from the age of 12. David was very much a village man and will be missed by those who knew him. Tim and Jamie would like to thank everyone for the support and kind messages they have received. They would also like to thank those who waved David off on his final tractor journey and for the donations made to Dorothy House in David's memory.

### **Any information please?**

I was at university in Liverpool with a **Patsy Hogan**. She was a gifted English student. I visited Seend several times and visited the family, who were I believe of southern Irish heritage. I lost contact a long time ago with Patsy, but now aged 67 I would love to re-establish contact. I know she had sisters and brothers who may still be in the village.

Please email [janeiwillis@icloud.com](mailto:janeiwillis@icloud.com)

Many thanks, Jane Wills (living now in Bristol).

### **SEEND VIRTUAL FLOWER SHOW 2020**

A great big clap for Seend Virtual Flower Show Exhibitors!

Covid -19 meant this different strategy to show off villagers skills in so many ways. Thank you to all who took part.



I do hope that you enjoyed the website and the window display at Post and Provisions. It was so encouraging to see how many people joined in. The results were just brilliant, such a variety of efforts on display. Thank you Jackie for keeping the web page up to date.

The school took part with the pebble painting and we created a splendid Seend Snake, to which other people added theirs. The pebbles snaked their way along the High Street. There is a video of the finished snake which I hope we will be able to share on the website.

Well done everyone. Let's hope 2021 allows us to stage a more normal Flower Show.

Carole Vince. Chair Seend Flower Show.

### **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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mobile: 07771 907388

Neil - telephone 01380 827139. e-mail: [neilyockney@btinternet.com](mailto:neilyockney@btinternet.com)  
mobile: 07941 380833

## **SEEND FETE COMMITTEE NEWS**



Dear villagers

We did it!! £5,583.00 raised through our crowd funding campaign, smashing our £4,000 target! (and we still have more money to collect in).

First and foremost, we would like to say a massive thank you to all those who helped to raise the money for our community and to all those who donated to the campaign. This is a fantastic achievement and once again, shines a light on how amazing our village/community is.

### **What happens next?**

What happens next? We are taking a break while life settles back into some sort of normality and then we will sit down and start to look at ways that we can invest the money back into the village. We will ask those who raised the money to input into how it is spent however, If you have a suggestion, please do write to us and share your thoughts. [seendfete@gmail.com](mailto:seendfete@gmail.com)

### **Bernie Prolze**

Every year, the Fete Committee award the 'Bernie Prolze Prize' to someone who has gone above and beyond for the village. This year, we felt that both Ric Ellinger and Jan Crabtree should be given recognition for the work they do in the village. We are very grateful for the support that they have offered us over the years. Thank you to you both! You are wonderful people.

### **Car Boot Sales**

We are looking for volunteers to help us manage a stall at the 'West Ashton Car Boot Sale'. Before lock down, 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](mailto:seendfete@gmail.com)

### **New Blood**

We are looking for new blood to join the team. Nicole and I would like to step away and we would like a few new faces to join the team and continue the fundraising for the village.

#thebigpicnicseend2020

#teamseend

#fundraisingforourcommunity

#seendfete2020

To stay in the loop, please sign up to our Facebook page @seendfete.

Warm regards  
Seend Fete Committee 2020

*(You'll be much missed, Liam and Nicole! Many thanks for all you've done. Eds.)*

## **SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

### **October 2020 Update**

Regulation 15 is now complete and available for you all to see on our website, along with the Basic Conditions Statement and all the evidence base material.

The fact we cannot hold a referendum on the Plan until May 2021, makes the expected climax rather an anti-climax. I am sorry that this is how it is and just hope that your interest can be re-invigorated when we are eventually allowed to hold the vote. **It will then be over to you.** Obviously we hope you will vote **YES**.

Please stay safe, sensible and sane till then. It's not over yet.

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

### **CLT NEWS - AT LAST!**

The process of getting a decision on our planning application has been very protracted. We have had very little feedback about why there has been such a delay in getting a decision though some of it did result from a delayed site visit due to Covid-19, there were also delays surrounding the complication regarding the drainage scheme due to the demands made by Wessex Water. The paucity of information on the news section of the website reflects the lack of information we received.

However, we understand that we are now on the brink of receiving permission for the scheme to go ahead. Draft planning conditions for approval have been received from Wiltshire Council.

Before we can get the formal approval we, together with White Horse Housing Association, have to conclude a legal agreement with Wiltshire Council regarding their Section 106 requirements. As this is an affordable housing scheme this will consist of legal protection to make sure that the housing remains in use for the purpose it was intended, i.e. as affordable homes for the community. This should be a reasonably straightforward process, though on the basis of how long everything else to date has taken, I am not going to risk a prediction as to when this might be.

Now that we have effectively got a green light to move forward we will begin to make plans for the next steps that we need to take and will post these on the website.

We would really have liked to have held a meeting in October but with the implementation of the latest government restrictions the chances of a face to face meeting seem to be receding rather than increasing. If a face to face meeting proves impossible we will hold an online meeting.

I am sorry that we have had so little to report up until now. I hope however that we are on the move again and as and when we now more we will keep you posted.

Best wishes,  
George Clarke, Chair, Seend CLT

## COMMUNITY ORCHARD AND WOODLAND PLANNED FOR SEEND



The Bristol Avon catchment area has lost almost all its woodland. This is disastrous for many reasons – a loss of natural carbon storage; reduced habitat for many of our key, endangered species; and fewer trees and shrubs to stop and slow water entering our river system when there is heavy rain.

Avon Needs Trees is a new charity, on a mission to reverse this trend. ANT has recently bought 34 acres near Calne and is now looking to buy 19 acres at Bollands Hill in Seend.

The aim is to plant a mix of community orchard and native broadleaf woodland, building out from the existing, mature hedgerows. Two areas of natural pond will be extended, and some of the land will be set aside as meadow.

The charity is aware of the contaminated land next to the fields they are buying. They have commissioned various studies to determine the likely effects, but advice from tree experts points towards trees being beneficial in helping mitigate or remove the contamination, a process called ‘phytoremediation’.

Avon Needs Trees is keen to hear from the local community, and is planning to be on site on Sunday 4th October to answer all questions and discuss. The Chair, Nikki Jones, can be contacted at [contact@avonneedstrees.org.uk](mailto:contact@avonneedstrees.org.uk). Please email in advance if you would like to attend this open day, because thanks to COVID we have to send everyone an arrival time so that we can conduct tours in small groups.

If you would like to support this project, you can donate to a crowdfunder campaign at [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/avonneedstrees](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/avonneedstrees)

“We have anecdotal evidence of species such as the cuckoo being common in the area in the recent past, but not now,” says Nikki Jones. “We hope the community will support us in helping restore the habitat and bring back our precious wildlife.”

Nikki Jones, Chair, Avon Needs Trees

[www.avonneedstrees.org.uk](http://www.avonneedstrees.org.uk) [www.facebook.com/AvonNeedsTrees](http://www.facebook.com/AvonNeedsTrees)

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has" - Margaret Mead*

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### 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

### Wellsprings Benefice Services October 2020

\* All 10am services will continue to be live streamed via zoom

Date		Service	Time	Church
4 October	Trinity 17	BCP Communion	8.00	Seend
4 October	Trinity 17	Morning Praise	10.00	Potterne
11 October	Trinity 18	BCP Communion	8.00	Potterne
11 October	Trinity 18	Morning Praise	10.00	Seend
18 October	Trinity 19	BCP Communion	8.00	Seend
18 October	Trinity 19	Holy Communion	10.00	Worton
25 October	Trinity 20	BCP Communion	8.00	Worton
25 October	Trinity 20	Holy Communion	10.00	Poulshot

#### From the Registers:



#### Baptisms

William Earle on 13/9/2020 at Seend

#### Weddings

Clemency Clarke and Daniel Yeomans on 12/9/2020 at Seend

No funerals this month.

Please visit our website [www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk](http://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk) to get further details or to contact us.

### RENÉE'S RUMINATIONS –

I don't know about you, but I find the older I get, the more I am challenged by "ageism"! "Naturally," you might respond, "that's ever been the case"! Google defines age as: "... one of the protected characteristics under the Equality Act. **Age discrimination** is where you're treated unfairly because of your **age** or because you're part of a particular **age** group."

In some cultures, the elderly are treated with great respect. They are included as an essential part of the family group, and they are valued. In this country, however, I find that I'm frequently consigned to the scrap heap! For example, when we first entered into "lockdown", I was not allowed to join the Village Covid Team because I am "too old". I was – er – incensed! Then I thought I might be able to short-term

foster a dog for someone who might be temporarily unable to care for theirs. Having spent ages completing a lengthy application form on-line with one of the dog charities, I discovered, at the very end of the form, that people above the age of 70 need not apply! Grrr.

Some time ago, a friend, whose son was being rather patronising, listened patiently to all the advice regarding how he should be coping with life generally. At the end of the diatribe my friend asked “How do you think I got to my age?” “Pure luck” was the answer! Mmm.

Well, let’s try to put things in perspective, shall we? “With regard to old age,” wrote Rev Edward Burnley in an article in Seend’s village magazine (Feb 1997), “it is sometimes looked upon as a personal achievement. On the contrary, it is a gift from God. Each day is an opportunity ... to make some reparation for what the Prayer Book Litany describes as our ‘Sins, negligencies and ignorancies’. Life is not a matter of length of days, as is proved by the fact that thousands die in youth or middle age.”

He continued: “The frustrations and limitations of old age are endless. Apart from aches and pains, every little job takes a little longer, and the days pass swiftly with duties undone or postponed until the next day. There are, however, compensations. One is relieved of the responsibilities of earlier life. (*And, if one is fortunate*) Many relatives and friends come to one’s assistance. Any small achievement is given a disproportionate amount of credit, and mistakes and failings are indulgently overlooked.

“There is every reason to thank God for creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life, and above all for his inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of Glory”. Absolutely.

Blessed are you who recognise the Lord in all you meet; the light of truth shines in your life for you have found true wisdom.

Go safely,

Renée

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## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

### **Bulkington Parish Council**

#### **Chairman's Report: 2019-20**

The 2019-20 has again been a challenging period for the Parish Council due to the resignation of the Parish Clerk through ill health - resulting in an increased workload for Councillors. Thankfully a replacement has been found and the new clerk, Hannah Beckett is settling into the role very well.

Unfortunately, our work has also been disrupted by the resignation of several Councillors and I would like to express my thanks to all remaining Councillors for their understanding and hard work for the Parish during the year. It is hoped that we will be able to recruit replacement Councillors who understand the role is constrained

by democratic regulation and are able to work with existing Councillors within our code of conduct.

### **Engagement**

The Parish Council have continued to meet on a monthly basis. It is encouraging that members of the Parish have also attended some of our meetings. Public participation in our meetings has resulted in a young person planting additional trees in the Playing Field.

It is also pleasing that the Parish Council and the Community have come together to tackle the challenges arising from the Covid-19 pandemic. I would personally like to thank the members of the Community support group and volunteers for their help. In particular I would like to thank Councillor Pendlebery for coordinating the support and providing monthly updates.

The Parish Council continue to use the Parish website and the Spotlight magazine to communicate with residents. Wider engagement was undertaken by a questionnaire delivered to all households to canvass opinion on the potential replacement and improvement of Playing Field equipment. Whilst the response level was disappointing the replies received provided some guidance to the type of equipment to replace. The Parish Council is currently exploring grant funding possibilities before undertaking any refurbishment. Our efforts in pursuing grants have been temporarily curtailed due to Area Boards meetings being postponed due to the pandemic.

I would also like to thank Councillors who have given a considerable amount of their time to engage with the Local Authority whether by attending formal meetings at County Hall in Trowbridge and CATG and Area Board Meetings in Melksham or by more informal meetings with the Parish Steward and suppliers to the Parish Council.

### **Infrastructure**

The Parish Council have continued to work towards ensuring that all Rights of Way are kept clear and usable. I would like to thank the landowners for taking their responsibilities seriously and would like to remind all residents to treat the amenity with due respect. In the difficult period of Covid-19 restrictions it was pleasing to see this fabulous facility being used by more people.

The Parish Council have also attended to certain safety aspects in the village by engaging with the Parish Steward to clear drains throughout the village on a regular basis to reduce the possibility of flooding and also repair potholes and other defects.

A village plan is long overdue, and initial steps have been taken to begin assessing the housing needs of the village. To date meetings have taken place at County Hall and with other Councils to establish the best way to construct a village plan.

### **The William Breach Centenary Playing Field**

Following an annual safety inspection, it became apparent that there were defects in some of the equipment. Repairs of certain items have taken place and irreparable items will be removed once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and a suitable contractor can be engaged.

Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions the bonfire event for this year was cancelled. The loss of the main fund-raising event for the field will be a blow to the refurbishment plans

### **Governance**

Work has continued with overhauling the governance framework. A new complaints policy is in place and the Parish Council now has an up to date asset register.

Work has commenced on updating the Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for the Parish Council and will be presented at the next meeting for amendment and approval.

### **Thanks**

My thanks also to Councillor Seed for his ongoing support and Sue Barratt and Callum Ogilvie for the time and expertise keeping our website up to date.

Paul Bennett

### **BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"**

The first draw for our new year took place on Wednesday, 2nd September, and the winners were :

£40	No. 89	Bev Kerslake
£30	No. 81	Jim Elliott
£20	No. 74	Peter Jackson
£10	No. 17	Gavin Yarde



Congratulations to the winners! The next draw will be our Big Bumper Draw in December with prizes starting at £75 so still time to join for a chance to win then.

Unfortunately we lost quite a few of our members this year but, thanks to the generosity of other members, we still have a very good number so thank you very much to all our members for your continued support of our "100 Club".

Phyl Yarde

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## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**



AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

### **SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

It has been wonderful to see so many people using the Community Centre since we re-opened – long may it continue.

As you may be aware, the limits on the Centre dictated by COVID regulations continue to disrupt what we can do there and are very seriously affecting our income. The bar is now closed on Mondays and Tuesdays but we are committed to remaining open on the other days of the week (from 7 pm, Fridays from 6 pm) and with Sunday service being from 12.00 – 16.00 as that appears to be a popular time.

We are delighted that Emma's exercise classes have now resumed on Tuesday mornings and we hope that other groups will be starting again soon. Unfortunately, it

will not be possible to resume some activities like skittles because of the need to disinfect anything that is touched by more than one person and to prevent people from coming into close contact indoors.

We remain keen to serve the community and operate in ways that suit everyone who uses the Centre. If you have questions or comments, do please get in touch. We will also hold our usual **Annual Meeting**; this year it will be in the hall on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm**. All are welcome, subject to there being enough room to maintain social distancing.

**Hatty Stafford Charles**, Chairman, Management Committee

Membership enquiries - [dawnsmethurst@hotmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.seendcommunitycentre.com)

### **100+ CLUB DRAW**

#### **July Results**

1	No 5	J Hawkins	£30
2	No 33	C Bowles	£25
3	No 35	J Crabtree	£24
4	No 130	R Walker	£15
5	No 77	R Sawyer	£10
6	No 137	R Whitehead	£10



#### **August Results**

1	No 67	H Barnes	£30
2	No 148	P Smethurst	£25
3	No 73	J Harding	£20
4	No 174	N Pike	£15
5	No 151	F Teasdale	£10
6	No 113	C Thorpe	£10

Congratulations to all the winners, Alison Bottomley.



### **SEEND WI**

We were thrilled to be able to hold a WI Meeting in September and were entertained by our speaker Barry Edwards. He gave a very interesting talk on The Early History of Penguin Books, which marked a milestone in the publishing world as Penguin Books were the first ones produced in paperback.

After having thoroughly enjoyed our WI afternoon picnic in August and then meeting in the hall in September (properly socially distanced), it is rather depressing that

meetings are again put on hold. Nevertheless the Committee is looking at ways of keeping in touch with members during this very difficult time.

The National Federation of WIs continues to offer a wide range of talks and courses online, which members can access for a small fee.

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 welcome and can attend one meeting without any obligation to join.

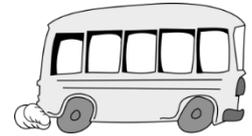
In normal times all meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise notified. For more information, please contact Joyce Harvey on 01380 828511 or check [www.seendwi.weebly.com](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com)

Joyce Harvey

## **THE SEEND SHUTTLE**

### **Seend Shuttle School Bus Service - Seats Available**

The School Bus Service is up and running again after lockdown albeit with a reduced service until the Breakfast Club is back in action. We have full compliance with Covid 19 guidance from Wiltshire Council and Wilts Community Transport Association so we hope to provide a safe environment for our passengers.



The Shuttle operates two runs in the mornings and we have seats available on both :-

Bowerhill/Bath Road/Bollands Hill to school

The Stocks/Seend Cleeve/ Brewery/Barge to school

Flexible pickup points, variable days of travel and friendly drivers.

Lots of benefits for you and your children in using the service including reducing the number of people around the school gates.

**To make an enquiry or a booking please call or text Robin Thornton on 07725 105398**

### **And Calling All Bulkington Parents:**

We are considering adding a third run to cover Bulkington with possible pick up points through the village and at Wick Lane. I do need to hear from interested parents so that I can see whether it is worthwhile so please get in touch at the above number. Please share this information far and wide so that we can reach as many people as possible.

Robin Thornton

*The Shuttle is not offering private hire at the moment, or any regular shopping trips (apart from a small group from Bromham who are taken to Melksham once a week).*

Anita Shea



## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

Unfortunately the weekend away in Hindhead has had to be cancelled, so we are hoping instead to be able to enjoy a local walk on October 4<sup>th</sup>, sticking to new Covid guidelines which include pre-booking and walking in groups of six.

If this works out we shall plan further walks later in the year.

Take care, Sandy

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

I have had the warmest welcome at Seend Primary School this week in my new role as Principal. I am sure the smiley faces were for me and not just for the fact that children were really excited to return to school and see all of their friends again!

Staff and children have learnt the new distancing and safety routines quickly and are very mindful of everyone's 'bubble'. I am learning names fast and matching children to their parents at the end of the day looking through my visor.

Our first two weeks have been spent not only learning the new routines but making friends and reconnecting with old ones too. We have talked openly about how the lockdown period made us feel, what we missed and what great attributes we have to develop our resilience at this time.

Please do have a look at two of my favourite photos from school this week in the 'colour supplement' with the online edition of Spotlight on [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk)

Candida Hutchinson

Principal Seend and St.George's



## **SEEND PLAYGROUP**

We have returned to playgroup with 21 children on the register. We welcomed Jorgie, Amelia, Freya, Hugo, William and Georgie-May and hope they enjoy their time with us.

Our topics this term are "All about me", "Settling in", "Seasonal things" and "Children's special interests". We are hoping to go on a walk and pick blackberries for them to take home. Also we hope to go on a walk to find conkers. The children have settled back in and are enjoying being with their friends.

Rose Dick, Playleader (828003)



## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

**Remembrance Day Poppies:** 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 some copies of this edition of Spotlight. (*See explanation of shortage of envelopes on p2. Eds.*) 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.

Thank you,  
Jenny Phillips.

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## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Parish Council Meetings** – Following the latest COVID19 government advice restricting gatherings of people to six, our meetings will continue to be held remotely for the foreseeable future. These meetings will be advertised in the usual way.

Any member of the public can listen in to our PC meetings. Log in details can be given by contacting the Clerk.

The full minutes of the meetings can be found on our website:  
[www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Parking on the green in the Lye** - It has come to the Parish Council's attention that someone has removed the wooden post on the green, and now some residents are driving across it to park their cars close to their homes.

Whilst not singling out anyone in particular, please can the Parish Council ask all residents not to park on this green. It has recently been designated a Local Green Space in our emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

Aster will be replacing the wooden post.

**Love Walk Finger Post** - Hopefully many of you will have seen the fantastic new fingerpost in Love Walk that has been skilfully crafted by Nathan Hamblin and Frank Teasdale. They have done a fantastic job, giving their services freely for the good of the Parish. We thank them very much.

**Circular Seat Love Walk** – The new circular seat should now have now been put in place around the Jubilee Oak which was planted in 1977.

Our thanks to the Evenden family of Seend Park who kindly donated the funds to purchase the replacement seat.

## **“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.”

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## **BITS AND BOBS**

### **GARDENING TIPS**

1. **Net ponds now before autumn leaf fall gets underway** to reduce the amount of debris entering the water.
2. **Clean out cold frames and greenhouses** ahead of autumn sowing and growing.
3. **Plant spring-flowering bulbs now, such as daffodils, crocus and hyacinths**, for glorious colour next year.
4. **Continue to feed and deadhead hanging-basket and container plants** - they will often keep going until the first frosts.
5. **Keep deadheading annuals and perennials** to extend their performance.
6. **Deadhead your penstemons, dahlias, and roses** to keep flowers coming.
7. **Divide herbaceous perennials** as the weather cools and water in the new divisions well. This will keep your plants healthy and vigorous year after year and multiply your stock.
8. **Prune any late-summer flowering shrubs**, such as the rock rose (*helianthemum*).
9. **Prune climbing roses** and rambling roses once they've finished flowering (unless they are repeat-flowering varieties, in which case leave them until later in the year).
10. **Keep camellias and rhododendrons** well watered at this time of year to ensure that next year's buds develop well.



11. **Keep harvesting crops.** If you have a glut of fruit and veg try freezing, drying, pickling, and storing so that you can benefit from them later on..
12. **Pinch out the tips of outdoor cordon tomato plants** to concentrate the plant's energy into producing ripe fruits.
13. **Harvest sweetcorn.** To test if it's ready, pinch a kernel - it will release a milky sap when ripe. If the kernels are starchy you've left it too late, if they're watery they need a little longer to ripen.
14. **Pull or cut off the foliage of maincrop potatoes** at ground level three weeks before lifting them. This will prevent blight spores infecting the tubers as you lift them and help to firm the skins of the potatoes.
15. **Spread newly dug potatoes out to dry** for a few hours before storing them in a cool, dark place. Store them in paper or **hessian sacks**, as this will allow the crop to breathe while it's in storage. Only store undamaged, disease-free tubers - one rotten potato can ruin your whole crop!
16. **Help pumpkins ripen in time for Halloween** by removing any leaves shadowing the fruits.
17. **Raise pumpkins and squashes** off the ground to prevent rotting. Place them on a piece of slate or wood.
18. **Keep feeding and watering French and runner beans** to make the most of them. Continue harvesting little and often to prevent them setting seed.
19. **Cut bean and pea plants away at ground level** when they have finished cropping. Leave the roots which will slowly release nitrogen back into the soil as they break down.

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## **WILDLIFE TIPS**



### **Birds:**

Providing water, either in a birdbath or pond, is useful, but not essential. Remember to keep the water clean to prevent the spread of disease. Feeding small birds throughout the year can be important for their survival, but especially in the colder months when natural food sources are scarce. Winter feeding has been shown to improve breeding success next spring.

### **Bee Hotels:**

You should be able to see evidence of leaf cutter bees taking up residence in these, as the inhabited straws will have had their ends sealed up!





## Hedgehog Feeding Station

### Simple Construction

A large plastic storage box  
Insulation tape

Hacksaw or strong scissors  
2 bricks or large stones

1. Very carefully cut a 13cm x 13cm square gap in one of the short sides of the box and cover the sharp edges with insulation tape
2. Place food and water at the back of the box as far away from the entrance as possible.
3. Place a brick on top of the box to prevent it from being easily moved, and place the other brick approximately 13cm away from the entrance to prevent larger mammals from being able to lie down and hook out the food with their paws.

Suitable food to offer would be specialist hedgehog food, white meat cat/dog food or cat biscuits, and don't forget to offer water.

Otis Tarda

## **EDINGTON ARTS**



It is with great regret that Edington Arts has been forced to cancel the remaining three concerts of the 2020 season, in October, November and December. The combination of all the various Covid-related guidelines and regulations which need to be followed has made the rest of the season financially unviable.

However, the 2021 season is fixed, and the concert leaflet will be distributed during October and November. Organisers are very pleased with what will be an exciting and varied programme, which begins in March.

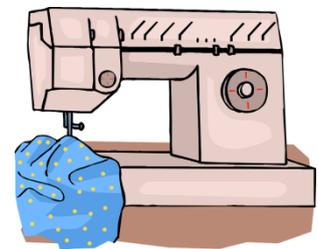
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For further information and discussion contact:

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Website. [wiltshireguildswd.org](http://wiltshireguildswd.org)

### **And finally.....**

Me: What's the wifi password?

Barman: You need to buy a drink first.

Me: Okay, I'll have a coke.

Barman: Is Pepsi okay?

Me: Sure, how much is that?

Barman: £3.

Me: There you go. So what's the wifi password?

Barman: You need to buy a drink first. No spaces, all lowercase!



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

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**Seend Community Centre** - 828796. Bookings: 07703 814111. [Seendcommunitycentre.com](http://Seendcommunitycentre.com)

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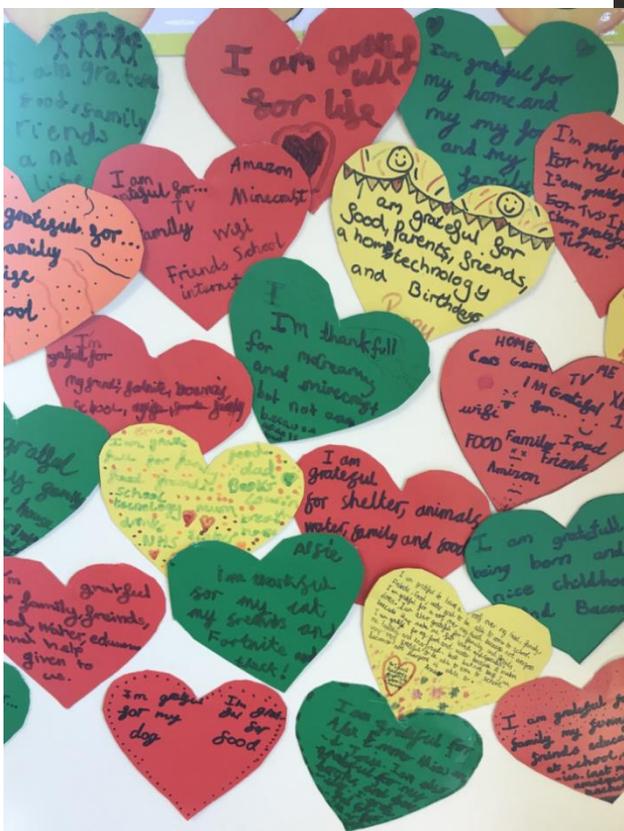
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Gratitude hearts made by year 6 and new friends in Reception



Jackie and Rachel's cake shop for the Big Picnic

A late cut in Seend Cleeve



**Big Heads v Small Heads August Bank Holiday cricket match**



**Seend wildlife**



**Pot of gold in the Community Centre?**

**The amazing flying fireworks seen over Seend one summer evening**

