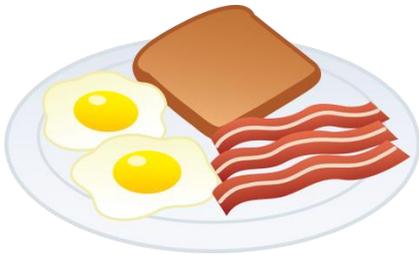


# SPOTLIGHT

## Seend & Bulkington



### Summer Saturday Breakfasts

*Freshly cooked & served by volunteers*

**31<sup>st</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> August**

**from 8-10.30am**

**in Seend Community Centre**

Proceeds to:



*The friendly way to start the weekend!*

AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

**AUGUST / SEPTEMBER  
2021**

## DIARY DATES LATE JULY

- 28<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter, Seend CC 12 for 12.30 pm  
31<sup>st</sup> Summer Saturday Breakfast, Seend CC, 8-10.30am

## DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

- 6<sup>th</sup> Return of the 'First Friday Coffee Mornings', Seend CC lounge, 10.30am  
7<sup>th</sup> Summer Saturday Breakfasts , Seend CC, 8-10.30am  
11<sup>th</sup> Seend Lye Field, General Meeting, Pavilion at 2.30 pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye, 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box  
11.05 am Well Inn car park  
17<sup>th</sup> Historic Houses Club, General Meeting, Pavilion, 2.30 pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Summer Saturday Breakfasts, Seend CC, 8-10.30am  
25<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter, Seend CC 12 for 12.30 pm  
31<sup>st</sup> Seend PC Meeting, Seend CC, 7.30 pm

## DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 3<sup>rd</sup> First Friday Coffee Mornings, Club lounge 10.30 am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Back to School Barbecue, 6.00 pm at Seend CC  
5<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers  
10<sup>th</sup> Sir Mathew Thorpe 'A Divided Heart' 6 pm. Seend CC  
11<sup>th</sup> Ride and Stride  
13<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library, 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box  
11.05 am Well Inn car park  
18<sup>th</sup> **LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT**  
24<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning  
26<sup>th</sup> 'NOT THE PANTO SHOW' Seend CC at 7.30 pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter, Seend CC 12 for 12.30 pm

### *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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**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 August/September 2021 Spotlight**

Things are happening again in our villages, and Spotlight is the place to find out what, when, where and why! The Community Centre quarterly newsletter 'Happenings!' has also made its return in this issue. Spotlight is also the place to advertise your local business, so read on...

### **ADVERTISING IN SPOTLIGHT**

Our charges for advertising have not changed since 2013, so we are this year increasing the cost to £90 for a half page and £50 for a quarter page. This is for a whole year (10 issues) starting in October. A page is A5 in size and black/white. The preferred format for adverts is Word in B&W. Either half an A4 page in landscape, or quarter an A4 page in portrait (we reduce the size on printing).

We try to give preference to businesses that are local to Seend and Bulkington. Adverts must be received by Chris Brooker **by 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. Because of giving precedence to local businesses, and the fact that we are sometimes oversubscribed, we cannot guarantee you a space.

Please email your advert to [spotlightads@btinternet.com](mailto:spotlightads@btinternet.com). If you need to talk to him, call 01380 828047.

The Spotlight editorial team would welcome a new volunteer to share responsibilities for compiling and editing the magazine. Ideally, you should be fairly active within the community so know what is going on, and have reasonable ability with computers, particularly using Word. Interested? Please email [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk)

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### **THE SEEND FUND - A REMINDER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES**

If you find yourself in financial difficulties, struggling to keep warm or pay for food, the fund is here to help. In the past it has contributed towards a variety of things:

- |                           |                       |             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| * Rent Payment            | * School Trips        | * Food      |
| * Household fuel          | * Medical Equipment   | * Vet bills |
| * Electrical appliances   | * Musical instruments | * Training  |
| * School and work clothes | * Wheelchairs         |             |

Remember the Seend fund is your local fund. Anyone living in or closely associated with Seend, including our close neighbours in Bulkington and Poulshot, can apply by emailing the secretary ([anitashea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anitashea@hotmail.co.uk)) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY.

The Trustees promise complete confidentiality. Please don't hesitate to contact the fund, saying how much you need, what for and when you need it by. The fund can't make regular or huge donations but may be able to help carry you over to better times.

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## **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.)*

### **Joyce King**

Alec King and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and kind messages of sympathy on the sad loss of his dear wife Joyce. They lived in Bulkington for many years where Joyce was Sunday School Teacher, LPA and Church Warden. May she rest in peace.

### **Peter Reavey**

Many of you will remember Peter Reavey, a Headteacher of Seend Primary School in the 1980s. We are sad to report that he died on 22nd June 2021.

### **SEEND SHUTTLE SCHOOL BUS SERVICE**

We will have seats available on all the school runs from the beginning of the new school year in September 2021 and look forward to welcoming new passengers of all school ages :-

Flexible pick up points, flexible days of travel and friendly drivers.

Using the bus brings benefits for everyone :-

- Time saving for Mums and Dads
- Cost saving at only £1 per week per child
- Bus Buddy system in place for younger children
- More independence for the children
- Fun on the bus with their friends
- Help the environment by reducing the traffic at the school

First run is Bowerhill/Bollands Hill to school for the Breakfast Club.

Second run is Bulkington War Memorial/ Wick Lane to school.

Third run is The Stocks/Seend Cleeve/Brewery/New Buildings to school..

To make an enquiry or a booking please call or text Robin Thornton on 07725 105398 or email at rthornton2005@yahoo.co.uk.

### **SEEND OPEN GARDENS 10/11 JULY 2021**



Thank you to all those involved with the organisation of another successful open garden event. Your help and enthusiasm are so much appreciated and it couldn't happen without you. We had about 730 visitors and everyone enjoyed themselves and were most complimentary not only about the gardens but also the teas and the general atmosphere. Everyone seemed happy in spite of the damp weather and the inevitable covid restrictions. Next year it will be The Cleeve open garden event over the second weekend of June assuming all is well. Hopefully we shall look forward to catching up with you again then !

Best wishes, Tina Yockney

## **11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 - WILTSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**



Sponsored cycle, horse-ride or walk around Wiltshire's churches and chapels to raise money for your own church and the WHCT. Contact Len Murray for more info and sponsorship forms to support Holy Cross, Seend... 01380 828513.

[www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk) Charity Number: 1075598

## **WILTSHIRE COUNCIL CLIMATE STRATEGY**

Wiltshire Council is consulting on its draft Climate Strategy from 1 September for six weeks, as it aims to meet its pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030.

The consultation is your chance to help shape the future of Wiltshire in its journey to becoming carbon neutral county and more resilient to climate impacts. The council will be asking for your views on how you think residents, communities and businesses in the county can all play their part to achieve this.

There will be a chance to attend engagement events to ask questions and share your views during the six weeks of the consultation period, along with an online survey, so please do get involved and help to spread the word. The full consultation documents and information will be available at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/green-economy](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/green-economy) from 1 September.

We all have a responsibility to do what we can to tackle this global problem, and your support on a local level will be vital, so please do get involved!

## **SEEND LYE FIELD GENERAL MEETING - 11TH AUGUST**

There will be a Seend Lye Recreation Field General Meeting in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion on Wednesday 11th August at 7:30 pm. All Seend parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Steven Vaux, Hon Sec



## **NOSH AND NATTER LUNCHES HAVE RETURNED.**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 25<sup>th</sup> August and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 we are back in the Seend Community Centre once a month, 12 noon for 12.30. We serve a two-course lunch, with any food preferences catered for, for £5:00 per person. We are so looking forward to coming back and we hope that you can come and join us. Please call Pauline on 01380 828638 to book. All welcome.

## **SEEND COMMUNITY LINK SCHEME**

Trouble getting **out and about**? We can help with **transport**.

Link is a team of **volunteers** who assist residents in the area who are **elderly** or incapacitated and are **unable to use public transport**.

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

**Telephone 07532 055560 - [www.seend.org.uk/seend link](http://www.seend.org.uk/seend_link)**

## **Thank you, Link Scheme!**

I am a recent user of our village Link scheme. I should like, through Spotlight, to say what a wonderful asset this is, with Chris, as coordinator, and the team of helpful and cheerful volunteers.

With thanks, Di Webb

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

**Councillor Vacancies:** The Parish Council is looking to co-opt 3 new Councillors. We are entitled to have 11 Councillors but with 3 Councillors who stepped down at the May election and no new candidates, we now only have 8 members. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk. There is a job description on the Parish Council website. The deadline for registering your interest with the Clerk is 1<sup>st</sup> September. We hope to do the co-option at our PC meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**Melksham Bypass 2<sup>nd</sup> Consultation** – the deadline for comments is 8<sup>th</sup> August. Comments can be made by completing the on-line survey, or by email: majorhighwayprojects@wiltshire.gov.uk or post: Major Highway Projects, Wiltshire Council, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge VBA14 8JN. The website is: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-a-350-melksham-bypass](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-a-350-melksham-bypass).

**Inspection of Accounts announcement – correction:** In the July issue, the dates were wrong for the exercise of public rights to inspect the accounts. It should have been 14<sup>th</sup> June to 23<sup>rd</sup> July. This is the date that was on the notices put on the noticeboards around the parish and on the PC website and the date we have notified our External Auditor of. Of course if anyone does want to inspect the accounts up to 23<sup>rd</sup> August, then please contact the clerk and she can arrange a mutually convenient time and place to do so.

**CPRE Best Kept Village Competition:** Seend has come second in the Kennet large village group of the competition with 91 points, one point behind Ramsbury who came first in our category. Only one village in each category goes through to the final for the whole of Wiltshire so sadly we don't go through to the final. But it is worth pointing out that we received a higher mark than many of the other villages in the other areas who were put through. So, congratulations to John Williams for co-ordinating our entry and to all those residents who spruced up their properties for the competition.

## **AN APPRECIATION OF SEEND HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

Sometimes I think it's bad enough living in a Grade 2 listed building and all that goes with it, without having to worry about a much larger Grade 1 listed monstrosity – also known as the parish church! As Churchwarden I have the dubious honour of sharing the responsibility of looking after Holy Cross, Seend along with our Treasurer (Neil Yockney), Secretary to the PCC (Anne Ewing) and the faithful members of the Parochial Church Council. Hmmm... reading that sentence back, maybe I am being unfair - because actually – it's an honour and a privilege to be so closely connected

with what (according to the recent survey) 90% of all villagers consider to be a wonderful and beautiful asset to our community. Holy Cross is indeed a wonderful living and historical witness to all those villagers who have gone before us. Think of the weddings, baptisms and of course, funerals that have taken place over the hundreds of years Holy Cross has been in our midst!

Lots of you will have moments of more recent history connected with the church and many of you visit the churchyard to remember your loved ones, whose final resting place is under the shade of the familiar canopies of the trees. When the Covid-19 restrictions allow some of you light candles to their memories. You may not hold a strong faith in God but in the quiet peace of the church some words of love and comfort may come to your mind. A lighted candle somehow helps – the light bringing a balm to our sometimes fretful minds. Remember the Christingle services over the years – the joy of lighting candles in oranges with the sweets to enjoy afterwards?! What does it all mean? It means what you want it to mean. You don't have to be 'holy' to be a part of the church. Goodness knows – anyone who has met me can vouch for that! Yes, your worship and your prayers can be important but other actions are also important. Some come and tend the churchyard, polish the brass, arrange flowers, dust the pews, ring the bells, help with children's activities... These things will always need doing and long may there be those in our village who want to do them, quietly for the love of others, without fuss or commendation.

The other day I was in the church setting up some equipment with Neil for Adrian Burholt's Ordination service, which was to be live streamed from Salisbury Cathedral. A man and woman came in to look around. They said they were thinking of moving to Seend and had hoped to see inside the church to sort of 'make up their minds'. I think it passed muster! I remember when I came here to look at the cottage I live in now and I too found the church. I could not believe the beauty of it – both inside and in the churchyard – with that wonderful view over Potterne Vale to the south. That beauty has never diminished over the years I've lived here. However, the thought of actually attending the church for a service seemed like a daunting prospect, as it felt like entering a sort of private club. But then the whole village felt like a members only club at first, although I found people to be friendly when I met them! I hadn't been to a church service, apart from the usual high days and holidays since being in the local church choir as a teenager (and no, I wasn't angelic in the slightest!), so it was all a bit weird to start with. I went because I felt that living in a small community, I needed to be a part of it and one sure-fire way was to attend the local church. After the first week I wasn't a stranger anymore. The people who had said 'hello' and asked me if I was local remembered me the second week and I found a warmth of welcome which was neither overwhelming nor insincere. A sense of belonging took hold within a fairly short space of time and the traditions and patterns of the services began to make sense too. I can understand why people get put off of coming to services but those traditions and patterns were part of the warp and weft of our ancestors' lives and are still a comfort and security today. We all need some of this occasionally.

What I do know, as Churchwarden is that this beautiful, historic, friendly, comforting – ‘always been there, always will be’ – church is falling to pieces year on year! We’ve just had the Quinquennial Inspection Report (commissioned every five years by the Salisbury Diocese) completed by the appointed architect and there’s a lot that needs doing! From failing glazing in the windows, crumbling masonry on the parapets and rotten, worm eaten panelling alongside the pews, there’s indeed a lot that needs doing! And now the crunch line! HELP! You may not be ‘holy’ or even have a faith but most of you love and appreciate this building. However, love and appreciation is not always enough. If you would like Holy Cross to continue to bring all those wonderful attributes to future generations – then please get in touch with either myself, a member of the PCC or the Friends of Holy Cross and make a contribution to the one building that has been at the centre of village life for hundreds of years and with all our help will still be there for those that come after us.

Thank you.

Len Murray, Churchwarden, Church of The Holy Cross, Seend.

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## **CHURCH NEWS**

By the time you read this, the Covid restrictions will have been lifted across the UK and hopefully, we will have returned to some normality. There's understandably so much excitement about getting back to normal after the year we've had but also possibly some trepidation.

*What is normal though?* If I turn on the news, I see that 'normal' is anger, violence and hate. Is this what we're desperate to get back to? Or can we dream of a 'new normal'.

What if we started with a radical principle central to Jesus' teaching and life, seen in Matthew 5:43-44?: 'You have heard that it was said, 'you shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'

In Luke 6:32-35 Jesus says: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that... But love your enemies, do good to them...'

Normal is hating your enemies, loving those who only love you, doing good to those who do good to you. Jesus' normal is to love your enemies, love those who hate you, do good to those who do bad to you.

Paul captures the practical reality of this in Romans 12:20-21: '...if your enemies are hungry, feed them, if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.'

This is radical. There is nothing normal about loving your enemies. Jesus' teaching isn't just a nice add on to being a Christian. It isn't a teaching that we can choose to opt in or out to. This teaching is at the very heart of what it means to be a Christian.

*What could a 'new normal' look like?*

Jesus' 'normal' goes against the tide of our normal: anger, violence and hate. Jesus' normal is to love your enemies. Is this possible or even realistic? The love to our enemies is not only something of the heart; it is something of the will. Loving your enemies isn't simply a feeling, some kind of passive emotion. Loving your enemy is active! It requires action and willpower.

Actively love your enemies. This is most powerfully demonstrated in the story of Brant Jean.

In 2018, Brandt's brother Botham was killed in his own apartment – where he was watching TV and eating ice-cream – by an off-duty, white Dallas police officer after she mistakenly entered his home, believing it to be hers. Brandt shocked many when he told Amber Guyger he forgave her and said he didn't want her to go to prison after she received a 10-year sentence in October for killing 26-year-old Botham. Brant didn't say what he said easily. He was a man determined to do the right thing. He was actively loving his enemy, choosing good over evil and choosing love over hate.

So, as we come out of this weird pandemic world, can we avoid heading back into 'normal life' and instead actively love our enemies? Can we actively love those who don't like us?

Can we actively love those on the other side of the political or theological spectrum? Can we actively love those who have hurt us? Can we actively love those who hate us? Can we actively love those we despise... the terrorist... the paedophile... the racist?

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Jesus' normal is to love those who hate you.

Jesus' normal is to do good to those who do bad to you.

*Love and blessings to you all  
Liz Starling - Licensed Lay Minister*

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### **From the Registers:**

#### **Baptisms**

Jessica King on 4<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Cross, Seend

#### **Weddings**

Emily Rumbold and Timothy Manning on 6<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Cross, Seend

No funerals this month.



## CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2021

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

**All Sunday services are now open to attend in person. We will be strictly adhering to covid regulations. Please wear a mask to enter and exit and maintain safe social distancing.**

**Online services can be accessed via zoom (link below).**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August (Trinity 9)**

|      |                      |              |
|------|----------------------|--------------|
| 8 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Worton       |
| 10am | Morning Praise       | Bulkington * |
| 10am | Holy Communion       | Poulshot     |

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August (Trinity 10)**

|      |                      |          |
|------|----------------------|----------|
| 8am  | Holy Communion (BCP) | Potterne |
| 10am | Morning Praise       | Seend *  |
| 10am | Holy Communion       | Worton   |

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August (Trinity 11)**

|      |                      |                |
|------|----------------------|----------------|
| 8 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Seend          |
| 10am | Morning Praise       | Potterne       |
| 10am | Holy Communion       | Bulkington *   |
| 4pm  | All Age Service      | Poulshot Green |

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August (Trinity 12)**

|      |                      |          |
|------|----------------------|----------|
| 8am  | Holy Communion (BCP) | Potterne |
| 10am | Morning Praise       | Seend *  |
| 10am | Holy Communion       | Poulshot |

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

|     |                           |          |
|-----|---------------------------|----------|
| 5pm | Celtic Meditative Service | Poulshot |
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### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August (Trinity 13)**

|      |                      |            |
|------|----------------------|------------|
| 8am  | Holy Communion (BCP) | Seend      |
| 10am | Morning Praise       | Potterne * |
| 10am | Holy Communion       | Worton     |
| 6pm  | Evening Prayer       | Bulkington |

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 (Trinity 14)**

|       |                             |                  |
|-------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 8:00  | Holy Communion              | Potterne         |
| 9:15  | BCP Matins - Holy Communion | Poulshot         |
| 10:00 | Holy Communion              | Seend*           |
| 8:00  | BCP Holy Communion          | Worton & Marston |
| 10:00 | Holy Communion              | Potterne*        |

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2021(Trinity 15)**

|       |                    |                  |
|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| 8:00  | BCP Holy Communion | Worton & Marston |
| 10:00 | Communion          | Potterne*        |

### **Sunday 19th September, 2021 (Trinity 16)**

|       |                    |            |
|-------|--------------------|------------|
| 8:00  | BCP Holy Communion | Potterne   |
| 9:15  | BCP Matins         | Poulshot   |
| 10:00 | Holy Communion     | Seend*     |
| 10:00 | Morning Praise     | Bulkington |

### **Sunday 26th September, 2021 (Trinity 17)**

|       |                    |                    |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 8:00  | BCP Holy Communion | Seend              |
| 10:00 | Morning Praise     | Worton & Marston * |
| 10:00 | Holy Communion     | Potterne           |
| 18:00 | Holy Communion     | Bulkington         |

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot (no booking required)

**\* These services will be available on Zoom. You can access them via our website below or use the link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6778119535>.**

Outside of these services, all churches will be open for private prayer on Sundays from 10am to 5pm. Anyone attending for private prayer is reminded to check-in (on paper or using the NHS app) and adhere to the covid safety notices displayed.

We will continue with morning prayer via Zoom at **9:00am on Wednesday and Friday mornings** and with evening prayers on Zoom on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:00pm**.

Services can change during this pandemic. Please refer to our website for the most current updates and links to the online services.

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

**Updated Covid Rules:** Please be aware of our updated covid rules that come into place from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

- No need to pre-book to attend services
- Masks are to be worn on entry and exit
- Masks are no longer obligatory when seated but encouraged during singing

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## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

### **GREAT BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

Our village hall is slowly coming back to life and although we have Covid Precautions still being enforced it is now in regular use by our Parish Council, Artists Group Ladies Group and Band Practice.

Nev Boulton Acting Chairman, Bulkington Village Hall, Tel 01380 828 101

## **BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Draft Minutes PENDING OFFICAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING**

**Held Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Councillors: Amy Powell (Chair), Andrew Grabham (Vice Chair), Alex Breach, Julie Anderson-Hill, Alison Howard-Evans, Carla Haslam (joined remotely for part of the meeting)

Public: Tamara Reay, Mr and Mrs Wyatt, PCSO Janet and PCSO Luke

**Apologies for absence:** Simon Downey

#### **To Record:**

No changes to the Register of Interests.

Declaration of Interest in agenda items – Heather Wyatt expressed an interest in Planning Updates, Agenda item 80.

#### **Reports Received:**

PCSO Janet an Colleague PCSO Luke:

There have been no local reports of crime for the last month, the PCSO Team have been busy doing their regular patrols as well as Covid patrols to try and control breaches to the restrictions and keep public spaces like recreational areas safe. Janet will be doing some metal detecting training in July so she is better able to understand and challenge any illegal metal detecting going on in the area.

Councillor Tamara Reay:

There will be a re-run of the police commissioner position on the 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Nominations close 23<sup>rd</sup> July and you can expect poll cards to be coming through the post soon after.

Railway update: Progressing gateway station with carbon reduction and sustainability in mind and opening up opportunities for the younger generation.

Tamara has agreed to help us progress our CATG sign requests that have not had any replies so far. **ACTION:** Clerk to escalate CATG request and loop in Councillor Tamara.

#### **Local Planning Updates:**

PL/2021/04881, 22, Junction With Bulkington Drove North And West To Pantry Bridge, Bulkington, SN10 1SN: **An orangery extension to rear elevation has been requested.** Mr and Mrs Wyatt attended the meeting to answer questions and present their plans. **They would like to replace the current white conservatory with a mostly brick built (in keeping with the rest of the bungalow) orangery with French windows in the event of wheel chair access needed. This area will not be overlooked by anyone in the village. There were no objections raised by any of the Councillors.**

#### **Finance - The below payments were approved:**

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Clerk Pay June                     | £221.60 |
| David Owen money owed until Dec 21 | £60.00  |
| New Councillor Training x 1 (Amy)  | £36.00  |
| Email hosting                      | £70.63  |

Email account capacity increase       £90  
Notice Board Repairs               £60  
Ideverde Grounds Maintenance: 01/05/21 - 31/05/21 £103.59  
Total approved this month:       £641.82  
**Bank Balance after spending the above:   £5740.26**

**War Memorial Sign Replacement:** A member of the Parish has requested that the small white sign under the tree by the War Memorial asking people to keep off is replaced.  
**ACTION:** Councillor Carla to find out if the Royal British Legion can help

**Recreational Ground Committee update:**

Carla reported that the Rec Team fully support the idea of an accessible loop around Rec Ground and there is an appetite to purchase a ride on mower. They have also agreed on replacing the existing metal freestanding football posts with a safer, more permanent solution. Current Recreational Ground Finances: 1152.25.  
**ACTION:** Clerk to set up meeting with other village council team to share insights  
**ACTION:** Councillor Tamara to share other possibilities for grants for making the village more accessible to those with mobility restrictions.  
**ACTION:** Amy to send Andrew form for Lawn mower funding request in preparation for the September Area Board Meeting  
**ACTION:** Team to help Carla pull together a vision document for use during grant applications

**Questionnaire Results:** The Precept Consultation Response showed the below:

Option 1: (do not use the Precept to fund the Rec Ground) 18.75%  
Option 2: (£2000 from the Precept to fund the Rec Ground) – 31.25%  
Option 3: (£4000 from the Precept to fund the Rec Ground) – 50%  
28% of residents of village responded to the questionnaire. If you wanted to respond but haven't had the chance to yet please email our Clerk with your preference. The 2022/2023 Precept figures will be finalized in the October PC meeting.

**Parish Steward:** Outstanding jobs to be sent to the Clerk prior to next visit.

**ACTION:** Clerk to request that grass verges spreading onto the High Street pavement are trimmed to help make the pavements more accessible.

**Village Signs:** The faded 30 speed restriction at the Breach Farm side of the village has been replaced with a new sign by the council and the other faded sign will be replaced imminently. The request for 3 new signs to help reduce speed in the village is being chased and escalated within the Wiltshire Council.

**Newsletter update:** The Summer edition is printed and will be distributed by our volunteers. The team would like to thank Councillor Amy for writing and funding the printing of the Newsletter – it is a great way to update the village with regular news. We welcome idea suggestions for articles or guest writers that would like to contribute an article about something they are passionate about.

**Wiltshire Best Kept Village:** We were judged on the weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup> of June and are awaiting an update of how we did. Sadly we did not get the heads up we were initially promised but thanks to everyone's hard work the village was looking amazing and we have our fingers crossed.

**The Parish Council team meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7pm. The meeting is usually in the Bulkington Village Hall, please contact our Clerk on [theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk](mailto:theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk) if you would like to join remotely.**

**Location details will depend on the Covid-19 guidelines at the time of the meeting.**

### **BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH**

Hooray! We may soon be able to have our Village Lunch again. This is a lovely social occasion for everyone in the village and elsewhere and gives us a chance to get together, relax and chat over lunch, something we have all missed in the last year. It is held at The Well on the first Wednesday of each month and everyone is welcome. For more particulars contact Phyl Yarde on 01380 828116 or [phyllisyarde@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisyarde@gmail.com).



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

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at The Old Stables. Please contact Andie Elliott on 828277. New people always welcome.

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

### **BULKINGTON 100 CLUB**

We held the draw at the Tea, Craft and Chat meeting on Monday, 5th July, and the winners were

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| £30 | No. 51 | Faye Lovell          |
| £25 | No.33  | Karen Lock           |
| £20 | No. 69 | Sue Noad             |
| £15 | No. 9  | Felicity Price       |
| £10 | No. 80 | Rev. Ali Bridewell   |
| £10 | No. 3  | Rev. Maureen Allchin |
| £10 | No. 57 | Steve Kerslake       |



Congratulations to the winners! This was the last draw for the current year so could I have subscriptions for the new year by the end of August please. This has been a difficult year for everyone but, thanks to the generosity and loyalty of our members, it has been a good one for the club with the draws providing a bit of fun, especially for the winners, and our contributions to the cost of essential repairs and upkeep of our village Church and churchyard so thank you to everyone. The new year will start on 1st September and we would love to have more members join us - for full details contact Phyl Yarde on 01380 828116 or [phyllisyarde@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisyarde@gmail.com).

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August and 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.05-11.30.  
It is good to see that people are supporting it.

### **BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP**

Our August meeting is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> at the slightly earlier time of 7 pm. We are having a BBQ at Mill Croft, by kind permission of Neville & Thelma Boulton. (Weather permitting.) Please bring your own food to BBQ.

Our September meeting is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in Bulkington Village Hall. Details nearer the time. There will be the usual refreshments and raffle.

Liz Futter 828485

### **GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY**



I am delighted to report that with the slight easing of the Covid Restrictions that we have been holding children's parties on the miniature ride on railway in our garden. As the parties are all out of doors with the appropriate precautions in place the children have all had a great time. Yesterday we entertained some twenty boys & girls (plus a few parents) for over two hours and they all had a wonderful time. We found it very sad to hear that for some of the younger children, (due to lockdown) it was the first party that they had ever been to. We take no expenses and shortly expect to be able to send the Wiltshire Air Ambulance people a further donation of £750.

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### **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

We're glad to be back! Do drop in and see us soon!



AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

Our new summer **Bar Opening Hours** are:

Weds, Thurs and Sat: from 7:00pm until closing

Fridays: from 6:00pm until closing

Sundays: from 12:00 noon until 4:00pm



Every Friday in the Members Bar the popular TGIF get-together, free nibbles on the bar and a good time to catch up on all the local gossip. Newcomers to the village, pop along and meet us.

**Summer Breakfasts - 31st July, 7th and 21st August** - Saturday breakfasts are back! From 8 am. Just turn up, bring your family and friends along for a hearty breakfast!

**Nosh & Natter** - The next dates for the popular lunch club will be on **Aug 25th** and **Sept 29th**. 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm. £5 per head. Tel Pauline on 01380 828638 or 07879 494429 for info and to book.

**First Friday Coffee morning** returns on **Aug 6<sup>th</sup>** and **Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Meet in the Club Lounge 10.30 am - no booking required. Just £2 for a coffee or tea (plus a refill) and a slice of homemade cake! All welcome!

**Back to school BBQ** - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 6 pm.

**Book Launch on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September** Well-known long-term Seend resident **Sir Mathew Thorpe** has just published a book. '**A Divided Heart**' is a vivid description of a personal pilgrimage as Mathew follows the Austrian Jakobsweg towards Santiago de Compostela via Vienna, The Tyrol, Innsbruck and Salzburg. Mathew's book launch will be at the Community Centre from 6pm on Friday 10th September. Signed copies will be for sale and there will be an opportunity to talk to him about his journey.

**'Not the Panto Show' by Seend Fawltly Players** - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September @ 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include a light supper. Tickets available from late August. Proceeds to the Community Centre.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am. Join us for this great fundraising event.

**A date for the diary - 2<sup>nd</sup> October**, a fund-raiser for **Cancer Research. An Evening of Classic Rock** featuring local band **Half Way House**, 7.30-10.30, tickets £10 via [andrew.stables@icloud.com](mailto:andrew.stables@icloud.com)

**Bodyblast** by Emma - this popular exercise workout is a regular feature and is designed to suit all abilities. Every Tuesday at 9.15 am.

**Fitsteps** – An energetic, fun, dance fitness class run by two former stars on the amateur ballroom circuit. It is suitable for all ages and abilities and you don't need a partner. Thursdays 6 - 7 pm. £7 per session. Contact Charlie Minty via his Facebook page (on the Village FB Group). There are also Beginners and Improvers Group Latin and Ballroom classes for those keen to improve their dance skills, and private classes (one on one) are available by arrangement.

**Read more in our 'Happenings!' newsletter.**

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Three new Committee members, Paul Robinson, Les Welling and Jeanette von Berg were voted in at our last meeting on 21 June.

They, along with our Secretary and Standard Bearer, Kevin Toft, collaborated with the landlord of The Crown Inn at Bishops

Cannings and organised a fundraising event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of The Royal British Legion which is being held on 31 July at The Crown starting at 2pm including a duck race, cake sale, fancy dress, military vehicles, live music with BIG raffle prizes and BBQ. Grateful thanks to all those who helped.

A new Social Secretary, Paul Robinson, was also appointed at our last meeting.

The Rededication to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Seend War Memorial will take place on Tuesday 7 December. A VIP will be in attendance. Further details and timings, will be published later.

Date of next meeting: 21 October, 7.30pm - Kennet Room, Community Centre, Seend - AGM and committee meeting.

Anita Heatley, Public Relations

## SEEND WI

A beautiful summer evening on the Lye Field was the perfect backdrop for our first meeting in person of WI members for ages. The Committee had prepared a delicious finger buffet which was enjoyed by everyone as they sat outside the Pavilion. The tables and chairs kindly left out under the gazebos after the Open Gardens event certainly helped create a party atmosphere as members re-connected with each other. A fun quiz ended a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Our August Meeting will consist of a picnic, brought by members, to be enjoyed on the Lye Field.

Everyone is looking forward to our September meeting in the Pavilion to hear a talk on "The Blood Bikes-motorcycle couriers".

The National Federation of WIs continues to offer a wide range of talks and courses, some of which are at local venues and others on-line, 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](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com).

Joyce Harvey

### 100+ CLUB

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| JUNE: | 1. No. 41  | L. Morgan    | £50 |
|       | 2. No. 20  | S. Bond      | £25 |
|       | 3. No.183  | B. Collinson | £25 |
|       | 4. No. 92  | C. Vince     | £15 |
|       | 5. No. 145 | D. Frith     | £15 |
| JULY: | 1. No.176  | E. Bowles    | £50 |
|       | 2. No. 7   | R. Fisher    | £25 |
|       | 3. No. 2   | S. Cubberley | £25 |
|       | 4. No. 99  | P. Schruff   | £15 |
|       | 5. No. 64  | T. James     | £15 |



Man thanks to the volunteers at Open Gardens who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley

## **SEEND SINGERS**

Our retiring leader, Bob McCulloch was completely taken by surprise at a special party organised in his honour. An outdoor garden party had been arranged for lunchtime on 29<sup>th</sup> June at the home of Bron and Tony Murch in Dial Close and the event had been kept a close secret from Bob.

The Singers started proceedings with two songs; Consider Yourself (from Oliver) and Memory (from Cats). The lyrics of the latter had been specially rewritten by Anita Shea as a tribute to Bob. Everyone appreciated the humorous libretto, which was rendered with great gusto.

A toast was proposed in recognition of Bob's expert leadership of the choir and how it had developed. In addition to the regular Tuesday rehearsals at the Community Centre the choir had performed at various venues, including the Village Concerts and Christmas Carols at Cleeve House. Bob responded by relating how he first became involved with the group and how much he had enjoyed his time as Musical Director. He was then presented with a card (signed by all present) and gifts, including a picture (showing Bob conducting the choir) especially commissioned by Prue Hawkins. Everyone enjoyed this very social occasion. Without a leader the future of the Seend Singers remains uncertain, unless a new Musical Director steps forward. Anyone interested should ring 01380 828511 for an informal discussion.

Ken Harvey

## **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

Members much enjoyed "The Winter's Tale" performed by Shakespeare Live in the gardens of Cleeve House on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Fortunately it was a fine summer's evening, a clear benefit for actors on an open air stage!



Further trips have been arranged for:

The Watermill, Newbury on the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to see a musical "Just So" based on the Rudyard Kipling stories. This will be different from the usual format as both the production and the pre-show supper will be out doors in the theatre grounds. Theatre Royal, Bath on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to see "The Good Life", a new play by Jeremy Sams based on characters in the 1970s sitcom. Rufus Hound stars. "The Messiah", Bath Abbey. A great way to welcome the festive season. This trip will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

"Chicago" the musical at the Hippodrome, Bristol for a matinee performance on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

If you are interested in joining us for any of the above please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or Marion (01380 828612).

We are delighted to report that member Ann Burgess has joined the Committee. Ann and her husband Geoff are keen theatre goers and have been strong supporters of Seend Theatre Club events. There is a further vacancy on the Committee which we would like to fill before the AGM early in 2022.

Ken Harvey



## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

Finally, it is looking more like summer, the sun is shining and it is certainly hot!!!

Our June walk was led by Wendy and Reg. 19 members walked from Yatton Keynell towards West Yatton then down into Longdean valley following a figure of eight back to Yatton Keynell. It was a walk of approximately 5 miles, enjoyed by everyone.

Our July walk of just over 4 miles was led by Colin and Denny and took in a circular walk near Tellisford bridge along the river to the weir, where people could be seen cooling off, very hot even at 10.30 in the morning! The walk continued to Rode village, up tracks to lovely views of the valley before returning along footpaths.

Next walk: Friday August 6th for the evening walk and bring your own picnic.

5th September will be a usual Sunday walk, leading us into our weekend away at Hindhead, Surrey (fingers crossed it will go ahead as planned) 8th/9th/10th October.

Take care. Feel free to get in touch if you would like to join one of the walks.

Sandy, the Ramblers, 01380 739235

## **SEEND TENNIS CLUB**

Our fantastic summer camp is running from 16th to 18th August. Mornings (from 10.00-12.30) will be for 4-9 year olds and afternoons (from 13.00-15.30) for 10-14 year olds.



Under the supervision of FAR Sports coaches (all LTA qualified, DBS checked and first aid trained), the summer camp is the perfect place for your children to enjoy their tennis. Combining elements of structured coaching with games and competitions, the camps are suitable for all abilities. Plus prizes to be won everyday! All you have to provide is snacks, drinks and sun cream. The cost for the 3 days is just £60 per child. They must be a tennis club member, which is currently half-price at £4 for the year. Just book directly via the [Seend Tennis Club Website](#). If you have any questions, please contact [coachingstclub@gmail.com](mailto:coachingstclub@gmail.com)

Many thanks, Seend Tennis Club

## **SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB**



The Committee have decided to hold a General Meeting to discuss the current situation of the Club, and the best way forward to get us back on our feet again. Rather than wait until next Spring for our usual AGM, we invite all members, and anyone else interested in joining us, to a gathering, in the Irene Usher Pavilion, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, at 2.30 pm.

Please bring enthusiasm and fresh ideas or suggestions with you, and any offers of help on the committee will be appreciated.

Tina, Neil, Len and Mary

**SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS:** The twice postponed ‘Not the Panto Show’ will at last be staged in the Peter Fisher Hall at the Community Centre on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Tickets (£10 including supper) will be available late August.

## **SEEND SCHOOL**

We have had a very busy and exciting term with lots going on...

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, Seend C of E Primary School held their annual sports day. It was lovely to be able to enjoy this fun afternoon together (after it being cancelled last year) although we still missed having the parents there. The children definitely cheered even louder than usual to make up for it!



Everyone tried their hardest for each race and we all had and lots of fun. However, there is always a winner and Trussell team (named after the founder of the foodbank movement) were victorious this year.

We were also treated to the Year 5 & 6 Summer Production ‘Pirates of the Curry Bean’ – a fantastic event which was live streamed on the day to parents. We even had a surprise cameo from our Principal Mrs Hutchinson!

On the 20<sup>th</sup> July we had our leaver’s service in the church to say a fond farewell to our Year 6s who will be starting their new schools in September. We wish them luck!

Finally we wish everyone a wonderful summer-we all look forward to seeing you back on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and to welcoming our new Reception children on half days from the 6<sup>th</sup> September!

Catherine Iles, Pupil Services Officer

*(Photos of school activities can be seen in Spotlight’s Online Colour Supplement on [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk))*

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## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

*NB. The following minutes are a shortened version of the full minutes taken at the Parish Council meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021. 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](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

The meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June was attended by eight Councillors with Mr James in the Chair, Mrs Sue Bond (Clerk), Councillor Tamara Reay .

**Local Councillor Matters** – . Councillor Reay reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation on the **Melksham Bypass route options** had been launched at the Melksham Area Board meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. **The Hills Recycling Centre** booking system would be dropped from 19<sup>th</sup> July. The older retired population had liked it, whilst those younger and working members of the public preferred to be just able to turn up. **Boundary Commission** have begun the consultation process for revising the parliamentary boundaries to come into effect from 2023. This would greatly impact Devizes and the surrounding area, and so may affect Seend Parish. Councillor Reay, said that the Parish Council may want to look at the proposals being made and send in a comment. Councillor Reay said she would let the Clerk have the details. The first consultation

period ends on 1<sup>st</sup> August. Councillor Reay said that Seend should sign up for the Wiltshire Council press release service.

**Minutes and Matters Arising:** Minutes of the meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> May were approved.

**Noticeboard** – This has been delivered but not yet put in place. **Phone Box, Seend Cleeve** – There had been no response to the request for volunteers to help paint the phone box following the mention in Spotlight. **Milestone** – The paint has been ordered and delivered but not yet collected by the Parish Steward. **Sandridge Solar Farm Community Benefit payment 2021** – The Clerk reported that the churchwarden had sent in a request for some of the money to be used to purchase two new flags for Seend Church. This would be put on the list of possible suggestions for use of the 2021 payment when it comes in the Autumn.

**Highways - Bus Shelter top of Bollands Hill** –Devizes Area Board had approved the request for a £1,000 grant to help pay for the full repair of the bus shelter. Mr Lack said that he had spoken to the owner of RHW Engineering who had assessed the shelter for a simpler repair without replacing any parts, and concluded that it would be a much more complex repair than envisaged. The Clerk also read out an email from GW Shelter Solutions who raised concerns that the integrity of the shelter would be compromised by a simpler straightening out of the damaged legs as there were a lot more parts that would still need to be replaced. **Resolution:** It was proposed that we choose GW Shelter Solutions to repair and replace all the damaged parts of the shelter as per the £2657 quote given. With the £1,000 grant the PC would only pay £1657. All Councillors voted in favour.

**CATG - Crossing point on A361 between Inmarsh Lane and Spout Lane.** The Devizes Highways Traffic Engineering Manager confirmed that the ball park figure for the high friction surface would be £2,000 and the sign £600. The PC contribution would be 25%. **Resolution:** It was proposed that we ask for both the high friction surface and single sign. All Councillors voted in favour. **CATG The Bell request for safety barrier** – Councillor Reay reported that she had been in further correspondence with the Devizes Highways Traffic Engineering Manager regarding how the property owner and the PC can resolve the need to protect the property from traffic accidents. She hoped to arrange a site visit with him and asked if some of the Councillors would attend the meeting when it was set up. **Police traffic survey** – Following the traffic survey undertaken by the Police, a letter had been sent to residents giving the feedback from Wiltshire Highways to concerns raised by parishioners. Mrs Heatley said that the responses from Highways confirmed the difficulties that the PC faced when trying to get highway improvements. Councillor Reay said that the problems with speeding and the high volume of HGV traffic faced by Seend Parish were also an issue for many of the other parishes that she now represents. She would like to pursue these concerns with Wiltshire Highways, but needed to understand the facts to see what options can be pursued. She would like to have a meeting with Councillors to understand the issues and the history of what has been requested in the past. To be arranged. **Request for highways meeting** – a parishioner had sent in a request for the PC to set up a meeting

with Wiltshire Highways, the police, Councillor Reay and parishioners. He could not attend the PC meeting, but would like to speak at the July meeting. It was agreed, he should be asked to send in a more detailed request outlining the highway concerns he has before coming to the July meeting.

Councillor Reay met with a parishioner to discuss concerns about the safety of walking to school from Seend Cleeve. The crossing point at the top of Bollands Hill was in the wrong place as traffic travelling from the crossroads was obscured by the bend. The flashing lights were not working, but Councillor Reay has now reported these through MyWiltshire. She plans to speak to Seend School to find out what travel plan they have and will then review the situation.

**Melksham ByPass** –2<sup>nd</sup> consultation. The Parish Council would need to send in a formal response. It was suggested that a zoom meeting should be arranged so that Councillors could hear the views of parishioners to help the PC prepare their response.

**Police Matters** - The following incidents have been reported:

- 31<sup>st</sup> May Sells Green - 2 vehicle collision – one driver taken to hospital.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June Seend Cleeve - vehicle seized –driver did not hold a substantive licence.
- 10<sup>th</sup> June Turnpike Cottage, Inmarsh- three vehicle collision – minor injuries.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Jun at 19.16 in Seend, an electric scooter was stolen from a dwelling garage.

**Neighbourhood Plan** –We were still in the 6 week period where the public has an opportunity to object to the Referendum decision. Mrs Vince had a quote for printing 10 copies of the plan, both with and without a laminated cover. It was suggested that she get a further quote for 20 copies with a laminated cover.

### **Planning Matters**

Updates – The Park Farm planning application for 11 houses (10 affordable and 1 self-build) has been approved. **The planning sub-committee discussed and agreed responses for two planning applications whose deadline for comments were before this PC meeting. PL/2021/05352 Wesley Cottage, Seend and PL/2021/05558 - Rose Cottage Farm, Sells Green. The sub-committee approved both, but suggested some conditions be placed on the Rose Cottage Farm one.**

The Parish Council had been sent details of an application by Caen Hill Marina for 10 camping pods (Application Ref 21/02406/FUL). It was a courtesy notification as it is not in our parish. The Councillors did not have any strong views on the application and it was agreed that there was no need to send in a comment.

**Application Ref: PL/2021/05283 - Land at A361, Trowbridge Road, Seend**

**Proposal: Change of use of regraded agricultural land to create an additional Gypsy/Traveller Pitch consisting of a Static Mobile Home with hardstanding for parking, a septic tank, together with the Retention of a 'Portacabin' storage unit. This application did not arrive in time for the Parish Councillors to properly discuss at the meeting, and for parishioners to be made aware of it. As the deadline for comments was 30<sup>th</sup> July it would be discussed and a comment agreed at the July meeting.**

**Internal Audit Report** - The Internal Audit report confirmed all the council's accounting procedures and governance conformed to best practice.

**Financial Matters** – Bank reconciliation to end of May £33,373.98.

**Items for Note - SEEN44** **bridleway** - Mrs Vince couldn't see what the problem was with the bridleway as all seemed to be in order. **Parish Steward** – Mrs A'Bear suggested that the Parish Steward should be put on the agenda each month to make people aware of the service. She said that the hedge by the C20 where the towpath crosses needed to be cut to improve visibility. This would be put on the Parish Steward's task sheet. Mrs Heatley asked for the link path between Dial Close and Rusty Lane be cut back. **Drain in Spout Lane**. Mr Wiltshire said that the drain between Nos 50 and 51 Spout Lane was full of rubbish and needed to be cleared. Put on the Parish Steward's task sheet. **Verges** – Mr Wiltshire asked if a thank you letter can be sent to Jamie Hiscocks as he cut the grass verge on the Stocks to Seend footpath. The Clerk thought this had been done by Wiltshire Council. The Chairman said that Mark Newman (Rew Farm) had cut the verges in Seend Cleeve. Agreed thank you letters should be sent to both. **Boundary hedge between the Lye field and the Lye** was in desperate need of cutting. Residents had complained to Aster. The Clerk said that she had also contacted Aster on behalf of a resident who had contacted her. The hedge needs more than a trim as it has been encroaching the pavement for some years. **Best Kept Village Competition** – Seend came second in the large village category for Kennet villages. Ramsbury came first. **Footpath No: 37 near Seend Head** - This path was severely overgrown and needed to be cut by machinery as it was too big a job for volunteers. As this path was on the boundary of Keevil and Semington Parishes, the Clerk to write to them. **Bus Consultation launched** which asks elected members of Wiltshire Council, city, town and parish councils to provide suggestions on what schemes might be considered in order to improve and enhance public transport in Wiltshire. Mr Williams asked if we could submit a request that the bus service from Devizes to Bath which stops along the A365 at Sells Green should also make the occasional small diversion to include Seend High Street. This would be beneficial to those parishioners who find it too far to walk down to Sells Green to catch the bus to Bath. This was agreed. **Sign at New Buildings** – the Clerk had asked for the Parish Steward to repaint this as he had done with other signs around the parish but was told it was too far gone to restore. A replacement sign would cost £120. As a new road sign was installed last year on the road side just before New Buildings, Councillors felt there was no need to pay for a new sign by the houses as well. It was suggested that the residents may wish to repaint it themselves. A Councillor to contact one of the residents. **Archiving of Minutes** – The Clerk had taken all old original copies of the minutes up to 2018 to the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre for archiving. She had scanned all the typed up minutes from 1992 to present day and had these on the Clerk's computer.

**Date of Next Meetings** - The next Parish Council meetings are 27<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

## **NEWS FROM TAMARA REAY**

Cycle Friendly Devizes is a local group working to improve local cycling facilities and to encourage more people to get on their bikes for both daily travel and for leisure. As Wiltshire Council Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, I am delighted to be working with them to develop a local cycling strategy and improvement plan. Last year the Group conducted a survey on local cycling and has now developed outline plans for routes to travel across the town and to link Devizes with villages in the area. On quite possibly the hottest day of 2021, Volunteers from Cycle Friendly Devizes, a number of Wiltshire Councillors and Simon Fisher, Devizes Town Council Clerk, met at Devizes Wharf to test out the routes towards Devizes Marina.

Across Devizes Rural West, Adrian Griffiths from Poulshot has proposed improvements to a route using Hay Lane. As well as being a great way to travel into Devizes this route would also be a brilliant trip out, to perhaps drop into the newly re-opened The Raven Inn, which is now under the ownership of the Hues family at Poulshot Lodge Farm – with their fantastic meat at centre stage on the menu.

There are also plans to develop a cycling and walking route from Potterne into Devizes and opportunities to connect many villages across the community area. I will communicate more information as these plans develop, in the meantime though please do email me with ideas and suggestions for other routes across the area, or join Cycle Friendly Devizes.

Finally, a date for your diary! Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Devizes Be Active 2021. Hosted by the Devizes Health & Wellbeing Group on Devizes Small Green from 11am – 3pm, organisations from across the area involved in health & wellbeing – from arts & crafts, to exercise classes, singing and dancing, including Cycle Friendly Devizes will be there

Please do get in touch if I can help in any way.

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## **BITS AND BOBS**

### **AN EVENING OF CLASSIC ROCK**

When? Saturday 2nd October 2021 7.30 – 10.30

Where? Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend, Melksham, SN12 6NS

Parking available

Featuring the (partly) local rock band Half Way House

An evening of classic rock from the '60s onwards

There'll be plenty to dance to + the bar will be open

Tickets - £10 each

Please contact Andy Stables on [Andrew.stables@icloud.com](mailto:Andrew.stables@icloud.com)

All ticket proceeds will go to Cancer Research UK

Entrance by ticket only





Melksham & District Flower Arrangement Society have pleasure in inviting you to join us on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 2.00p.m. in Seend Community Centre

for a Flower Arranging demonstration entitled "Seasonal Delights" By Sally Oates

## **CARER SUPPORT WILTSHIRE**

It's been 15 months since the doors were forced to close on Carer Support Wiltshire's face-to-face carer cafes and support groups. The charity is now delighted to be able to welcome back carers for a cuppa, slice of cake and a chat at venues across Wiltshire.

Carer Support Wiltshire runs the cafes to give those people who care for someone the opportunity to meet with others who are in a similar situation to their own. Being a carer can be an isolating experience and carers may spend a lot of time at home if the person they care for has a disability or illness that makes it difficult for them to go out.

You must book your place in advance as numbers will be restricted to give everyone the space they require. Call 0800 181 4118 to book, or email

[admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk).

You can view all events taking place over the summer on the Carer Support Wiltshire website. Online catch-ups are continuing for those who prefer to continue meeting up online and details can be found on the website. There is also a cafe especially for parent carers to meet together.

## **NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME IN WILTSHIRE** [ngs.org.uk/wiltshire](https://ngs.org.uk/wiltshire)

*Please check out the website to make sure the details have not changed.*

Broadleas House Gardens are opening on 1<sup>st</sup> August as part of the BBC Big Bee Challenge Weekend. The apiarist will be there to answer questions and you can enjoy the rest of the garden, which will be open again on 15<sup>th</sup> August



Duck Pond Barn is a clever garden with very knowledgeable owners, Gasper Cottage in a gorgeous setting and a plantswoman and artist's garden to enjoy, plus the model railway and then the lovely Old Mill in Ramsbury with the Kennet river flowing through.

**Summer Pop-up Youth Café**

**On the Lye Field 6-8pm**

**Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August**

**Football, games consoles, snacks and soft drinks**

## **MORE NEWS FROM THE TEXTILE STUDIOS AT STEEPLE ASHTON**

We start again in September, Covid 19 regulations permitting. We are planning four sessions every two weeks for 2.5 hours. Teaching is in a small group so as to provide individual attention in a sociable friendly atmosphere in our dedicated studios.

We will learn about all the features of the sewing machine, basic sewing and cutting for soft furnishings, dressmaking and patchwork and lots more. Patchwork equipment can be provided but a sewing machine is desirable. Tea and coffee is available, there is disabled access and ample parking. For further information and discussion contact:

Valerie Laverick [valerielaverick@hotmail.com](mailto:valerielaverick@hotmail.com)

Beryl Francis [berylbadgers@icloud.com](mailto:berylbadgers@icloud.com) 01380 870524

### **Devizes Autumn Fair**

***Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10am-4.30pm***

***In The Corn Exchange, Market Square, Devizes***

***Tickets £4 on the door***

***Supporting Salisbury, Prospect & Dorothy House Hospices***

***Sponsored by Gaiger,***

**[www.devizesautumnfair.org.uk](http://www.devizesautumnfair.org.uk)**

### **And finally**

***When my great-grandfather went bald he built a machine to weave himself a wig out of yarn. He then gave it to my grandfather who then gave it to my dad – and one day it will be mine. It's our family hair loom.***



Don't forget to look at our online colour supplement, which this month includes photos of school activities and more virtual flower show entries

**[www.seend.org.uk/spotlight.shtml](http://www.seend.org.uk/spotlight.shtml)**

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

**Church:** Revd Ali Bridewell. 01380 739064. Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07938 270815. PCC Secretary: Anne Ewing, (828557). Churchwardens: Seend: Len Murray, 828513; Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mike Rose 01249 248516; LPAs: Liz Futter 828485, Rosie Forsey 828843, Len Murray 828513, Sue Noad 870343, Sue Rose 01249 248516, Hilary Hutchings 828129, Tina Yockney 827139. Bell Tower Captain: L Murray 828513.

**Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion** bookings – [www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html](http://www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html) or 828970

**Bulkington Village Hall** - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

**Seend Community Centre** – To contact please e-mail [seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com)

**Seend Shuttle: Enquiries:** [seendshuttle@gmail.com](mailto:seendshuttle@gmail.com) or Alison 07951 030491

**Seend Parish Council Clerk** – Mrs Sue Bond 07706 850859 [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Seend's Wiltshire Councillor** – Tamara Reay 07711824864 [tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Seend Village Website:** [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) – webmaster Neil Yockney 827139.

**Seend School** – 828334

**Seend Fund:** 01380 828757

**Bulkington Website:** [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://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](mailto:janet.gould@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

**MP:** Danny Kruger -email:[danny.kruger.mp@parliament.UK](mailto:danny.kruger.mp@parliament.UK) Devizes Office 01380 711425

**100+Club Draw** – Alison Bottomley - [avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk)

**Book Clubs** - the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617

**Cricket Club** – Brian Hunt 828581

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

**Fete** – Liam Bergin – [liam@thirdberg.com](mailto:liam@thirdberg.com) or 07738 269739

**Flower Show** –Carole Vince 828579

**Football** – Jake Sainsbury

**FoSS (Friends of Seend School)** Nick Collinge-Cubberley, [friendsofseendschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofseendschool@gmail.com)

**Historic Houses Club** - Mary Warren 01225707357 or Neil Yockney 827139

**LINK Scheme** - 075320 55560

**Lye Field Committee** – [www.seendlyefield.org](http://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** – Sec: Anita Heatley 828491. Welfare: Christine O'Reilly 01380 828888/07791 157060

**Seend Baby & Toddler Group** – Lucy Hajos 07789106272

[SeendBabyandToddlers@gmail.com](mailto:SeendBabyandToddlers@gmail.com)

**Seend CLT** – [www.seendclt.org](http://www.seendclt.org) [info@seendclt.org](mailto:info@seendclt.org)

**Short Mat Bowls Club** - Colin Waldeck 828946

**Table tennis** – Chris Brooker, 828047

**Tennis Club** – Sarah Pearson - 07980 744420

**Theatre Club** – Ken Harvey 828511; Marion Whitehead 828612

**WEA/Day Schools** – Tessa Doe 828617

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

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