

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



Seend Open Gardens 10th-11th July, 1-6pm

JULY 2021

DIARY DATES LATE JUNE

(See under 'Announcements' for submission dates for entries in the virtual flower show)
29th Seend PC Meeting, Seend CC, 7.30 pm

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

4th Joshva's last service in Seend Church, 10am
5th-10th Shakespeare Live, A Winter's Tale, Cleeve House (Theatre Club on 8th)
10th/11th Seend Open Gardens 1-6pm
15th Pop Up Youth Café, Lye Field 6-8pm
17th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUG/SEPT SPOTLIGHT
18th Seend Ramblers
19th Mobile Library; 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box:
11.05 am Well Inn car park
20th Flower arranging course, Community Centre 2pm
23rd Family BBQ, Seend CC, 6pm
24th Summer Saturday Breakfast, Seend CC, 8-10.30am
27th Seend PC Meeting, Seend CC, 7.30 pm
28th Nosh and Natter, Seend CC 12 for 12.30 pm
31st Summer Saturday Breakfast, Seend CC, 8-10.30am

DIARY DATES FOR EARLY AUGUST

6th Return of the 'First Friday Coffee Mornings', Club lounge, 10.30am
7th & 21st Summer Saturday Breakfasts, Seend CC, 8-10.30am

Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?

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

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the August/September edition (copy by Saturday 17th July) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post & Provisions. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to Sue or Tessa – even if they have emailed you from their own email address – just in case they are not around. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401), Jan Field (827140) for printing and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising. Potential volunteer deliverers or printers can contact Fiona or Jan.

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

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

Welcome to July 2021 Spotlight

We live in interesting times. Sadly, several of the events that we were looking forward to in late June/early July have had to be cancelled or postponed because of the delay in lifting restrictions. We hope we have caught up with all changes, but please do check with organisers! Happily, the beautiful Seend Open Gardens weekend is still on schedule, as are the summer breakfasts, Shakespeare Live at Cleeve House and July Nosh and Natter.



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

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

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.

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. N.B. We are aware that not everybody we lose from our villages gets an obituary or notice printed here. We rely on information from friends and family for this to happen.)

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S CABINET HAS AGREED THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE PROPOSED A350 MELKSHAM BYPASS.

The project was the subject of an initial consultation and engagement exercise on a long list of indicative route options. After considering the feedback, Cabinet has agreed that the project can move to the next stage, a second non-statutory consultation and engagement exercise on a shortlist of options. The focus of the shortlist is Option 10c, the long route to the east of the town, and various alignments at the northern end of the proposed bypass. The forthcoming consultation will also look at improving cycling and walking facilities along the route. We'll be releasing more details soon on how people can have their say on the proposals ahead of the consultation launch at Melksham Area Board. To find out more about the proposed A350 Melksham bypass project, people should see the council's [A350 Melksham bypass](#) webpage.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021 - May 10th - May 16th

The usual emergencies have continued this year in the poorer countries, but the focus there, as in the UK has been more on the pandemic, especially in Brazil and India. In much of Africa, it is still a largely a problem to come for which they are preparing with woefully inadequate resources due to limited health services, such as hospital beds, not to mention vaccines as well as the extra protection needed to care for those who do find a hospital bed. The other area of development that has become more important this year is dealing with climate change. Whilst we need to think about greener heating in the home and personal transport the effects on the poorer countries are more immediate and basic. Our weather is gradually becoming more extreme but in the poorer world the weather which was already experiencing more extreme fluctuations than ours has become even worse. Parts of Africa and Asia that used to have occasional drought when the annual rains failed and floods when the rains were prolonged have recently experienced both more droughts and floods. And droughts mean hunger for some whilst floods deprive others of their homes as well.

Given the problems that many have faced in this country with the pandemic and the decline in house to house collections by charities nationally we were not too optimistic about the success of this year's collection. It is therefore very encouraging to be able to report that our collection in Seend and Bulkington raised £1,515.80, comfortably the highest total so far. Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously. Thanks also to everyone who was able to gift aid their contributions. Christian Aid will claim a further £181.30 on all of the gift aided contributions, increasing the total amount from the Christian Aid Week in Seend and Bulkington to nearly £1700. Thanks also to those who were away during the week or did not have money when our collectors called and handed an envelope into the Village Shop or to my bungalow. This added nearly £100 to the total.

Particular thanks to the collectors who generously give of their time each year, all of whom have volunteered before and most for a number of years. Many of the team once again on the same rounds making it a more familiar and sociable exercise for everyone involved. Thanks especially to Anne, Hilary, and Ruth who all increased their rounds because two collectors were not available this year. Thanks also to Jerome and his staff for happily allowing the Shop to act as a collection point.

Spotlight, as always, gave us a flying start in terms of informing everyone and inserting 720 envelopes into the magazine. It makes it so much easier for contributors to prepare in advance, especially completing the Gift Aid slip, whilst those on holiday in Christian Aid week can return their envelopes before departure or on their return.

We look forward with confidence to raising money for Christian Aid in 2022, May 15th. -21st. House to house collections may be on the wane nationally but it still works well in rural areas such as ours, where the community is strong.

Dick Church, Local organiser

POP-UP YOUTH CAFÉ – STARTING ON THURSDAY 15TH JULY

There will be a pop-up youth café appearing on the **Lye Field on Thursday 15th July between 6- 8pm**. The van is kitted with out with games consoles, sports and games kit and has refreshments available for young people to come along and enjoy. We plan to be there every Thursday evening (except 5th August) until 19th August. If you are a teenager living in and around Seend and Bulkington why not come and join us.

For further details please contact Adrian Burholt (adrian.burholt@btinternet.com) or Steve Dewar (steve@wiltshireyfc.org.uk)

NEWS FROM THE PARISH SEEND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP - FINAL UPDATE - JULY 2021

The Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan is no longer a Draft, thanks to all of you who voted 'yes'. The Plan is now 'made', which indicates it has statutory status.

THANK YOU ALL 421 SEEND PARISH RESIDENTS WHO VOTED YES ON 6TH MAY 2021.

Information on our Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed via Wiltshire Council website, where the full results have been posted:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-neighbourhood-latest-news>

Please continue to stay safe, sensible and sane. Covid-19 is still not quite over...

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



Seend Virtual Flower Show 2021 **To all Supporters of Seend Flower Show**



The first three weeks brought photos of roses, views from lockdown walks and children's crafting, baking and growing things. The next categories are:

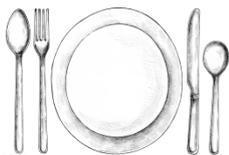
Week ending June 27th Arts and Crafts

Week ending July 4th Baskets and Pots

Week ending 11th July Baking

Your photographic entries will be placed each week on the Seend Flower Show website. Please email your photographs to us at seendflowershowentry@gmail.com
<https://seendflowershow.org.uk>

Best wishes Carole Vince



NOSH AND NATTER

Nosh and Natter Lunches are returning.

From Wednesday 28th July 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 OPEN GARDENS

1:00 - 6:00 pm 10th/11th July 2021

12 beautiful gardens open including Seend Manor

Tickets £10pp. Covers Saturday & Sunday.

Accompanied Children under 16 FREE.

FREE Parking on Lye Field (SN12 6PA).

Visit our beautiful church.



Due to covid restrictions we are sadly unable to provide refreshments, but feel free to bring picnic tea to enjoy on the Lye field.

Restricted wheelchair access to some gardens (see programme for details)

Contact Tina on 01380 827139 for further information

Programme subject to change. In aid of Seend Church funds.

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)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Inspection of Accounts Announcement 2020-21 - As per our Governance and Accounting regulations, members of the Parish can inspect the 2020-21 Financial Accounts. The dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights are: Monday 14th July to Friday 23rd August. Anyone wishing to take up this right should please contact the Clerk on 07706 850859 or email: clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk. We can then arrange a suitable time and place for you to look at the accounts file. All Accounting and Governance statements, including our Internal Auditor's report can be found on our website: www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk. A copy of the Annual Governance and Accounting Return will be on the PC Noticeboard by the Post Office.

Election of Chairman and Committees - At the Annual Parish Council meeting on 18th May, Mr Terry James was re-elected Chairman and Mrs Anita Heatley was re-elected Vice-Chairman. The other Councillors are: Mrs Georgina A'Bear, Mrs Pam Akerman, Mr William Lack, Mrs Carole Vince, Mr John Williams and Mr Martin Wiltshire. The Councillors were appointed to the following external bodies and PC sub-committees:

- Devizes Area Board – Mr John Williams and Mrs Pam Akerman
- Devizes CATG - Mr Terry James (Chairman)
- Police Liaison Rep - Mrs Anita Heatley
- Seend Community Centre PC Rep - Mr Terry James (Chairman)
- Seend Lye Recreation Field PC Rep - Mr John Williams

- Seend CL&AT - Mr William Lack
- Footpath Liaison Officer – Mrs Carole Vince

PC Sub-Committees:

- Planning Sub-Committee – Mrs Heatley, Mr James, Mrs A’Bear and Mrs Vince
- Precept Sub- Committee Mrs Heatley, Mr James, Mrs A’Bear, Mr Lack and Mr Wiltshire
- Highways Sub-Committee – Mr James, Mrs Akerman, Mr Williams and Mr Wiltshire
- Neighbourhood Plan – Mrs A’Bear, Mrs Akerman and Mrs Vince
- Flood Action Plan Committee – Mr James, Mrs A’Bear, Mr Williams and Mr Wiltshire
- Fixed Assets inspection/Maintenance Officer – Mr Williams and the Clerk.
- Parish Steward Liaison rep – Mr John Williams and the Clerk.

Seend Parish Council Website (www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk) For anyone struggling to find the new Parish Council website when searching for it, please type in Seend Parish Council, Melksham. This definitely takes you to the new website and not the old. For some reason, some search engines still bring up the old website (green background), even though our domain name is no longer pointing to it and therefore it is no longer live.

Planning Applications – Just a reminder that all planning applications in the Parish are put on the planning page of the PC website until the deadline for comments has passed. The status of planning applications for 2020 and 2021 are also listed, ie decision is either approved, refused or still pending.

Sandridge Solar Community Benefit Payment - Each year, Seend Parish Council receives a community benefit payment from Foresight Group who are responsible for managing the Sandridge Solar Farm. It is usually in the region of £1,000 to be spent on something to benefit the community. This money has paid for the 3 defibrillators and their cabinets, renovating the benches, the purchase of two new noticeboards and a contribution towards the repainting of the Church clock. We are now looking for ideas for what this year’s money could be spent on. We already have two suggestions, but are looking for others. The payment is not made until the autumn. Please email the clerk if you have any suggestions. They can then be discussed at a future PC meeting.

Townswork – Priority for People - Townswork are undertaking an exercise called “Priority for People” on behalf of Melksham Town Council, to explore how people in the town and surrounding villages move around – covering movement of people, goods, vehicles as well as bicycles, public transport and on foot. This exercise follows on from the report “Melksham 2020-2036. The objective is to prepare a movement strategy as a starting point for change over the next 15 years to create a cleaner, safer and healthier town. Townswork have prepared a survey for people to complete by 25th July. Anyone interested in completing the survey or for more information should go the dedicated website: www.priorityforpeople.org

CHURCH NEWS

Rev Ali writes.... This month Revd. Joshva John and his family will be leaving the vicarage in Seend to move on to new adventures! We are thankful for his ministry and the time he has spent with us here. Joshva's last service will be at Seend at 10am on 4th July. On behalf of all our communities we wish Revd. Joshva, Rachel, Angeline and Jessica every blessing and send our love and continued prayers.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now ... (Philippians 1:3-5, NIV)

A message from Revd. Joshva..... Greetings. It was a great joy to serve the Wellsprings Benefice for the past three years alongside the Oxford Centre. I would like to say "A BIG THANK YOU" to all of you for your kind support and encouragement during my ministry here. I have received a number of emails expressing sadness in my leaving while appreciating what I am going to do. I had to say sorry to those whose expectations were not met during my ministry. People seem to have enjoyed my best and worst sermons. Some could not hear me and some complained while others did say we enjoyed your singing, your jokes, your sermon points. You had accepted me with my Indian accent and tuned yourself to my services. You have also shown a generous reception to my family and my daughters. As many of you may know Rachel is teaching at the Wiltshire College, Salisbury and so we are moving to Salisbury. Jessica will be studying one more year at Lavington School and then will move to one of the schools at Salisbury. I could not do two jobs together and thus I have to focus on one job.

As many of you know, I worked at the Oxford Centre for Religion and Public life, which is part of the academic arm of Barnabas Funds, as a Dean and an Associate Director. We grew up to ten full-time staff with many PhD, Postgraduate and Undergraduate studies and students around the world. It was humbling for me to serve the church and the centre at the same time connecting theological education while relating to real people in the church. I have decided to move from academic to real Bible based training work. At the Oxford Centre, I was working with a motto of "Theology for All" campaign and thus networked many theological networks around the world and supported them during the pandemic. From September I will be joining the Bible Society in Britain as the Head of International Bible Advocacy Centre with a campaign, "Bible for All". This job provides me opportunity not only to serve the countries around the world in terms of promoting training on reading Bible in everyday life. We will also promote training for church and lay leaders to encourage young people in the United Kingdom and in Europe to read the Bible and relate the stories to their jobs, their day-to-day affairs and their challenges in public and private life. We will also provide training to communicate the Bible stories through various art and music. I will lead a team of people in this centre. It is humbling that they have selected me for this great opportunity to serve God and serve the worldwide people of God. Please pray for me and my family as we are taking this endeavour.

Once again I am thankful to God for giving me an opportunity to serve all the five churches. I thank God for my colleagues, lay ministers, Wardens, committee members, and all the members and helping hands in all these churches for your extraordinary support to me, my family and my ministry here. I am grateful to all the neighbours and friends at Seend who were helpful and friendly to us. I go with two points – regardless of who one is, one is welcome, respected and appreciated in this place; people have often trusted clergy and frankly spoke to us even if it means to improve us. I am also thankful for the generosity of hospitality shown to me during my visits within the benefice. I hope to leave my jokes as many of you might have realised that I am running out of jokes or repeating some.

I will continue to pray for all in the Wellsprings Benefice especially for the ministry team and all who support ministry in different ways. We will certainly miss this place and yet you will be part of my history that I will continue to share our stories around the world. It was indeed a great privilege to take a small group to pray for the whole world with speakers from different countries. As I move, please remember such people and their ministries as well. I leave you with this great motto of my life that I have taken from a great missionary, William Carey. Expect Great Things from God and Attempt Great Things for God. When he left his parish in Northampton he told his congregation please hold the other end of the rope in prayer while I get down to save the one who is struggling in the deep water catching the other end of the rope. Please remember me as one of your household members who is going to serve the wider world leading many to return to God by reading the Bible. Your prayers and support for our future ministry will be gratefully appreciated. Each one of you will be remembered in our daily prayers. God bless - Joshva, Rachel, Angeline and Jessica.



CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY 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 and there will be no singing.

Please wear a mask and maintain safe social distancing. Please book if you wish to attend a service in church (details of how to book are below). Online services can be accessed via zoom (link below).

Sunday 4th (Trinity 5)

8 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10am	Holy Communion	Seend *

Sunday 11th (Trinity 6) (Note no Zoom offering this week)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Worton
10am	Outdoor Morning Praise with St James, Devizes	Scout Hut, Potterne Wick
10am	Holy Communion	Bulkington

Sunday 18th (Trinity 7)

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

Sunday 25th (Trinity 8)

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Potterne
10am Holy Communion Seend *
4pm "Gathering on the Green" Marston Green
6pm Evening Prayer Bulkington

Wednesday 28th

5pm Celtic Meditative Service Poulshot

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>.**

Booking is essential for all Sunday services in church. Please email sarahleckie.wba@gmail.com (before 5pm Friday) or contact the church wardens.

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.**

From the Registers:

No funerals, baptisms or weddings this month.

BULKINGTON NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Draft Parish Annual Meeting – Minutes

PENDING OFFICAL APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

Held Wednesday 19th of May 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Councillors: Amy Powell (Acting Chair), Andrew Grabham, Alex Breach, Carla Haslam, Julie Anderson-Hill, Simon Downey, Alison Howard-Evans

Public: Tamara Reay (Our new Conservative Representative serving the Devizes Rural West Division)

Apologies for Absence – none
Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 15th of July 2020 - approved
Chairman's report – The Acting Chair Amy delivered her report along with the Financial Report

Financial report**Questions and Comments from Local Government Electors - None received****Vote for new Chair and Vice Chair:**

Unanimous vote for Amy as Chair and Andrew as Vice Chair

Approval of updated Governance Documents: Alison fed back that the finance document needs page numbering – otherwise all approved. Amy to update and re-upload

The Parish Council Meetings always fall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, for 2021 they will fall on the following days: June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th, December 15th

Apologies for absence: All Present, including our new Councillor Alison Howard-Evans. The Team welcomed Alison and introductions were made.**To Record:****Changes to the Register of Interests** – Alison has filled in her details on the Council Website.**Declaration of Interest in agenda items** – None Declared

- Clerk announced that she has taken on an additional role as Clerk to a nearby school but that this role will not impact her role as Parish Clerk.
- Clerk also announced that she will most likely be moving out of the village in the near future but is keen to keep fulfilling the role as Clerk to Bulkington's PC.
- **ACTION: Clerk to send Alison Declaration of Acceptance of Office to sign**

Reports: Report and introduction received from Newly Elected Tamara Reay

- Report from PCSO Janet to follow
- **ACTION:** Clerk to follow up with PCSO Janet about a report and future attendance

Finance:**Approved:**

Clerk Expenses – Printer Ink £ 19.50

Clerk Expenses – Roundup Week Killer £ 15.00

Clerk Pay May £221.60

New Councillor Training x 1 £ 36.00

Data Protection Fee (Standing Order?) £ 40.00

WALC Annual Subscription £111.48

Insurance Policy Renewal £280.39

Not approved – Clerk to Query:

David Owen money owed until Dec 21- challenge £ 60.00

Total Expenditure approved this month: £723.97**Balance after payments made: £ 5949.21**

List of responsibilities: Now we have a complete set of seven Councillors – roles were volunteered for and allocated as per the document in the Spotlight online supplement.

New Website: The new Website is now complete and live, huge thanks to Amy Powell and Sue Barratt for all their hard work and for saving the village the cost of outsourcing this.

Speeding in the village:



The dirty and faded signs have been reported and are going to be replaced/cleaned in the near future by the council at no cost to the village. Additional signs welcoming people to the village and asking them to drive carefully were discussed and the mockup looked at. The team liked the mockup and the idea of new signage . Possible funding sources are being discussed.

Newsletter update: Our Summer edition is coming along nicely – we are always looking to write about things that are relevant to the village – if you would like a specific topic covered or fancy writing and contributing an article please contact our Clerk.

Wiltshire Best Kept Village: The village participation has already been fantastic – it’s been great to see the village shape up and start the Summer at our best. Now is a great time for any weeding, hedge trimming and flower planting – the inspection could happen anytime and we would love to look our best in front of the judges.

The Parish Council team meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please contact our Clerk on theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk for location or call details as this will depend on the Covid-19 guidelines at the time.

CHAIR PERSON’S REPORT MAY 2020 – MAY 2021

It’s been a year like no other, COVID-19 has taken the world as we once knew it and changed it forever. We’ve lost loved ones and gained new ways of living, connecting with friends and family digitally and working from home where possible. We’ve seen community groups form to look out for each other and in our own very small village some of our residents who took it upon themselves very early in the pandemic to take on the role of supporting those in need, and we thank them all for their commitment and support they have provided and continued to provide throughout the pandemic. Thank you.

The Parish Council Team has seen a lot of change in the past 12 months too, with a high number of resignations from long standing positions. We’d like to thank those who have since moved on, for their contribution to the parish over their period in Councillor role. However, this movement of Councillors has enabled a new team to form and despite spending most of the year virtually connecting and getting to know each other, has achieved good team morale and equal split of responsibilities and workloads. The 2021 election also created the opportunity for the final place on the

Team to be filled by the election process. There were only 7 candidates for 7 roles, which means the team is now at full strength and is set for the new year ahead.

The team is now formed by the following people:

Hannah Becket – The Parish Clerk

Alex Breach

Amy Powell

Carla Haslam

Simon Downey

Julie Anderson-Hill

Andrew Grabham

With that I'd personally like to thank the support I have received from ALL of the current Councillors and the Parish Clerk in the role I have held since the resignation of the previous chairperson. I've held the acting Chairperson position since August 2020, and with the support of the Councillors and Hannah we have managed to maintain the services, achieve some goals and set in motion a new way of working with the community, here are some of our highlights for me this year;

- All our governance documents are now up to date and available on the website.
- Our Clerk has been given a contract of employment and a representative pay scale, thank you to Simon and Julie for supporting this work.
- The 2019 bonfire site was cleared when we knew the 2020 bonfire event wasn't going to happen, making the Recreational Ground tidy and free from debris. Thank you Simon, Nicki & Alex.
- The village quarterly Newsletters keeping the community connected with what we do and how to get more involved. Thanks to the Team for helping with content ideas and volunteering their time to help distribute these.
- We successfully received £2500 from Melksham Area Board in September for the new equipment in the Recreational ground.
- Our recreational ground has had unsafe equipment removed and replaced with a new Climbing tower.
- Our grass maintenance contract has been refreshed and renewed with Idverde to meet the expectations of the villagers who wish to use the grounds for ball sports. Thank you Andrew for negotiating with the contractor on this.
- We have a new community website with fantastic collaboration with Sue for community content and the Parish Council are now self-managing Parish Council pages, removing the burden of maintenance from Sue & Calum. I've learnt a new skill in creating a website and moving data from the old site to the new one.
- We've removed payroll costs from David Owen Accountants and brought them in house, thank you Andrew for taking on this role and helping remove some costs from our annual Precept.
- All stiles on our footpath network have been repaired by the land owners, thank you Alex for working with the other land owners on getting this sorted.
- Dog fouling continues to be a problem in the village despite the additional bins we installed. We are supporting land owners who have informed us of problems with

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providing extra penalty notices for their fences. Thank you Julie for making this happen. We continue to explore ways to improve this and welcome any input from residents.

- The Recreational Ground Committee has been reformed and with the dedication of some of the Council Team (Alex & Andrew) there has been significant improvements made to the upkeep of the grounds, with more still to come from the new Committee. Thank you to Carla and the members of the Recreational Ground Committee for stepping up and wanting to be part of this.
- The new Recreational Ground Committee successfully secured £1000 funding from Melksham Area Board for the smaller maintenance jobs needed in the Recreational ground which gave the new Committee a financial start along with a very generous donation from Councillor Andrew Grabham and another donation from a former resident. Well Done Carla on securing funding to kick start the Recreational Ground Committee.

We look forward to a new year ahead where meeting in person will eventually become the new norm and we can resume our meeting in the Village Hall supporting this wonderful facility. We have made a request to the Village Hall Committee to consider an internet connection so that despite we as a team meeting physically again every month we can continue to invite those who wish to attend by digital means can continue to do so. Therefore, making our meetings more accessible to all those who cannot physically attend due to childcare arrangements, physical abilities or just prefer being in their own homes while still playing a part in their village community. We will continue to pursue this option and will keep the community informed on how our meetings can be attended.

We have consulted the community on a large topic of the Precept over the last quarter of this financial year and we will inform the community of the responses in due course when we've had time to review the data. We're really excited about the possible opportunity to create a Recreational Ground for the whole community and not just the children, making it a space everyone can benefit from.

Financial;

At the time of writing, the Parish Council's accounts for 2020/2021 have not been finalised, we are also in the process of changing our accounting services.

The Precept setting for 2021/2022 was kept to a minimal increase to cover general increase in costs for the day to day running of the Parish.

Thanks to Jonathan Seed who has supported Bulkington Parish Council for many years, but now due to the boundary changes Jonathan is no longer our local Councillor. We welcome Tamara Reay as our Devizes Rural West Councillor and we look forward to getting to know Tamara more as we build a new supportive network with Devizes Rural West.

I also thank Calum and Sue for their support and work on the old website for the past 10 years and look forward to working more closely with Sue on the content and

community engagement with the new website and Sue's ongoing work on the various FaceBook pages.

We look forward to working more closely with our community over the next 12 months and we welcome you all to attend our meetings to come and find out more about what we get up to and how you can get involved.

Thanks, Amy

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

Our first meeting following the lock down will be an outdoor meeting, weather permitting, on 24th June when we are having a talk by John Girvan. Our meeting for July will be on Thursday 29th at 7.30 pm in Bulkington Village Hall. There will be the usual bring and share refreshments and raffle. Please check for details nearer the time. Hope to see you there.

Liz Futter 828485

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 19th July 11.05-11.30. It is good to see that people are supporting it.

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB

We have held two more draws for the "100 Club :-

May winners :	£30	No. 29	Rob Yarde
	£25	No. 59	Michele Gregory
	£20	No. 34	Philip Oakey
	£10	No. 88	Hazel Barnes
	£15	No. 36	Tom Suggitt
June winners :	£30	No. 83	Steve Kerslake
	£25	No. 23	Sam Taylor
	£20	No. 7	Emma Love
	£15	No. 52	Gina Grainger
	£10	No. 35	Sue Oakey



Congratulations to the winners and thanks to the ladies of the Tea, Craft and Chat group for being my witnesses. Good to be able to have a small group indoors again.

Phyl Yarde



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

The Government's Roadmap has delayed the lifting of all restrictions and sadly therefore our plans to reopen fully in June are postponed. In line with this new timetable, please come and join us for a **Family BBQ night on Friday 23rd July from**

6pm. We look forward to welcoming you all then and getting back to business as usual for our club members and guests.



Other activities planned at the Centre during July have been subject to some changes - see below and please keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Nosh + Natter Sadly, the planned 30th June lunch is cancelled. But, pencil in **28th July!** The team are hoping this new date will be possible - to be confirmed later. As before 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm. £5 per head. Tel Pauline on 01380 828638 or 07879494429 for info and to book.

First Friday Coffee morning will return on 6th **August** - Club Lounge 10.30am - no booking required.

'Not the Panto Show' by **Seend Fawlty Players** - date to be confirmed

STILL GOING AHEAD - Summer Breakfasts - 24th and 31st July (also 7th and 21st Aug) - the popular Saturday breakfasts are back! From 8-10.30am. Just turn up, bring your family and friends along for a hearty breakfast!

We also welcome Melksham & District Flower Arrangement Society who are running a flower arranging course on the third Tuesday monthly at 2 pm. Contact them via their Facebook page.

AND don't forget - Sporting and Exercise Activities are already going strong at the Centre!

FitSteps - an energetic, up beat dance fitness class featuring all of your favourite strictly dances. It is suitable for all ages **and** abilities and you don't need a partner. Thursdays 6-7 pm. See their entry on the village group and the Centre's FB pages.

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

Short Mat Bowls - Mondays @ 7 pm

Table tennis – Thursdays 4-6pm

www.seendcommunitycentre.com. seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com



Seend RBL member, Darren Crook, completed a Run of Remembrance on Friday 4th June to mark this year's DDay commemorations: DD77. Darren and his accompanying runners, ran from Fort Henry at Studland to the DDay Centre at Portland, a route that matched the distance between Pegasus Bridge and Juno Beach in Normandy which was Darren's original plan but, due to Covid, those plans had to be rearranged. Going to press, £8,491 has been raised. Well done, Darren and your team.

(Editors' note: Darren's Just Giving page can be accessed via the link below:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Darren-CrookRunofRemembrance2021>)

Once restrictions of lockdown have been fully lifted, dates for the Annual Lecture and Rededication of the War Memorial will be arranged.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 21st October, 7.30pm in the Kennet Room of the Community Centre.

Anita Heatley, Public Relations



SEEND WI

Nature is in full bloom, enhanced by the lovely warm sunshine, which is all helping to create a feel good factor as we gradually ease out of lockdown.

Our spirits were certainly raised at the June meeting when Nicholas Baxter gave an excellent talk (via Zoom) entitled “Wiltshire a journey through time”. His in-depth knowledge of his subject, ranging from Saxon times to the present day, contributed to a very informative presentation. There were many interesting facts, for example Castle Coombe was once a town because it had a market hall and Malmesbury Abbey originally had a spire taller than that of Salisbury Cathedral.

Also during the meeting, members voted to support the National Federation of WI’s Proposed Resolution for 2021 “Raising awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer”. There are around 7,400 new cases a year and 4,100 deaths.

Our July meeting will be a social event, dependent on Government guidelines at the 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. If you are not currently a member of WI but are interested in finding out more, do contact us and we shall be pleased to share our future plans with you. Non members are always welcome and can attend one meeting without any obligation to join.

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

Joyce Harvey

SEEND THEATRE CLUB



Members were sad to hear that, due to ill health, Sylvia and Tony Ewin have stepped down from the Theatre Club committee. They have both worked incredibly hard for the Club since its inception in 1998 and their organisational skills will be greatly missed. Sylvia has been an ideal Chairman as those attending our events will testify. The success of our theatre trips depends upon careful planning and the Theatre Club has benefitted hugely from Sylvia and Tony’s efforts over the years. Fortunately they are to remain members of the Club and we hope to see them on future outings.

The Theatre Club will continue, for the time being, to be managed by the three remaining committee members, Ken Harvey, Pauline Robertson and Marion Whitehead. Marion will be acting Chairman until the AGM to be held early in 2022. It will be good to elect two new committee members at the AGM (or co-opt sooner if any member would like to put their name forward).

The pandemic has affected all live theatre plans but there are currently two events for which the Club has organised bookings and further events are being planned for the

autumn and into next year. On July 8th we have bookings with Shakespeare Live in the grounds of Cleeve House and a trip on 5th August to the Watermill Theatre in Newbury to see a new musical production “Just So”. Both have to be booked directly with the organisers but we can advise and talk you through the process if you wish to attend either of these events (non-members welcome).

If you are interested in finding out more information please contact Ken (828511) or Marion (828612).

Ken Harvey



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Finally with restrictions eased we were able to hold our first Ramble for 8 months. 19 members walked 5miles starting from the byway leading up to Salisbury Plain at Rushall. Once up on the plain we followed the track across until a path led us down to the village of Charlton St Peter. From here we walked through the village and along to the village of Rushall, through the village, past the cricket pitch and very picturesque church in Quiet Lane back to the byway and the cars. One heavy shower did not dampen the spirits, everyone was very happy to be out and about again. It was also good to welcome some new members to the group.

The next walk will be led by Wendy and Reg on Sunday 20th June followed by Sunday 18th July, members will be notified in the usual way.

Looking forward to a summer of walking and hopefully this lovely weather will continue, come and join us, you will be made very welcome.

Sandy, the Ramblers, 01380 739235

SEEND TENNIS CLUB

There are just two sessions left of the introductory tennis sessions for children run by the FAR Sport Activities (**26th June - 3rd July**)

Each session there is a maximum of 12 children.

Just contact coachingstclub@gmail.com for more information or book via the [Seend Tennis Club Website](#).



Please don't forget that Seend Tennis Club Committee is offering **HALF-PRICE MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL** for the **2021-22 Membership Year** so if you haven't already please sign up!

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS: On July 18th it will be not the ‘**Not the Panto Show**’! We are trying to reschedule for a date later in the summer. Look for posters and news on the Seend Village Pantomime and Seend Village Group facebook pages.



SEEND PLAYGROUP

This term the children are enjoying playing with water. They use watering cans and bottles to empty the water tray and put it on the plants are growing in the garden which are growing from the seeds we planted last term.

Road safety is progressing well, the children playing with our traffic lights so they understand stop and go and how to cross the road safely.

Last day of term Teddy Bears picnic is on Friday 23rd July. We return on Thursday 2nd September.

Rose Dick (Playleader), 01380 828003



SEEND BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

This term we are enjoying the outdoors while the sun has been shining, the babies and toddlers have loved splashing in paddling pools. Due to a high increase in new families joining us, we are now asking that you let us know on Tuesdays if you are wishing to attend on Wednesday mornings, this way we can ensure that everyone is able to enjoy the space and everyone is kept safe with restrictions still in place.

Lucy Hajos, Sophie Povey and Fran Drewett

SEEND SCHOOL

It's been a busy start to the new term with lots of exciting things happening and planned...

In Holly Class our topic this term is minibeasts. We went on a bug hunt where the children needed to be scientists for the afternoon and find as many bugs they could in different habitats.

Oak Class are learning about plants. As part of this topic we are making a garden area outside the classroom. Pots have needed to be weeded and new plants planted. We are also trying to grow some plants that can be grown from seeds sown as late as June! Indoors, we are watching beans germinate and observing what happens to mustard and cress grown in the dark or on cottonwool instead of soil.

Chestnut class have been busy learning about the Prehistoric age; making clay prehistoric animals and exploring artefacts.

Sycamore class have been enthusiastically learning all about the rainforest this term. We have debated the different viewpoints towards deforestation and written a balanced argument. We have begun to practise our production, which we are all very excited about. Lastly, we have been making some rainforest tunes. We have used real instruments as well as used computer programming!

Safety Measures: A polite reminder to parents and carers; we hope safety measures will continue to lessen; until that point please drop off and collect children safely; be considerate with parking, language and in this hot weather can we remind everyone about not leaving children and dogs in cars when you collect.



School Nurse: Each School has a named Specialist School Nurse, School Staff Nurse and School Health Support Worker. You can contact a member of the team between 09.00 and 17.00 Monday—Friday throughout the year by calling our Single Point of Access on: 0300 247 0090. We can offer support, advice or signposting to other sources of information/support regarding your child's health on specific topics.

Send School needs you! As safety measures continue to ease we are hoping to be able to welcome back volunteers into the school. If you would like to find out more or would like to volunteer please contact Catherine in the office who will explain more and help you to apply for a DBS and explain the safeguarding information.

Dates for your diaries

- Reception new parents evening 1st July 6.30 pm additional safety measures in place
- Sports Day 2nd July 12pm (provisional wet date is 9th July) in class bubbles. No spectators.
- Year 5/6 play 14th July (this will be recorded and shared)
- Whole school transition 15th July 9.30- 10.30am-we are considering safety guidance.
- Reception visits dates 16th July 9.30-10.30
- Reports to families 16th July
- Year 5 /6 sleepover 16th July

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

NB. The following minutes are a shortened version of the full minutes taken at the Parish Council meeting on 25th May 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

The meeting held on 25th May was attended by seven Councillors with Mr James in the Chair, Mrs Sue Bond (Clerk), Councillor Tamara Reay. There was one apology.

Local Councillor Matters – The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Councillor Tamara Reay, our newly elected County Councillor representing Devizes Rural West. Councillor Reay said that she was honoured to have been elected to the new ward Devizes Rural West. She looked forward to working positively with all the parishes and hopes to find out about our most pressing issues and to agree how she can best represent Seend Parish at Wiltshire Council. She said that she had been appointed Portfolio Holder for Climate Change. **Melksham Bypass** – following the public consultation and the preparation of their report based on the public response, Wiltshire Council were presenting their recommendations to the Cabinet meeting on 1st June.

Minutes & Matters Arising: Minutes of the meeting held 27th April were approved.

Highways - Devizes CATG – The Chairman said that he and the Clerk had listened in to the meeting on Teams. We had one Highway Improvement Request on the agenda that had transferred from Melksham to Devizes CATG – the request to have a high friction surface painted on the A361 at the crossing point between Inmarsh Lane and Spout Lane. The recommendation from the Highways Engineer (Melksham CATG)

was that a pedestrian warning sign on the outbound direction where visibility was poorest would suffice rather than the high friction surface. The Devizes Highways Engineer concurred with this recommendation. The Chairman asked what the cost would be for a high friction surface to be painted on. The Highway Engineer said that it would cost in the region of £2,000 on top of the £600 for the sign. Councillors discussed the merits of having just the sign as opposed to having both sign and high friction surface. The majority of Councillors felt that the high friction surface would make the crossing more visible. The Clerk said that we would need to check what contribution the Parish Council would need to pay, whether it was 25% or 50%. The Clerk was asked to check this. **Metro Count, High Street**. Following last month's meeting, a site visit was made by councillors to agree a location. The Clerk sent in a Traffic Survey Request. It is unlikely that the metro count will take place until the autumn as there is a back log due to traffic surveys being suspended during the pandemic. **Bus Shelter, top of Bolland's Hill** - The Clerk had got a quote from a company GW Shelter Solutions for a replacement shelter. She was told that rather than replacing the whole shelter, the company could replace just the damaged parts at a cost of £2,657 ex VAT. She suggested that the PC could apply for an Area Board grant to help with the cost. Councillor Reay asked why, if the PC did not own the shelter, were they having to pay for its repair. The Clerk explained that she had asked Wiltshire Council if it could be repaired when the damage occurred following a traffic accident and was told that there were no funds to do so. She offered to speak to Wiltshire Council on our behalf. Councillors were happy for her to do this. Another Councillor suggested it might be worth investigating whether it could be straightened by a panel beater and he offered to investigate this. **Resolution:** it was proposed by that we apply for an Area Board grant, and then depending on this and the outcome of all avenues of investigation to discuss again at the next meeting. This was seconded and all Councillors voted in favour.

Police Matters - Mrs Heatley said she had heard that the reason she had not been receiving monthly incident reports was because there had not been enough manpower to do them due to the pandemic, but that it was hoped that this would resume shortly. PC Richards and PC Shorah conducted speed checks in Seend High Street on 7th May. **Incidents:** There has been a report of a vehicle being taken off the road for having no insurance. Another report of three motorbikes riding around a field with livestock in it behind the Community Centre and another report of two young males on electric scooters riding fast on the canal towpath from Bowerhill towards Seend. **Action Fraud:** When booking a holiday, check whether the company is an ABTA member by looking for the ABTA logo on the company's website. If you have any doubts, you can verify membership of ABTA on their website www.abta.com. If you think you have been a victim of fraud contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mrs Bear said that the Neighbourhood Plan was now 'Made' and was a statutory document that Wiltshire Council would have to use. She hoped to

get some hard copies printed and asked Mrs Vince to investigate prices for printing a number of copies, but would delay actually printing them until six weeks after the Referendum result announcement when there is an opportunity for people to object to the result. The Chairman thanked Mrs A’Bear and the Steering Group for the tremendous amount of work undertaken to complete the Neighbourhood Plan.

Planning Matters

Application Ref: PL/2021/03102 - Broad Lane Farm, Broad Lane, Seend SN12 6RJ

Proposal: Reuse of existing property as new office accommodation falling within Class E to the Schedule to the Use Classes Order, and without complying with condition No 2 imposed on application 15/00937/FUL.

Resolution: Mrs A’Bear and Mr Lack declared an interest and did not vote. All other Councillors agreed that this application should be opposed. (Please see full minutes on website for reasons.)

Application Ref: PL/2021/03225 and PL/2021/04611 (LBC) Seend Park High Street, Seend SN12 6NZ

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension to listed stable block. Provision of new garden wall, terrace and swimming pool to curtilage.

Resolution: Mr Lack and Mr Wiltshire declared an interest and did not vote. All other Councillors voted in favour of the application being approved subject to the archaeologist’s recommended conditions being placed on it.

Application Ref: PL/2021/04913 - 3 The Lye, Seend SN12 6PA

Proposal: Holly tree - fell because of excessive size and over-reaching to path. Replant flowers and possibly a magnolia tree in the same area.

Resolution: All Councillors voted in favour of the application being approved.

Application Ref: PL/2021/05203 - Manor Field, High Street, Seend SN12 6NU

Proposal: 4 x Beech trees - crown reduce 30%.

Resolution: All Councillors voted in favour of the application being approved.

Application Ref: PL/2021/05207 - Manor Field, High Street, Seend SN12 6NU

Proposal: Cedar tree - crown raise 2m & shape Ash tree - remove branch overhanging shed 2 x Horse Chestnut trees - crown raise 4m Maple tree - crown raise 4m.

Resolution: All Councillors voted in favour of the application being approved.

Statement of Accounts – Following the corrections made following last month’s meeting, the Councillors were happy to approve the Statement of Accounts as prepared by our Accountants, DCK Accounting.

Annual Governance and Accounting Return – The Clerk explained that because the Parish Council’s income and expenditure was under £25,000 for 2020-2021, they could exempt themselves from having an external audit. The Clerk explained that there would still be an internal audit carried out and this was currently ongoing. All Councillors voted in favour of exempting themselves from the external audit.

The AGAR: Governance Statement and Accounting Statement were formally approved in that order. The Chairman and Clerk signed both forms. These will be published on the website.

Financial Matters – Bank reconciliation to end of April £34,785.66

Date of Next Meetings - The next Parish Council meetings are 29th June and 27th July.

NEWS FROM TAMARA REAY

I am delighted to have been elected as the Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West - as you may know Seend and Bulkington are now part of the Devizes Rural West division, along with seven other parishes across the area, and along with Poulshot have moved from the Melksham Area Board to the Devizes Area Board.

A little about me – I have worked in the Devizes area for a number of years, as Chief of Staff for Claire Perry, and then for Danny Kruger MP. Early in 2020 I led the bid for Devizes Gateway rail station to the Department for Transport's (DfT) "Restoring your Railway" fund. We were delighted that the Devizes bid was successful in the initial bidding round, and since then I have worked on behalf of the Devizes Development Partnership with the Wiltshire Council transport team to develop a strong, initial feasibility study. The business case will shortly be submitted to the DfT, and we will have everything crossed in anticipation!

Over the last few months, I have enjoyed exploring the communities of Devizes Rural West as I have leafleted and door knocked across the area. I also joined Parish Council meetings by Zoom, which gave me a good understanding of local issues and concerns. Whilst Zoom has served us all well over the last year or so, I am very pleased that in-person meetings have now recommenced and I am looking forward to working with Seend and Bulkington Parish Councils to agree local priorities and how I can help. Please do get in touch if I can help in any way.

Tamara Reay, Tel: 07711 824864 Email: tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk

SEEND SPORTING and DRAMATIC NEWS



FOOTBALL

It is very good to hear that the manager's baton has now been passed to Seend's own Jake Sainsbury, now a coach at Bristol Rovers, who is taking over from Louis McMullen, and we look forward to seeing Seend back in action in the Trowbridge league very shortly. Jake can be contacted by interested players on his web site. I am also pleased to know that Luke Ballinger's football training with "Future of Football" is going strong.

TENNIS

The Seend mixed doubles team, playing in the Chippenham and District league after a gap of several years, are now, half way through the season, top of division 4 having played 7 matches and won 5 and drawn 2 with no losses to date.

Harry Waylen is thankfully now back in action and has won his first two matches alongside Megan Close who has led the way winning 23 sets out of the 24 she has played. Having finished their GCSE's Syd Evenden and Scout Johnstone are now playing in the team and setting very high standards. Tom Collins has been the other mainstay with Jack Churchill soon to return after a sports related injury. The writer has put in the odd guest appearance when needed however "tennis shoulder" has not been good this year. Hopefully come the presentation ceremony in September another cup will be on display in the Community Centre.

The men's team are finding division 3 difficult but have put in some fine performances against strong opposition. Congratulations to the core of the squad, Liam Bergin, Mark Newman, Tom Collins and Louis Ball, and let us hope that after winning three consecutive division titles they can hang on to their division three status.....but they need a fit Harry Waylen back !

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Colin tells me that the boys are not quite match fit so he has organised a bonding weekend for the 8-man team in a small caravan on the disused railway site in Dilton Marsh. An original tactic Colin, more of a "make or break" weekend than the planned luxury villa on the Costa del Sol, but, as you said, far more character building, and I know that you are confident that they will return leaner and fitter. For them just to return may well be an adequate target !

Results and news from the stage and sports field for next Spotlight by Bastille Day please.

Frankie Goddard. 07854 660582.

NURTURE NATURE

Summer Visitors

Please refer to May's Spotlight for information on house martins, swallows and swifts and how to help them.

Otis Tarda

BITS AND BOBS

MIDDLEWICK HOUSE OPEN GARDEN

Full details in June Spotlight

26th/27th June - 11:00am to 4:30pm

Entry £7, children under 12 years – FREE

www.middlewickhouseopengarden.com



Shakespeare Live at Cleeve House

A Winter's Tale - 5th-10th July 7.45pm (& 2pm on 10th)

See www.shakespearelive.com

or call 07780 938107

Lavington Community Choir

We had hoped to be singing inside the hall by now but then the guidance for amateur choirs was changed. Undaunted by this setback we have been singing every Thursday outside the hall with the piano pulled over to the open double doors. Tim Price has been lifting our spirits with his wonderful playing. And last night, 15 of us were 'Singing in the Rain'!! We had such fun, singing together, in spite of the weather, covid restrictions and the rest.

THE ARTS SOCIETY NORTH WILTSHIRE

Forthcoming Zoom lecture:

July 7th: The Art of Sea Bathing

If you would like to join our society please contact Mrs Anthea Penhallow

01225 707534 / anthea@antheapenhallow.com



Melksham & District Flower Arrangement Society

Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 2.00pm in Seend Community Centre

for a Flower Arranging demonstration entitled "Haute fleurs couture"

by Denise Jones. Entrance: £5 to include refreshments

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME IN WILTSHIRE ngs.org.uk/wiltshire

Please check out the web site before leaving for your visit, to make sure the details have not changed due to any circumstances. www.ngs.org.uk/wiltshire is the easiest route to all the Wiltshire gardens.

There are a number of beautiful gardens open in July but of particular interest may be Seend House and Seend Manor open on Saturday 3rd July. Combined admission £10 for adults, children free and home-made teas available.

PRIORITY FOR PEOPLE : MELKSHAM 2021 – YOUR VIEWS WANTED!

Prior to the pandemic, Melksham Town Council commissioned a review of opportunities and challenges facing the town over the next 15 years, including the climate emergency and our changing lives. The report suggested a strategy covering the movement of people, goods and vehicles throughout the town and its hinterland.

Called Priority for People : Melksham 2021, the initiative starts by gathering evidence – with a survey asking for YOUR experience and opinions. The survey can be found at www.priorityforpeople.org. It's designed to help build a clear understanding of the habits, wants and needs of those who move into and through Melksham – so the Council can plan ahead effectively and sustainably in a way that improves all of our daily lives, with long-term options as well as short-term fixes.

The Council would like to hear from anyone living and working in Melksham and its surrounding Wiltshire communities, including Beanacre, Berryfield, Bowerhill, Shaw, The Spa, Whitley – as well as Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Bulkington, Great Hinton, Holt, Keevil, Poulshot, Seend, Semington and Steeple Ashton.

Please complete the survey before 25th JULY. You can also contact the organisers direct through feedback@priorityforpeople.org. Those preferring paper can get a copy of the survey from a number of local shops and pubs or from Melksham Town Hall.

Spotlight Envelope Collection

Firstly, apologies for buying the wrong envelopes. We hope you realised that you did NOT have to write your name, class and amount on them!

Secondly, it's not too late for you to pop any uncollected envelopes into Post and Provisions or Fiona or Sue's letterboxes as detailed in last month's Spotlight.

Thank you!

STOP PRESS 1.

The planning application for 11 houses in Seend Cleeve, including 10 affordable eco-friendly homes, has at last been approved.

STOP PRESS 2.

Looking to the future – and thinking of holiday cover - the Spotlight editorial team would welcome a new member 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, and have an eye for layout. Interested? Please email spotlight@seend.org.uk

And finally.....

The local school rang me today to say that my son has been telling lies. I said “Well tell him he's very good at it because I haven't got any kids.”



Don't forget to look at our online edition with colour photo supplement, which this month includes photos of school activities, virtual flower show entries and some Bulkington PC information.

www.seend.org.uk/spotlight.shtml

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

Church: Revd Ali Bridewell. 01380 739064. Revd Joshva John, 01380 828137. Benefice Administrator: Sarah Leckie 07938 270815. PCC Secretary: Anne Ewing, (828557).

Churchwardens: Seend: Len Murray, 828513; Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mike Rose 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 or 828970

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

Seend Community Centre – To contact please e-mail seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com

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

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

Seend's Wiltshire Councillor – Tamara Reay 07711824864 tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

Seend School – 828334

Seend Fund: 01380 828757

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

Melksham Area Board – 07917 721371

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

MP: Danny Kruger -email:danny.kruger.mp@parliament.UK Devizes Office 01380 711425

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

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

Cricket Club – Brian Hunt 828581

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

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

Flower Show – Carole Vince 828579

Football – Jake Sainsbury

FoSS (Friends of Seend School) Nick Collinge-Cubberley,

friendsofseendschool@gmail.com

Historic Houses Club - Mary Warren 01225707357 or Neil Yockney 827139

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee –

www.seendlyefield.org

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

Preschool - Rose Dick (Playleader) 828003

Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Ramblers - Sandy James 01380 739235

Royal British Legion – Sec: Anita Heatley 828491. Welfare: Christine O'Reilly 01380 828888/07791 157060

Seend Baby & Toddler Group – Lucy Hajos 07789106272

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