

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



JUNE 2021

DIARY DATES FOR LATE MAY

- 25th Seend Parish Council Meeting
- 28th Commencement of GB Spring Clean (ends 13th June)
- 31st Bank Holiday

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE *(See under 'Announcements' for submission dates for entries in the virtual flower show)*

- 1st Meteorological Summer Begins
- 16th Bulkington PC Meeting
- 21st Mobile Library; 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box:
11.05 am Well Inn car park
- 21st Community Centre reopens
- 25th BBQ & Disco to celebrate the reopening of the Community Centre
- 29th Seend PC Meeting, Seend CC, 7.30 pm
- 30th Nosh and Natter, Seend CC 12 for 12.30 pm

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO...

- 2nd July *Return of the 'First Friday Coffee Mornings', Club lounge, 10.30am*
- 10th/11th July *Seend Open Gardens 1-6pm*
- 18th July *Seend Fawltly Players' 'Not the Panto Show', Community Centre, 7.30pm*
- 20th July *Flower arranging course, Community Centre 2pm*
- 24th & 31st July, 7th & 21st August - *Summer Saturday Breakfasts*

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 July 2021 edition (copy by Saturday 12th June) 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 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 June 2021 Spotlight



It's the time of year when we ask you to make a small contribution (or a large one, if you prefer!) towards the production of Spotlight which, along with the income from advertising, allows us to continue delivering the magazine to all households in our villages for free. You will find a brown envelope enclosed with the magazine. Because of the continuing presence of Covid 19, we are leaving it up to the individual volunteer deliverers to decide whether or not they are happy to do a door-to-door collection of the envelopes. If your envelope is not collected, you may leave it at Seend Post and Provisions or deliver to Fiona at 20 Dial Close or Sue at 55 Seend Cleeve (almost opposite the phone box library).

In case you're wondering, because of the months when no printed copies of Spotlight were produced last year, the renewal of advertising in the magazine has been moved forward to October. Details of how to advertise and how much it costs will be published in the August/September issue.

Have you ever thought of being a Seend Parish Councillor? There are currently three vacancies for co-opted members. Pop along before the June PC meeting to find out more. Bulkington Village Hall committee needs new members, and volunteers are required to repaint the Seend Cleeve phone box. There's no need to be bored here!

After a chilly April and a wet AND chilly May, perhaps June is going to allow us to enjoy the beginnings of a proper summer. According to the 'roadmap' all Covid restrictions should be lifted on the 21st June, but the more infectious 'Indian variant' makes this look less likely. But let's hope things continue to move in the right direction and that the welcome activities listed in this magazine can go ahead as promised. Oh, and congratulations to the Neighbourhood Plan team for achieving a positive vote in the referendum on the plan on May 6th.

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.)



Seend Virtual Flower Show 2021

To all Supporters of Seend Flower Show



Although the committee, with regret, felt that we would not this year be safe to hold the Flower Show in 2021 in the Community Centre, despite all the good news about the success of the vaccine, we were concerned about holding the show in the uncertainty that still exists.

However, following the great support and success of the Virtual Flower Show 2020, it will be happening again. Please get ready to show off your lockdown activities and the skills you have been honing by “not going out” in photographic form.

Week ending June 6th	Roses
Week ending June 13th	Views from Lockdown walks
Week ending June 20th	Children’s crafting, baking and growing things
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 30th June 2021 we are back in the Seend Community Centre once a month, 1200 for 1230. 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 FETE:

At the time of writing, it seems unlikely that a full-blown village fete will happen this year – but is planned for 2022. In the meantime, if any other events take place as fundraisers for the Lye Field and Pavilion, they are likely to need both participants and volunteers. Watch this space!

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)

SEEND OPEN GARDENS

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

As you are probably aware, Covid restrictions are, in theory, to be lifted on 21st June. After much deliberation it has been decided to go ahead with the Seend Open Garden event over the w/e of 10th/11th July. I am hoping you will be able and happy to open your garden? Of course, living in the times we do, there is always the possibility of it having to be unexpectedly cancelled at the last moment. I feel it would be good to have something positive to look forward to and I hope you will agree with me. We especially welcome all those gardeners living in Seend, who have not previously participated in this special event, to join us. It gives so much pleasure to those who visit and is a major source of fundraising for our beautiful church.



On the day we will also be asking for lots of volunteers to assist with car parking etc For further details please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you
Tina Yockney

37 Seend Cleeve, SN12 6PU, Tel 01380 827139, 07837 930877

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Meetings

As the legislation allowing for virtual meetings has not been extended, and with the full easing of lockdown measures from 21st June, we are resuming our monthly PC meetings in public in the upstairs meeting room of the Community Centre. The next meeting is on 29th June at 7.30pm (25th May if your Spotlight reaches you before then). Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Councillor Vacancies

As there were only 8 candidates for Seend Parish Council in the local government elections (6th May), Seend's election was uncontested and therefore all 8 candidates have been become Parish Councillors. They are: Georgina A'Bear, Pam Akerman, Terry James, Anita Heatley, William Lack, Carole Vince, John Williams and Martin Wiltshire.

This means that there are three Councillor vacancies that need to be filled through Co-Option. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk. We will be holding a Q&A session half an hour before the 29th June PC meeting. So anyone can come along and find out what being a Councillor is all about. There are also details of the PC's website about role of the Parish Councillor (www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk) or contact the Clerk for more information.

Community Speedwatch

The Parish Council has requested another traffic survey to be undertaken along the High Street (a different location to the previous one in 2019). All traffic surveys are currently on hold because of the pandemic, but once resumed, our request will be on the list. The Parish Council would like to know if there is any interest from parishioners, particularly those living on the High Street, in the setting up of a community speedwatch team of volunteers (similar to the ones seen in Worton and Beanacre). However, this could only be set up if there was a proven issue with speed as shown by the results of a traffic survey. But it would be interesting to gauge in advance what support there would be from parishioners. Please let the Clerk know your thoughts.

Red Phone box, Seend Cleeve – this is in need of a re-paint. We have the paint, but are looking for some volunteers who would be interested in helping do the job. Please contact the Clerk if you are willing to help. clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Queens Award for Voluntary Service

Nominations for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is open from 1st April to 15th September. This Award is for exceptional groups of volunteers who are making a positive impact in their community and benefiting others through their work. They are looking for volunteers who have taken the initiative to create, lead and drive forward the work of their organisation and are doing this in a way that is truly distinctive and excellent. Further information from: <https://qavs.culture.gov.uk/guidance-notes>

CHURCH NEWS

THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

This weather has been unbelievable, unprecedented in my lifetime; cold, cold, cold; dry, dry, dry; wind, wind, wind; but today as I write its actually very pleasant to be in the garden and I have put up my beansticks; always a good sign, and we look forward to the beautiful summer month of June.

I am reminded of the first line of TS Eliot's "The Coming of the Magi"; "a cold coming we had of it; just the worst time of the year for a journey, and what a journey". Indeed, what a journey, and what a long and eventful winter but hopefully we are beginning to emerge from this dreadful pandemic. So what is it you dare to dream of; what little thing are you harbouring in your heart that you will be able to do? In common with most grandparents I look forward to hugging my grandchildren and by

the time this goes to print that will be possible. I look forward to going to stay with my friends and them to me, and yes of course the pub inside and out, and the theatre and cinema, but in all honesty most particularly being back in church with a full worshipping community. We have missed each other. We have missed being able to sing. I think the clergy have done brilliantly in bringing us all together on zoom and yes we have been able to see each other, but just to be together in our old places of worship; wow!

I expect many of you have asked, “where is God in all this?” and my answer would be he is there weeping with us; he is there in the hospitals and the care homes; he is there with the doctors and nurses and carers. He is there wanting to be back in church with us, and he is there to give us courage and comfort along the way.

When I am puzzled or anxious I try to imagine myself as one of the disciples with Jesus as he walked around Galilee. Did he ever get anxious or puzzled? Did he ever have to experience an epidemic, and did he ever cry out to his father to help him. We know he did in his final days, but I wonder did he do that before then. I expect he did, just as we do. We know he healed many people, not least the little girl who was so ill they thought she was dead. So when we get puzzled or anxious about the future, or sad, I recommend that we simply ask God to help us and to be with us on our journey. Ask for courage and guidance, and if you want to feel really good, come back into church and join us. Come and hear the music, and sing. (hopefully soon). Come and notice the smiles. It will be great.

Jane Knowles



CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE 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 6th June (Trinity 1)

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

Sunday 13th June (Trinity 2)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
10 am	Holy Communion	Seend *
10 am	Songs of Praise	Worton

Sunday 20th June (Trinity 3)

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

Weds 23rd June

5pm Celtic Meditative Service Poulshot

Sunday 27th June (Trinity 4)

8 am Holy Communion (BCP) Potterne
10am Holy Communion Seend *
4pm Evening Prayer 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.

Notice: Gwendoline Mary Sawyer died 23 April 2021 Bulkington (funeral held elsewhere).

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



OPEN GARDENS TEAS

You will see elsewhere in the magazine that we hope to have our very successful Open Gardens this year on the weekend of the 10th/11th July. Teas are an essential part of the weekend so donations of cakes will be very welcome and folk to man the teas. I will be in touch with my regular team nearer the time but if you bake and would like to support this very valuable fund raiser for the church please get in touch with me.

Anne Ewing

BULKINGTON NEWS



Bulkington Parish Council
Wiltshire

Draft Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Meeting

Pending official approval at the next meeting

Held Wednesday 21st of April 2021 at 7pm online via Microsoft Teams

Councillors: Amy Powell (Acting Chair), Andrew Grabham, Alex Breach, Carla Haslam, Julie Anderson-Hill

Public: Tamara Reay (prospective Conservative Candidate for the Devizes Rural West Division for the upcoming Wiltshire Council elections)

Apologies for absence: PCSO Janet, Councillor Simon Downey

Report Received from: PCSO Janet has no police updates for the Bulkington Area to report.

Local Planning Updates:

- 1) Barn conversion/ Holiday lets planning application at Tynings Farm, 24 Bulkington Drove – Application was declined by the Council
- 2) Planning application 21/01260/FUL, Lanes Cottage 15 High Street Bulkington Devizes SN10 1SJ: planning has been approved

Finance – Costs approved:

Clerk Pay – April £221.60

IDeverde Outstanding costs 01.01.2021 - 31.03.2021 £280.80

Donation in Angela Read's memory to Dorothy House £30

Domain Name charge £86.40

Costs to be questioned as it overlaps with other quote:

Idverde work carried out 29/03/2021 £103.59

Total Expenditure approved this month: £618.80

Balance after payments made: £673.18 (precept payment of £6000 imminent)

William Breach Recreational Field – Committee update:

- Update on grass cutting: Some queries over invoices to make sure we are not paying for anything twice. It was decided to introduce a system to monitor the number of cuts we are getting by requesting a note in the PC Letter box each time.
- Committee Formation Plans: Upcoming committee meeting on the 28th April – 8pm via Teams. Anyone wishing to join the committee or help out is welcome. Please contact our Clerk on theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk for login details.
- Funds: Latest Bank balance is £1600

Parish Steward: Outstanding jobs to be sent to The Clerk prior to next visit. This month our Steward removed the slippery moss from both sides by The Close, fixed

the loose kerb stones between the pub and the village hall, smoothed over some rough tarmac in the road left after water works were done and maintained the grass areas by the benches.

New Website: The website has been successfully built and all information transferred – massive thanks to Amy Powell and Sue Barratt who worked as a fantastic team. Their hard work has saved the Parish the cost of having a website built by a third party

Newsletter update: The Summer edition has a number of suggestions for content, including the possibility of holding a summer fete on 8th August. More discussions to be had on the event planning and organizing before publishing date and event.

Election Year: Expenses are due for submission to prove 0.00 was spent on our local Parish Elections as the number of candidates matched the number of seats. The Clerk will print all forms and submit asap.

Wiltshire Best Kept Village: It was agreed that Bulkington will be entering the competition. This will be a great PR exercise for the village, it will also be a positive community project for everyone to join forces safely after a really tough year. Initial judging starts at the end of May – so any garden tidies, flower planting and reporting of any curb/signage/stile problems would be really helpful so we can have the best chances (and village) possible.

Stiles: The fifth and last of the reported unsafe stiles has now been fixed, in preparation of the Best Kept Village competition, we would really appreciate villagers feeding back any broken stiles or access problems to the walks around the village as these will all cost valuable points in the Best Kept Village Competition.

Speeding in the village: Councillor Carla raised the topic of speeding within the village – especially upon entering and leaving the village at both ends. It was agreed to report the faded speed restriction sign to the Highways team of the council and to request that the speed restriction sign next to 1 Bulkington is moved further away in keeping with guidelines to allow people enough time to slow before entering the village safely.

Next meeting – It was decided to hold May's ordinary meeting alongside our AGM in the Bulkington Village Hall. Clerk to book and arrange.

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.

Mobile Library – 21st June 11.05am at the Well

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL RE-OPENING

We are delighted to be able to take bookings from June 21st at very competitive rates. The Hall is ideal for a wide range of activities such as: Parties, Meetings, Whist Drives, Lunch Clubs, Music, Dance, Keep Fit, Yoga, Art, Wakes, Parent and Toddlers and other approved activities.

It can take up to 60 people seated. It has full sized table tennis table complete with bats and balls. The kitchen is equipped to reheat food and make hot drinks.

For further details phone our booking agent Roger Futter 01380 828485

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NEEDS NEW MEMBERS: The committee's function is to maintain, enhance and administer this important village asset. We meet six times a year plus an AGM. This is your opportunity to bring new ideas about how the Hall can serve the community in the future. You will be very welcome. For further information please contact Neville Boulton 01380 828101.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



On Saturday 15th May, at 0900, Robin Heatley, Chairman, Seend Branch Royal British Legion and Georgina A'Bear, representing the Parish Council, laid wreaths at the Seend war memorial to commemorate the 100th anniversary of The Royal British Legion.

Kevin Toft, our Standard Bearer, was also present along with several parishioners. Armed Forces weekend is 26-27th June but the normal Drumhead Service in Seend will not take place this year.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 21st June, 7.30pm in the Kennet Room of the Community Centre.

Anita Heatley, Public Relations

SEEND SHUTTLE NEWS

As the lockdown is starting to ease people have started asking about a return to our usual Shuttle service. I'm afraid we are waiting for advice on this. It certainly is not allowed yet as social distancing still applies. Sorry. We will let you know if anything changes.



Our long-term weekly Thursday run and monthly Salisbury run driver Malcolm Turner has decided regretfully that now is the time to retire. We are enormously grateful to him for all those years going back and forth to Devizes. It means that we would love to hear from any drivers with D1 on their licence who might be willing to step in. We could do the trips on a rota basis or maybe split the day between two drivers as we used to if necessary. If you can help please email seendshuttle@gmail.com or phone Pete on 07734 303919 or Alison on 07951 030491. We need to be ready to go when things get back to normal. Many thanks.

Anita Shea

100+ CLUB DRAW

April Results

1	No 136	R Church	£30
2	No 46	N Feuersenger	£25
3	No 176	A Hawkins	£20
4	No 93	J Hamblin	£15
5	No 160	A Ewing	£10
6	No 74	A Hutchinson	£10



Many thanks to the customers of The Brewery Inn, who helped with the draw. Thanks to everyone who has joined this year, latecomers always welcome.

Alison Bottomley

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

**seend
centre**

We are gearing up for our full reopening at **Seend Community Centre** – all our fingers and toes are crossed that there will be no delays to the roadmap and **we can welcome everyone back on 21st June.**

AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

Our next big event will be the **Family BBQ and disco on Friday 25th June** – do come along and help us get Friday evenings back to how they should be.



At the time of writing, certain groups are getting ready to restart ahead of that date and by the time you read this, **Short Mat Bowls, Bodyblast, Table Tennis and the Parish Council meetings** will be back at the Centre, and there is a new **'Fitsteps'** dance-based exercise class on Thursdays at 6pm: just turn up in suitable clothing with a bottle of water!

We have taken bookings for **Nosh and Natter**, a band practice group and a good number of private parties and weddings for June and beyond, and a **flower arranging course** on July 20th. The monthly **First Friday Coffee Mornings** hope to restart on **2nd July**, the much-postponed **'Not the Panto Show'** from Seend Fawltly Players is on **18th July** and **Village Saturday Breakfasts** will be held on **24th July, 31st July, 7th August and 21st August.**

MEMBERSHIP OF SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE 2021

We are not doing our usual membership scheme this year since most of us didn't really get the benefit of membership in 2020. All we ask is that you **register for free membership** on our website www.seendcommunitycentre.com where there is an opportunity to make a donation if you choose.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and our website for updates and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com www.seendcommunitycentre.com



SEEND WI

There is a rustle in the breeze, a feeling something is happening!
Nature is in full swing in the gardens and we are daring to make plans.

Our spirits were certainly raised at our May meeting (by Zoom) when John Jameson Davis gave a wonderful talk on “Wiltshire’s Little Folk – the story of the Pelham Puppets”. Bob Pelham initially started the company as Wonky Toys Ltd in 1947 and it was later changed to Pelham Puppets. The original puppets were made from re-cycled materials such as parachutes and old buttons. The heads came from coconut shells and the bodies from old ammunition cases and they were all hand painted. The demise of the company in the 1990s was largely due to the rise of electronic games. Today the puppets are highly collectable.

The next meeting on 9th June (by Zoom) will be a talk on “Wiltshire: A journey through time” by Nicholas Baxter. The provisional programme for the remainder of 2021/2022 will be dependent on Covid rules at the time. Details will be published at a later date.

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 7.30p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise notified. For more information, please contact Joyce Harvey on 01380 828511 or check www.seendwi.weebly.com.

Joyce Harvey

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS: At last, it’s the ‘**Not the Panto Show!**’

Seend Fawlty Players invite you to an evening of sketches, readings and songs accompanied by a delicious supper on Sunday 18th July at 7.30pm in the Peter Fisher Hall at the Community Centre. Tickets will be available towards the end of June. Look out for posters and news on the Seend Village facebook page.



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

As long as restrictions continue to be lifted, we will plan to walk monthly and by the time you read this we will have, hopefully, held our first Ramble in 2021!!! Report in next month’s edition with information on further dates. I am sure everyone is looking forward to some normality and our members are certainly excited to be back out and about in our beautiful countryside with like-minded people.

We are a friendly group of people so come and join us for a walk, you don’t have to commit to walking every month, just as and when you feel like it.

Take care and enjoy the new freedom and special times with family and friends.

Sandy, the Ramblers, 01380 739235

SEEND TENNIS CLUB - OFFICIALLY BACK OPEN FOR PLAY!



Seend Tennis Club- junior coaching

The courts have been cleaned, repaired and reopened. And now we are delighted to announce that we starting some junior coaching for children between 5 and 11 from 22nd May, over the summer.

We have joined forces with FAR Sports, who provide junior coaching and tennis camps already in Warminster and are LTA accredited coaches.

There are various options for children from 5 years upwards.

- 1 - One off sessions on 29th May
9am - 10am for mini red (5-8 years)
10am - 11am for mini orange (8-9 years)
11am - 12noon for mini green (10 years)
Maximum number for each group is 12
- 2 - A five week course on Sat mornings from 5th June- 3rd July
9am - 10am for mini red (5-8 years)
10am - 11am for mini orange (8-9 years)
11am - 12noon for mini green (10 years)
Maximum number for each group is 12
- 3 - We are planning a Summer camp from Monday 16th August to Wednesday 18th August between 10am - 3pm. Please contact us if you are interested.
- 4 - We would like to offer Friday afternoon / evenings coaching, if there's demand. This can be any age and any ability one to one coaching (inlcuding adult). Please contact us if you are interested.

If you would like to have more information on any of the above, please go to the coaching page on our website or contact Sarah on coachingstclub@gmail.com.

Don't forget that our membership this year is half price so please join up via the website. If you want to use the courts, you do need to be a member (and the juniors will need to be members too to take part in the coaching for insurance purposes).

We look forward to seeing you back on the courts soon and to hopefully welcoming some new little players too!



SEEND PLAYGROUP

We have welcomed Logan this term and hope he enjoys his time with us. The children enjoyed walking to Little Foxes to see the lambs which were black, two pigs, and two donkeys, and the horses on the way there.

The children have enjoyed looking for insects in the garden and on the field.

Next term our topic will be keeping safe including Road Safety. Our term begins on Monday 7th June.

Rose Dick (Playleader), 01380 828003



SEEND BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Seend Baby and Toddler Group (formerly known as Bouncy Club) has now reopened and this term we have had lots of new families join us, it's been great to see so many new faces! We are a volunteer run group that runs from 9:30-11:30am on Wednesdays in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion. The cost is £1:50 per child, additional children are £1 each. The group is suitable for babies from 6 months up to toddlers aged 4 and the sessions include crafts, play time and occasional outings! So far the children have enjoyed making caterpillars, playing with edible sand and using playdough. Over the summer term we are looking forward to playing outside and enjoying the sunshine! Current restrictions allow one adult per household and adults must practice social distancing. A hot drink will be provided for adults, children's drinks and snacks must be provided by yourselves. We look forward to seeing our regular families and new ones on Wednesday!

Lucy Hajos, Sophie Povey and Fran Drewett

SEEND SCHOOL

It has been a busy and fun few weeks at Seend School!

Amongst other things we have had:

- A road safety workshop
- Virtual fire safety lessons
- An in-house dinosaur museum to explore
- Victorian artefacts to explore and Victorian toys to play with
- A lovely new nurture room at Seend to enjoy
- Live chicks hatching being looked after in the classroom
- Producing some cave art



To name but a few!

Catherine Iles, Pupil Services Administrator

Please see the online colour supplement for the gorgeous photos of the children.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

NB. The following minutes are a shortened version of the full minutes taken at the Parish Council meeting on 27th April 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 27th April was attended by 10 Councillors with Mr James in the Chair, Mrs Sue Bond (Clerk), Councillor Jonathon Seed, and 4 members of the public. There was one apology.

Local Councillor Matters – Councillor Seed said that there was not much to report from Wiltshire Council. He said that this would be his last Parish Council meeting attendance at Seend as he is standing down at this election after 12 years of being a County Councillor for our ward. He said that it had been a privilege to represent the parish. There had been a lot of ups and downs. He wished the Parish Council well for the future. The Chairman thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council for all the support he had given to the Parish.

Minutes & Matters Arising: Minutes of the meeting held 30th March were approved.

Highways - Highway Improvement Request – The Bell Councillor Seed said that he was very disappointed with the response from Highways regarding the Parish Council's request to improve protection at the former pub to prevent further damage from vehicles involved in traffic accidents. The PC was supporting the owner's request. Councillor Seed said that it probably needed a County Councillor to intervene and make further representation to Highways on behalf of the owner and the Parish Council, whether that is him before he stands down as a councillor or for the new County Councillor, whoever that may be, after the elections. **Speeding in High Street** – It was reported that there was still a lot of concern about speeding traffic along the High Street. This had been raised by parishioners many times, and was the main issue raised by those who had completed a traffic survey undertaken by a policeman on the Community Police Team. Councillor Seed was asked for advice as to what the Parish Council could do, as previous metro counts in 2012, 2016 and 2019, had suggested that there was no proven speed issue. Unless speeding was proven through the results of a metro count, the Parish Council could not install a SID or undertake a community speedwatch. Councillor Seed suggested that it might be worth requesting another metro count but at a different location further east along the High Street. He believed that SIDS do make a difference in combating speeding. There were discussions as to where the best location might be. A site visit was arranged and the precise location will be given to Councillor Seed so he could make the request to Highways. All Councillors agreed that a Traffic Survey Request be submitted for an agreed location that was different to the one undertaken in 2019. **Bus Shelter at top of Bollands Hill** – Mr Williams raised the issue of the damaged bus shelter at the top of Bollands Hill asking what can be done about it. This had been damaged in July 2017 following a road accident. At the time, Wiltshire Council said that they had no funding to repair or replace the bus shelter. The Clerk had checked whether this was still the policy and got confirmation that it was. She also got a rough costing for a replacement shelter which would be in the region of £4,000-£6,000. It may be possible to apply for an Area Board Grant. The Councillors discussed whether it could be repaired instead. It was agreed that in the first instance this should be investigated. **Spout Lane** – The Clerk reported that Highways maintenance team had updated her on some drainage issues in Spout Lane. Further investigations will be undertaken by highways to see how the issue can be fixed. **Row Lane** – the Chairman reported that there were

investigations being undertaken by Wessex Water into the water that is seeping onto the road at the top end of the lane.

Police Matters

- 4th April around 7pm – incident in Bradley Lane where a parishioner was shouted at aggressively and in a threatening manner.
- 17th April - male was arrested after providing a positive drug test while driving a vehicle in Sells Green.
- 20th April– a vehicle was seized for having no insurance on the A361 in Seend. Driver was reported for driving whilst disqualified.

Dog Thefts. Following the national survey in March, dog thefts in Wiltshire remain low and below the national average. A new Dog Watch scheme has been set up by Wiltshire Police. To sign up, go to www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk which alerts you to lots of things happening in our community, and select Dog Watch to receive relevant information. You can also report dog thefts by calling 101 or the Dog Warden on 0300 456 0100. You can also report stolen and found dogs on Doglost.co.uk. Don't forget to notify your microchip database provider and be wary of RSPCA imposters wearing uniform. Ask for ID to confirm if genuine.

Neighbourhood Plan - The Neighbourhood Plan was going to Referendum on 6th May and it was hoped that the Parish would support it with a Yes vote. There had been a lot of talk on Facebook about the Neighbourhood Plan and what the referendum meant. There was a need for a concise explanation. Mrs A'Bear said it was a Plan for the parish. After numerous consultation events engaging with the community, the ideas put forward were used to create an evidence based document to formulate the Neighbourhood Plan. It is a positive planning document that identifies areas that the community most valued and which needed to be protected from development. Once the Neighbourhood Plan is approved by referendum it becomes a statutory document that must be referred to when Wiltshire Council is looking at any planning applications. Councillor Seed praised the work of the Steering Committee which he said exemplified the right way of creating a Neighbourhood Plan. He regularly recommended his other parishes to look at Seend as a model to follow. He reiterated that once it has the support of the Referendum, it then has planning weight and can be used to steer where the parish wants development to take place and protect the areas where development would not be welcome.

Planning Matters – no new planning applications

Correspondence: Email from clerk of Melksham Without PC. BRAG applied for some Area Board funding for new seats, which was match funded by Melksham Without Parish Council, and so they will be installing some replacement and new benches along the bridleway from Locking Close, Bowerhill.

Financial Matters – Bank reconciliation to end of March £ 25,574.88

Date of Next Meetings - The next Parish Council meetings are 25th May and 29th June.

NURTURE NATURE

A reminder that pesticides have a strong adverse impact for birds and mammals, especially slug pellets - NEMASLUG is a safe bio alternative.

The Red List or status of birds and especially of song birds have oft been stated in this mag and learned research articles. Red Listed species have become considerably scarcer over the last decade according to the BTO and other scientific researchers.

Here are three examples of the rapid decline over the period 1967 to 2018:

- Nightingale – numbers are down by 93%. This summer migrant with its beautiful, haunting, glorious song is nowhere to be seen in its traditional sites in Wiltshire and Gloucestershire thus far this year.
- Tree Sparrow – a 96% decline – and the common house sparrow is also noticeably declining in numbers.
- Turtle Dove – numbers have dropped significantly by 98%. Much of this decline is due to turtle dove shooting clubs in Mediterranean countries, especially on Malta, where these lovely birds with their soothing cooing are shot on migration both ways, in spring to the UK, and on their return in the autumn. The slaughter of this beautiful species is against EU wildlife legislation, but the EU is turning, and has always turned – a blind eye to this criminal activity, as it does to the liming and netting of many migrant species in the southern Mediterranean countries and islands, Cyprus especially. One would be sickened to see the appalling photos of limed birds, such as the Ortolan Bunting, hanging slowly dying and then dead from branches, and caught in mist nets just to provide a few grams of a ‘delicacy’ in expensive Mediterranean restaurants – drowned in liquor and eaten whole by so called gourmets....

Just about everything in the Nurture Nature notes can be found on the internet.

We recommend that every reader of this article/magazine, should look at a recent documentary shown on Netflix entitled Seaspiracy. You will need a strong stomach, the guts to see this true documentary through to the end, and you will probably never wish to support the fishing industry by eating any species of fish, crustaceans or even sea mammals ever again.

Most fishing around the world is now controlled by brutal criminal gangster and drug mafia gangs, leading to the extinction of species faster than those on land, the destruction of the sea bed – remember the seas and oceans make up seven tenths of our planet, Earth – to cruel human exploitation and slavery. If you allow children to watch it, and from a certain age they probably should, adults should sit with them. Perhaps parents should preview it. It is nearly an hour and a half long.

Reminder, it was little known until recently that the Duke of Edinburgh was a great conservationist, so if you have not already done so, or hopefully planned so to do, plant in your garden something in his memory – (depending on the size of your garden or border of course) – a tree, a bush, a single, not double flower (friendly for insects

and especially for bees), perhaps even a water feature, a great attraction for all forms of wildlife, in memory of him to help conserve and nurture nature.

Summer Visitors

The inclement weather and northerly winds might have contributed to fewer migrants arriving, and hopefully numbers might pick up. Please refer to May's Spotlight for information on House Martins, Swallows and Swifts and how to help them.

Otis Tarda

SEEND SPORTING and DRAMATIC NEWS

Firstly hello again to all Spotlight readers, even those I hear shouting "Oh no ! Not that column again! I thought that we had got rid of him!"... Unfortunately I think that you are referring to another erstwhile upstanding member of the community who, unlike myself, is taking a further post-Covid sabbatical. So down to business.....



TENNIS: After winning three successive divisions, racing from the 6th to the 3rd tier, the men's team have, in a rain delayed start to the Chippenham and District Season, played two and drawn two. The stalwarts of Liam Bergin, Louis Ball, Tom Collins and Mark Newman played the first match against Sherston but then Mark was called away for "Harvest", the farmers' equivalent of "Woolf", the earliest on record, and so into the breach, for his debut men's appearance, stepped Jack Churchill, ably helping the team to a further 4-4 draw at Bloomfield club in Bath. Next up are Marshfield at home. As always keen new players are most welcome. Just contact the non-playing captain or his physiotherapist.

The mixed doubles, after being absent from the league for several years, have started again in division 4. They have played three matches to date, drawing with Melksham and then comprehensively demolishing Urchfont and then Devizes with an 8-0 score line on each occasion. They presently sit on top of their division. Again there have been debuts to this format for a number of players, Sally Jackson, Lottie and Jack Churchill, newcomers Megan Owen and Bertie Kennedy, with old hands Tom Collins and Tom Jackson leading the way, plus, somehow, the even older hands of the writer showing them a trick or two. Even this early in the season promotion is definitely on the cards. We await Harry Waylen's return and Syd Evenden's first start after exams. The Seend courts have been cleaned and treated and a fresh committee is at the helm taking over from Ric Ellinger and Victoria Bowes who between them put in nearly sixty years of service. Thanks to both Ric and Victoria, although understandably Ric cannot recall, like so many of us, what happened thirty plus years ago...

DRAMA: Hats off to Henry Stafford-Charles for appearing as an extra in the new BBC series "The Pursuit of Love". Henry stepped forward in the bathing scene, although his mother told me that he kept his kit on, unlike his fellow actors or indeed

our hats. A fantastic series and we hope to see more of Henry in the future.(Sorry Hatty, what I meant was....)

SHORT MAT BOWLS: Unfortunately Colin misread the guidelines and he now understands that the direction was for “self-isolation” and not “self-inoculation”. Anyhow we wish the boys a speedy return to the green baize.

FOOTBALL: Seend United under manager Louis McMullen have no league fixtures hence are keeping focused with friendly matches often against superior but challenging opposition. Three matches so far saw losses against Shrewton 7-0, and The Three Daggers 3-0, but also a revival against Siddington, missing out narrowly by 3 goals to 4, with Will Purdy, back from the USA, and Nathan Drew each scoring, along with Harry Waylen’s wind assisted goal kick that somehow found the opponents net! It is good to see the Lye Field, such a treasured village asset, back in use again.

Lack of space this month means that coverage of Cycling, Running, Equestrian and Extreme Sports will have to be delayed until July, by which time the nights will be well and truly drawing in.

Frankie Goddard. 07854 660582.
(Reversed charges not accepted)

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In spite of the pandemic the society has been able to continue with their program of first class lectures delivered by Zoom. Wherever possible we have kept in contact with members by phone and, as restrictions ease, we plan to have “hybrid” lectures. This would involve having a limited number in The Assembly Hall in Melksham and, at the same time, streaming the lecture to other members in their homes.

Forthcoming lectures:

June 2nd: Travels in Rajasthan with Rudyard Kipling: Palaces and Temples,
Monuments and Fort in the Land of Kings.

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**

AN UPDATE FROM THE TEXTILE STUDIOS

Steeple Ashton, BA146EU

We would like to say a huge thank you to our members, families and friends for supporting us during lockdown and helping those of us who are IT idiots to become competent and so continue our very friendly and sociable craft groups at home.

As Covid restrictions eased we were able to complete our first Beginners Sewing Machine course for non-members. We will soon be planning our next course with individual tuition to build confidence in basic sewing skills and we have machines for you to use if necessary. This may be during the day or evening. We have lots of other ideas for the future so if you wish to find out more our contact details are below.

New members who are not “crafty” but would like to make things are welcome to join us and will receive lots of help. The craft activities may include silk papermaking, eco printing, patchwork, felting, silk dyeing or perhaps up-cycling, all at low/no cost.

The Wiltshire Guild of Spinners Weavers and Dyers, of which we are members, offer group visits and participation in community events. So if you see us out and about do come and say hello. Our premises are located behind the village shop at Steeple Ashton.

Web site : www.wiltshireguildswd.org

Email Valerie Laverick valerielaverick@hotmail.com or

Email Beryl Francis badgersberyl@icloud.com

UPDATE ON FINE ARTS BRASS CONCERT

Edington Arts has sold all available tickets to the Fine Arts Brass concert on Saturday June 12th in Edington Priory Church. No more names are being added to the waiting list, but if any cancellations are received, seats will be offered to those already on the list.



We are so grateful to everyone who has shown an interest in this concert, and we're really sorry that Covid social-distancing regulations mean that we cannot expand our seating allocation beyond the 50 seats we have now sold.

All ticket holders will receive their tickets after the beginning of June, along with a full set of instructions on arrival times, seating, traffic flow round the church and other essential information, including the list of music being performed. Any enquiries should be directed either to Chrissy on (01380) 831256 or sue@edingtonarts.org.



Melksham & District Flower Arrangement Society

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for a Flower Arranging demonstration entitled

“Haute fleurs couture”

by Denise Jones

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

What treats we have in store for you. Several new gardens, old favourites, village garden openings and a pop up. At all times we suggest that visitors check out the web site for up to date information and to book for some of our gardens. The easiest way for Wiltshire gardens is www.ngs.org.uk/wiltshire.

The Heritage Collection online talks – our new collection of spring talks includes Sandringham and Frogmore along with Minterne, Kiftsgate, Iford and Chelsea Physic.

www.ngs.org.uk/product-category/online-events/online-talks-april-may-the-heritage-collection

And finally.....

What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo?

One is really heavy, and the other is a little lighter.



Don't forget to look at our online edition with colour photo supplement, which this month includes photos of Seend School activities and some memories of past village events!
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 – Trevor Vowles

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

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

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Seend Baby & Toddler Group – Lucy Hajos 07789106272

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Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Table tennis – Chris Brooker, 828047

Tennis Club – Sarah Pearson - 07980 744420

Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; 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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