

DIARY DATES FOR LATE JUNE 2024

26th Nosh and Natter Lunch club Seend Community Centre 12.30pm

26th Brewery Quiz

30th Fawly Players present 'That's Life!' Community Centre 7.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR JULY 2024

3rd Seend Shuttle to Salisbury

3rd Bulkington Village Lunch at The Well 12.00 for 12.30

5th First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am

8th Bulkington Tea, Craft and Chat Group 2-4pm

10th Seend WI

13th **DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUG/SEPT SPOTLIGHT**

15th Mobile Library: Seend The Lye 9.40, Seend Cleeve The Telephone box
10.05, Bulkington The Well Inn car park 11.05.

20th Dog Show at The Brewery in aid of Leash of Life Charity

21st Seend and District Ramblers

27th Evening of Mediumship, SCC

31st Brewery Quiz

DIARY DATES FOR EARLY AUGUST

2nd First Friday Coffee Morning

3rd Seend Breakfast



Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion & Seend Lye Field

Available for parties, meetings, sports events.

Book online: www.seendlyefield.org or

email: seendlrf@gmail.com

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

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

WELCOME TO JULY 2024 SPOTLIGHT



Hello summer at last! We can visit the lovely city of Salisbury on the first Wednesday by the Seend Shuttle. Take a friend and enjoy the many places to eat and shop. Not to mention the cathedral and museums. A fete at West Lavington, and a Dog Show at the The Brewery Inn. Can your dog be a show off?

The next issue of Spotlight covers August and September, so do think ahead if you want to put an article or information in. Deadline for copy is 13th July.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the August/September 2024 edition (copy by Saturday 13th July 2024) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post & Provisions. Editors: Tessa Doe (07719 917814) Sue Isaac (828461) and Jan Field (827140). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to individuals – 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 editors (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** to help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

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THE SEEND FUND - A REMINDER IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

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

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

Remember the Seend fund is your local fund. Anyone living in or closely associated with Seend, including our close neighbours in Bulkington and Poulshot, can apply by emailing the secretary (anitashea@hotmail.co.uk) 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.

SEEND EVENTS IN JULY AND BEYOND



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

First Friday Coffee Mornings on the 5th July from 10.30am in the Lounge. Come and enjoy freshly made real coffee or tea (plus a refill) and delicious home-made cakes for just £2.50. Everyone welcome! No need to book.



Nosh and Natter Lunches

Nosh and Natter is on a summer break. It will recommence on Wednesday 25th September. Please book in advance by calling Frank on 07719 918310. Two courses and refreshments for £7.50 — lovely home-made dishes prepared and served by the excellent N+N team!

TGI Fridays Every Friday from 6:30 pm. Club members and guests meet in the Members' Bar. Come along and find out what's going on in and around the village. The popular First Friday of the Month Free Snacks have returned! The First Friday is 5th July.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 30th June - Seend Fawltly Players present 'That's Life!' – a typical Fawltly entertainment about the several ages of man (and woman!). 7 for 7.30pm.

Tickets £10, to include an interval supper, at the Centre or call or text 07719 917814. Proceeds to the Community Centre.

Seend Summer Breakfasts:

The famous Seend Breakfasts will be held on Saturdays on the following dates: 3rd August, 17th August, 24th August, 31st and 7th September. 8-10:30am.



An Evening of Mediumship with Mitch Garlington on Saturday 27th July.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30 start.

Tickets £12.50. To purchase tickets please visit www.mitch-garlington.co.uk

Oktoberfest will be on Saturday 26th October at 7pm. Details to follow.

2024/25 COMMUNITY CENTRE MEMBERSHIP

Please consider renewing your membership or becoming a member.

Adult £15.00, Seniors £12.50, Juniors £5.00

Members have access to the Lounge Bar where they can buy drinks at competitive prices, play darts and snooker. They may bring guests into the Lounge. And also receive discounted rates for room and hall hire.

Membership is available at seendcommunitycentre.com. Or sign up at the bar.

Bar opening times

Weds, Thurs & Sat from 7pm. Friday from 6pm. Sun 12 –4pm

To keep up to date with information and events visit: seendcommunitycentre.com

And Box Office: seendcommunitycentre.com/box-office



BREWERY INN EVENTS

Quiz Night– Wednesday 26th June and 31st July
Dog Show on 20th July for Leash of Life Charity

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.

JENNIFER JEAN HULLAND (nee Dick)

Chris and Rose and all the family would like to thank everyone for the kind messages and cards we received after the loss of Jen on 4th May—also Tom and helpers at the Community centre for putting tables out etc.

We were overwhelmed at the number of people who attended Jen's funeral. It just goes to show how much she was loved. She has left a big hole in our hearts, and will never be forgotten.

Thank you to all who donated at the funeral and 'Brave the Shave' for Dorothy House, which so far has reached over £13,000.

Rose Dick

Christian Aid Week

Thanks to everyone in Seend and Bulkington who once again contributed so generously to CAW. This year £1224.80 was collected, nearly £200 more than last year.

Thanks also to everyone who was able to Gift Aid their contributions. Christian Aid will claim a further £142 on all of the gift aided contributions, increasing the total amount from the Christian Aid Week in our villages to over £1,367. Particular thanks to the collectors who generously give of their time each year, most of whom have volunteered before and most for a number of years.

Thanks especially to Liz for once again organising and doing most of the collecting in Bulkington, Special thanks also to Sarah who joined our collecting team for the first time, having collected in Melksham for a number years. Spotlight, as always, gave us a flying start in terms of informing everyone and inserting 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. Thanks to Rex for counting the money donated prior to banking the proceeds. He is very accurate and never seems to tire of counting some one else's money.

Thanks once again to Post and Provisions for once again acting as a collecting point for collectors returning their monies to me. Thanks also to Pam and Hilary for driving me to various parts of the Benefice to deliver administrative information to make life easier for collectors, and thanks to any others who helped to make this year's CAW collection in Seend and Bulkington another success. It was £200 less than our highest figure in 2021 but whilst we are able to raise over £1367 it is very worthwhile and we look forward to participating in the next CAW - May 11 -17th 2025.

Dick - Local Organiser

Nosh & Natter

Pauline, Mary and Les, Fiona, Brian and Joyce will be stepping down (or at least reducing their obligations) after many years and we pass on our huge thanks to them for many excellent noshes and good natters.

New volunteers are most welcome—and needed. Please ring Frank on 07719 918310

A personal message After 15 wonderful years at N&N I have decided to retire. I have really enjoyed all the lunches, volunteers and guests who are now friends. I will miss you all very much.

Pauline

SEEND VILLAGE FETE NEWS—Saturday 10th August "It Takes a

Village" The saying "it takes a village" perfectly encapsulates the spirit of our Fete. The success of this event hinges on the collective efforts of our community members, whether through



sponsorship, donations, or the gift of time. **We Need Your Help!** We are seeking support for both setting up and packing down the Fete. Additionally, we are on the lookout for a few dedicated teams to help run village stalls on the day. Can you gather your friends, family, and neighbours to donate a few hours of their time? Every bit of help counts! Please contact us at seendfete@gmail.com and let us know how you can contribute. A massive thanks to the following Lead Sponsors: Melksham Motor Spares, The Flyer, Perma Collective and Artel. And to the following advertisers: Bluemay, Turnpike, Dolmans, Windsmere, ELs Emporium and Wansbroughs. To all the businesses that have donated to the Grand draw! We have so many epic prizes to be won! Thank you for being a vital part of our community! Stay in the loop with all the latest updates and interact with us by following our Facebook page [@seendfete](https://www.facebook.com/seendfete) and visiting our website at seendfete.org.

Warm regards, Team Fete #teamseend

SEEND FLOWER SHOW 10 AUGUST 2024

The Seend Flower Show will be held on **Saturday the 10th August 2024** in the Community Centre. Doors will be open for viewing at 1pm. Last year we had a record number of 753 exhibits. We would love to beat that this year.

URGENT NOTICE: All cup holders from last year (2023) please return your cups to Jackie by the 30 June, 3 Hillcrest, School Road, Seend, SN12 6NL 01380 828171. Or call Julia on 01380 827082 if we need to collect them from you.

We look forward to all your entries from bakers, preservers, crafters, gardeners, model-makers and creative and innovative children's entries and many more.

We are also appealing for volunteers on the day before to set up and also on the day, please let us know if you would like to be involved. Call Julia on 01380 827082 or contact a committee member. We would also welcome sponsors and donations, please contact us should you wish to contribute.

The Flower Show entries Schedule and Programme booklet will accompany August's Spotlight. This and the entry form is now available to download from our website: <https://www.seendflowershow.org.uk> and Facebook page. Flower Show email enquiries to: seendflowershowentry@gmail.com.

Julia White, SFS Chair, 07904791743



CHURCH NEWS

The view from my window.

“Didn’t we ‘ave a lovely time the day we went to Wells?”, to quote an old song, and we did. The day dawned bright and clear and we set off in two minibuses one from Potterne and one from Seend. Wells is such a beautiful place and we were so privileged

to be able to have our own little communion service, presided over by Revd. Gerry in the lady chapel of the cathedral .

Wells cathedral, one of the masterpieces of English architecture, and we were there not just as tourists, but as pilgrims, as so many thousands of people had been before us for 850 years. The bonus was that we had a most magnificent guided tour of the cathedral and the grounds and gardens as well. We learnt such a lot, particularly about the ancient scissor arches (which actually looked more like art nouveau) and the old fascinating medieval clock face. If you haven’t been, do go, and attend a service if you can.

A picnic followed on the lawn in front of the magnificent West Front and then a walk round the market and, I must admit, a cream tea. We closed our visit with a beautiful service of Evensong in St Cuthbert’s church , the church which is so familiar to Revd Caroline, and thence back home on the bus.

So, if you’ve been a bit afraid of the word pilgrimage, I hope I have shown you that it’s a really lovely thing to do. You don’t have to walk across fields barefoot, or climb medieval steps on your knees (which many pilgrims did in times gone by), but you can travel in the footsteps of our forbears and marvel at the wonder of God’s creation, and man’s response to it. So thank you Gerry for arranging it and leading us. I hope it will be repeated next year.

Since then, of course there has been so much activity in the benefice; gardens open, fetes, teas and all the rest of it. We live in a wonderful community, and I often reflect on the similarity between the two words, community and communion. People work so hard for the good of the community and in so doing become increasingly in communion with each other, and at the centre of all our communities are our beautiful country churches; all different, large and small, all the focus of our villages, with people using their time and talents to make sure that they will continue into the future . They are beautiful peaceful places, so if you haven’t been to one of the other churches in the benefice, pop in on a hot day and feel the peace and the prayers of centuries; admire the flowers and check out the visitors book, and most particularly sit down and rest for a while, and if you can, thank God.

Jane Knowles

Save the date - Saturday 14th September
for more details go to p16



CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE 2024

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



Sunday 7th (Trinity 6)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins	Poulshot
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
11am	Morning Praise	Bulkington

Sunday 14th (Trinity 7)

9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
9:30am	Morning Praise	Bulkington
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong	Seend

Friday 19th

3:30pm	Messy Church	Potterne Village Hall
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Sunday 21st (Trinity 8)

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Holy Communion	Poulshot
9:30am	Holy Communion	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Bulkington
11am	Morning Praise	Potterne

Sunday 28th (Trinity 9)

9:30am	Family Service	Worton
11am	Holy Communion	Potterne
11am	Holy Communion	Seend
4pm	Evensong	Poulshot
6pm	Holy Communion	Bulkington

Wednesday 31st

5pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot
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Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.
Tuesday Group meets each week at 10am in Potterne. Call 723289 for details.

From the Registers:

No baptisms, weddings or funerals this month.

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



BULKINGTON NEWS

Parish Clerk - Mrs. Tekla Hicks
07427 406943 clerk@bulkington.org.uk

Minutes of Bulkington Parish Council General Meeting held on Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 7.30pm at Bulkington Village Hall, Bulkington, Wiltshire.

Membership: Councillors P Oakey (Chair), C Haslam, A Breach, J Anderson-Hill, A Howard-Evans.

Present: Councillors P Oakey (Chair), A Breach, A Howard-Evans, C Haslam.

Member of Public - None

Proper Officer: T Hicks

Apologies for absence

To receive and accept apologies for those unable to attend. Apologies sent by Cllr Anderson-Hill—Accepted. Clerk to update absence log.

Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest under the Parish Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. None.

Minutes of the previous meeting

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2024. Approved without amendment.

Public Participation

To enable members of the public to address the Council regarding any item on the agenda. None.

To receive any petitions or deputations. None.

Reports from:

To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor – Cllr Reay sent a report which was read out by the Clerk.

To receive an update from the Chair of the meeting:

The Defib training was a success, and such a worthwhile session should be booked annually.

Matters arising from previous meetings:

See playground items.

Planning Matters to discuss:

To note the BPC Planning Schedule as at 31st May 2024. Noted.

Maintenance to include items as below:

To discuss and agree Parish Steward - Consideration of jobs for next visit – Cllrs to populate Parish Steward sheet in shared area and Clerk to send to Parish Steward before next visit each month. - All councillors and clerk.

To discuss and agree Maintenance Log – for ongoing items. The Chair has been approached ref a blocked ditch. Clerk to write to landowner. Chair to give Clerk details.

To discuss and agree Playground update. Discussed zipline is sagging. Clerk to get a quote to tighten. Also to investigate guarantee from Inspect & Repair.

To discuss and update ref 'Re-Elming Bulkington'. None

Finance

Payments for approval:

To ratify payment previously made to Inspect & Repair for zipline repair INV-0471 £389. Approved.

To agree and approve BPC May banking financial statements with accounts listed up to and including 31st May 2024 along with financial summary sheet. Approved.

Governance

To discuss suggested Emergency/Resilience Plans. Cllr Howard-Evans has reviewed, but more work needed. C/f

Cllr Haslam resigned from the Council.

Correspondence Received Since Last Meeting to note

None.

Confirmation of date of next meeting: Wednesday 10th July 2024

To close the meeting - 8pm

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SEATING FOR UP TO 60 PERSONS - FULL DISABLED ACCESS
FROM £12. FOR A FIVE HOUR SESSION
TABLE TENNIS £5. AN HOUR
HEATING BY COIN METER
For further information phone Roger Futter 01380 828485**

THE BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH

takes place on

Wednesday, 3rd July at 12.15 for 12.30 at The Well.

Please contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (828116).

New people are always welcome to join us. It is a good social event for the entire

TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA



Please come and enjoy a Traditional Afternoon Tea at Bulkington Village Hall on Saturday 20th July between 3 and 5 pm. There will also be a raffle to raise funds for our church. The cost of the tea is £8 for adults and £4 for children and can be paid at the door.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Liz Futter 828485

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on
Monday 15th July 11.05 – 11.30 am

THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP



will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 8th July at 46A Bulkington the home of Phyl Yarde 828116. New people always welcome.

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

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

We are planning to visit Woodborough Garden Centre for lunch on Thurs 25th July. I don't know if we need to book. There is also a cafe nearby called Sticks and Stones in Woodborough Yard. Will do some research. Please will you let me know if you are interested in taking part.

Liz 828485

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



SEEND WI

Do you remember the excitement of school outings when we were children, all going off on the coach with our friends and going home tired and happy after a lovely day?

There was that same buzz as members went on an outing to the American Museum in Bath on 12th June. We saw some very interesting artifacts and enjoyed a particularly informative talk on the quilts, some of which had been made by the Amish community. The Museum is set in stunning, well managed, gardens with amazing views. Members enjoyed tea and cookies in the cafe before returning home tired and happy after a lovely afternoon. Our thanks to Neil for driving the Seend shuttle.

Looking further ahead to 10th July members can enjoy a talk by Mary Bentley on the RNLI. This should be particularly poignant as the RNLI are celebrating 200 years.

Normally our regular meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, please contact Joyce Harvey on 01380 828511.

Joyce Harvey

SEEND 100 CLUB

May Draw

1	No.196	T Taylor	£50
2	No. 94	J Padfield	£25
3	No.128	A Dearling	£25
4	No.115	V Atwill	£15
5	No.130	R Walker	£15



June Draw

1	No. 64	T James	£50
2	No. 2	S Cubberley	£25
3	No. 77	S Vaux	£25
4	No.110	A Newman	£15
5	No. 96	J Hawkins	£15

Thanks to everyone at the Playgroup 50th Party who helped with the draw.

We can now pay the prize money by BACS. So if you are a winner I'll be in touch.
avbottomley@yahoo.co.uk



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

On Thursday 6th June, the D-Day 80 flag was raised and Revd Gerry Lynch dedicated the silhouette soldier by the war memorial and Robin Heatley, Branch Vice Chairman, laid a wreath. Many thanks to Col (Retd) Clive Newell, who represented the RBL at the school during their D-Day 80 morning. During the evening, the church bells rang, the beacon was lit and Steve Cubberley, Branch Chairman, read the International Tribute at the Community Centre.

Our D-Day 80 social evening on Saturday 8 June was a great success with singing from the Polka Dot Peaches, a vintage trio, and rounding up the evening with Sound Images Roadshow.

Our next informal gathering at the Community Centre will take place on Friday 21st June, 6.30pm.

Our next social evening will be on Friday 20 September when The Pop Pickers will be returning by popular demand to the Community Centre, singing 60s, 70s and 80s hits.

Date of next meeting: 10 October, 7.30pm – AGM and meeting

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

We have welcomed Addily, Beau, Harry and Savannah and hope they enjoy their time with us. The children enjoyed the police visit back in April. They sat in the back and front of the police van. They put the lights on and the sirens. The children held the handcuffs, which were surprisingly heavy. Also in April, the children enjoyed feeding and stroking rabbits, guinea pigs and chickens which belonged to Chloe's Farm, who visited us.



Our topics this term are Growing and Insects. In the Millenium Garden we have planted lettuce, chives, spring onion plants and carrots and also some plants we were given. We have planted sunflower seeds in pots that the children will be taking home. On 14th June we celebrated 50 years of Seend Playgroup with bouncy castles and a BBQ. On 19th July we will be having our leavers' presentation and teddy bears' picnic. Our last day is 23rd July and we will return on September 2nd.

Rose Dick, Playgroup leader, 828003.

Rose Dick Playgroup Leader 828003



SEEND THEATRE CLUB

Our next event is a group visit at the beginning of July for "Macbeth", performed by Shakespeare Live in the grounds of Cleeve House. This will be followed by a trip in August to the Watermill, near Newbury, for "Barnum". With much advance publicity it will be interesting to see how such a talented cast of actors and musicians interpret and perform this great musical production. We have also asked members to express interest in a planned trip for Handel's "Messiah" at Bath Abbey in December. In addition, we are looking for a suitable play to book for an Autumn outing.

We always welcome new members and if you are interested in finding out more, please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or email: membership.seendtheatreclub@gmail.com for an application form.

Ken Harvey



SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

On the 16th of May nine of us ventured into Gloucestershire for a lovely walk led by Brenda and Bob. Starting at the pretty village of Hawkesbury Upton we walked through fields of buttercups and cows with lovely views of distant wooded hills. The sun shone and we finished with a welcome drink in the garden of the Beaufort Arms. Many thanks to them for this walk which was new to many of us.

Next walk will be on Sunday 16th June starting at 10am as usual and Anita and Pete will be leading. Members will be notified via email nearer the time.

July walk – Sunday 21st July, leaders will be Colin & Denny.

August will be our evening walk with picnic. This year it will be on Friday 16th August and we are hoping to walk locally in Seend and picnic afterwards.

Sandy 01380 739235

SEEND SHUTTLE

The next Salisbury trip will be July the 3rd.. Phone Anita on 01380 828757 to book a seat.

A bunch of keys including a car key and a house key were found under a bus seat more than a week ago. Strangely no one has claimed them yet .

Phone me if you think they are yours.

Some of you will remember Don Escott and will be sad to hear of his recent death.

He was a retired professional coach driver who for many years was a keen supporter and driver of the Seend Shuttle and the Trowbridge community bus . He took the job very seriously but with good humour and always wore his smart white driver's shirt and tie. He will be missed by many.

Anita



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

The children of Seend School have been busy in our final couple of terms of the year! The highlight has certainly been recognising the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. We gathered together in the hall, joined by a member of the Royal British Legion as well as currently serving military personnel to remember what happened and the significance this carried. Retired Colonel Clive Newell, Captain Darran Thomas and Lieutenant Colonel Christof Masheder joined us. Colonel Clive Newell spoke to us about the events that took place that day; Captain Darran Thomas spoke to us about the service shown that day by the men and women who gave their lives and Lieutenant Colonel Christof Masheder spoke to us about his role in the Armed Forces and how they show service every day - he also linked our school values to those of the Army.

We are very grateful for all of their contributions and we want to say a huge thank you. Chestnut and Sycamore also contributed by reading aloud a special poem that was provided by the Royal British Legion for all schools to share at 11 which we did, followed by a 2-minute silence. Holly class contributed by creating the wonderful soldier and poppy art work and Playdough club made poppies too - isn't it fantastic!

SEEND C OF E SCHOOL - SEATS AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL BUS

We will have seats available on both school runs from the beginning of the new school year in September 2024 and look forward to welcoming new passengers of all school ages :-

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

Using the bus brings benefits for everyone:-

- Time saving for Mums and Dads

- Cost saving at only £1 per week per child

- Bus Buddy system in place for younger children

- More independence for the children

- Fun on the bus with their friends

- Help the environment by reducing the traffic at the school

First run is Bowerhill/Sells Green/Martinslade/Bulkington to school for the Breakfast Club.

Second run is Seend Cleeve/Brewery/New Buildings to school.

To make an enquiry or a booking please call or text Nick Jackson on 07836 747849 or email at nick.e.jackson@outlook.com

VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED FOR SCHOOL BUS

We are looking for a volunteer driver to join our team to help drive the school bus during term times starting from September 2024.

You would be joining a one in five rota driving for a week at a time mornings only for about an hour per day. All you will need is a D1 driving licence and a sense of humour!

KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

Last month Keevil welcomed visitors from neighbouring villages, parishes and beyond for our annual scarecrow trail.

The event was a fantastic success and raised almost £8,000 for the school. It was made possible by over 75 volunteers who ran the various activities and food stands during the weekend.

This year the village kindly allowed the school use of the rec, which really added to the event, making it possible to host lots of games and activities to entertain the children.

The money raised will help fund new school equipment as well as improvements to our forest school, which now runs free pre-school sessions. Head Teacher Lindsey Hermon said "I'd sincerely like to thank everyone who came along and got involved, all of the volunteers and organisers led by FOKS, and of course the scarecrow makers.

In other news, our year four children experienced their first trip away from parents and carers with an exciting residential school trip to the Brecon Beacons, staying in the Danywenallt Youth Hostel and undertaking activities led by staff from the National Parks Authority. The activities centred around the wildlife and geography of the National Park. This included a treasure hunt, survival challenges, and a tough 4.5 mile hike, learning navigation skills along the way.

Lindsay Hermon reinforced the importance of these trips, "The children met all of the challenges thrown at them with an incredible spirit. Through taking part in challenging activities the children move outside of their comfort zones, which helps them develop resilience and self-belief. This translates into increased self-esteem and better learning behaviours back in the classroom."

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council Meeting took place on 7th May. Terry James and Bridget Johnstone were respectively elected Chair and Vice Chair and Councillors elected to the council's subcommittees.

The monthly Parish Council meeting took place on 28th May attended by 9 Councillors & The Clerk

Local Council Matters

No update this month

Local Highways & Footpath Infrastructure Group (LHFIG)

Bell Crossroads

Since the last Parish Council meeting there have been two accidents at the Bell Crossroads on 16th & 23rd May. The Clerk will request Highways review the visibility of the signs on all approaches to the Bell Crossroads and advise our MP and Association of British Insurers of the increased accident rate at this location.

Bradley Lane & Rusty Lane

No update

Parking Spout Lane & Canal Bridge Seend Cleeve

The [Chairman](#), Cllr Reay and Clerk met with the Canal & River Trust (CRT). The CRT declined to accept any responsibility for parking issues and other secondary issues caused by continuous cruisers remaining moored within the neighbourhood for longer than the 14-day maximum stay. The Clerk has written to Wiltshire Council for guidance regarding potential escalation options.

Speedwatch

Pictures of the proposed Speed indicator Device (SID) locations have been forwarded to LHFIG. The team continues to carry out regular speed checks and would like more volunteers. If you could spare a few hours, please contact either Debbie Savage (debbie.savage@seendparishcouncil.co.uk) or John Williams.

(john.williams@seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

Planning Applications

None

Devizes Area Board

The next Area Board will take place on 3rd June 2024

Best Kept Village

Seend has entered the Best Kept Village competition and judging will take place between 6th May – 7th June 2024.

War Memorial

The Royal British Legion has offered to fund 50% of the renovation work costs to clean and restore the War memorial. The Clerk to arrange to have the work completed prior to 6th June.

A361 The Stocks – Bell Crossroads Footpath Grass cutting

Following Wiltshire Council's response in which they could not commit to undertaking the cutting back of the overgrowth along the footpath between The Stocks & Bell Crossroads, the Parish Council agreed to employ a contractor to undertake the work. The work has been completed and further cuts will be completed later in the year.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a parish Councillor. An advert was placed on the Post Office Notice board 31st May and on the Council's website.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Clerk (Chris Stirlan) by email clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Finance

This month the Parish Council approved £1,930 in donation payments to local organisations. Bank reconciliation at end of May 2024 was £45,023.47

Dates of next Parish Council meeting:

Tuesday 25th June 7pm at the Community Centre



NURTURE NATURE

Some readers have asked where they might catch a glimpse of Crested Tits and Bearded Tits. You won't see them on your bird tables or feeders locally. One is unlikely to see the Crested Tit anywhere in the British Isles, except in Scotland. The Spey Valley pine forests provided a sanctuary for them and they have now spread to Grampian and Sutherland. For Bearded Tits go to Titchfield Haven on the Hampshire Coast. Reports so far indicate that warbler populations are down again this year. Chiffchaffs were once pretty widely spread and were one of the first species to arrive. Not so this year, so far. Hirondininae are also well down in numbers, and who has heard a Cuckoo this spring? Anyone who is lucky enough to hear a Nightingale, please post the info on your local Facebook and inform your County Orni Website. Other species of the tit family which formerly were visitors to gardens and used to enjoy the food in bird feeders are Marsh and Willow Tits, they are difficult to tell apart. Coal Tits too are in decline. On the positive side it was pleasing to see families of Long Tailed Tits on feeders during the colder spells last winter. Referring to warblers, as mentioned above with Chiffchaffs, numbers are down again this year. Blackcaps, Garden Warblers – both beautiful songsters – have hardly been heard. Warblers, such as Sedge, Reed, Willow and others formerly regularly seen on hedgerows, along water courses, in field hedgerows and woods, are in decline. As reported in previous articles, there has been a dramatic decline in bird numbers and species since the 1970s, the BTO has further reported that between 2016 and 2021 UK bird species declined by 46%. Readers can find more information and how to help to stem the tide in species decline at www.bto.org/biodiversity-loss. Should you wish to know more about how birds are faring worldwide, go to www.birdlife.org. “Everyone likes birds. What wild creature is more accessible to our eyes and ears, as close to us and everyone in the world as universal as a bird?” (Sir David Attenborough, Broadcaster). Enquiries have been made about Nightjar migrants, but these are unlikely to be seen or heard locally. Nightjars fly silently and then suddenly start clapping their wings in display and making long drawn out churring noises on warm summer nights. Staple Plain and Stock Hill Woods in the Quantocks in Somerset and the Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire have been haunts for Nightjars having migrated 6,000 kilometres from Central Africa. Still, warm nights in June are perfect for seeing and hearing Nightjars – try Staple Hill in the Blackdowns, Staple Plain in the Quantocks, Stockhill on Mendip, or Webber's Post on Exmoor. Another migrant which may be mistaken for a Nightjar, though not of the same family, is the Wryneck, a species of the Woodpecker family. However, they are becoming very rare and one would be very lucky to see one. The writer has only seen one, a juvenile, in a semi rural Wiltshire garden in the 1970s.

Make Nature a happy place for us all! Otis Tarda

BITS AND BOBS

MELKSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY'S SUMMER CONCERT

4th July at 7.30pm in The Rachel Fowler Centre

This will be a FREE and informal recital of lighter music and party pieces from Simon and Garfunkel to Flanders and Swann. so come and join us for some music, friendly chat and nibbles.

Donations to the choir will be gratefully received.



Lavington
Community
Choir

Lavington Community Choir Summer Concert will be held on Friday 5th July at 7.30pm in Market Lavington Community Hall. Tickets will be £8 and available on sale at St. Arbucks, Market Lavington and Devizes Books in June.

The programme will include a mixture of classical, popular and jazz music.

THE WEST LAVINGTON VILLAGE FETE

The West Lavington Village Fete is back on **Saturday July 6th**, from 2pm on the Village Playing Field. There will be all the popular attractions at the Fete, including the **Fun Family Dog Show** (“the best run in the area!”), a **Bouncy Castle** and the fantastic **Grand Prize Draw**, plus children’s games and lots of stalls. Parking and entry is free!

Throughout the afternoon there will be music from the **Amesbury Town Band** and dancing from the **Devizes Morris Dancers**, plus homemade teas from the WI in the Village Hall, and a drinks tent.

Fete **Dog Show!** Entries cost just £3 per class and will be taken at the Fete on the day and throughout from 2pm. The first Class starts at 2.30pm. There are eight classes:

Golden Oldie (over 7 years)

Prettiest Bitch

Most Handsome Dog

Waggiest Tail

Musical sits

Best Sausage Catcher!



MELKSHAM FLOWER CLUB

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 2pm in Seend Community Centre.

This month’s meeting 16th July.



Wiltshire gardens in July - National Garden Scheme (ngs.org.uk)

There are some more lovely gardens for everyone and not forgetting there are more where visitors can contact the garden owners to make a private visit “By gardens” <https://ngs.org.uk/wiltshire-by-arrangement/>



This is an annual national sponsored event, organised locally by County Historic Churches Trusts. Wiltshire Ride + Stride (or its predecessor the Great Cycle Ride) has been going since 1984 and has raised over £1.6 million for the county's churches. 50% of the money raised goes to the participant's chosen church and the other half to the County Historic Churches Trust.

The Ride & Stride will take place on **Saturday 14th September 2024**
10.00am and 6.00pm

Participants may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters. They can be of any age, but under-13s must be accompanied by an adult. All denominations are welcome.

Visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route. Seek sponsorship from friends, relations and colleagues. Contact Len Murray, for more info and sponsorship forms to support your local church: **Holy Cross, Seend...** on 01380 828513.

www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk



DEVIZES FLOWER CLUB

Meet on the 3rd Wednesday every month upstairs in Devizes Town Hall 7pm for 7.30pm Visitors £6 on the door.

Annual subscription £35.

Contact us: devizesflowerclubuk@gmail.com - Facebook:

@DevizesFlowerClub Instagram: [devizes_flowerclub](https://www.instagram.com/devizes_flowerclub)



**THE WILTSHIRE GUILD OF SPINNERS, WEAVERS & DYERS
 TEXTILE STUDIOS**

HOMEGROWN Textiles Exhibition: A field to fashion project exploring how to produce clothing using locally grown fibres and dye.

Thursday 1st August - Sunday 4th August 2024 10:30 - 16:00. Free Entry.

3 St Mary's School Buildings, Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire BA14 6EU

For further information please see www.wiltshireguildswd.org

Do have a look at this month's edition of the online colour supplement for pictures of D Day commemorations, school activities and Seend Open Gardens Go to seend.org.uk and just click on Spotlight and then on July online colour supplement – available shortly

And finally How did people see in the dark during Medieval times?

They used Knight lights.

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

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Assoc. Priest Rev. Caroline O'Neil 828302 (p/t)

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, Len Murray 828513, Sue Noad 870343,

Sue Rose 01249 248516, Hilary Hutchings 828129, Tina Yockney 827139.

Bell Tower Captain: L Murray 828513.

Irene Usher Pavilion bookings – www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html or 828970

Bulkington Village Hall - Roger and Liz 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 – Mr Chris Stirland clerk@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

Bulkington Website: www.bulkington.org.uk

Bulkington Parish Council—theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk

Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

Devizes Area Board – 01225 718352 Support Officer: tara.shannon@wiltshire.gov.uk

MP:

Police Community Support, Sgt Kerena Walters, kerena.walters@wiltshire.police.uk

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

Book Clubs - the original: June May
827169 / 07590 818750 -

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Cricket Club - Brian Hunt 828581

Day Schools -Tessa Doe 07719 917814

Fawltly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe
07719 917814

Fete-see Lye Field

Flower Show -Julia White 01380 827082

Football -Jake Sainsbury

FoSS - friendsofseendschool@gmail.com

Historic Houses Club - Debbie Savage

07753 311996 or Neil Yockney 827139

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Lye Field - www.seendlyefield.org

Neighbourhood Watch -

Seend - Brian Hunt 828581

Sells Green - Cavan Moroney 828606

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theclerk@bulkington-pc.co.uk

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Theatre Club - Ken Harvey 828511 -

membership.seendtheatreclub@gmail.com

Wheelchairs to borrow - Sue and Graham

Jones in Seend Cleeve, tel: 01380 828354

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Harvey 828511

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