

# SPOTLIGHT

## Seend & Bulkington



Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> (*be with you*)

in Seend Community Centre

It usually sells out in advance, so you may be too late - but try if you haven't already got your tickets! Available in the Community Centre, The Brewery Inn or online.

# May 2024

## DIARY DATES MAY 2024

- 1<sup>st</sup> Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury  
1<sup>st</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch, 12.15 for 12.30, The Well  
3<sup>rd</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30 am  
4<sup>th</sup> Seend Beer Festival, Seend Community Centre, Midday to 11pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Seend Annual Parish Meeting, Pavilion, 7.30pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Annual Parish Meeting, Bulkington Village Hall, 7.30pm  
**11<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE SPOTLIGHT**  
11<sup>th</sup> Evening of Mediumship, Seend Community Centre, 7 for 7.30pm  
12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Week  
13<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Tea, Craft and Chat 2 - 4 pm  
14<sup>th</sup> Seend Theatre Club Annual General Meeting, The Pavilion , 7.30 pm,  
16<sup>th</sup> Lye Field AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Plant Sale, Community Centre, 2-5pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Seend & District Ramblers  
20<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend, The Lye, 10.05am Seend Cleeve, phone  
box; 11 am Bulkington, The Well Inn Car Park  
22<sup>nd</sup> Defibrillator Training Session, Bulkington Village Hall, 6.45 pm – 8.30 pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Seend Community Centre, 12.30pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Quiz Night

## DIARY DATES FOR EARLY JUNE 2024

- 5<sup>th</sup> Seend Shuttle to Salisbury  
6<sup>th</sup> D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration flag at Seend Church, 9am  
7<sup>th</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am  
8<sup>th</sup> Seend Cleeve Open Gardens, 1-6pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Polka Dot Peaches + DJ, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm



### Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion & Seend Lye Field

Available for parties, meetings, sports events.

Book online: [www.seendlyefield.org](http://www.seendlyefield.org) or email: [seendlrf@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.seend.org.uk/seend_link)

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

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

## WELCOME TO MAY 2024 SPOTLIGHT

As ever, the Saturday of the early May Bank Holiday weekend is taken over by the wonderful Seend Beer Festival. With live music, food, beers and ciders galore (other beverages are available!) it's a festive and fun day – and a major source of income for Seend Community Centre. See inside for many more activities this month – and advance notice of some in June.



N.B. Both villages have their Annual Village Meetings in May – details inside – and Christian Aid envelopes and the Community Centre's newsletter are enclosed.

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the June 2024 edition (copy by Saturday 11th May 2024) can be emailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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. Thank you.

### **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](mailto:anitashea@hotmail.co.uk)) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY.

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

## SEEND EVENTS IN MAY AND BEYOND

seend  
centre

### SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE EVENTS

AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

**First Friday Coffee Mornings:** on the 3rd May and 7th June 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 & Natter Lunches:** The monthly lunch club meets at 12 for 12.30pm on the 29th May and 26th June. Please book in advance for lunch by calling Pauline on 01380 828638. Two courses 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 are available! The First Friday dates are 3rd May and 7th June.

**Dates for the Diary:** To keep up to date with Community Centre information and events visit: [seendcommunitycentre.com](http://seendcommunitycentre.com)

For Box Office visit: [seendcommunitycentre.com/box-office](http://seendcommunitycentre.com/box-office)

#### **Saturday 4th May - 22nd Seend Beer Festival 12:00 -23:00**

Tickets £15.00 available online at [seendcommunitycentre.com](http://seendcommunitycentre.com) or at the bar.

In previous years tickets have sold out well in advance of the event, so don't delay!

#### **Saturday 11th May - An Evening of Mediumship with Sue Clements.**

Tickets £12, available on the door, subject to availability. Doors open 7pm for a 7:30pm start. **To book** contact Charles on 07806 616478 or 01985 841706 or email [tcl2302@yahoo.com](mailto:tcl2302@yahoo.com).

**Saturday 8th June - Seend Royal British Legion Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in Normandy** with The Polka Dot Peaches - a vintage vocal harmony group bringing the sounds of the 40s and 50s. Plus the Sound Images Road Show playing hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Tickets £18 from Robin Heatley 01380 828491 or at the Seend Community Centre.

**Sunday 30th June - Seend Fawltly Players** present a Cabaret/Revue show with supper. More details to follow, but it will be fun!

**2024/25 Community Centre Membership:** Please consider renewing your membership or becoming a member. Adult £15.00, Seniors £12.50, Juniors £5.00. Members may access the Lounge Bar with drinks at very competitive prices, and play darts and snooker. Members may bring guests into the Lounge area. Members also receive discounted rates for room and hall hire. A link to sign up for membership is available at [seendcommunitycentre.com](http://seendcommunitycentre.com), or sign up at the bar.

**Seend Community Centre Members' Bar Opening Times**  
**Weds, Thurs & Sat from 7pm. Friday from 6pm. Sunday 12-4pm**

**Brewery Inn Quiz Night – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Annual Seend Parish Council Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meetings will take place on  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the Pavilion.**

Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm – 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm – 9pm

***Seend Plant Sale***

**Saturday 18 May from 2-5pm, Seend Community Centre**

Come along and buy plants of all kinds - all locally grown. There will also be seeds for you to grow your own. Enjoy a cup of tea and a cake too!

**Proceeds to go to the Seend Tennis Club.**

Please contact Helen Robinson-Gordon 07890 558742 [Helenrobg@gmail.com](mailto:Helenrobg@gmail.com) for more info or if you would like to donate some plants for the sale - all welcome!

**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.*

**THANK YOU FROM JENNY PHILLIPS**

I would like to say a huge thank you to all my friends here in Seend, and roundabout, for the kindness, help and support given to me after Simon died so suddenly and unexpectedly. I have been overwhelmed by all the letters, cards and flowers which I received. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving service for Simon's life, in a packed church - a fitting tribute. Thank you to everyone who made it so memorable. What a lovely community we have here in Seend, I am so fortunate to be a part of it. Thank you all so very much.

**THELMA MARGARET CARR**

Thelma was born on 20 October 1935 in Trowbridge, the youngest of 8 siblings. The family lived in Hilperton and she went to school and worked in Trowbridge.

In 1958, at a dance at the Assembly Rooms in Melksham, Thelma met Colin Carr, who was stationed at the RAF Station in Melksham. They were married in 1959, had two children, Michael and Jenny and two grandchildren, Ellie and Alex.

While Colin was stationed at RAF Lyneham as a flight engineer on Hercules, Thelma ran the Accounts Department at The Bear Hotel. When Colin left the RAF in 1974 he joined Cathay Pacific Airways and he and Thelma lived in Hong Kong. Thelma became a formidable businesswoman selling silverware and antiques. She had a

shrewd eye for business and travelled far and wide to acquire items. On many flights, she often escorted unaccompanied children who were returning to school in the UK. After almost 18 years in Hong Kong, Colin retired in 1992 when they returned to the UK, moving to Seend in 1995 and spending time in their house in Burgundy where they enjoyed many happy times.

In 1996 Thelma was elected to Devizes Town Council and became a Governor of Downlands School. She also served as Treasurer of Friends of Devizes Hospital for several years. In 2000, Thelma was elected to Kennet District Council and after 4 years she and Colin left to live in France for 3 years.

On their return to Seend, Thelma was re-elected to Seend Parish Council, serving for several years. She enjoyed travelling and gardening, maintaining a keen interest in politics and local issues as a leading member of Devizes Constituency Conservative Association.

Thelma sadly passed away on 18 March 2024 in Market Lavington nursing home. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends and we send our condolences to Jenny. A private cremation has taken place but friends are invited to a celebration of the lives of Colin, Thelma and son Michael on Saturday 6 July. For further info, email [carr.celebration060724@gmail.com](mailto:carr.celebration060724@gmail.com).

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**SEEND LYE RECREATION FIELD**

To be held on Thursday 16th May 2024 at 7:30 pm

Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend, Melksham SN12 6NS

- The AGM will be immediately followed by the necessary quarterly meeting to appoint members to the Committee of Management.
- Agenda items should be forwarded, in writing, to the secretary by 5:00 pm on Thursday 9 May 2024. Email: [honsec.seendlrf@gmail.com](mailto:honsec.seendlrf@gmail.com)

**THE SEEND LYE RECREATION FIELD.**

After 9 years as Chair and with the Right of Way dispute finally resolved, I will be stepping down as Chair of the Lye Field, at the upcoming AGM on the 16th May. The organisation will therefore be looking for a new Chairperson to take over the reins. With the legal dispute concluded, the role will mainly involve chairing four quarterly meetings and one AGM each year, as well as supporting the various members of the committee with the upkeep of the facilities. The Chair is usually a Trustee of the charity that oversees the Lye Field organisation. For continuity, (if elected) I will be remaining as the charity's Treasurer, as well as a Trustee.

The Lye Field is such a valuable asset for the village, but it needs villagers' support. The Pavilion is the home of Seend Playgroup, which has been looking after and nurturing Seend kids for over 35 years. The Pavilion also plays host to numerous clubs and society meetings as well as children's parties. The field is the home of Seend United football team and while the cricket pitch is currently being used by Melksham Cricket Club, this does provide an opening for Seend villagers to play cricket, if they

wish to do so. The tennis courts are being resurfaced shortly, so tennis will once again be played on the Lye Field and the play area is in constant use by all.

If anyone is interested, and would like to find out more information about the role, please do not hesitate to get in touch at [ricellinger@hotmail.com](mailto:ricellinger@hotmail.com)

Ric Ellinger, Chair

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK SUNDAY 12TH MAY - SATURDAY 18TH MAY**

Christian Aid, (CA) with 70 years' experience, works to bring an end to poverty in 37 countries, via 275 projects helping people in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, addressing the root causes as well as the effects of poverty. CA raised £30.6M. in 2022-2023, working with 475 local, national & international partner organisations; some Christian, some Muslim, Jewish, Hindu or of no religious persuasion at all. CA's primary concern is that partners are good at what they do. Put simply 'aid' is what Christian Aid does, 'Christian' is why they do it. CA makes best use of monies by allocating funds from a central budget to partners according to need. A close relationship is maintained with partners to learn more about the problems in their areas, to offer support and check that money is spent wisely. Over 25% of the money collected is spent on emergencies but the key area is long term development. spending nearly half of the income on projects such as education and health as well as ways to improve people's resilience to shocks and disasters, like stronger houses in earthquake zones. The remainder is divided between campaigning and fundraising. No money is given to governments. PARC, a partner charity in Gaza, where most staff have been forcibly displaced from their homes, has reached more than 430,000 people living in shelters and with overcrowded families providing drinking water, fresh food, dried goods, blankets, nappies and hygiene kits. Those in the Wellsprings Benefice have always been generous to Christian Aid so I hope you will feel able to support Christian Aid Week once again. For your convenience, a Christian Aid envelope is inside this edition of Spotlight; please keep it safely. Collectors will call during the week of 12<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> May. It helps considerably if the donation is ready when they call. If you pay income tax, please complete the Gift Aid slip too, it increases your gift to Christian Aid by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. If you miss your collector for any reason, please hand your envelope in at the Village Shop in Seend or to Liz Futter, Mill Lane, Bulkington or to me at Whites Farm, Seend Cleeve, whichever is the easiest.

Thank you - Dick Church, Local Organiser.



### **SEEND ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

**Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in Normandy**

**See the RBL entry on p.12 for full details of events on 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June.**

## **SEEND VILLAGE FETE NEWS – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August**



Spring is in the air, and with it comes the bustling preparations for this year's Seend Village Fete. Our team has been hard at work getting everything organised, and we're thrilled to see it all coming together. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has reached out and pitched in already. A special shoutout goes to those who generously contributed to our Spring Clean donations. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, and we're excited to see what treasures we can sell.

**Attention local businesses:** we're calling on you for support! Sponsoring the Seend Village Fete not only gives your company great exposure but also fosters the warm glow of community spirit. With sponsorship packages tailored to every budget, there's an opportunity for everyone to get involved. Whether you can offer financial assistance, vouchers, or prizes, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at [seendfete@gmail.com](mailto:seendfete@gmail.com) or reach out directly to Jan at 07919 278 503.

And finally, we are on the lookout for volunteers! From putting up signs to gathering items for stalls, every pair of hands makes a difference in ensuring the success of this year's event. If you're able to lend a hand, we'd be thrilled to have you join us.

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](http://seendfete.org).

Warm regards, Team Fete, #teamseend

## **THE CLEEVE OPEN GARDENS - Saturday 8th June 1-6pm**

Plant Stall, Teas, homemade cakes and ice cream.

Tickets £10.00 includes parking and Shuttle Service. In aid of Seend Church funds.

Donations of cakes and plants would be much appreciated -  
also help with car parking and teas?

ALL WELCOME. Contact Tina Yockney

01380 827139 / 07837930877 / [tinayockney@btinternet.com](mailto:tinayockney@btinternet.com)



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## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **Just take a moment....**

I wonder if like me you are someone who appreciates a quiet moment in the day to just be? Not to **do**, but simply to **be**? Sometimes it is hard to stop **doing**, it can seem like our lives and our world are moving too fast for us and we can find ourselves feeling guilty if we are not keeping pace. There are times too when others expect a lot from us, and we can also have unrealistic expectations of ourselves. The world can be a very noisy place and our inner world can become very noisy too. Perhaps that is why the practice of Mindfulness has become so popular as a tool for helping us slow down and appreciate the small things in life.

The seasons we experience within our natural world can help us to become more in tune with that which lies beyond ourselves and that which lies within us. Whether you





consider yourself to be a religious or spiritual person or not, our outer landscape can teach us a lot about our inner life as human beings.

One of the things I like to do in spring and early summer is to listen to the birdsong first thing in the morning and again at dusk. If I can I try and spot which bird is singing which song and am often surprised at the amazing sounds which come from some of the tiniest creatures! Taking time to listen to those we meet in the course of our day is important too. One of the greatest gifts we can really give someone else is a listening ear and an open heart. We can all tell if someone is interested in us and cares about us if they seek to really listen and understand us. Many of the great spiritual teachers show us how to listen, as did Jesus. Jesus regularly took time out to go off alone, often to a solitary place, to pray, to listen. He then returned better equipped to listen and minister to the needs of others.

I once picked up a helpful card at an airport 'quiet room/chapel'. I remember it was headed 'Take 5 minutes'. Sit down, 1 minute; say thank you for something, 1 minute; say sorry for something, 1 minute; pray for someone, 1 minute; pray for yourself, 1 minute. Hopefully you will have more than 5 minutes to do the above but taking 5 is better than taking nothing!

Much Love & Many Blessings, Revd Caroline, Wellsprings Benefice



## CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY 2024

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

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> (Easter 6)

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

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> (Ascension Day)

7pm	Ascension Day Service	Potterne
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### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> (Easter 7)

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

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost)

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

## Sunday 26th (Trinity Sunday)

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

## Wednesday 29th

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.

Please visit our website [www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk](http://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk) for more details of all our services, latest updates and to keep in touch.

## From the Registers:

**Baptisms:** Frederick Paines on 7th April at Holy Cross, Seend.

**Funerals:** Simon Phillips on 22nd March at Holy Cross, Seend.

No weddings this month.



## BULKINGTON NEWS

Parish Clerk - Mrs. Tekla Hicks  
07427 406943 [clerk@bulkington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bulkington.org.uk)

**Minutes of Bulkington Parish Council General Meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 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, J Anderson-Hill. Wiltshire Councillor T Reay. Member of Public – None. Proper Officer: T Hicks

**Apologies** sent by Cllr Anderson-Hill, C Haslam - Accepted.

**To receive any petitions or deputations.** MOP via Clerk requested update on flooding in a known ditch. Chair to write to landowner requesting they clear the ditch.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th March 2024. Approved without amendment.

**To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor** – Cllr Reay updated the meeting.

**To receive an update from the Chair of the meeting:** Tree planting a success – thank you to all.

**Matters arising from previous meetings:**

Update on the drop kerbs that were planned for August 23 from Traffic Engineering Manager Gareth Rogers. Cllrs resolved to have the work carried out. Unanimously agreed.

Discussion regarding the Asset Register & Insurance. Cllrs agreed the Asset Register and for the Clerk to request quotes for insurance.

### **Planning Matters to discuss:**

(a) To note the BPC Planning Schedule as at 05 April 2024.

(b) To discuss any other applications received before the meeting.

**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.

To discuss and agree Maintenance Log – for ongoing items. Agreed.

To discuss and agree Playground update. Discussed report from Cllr Haslam. Agreed to have zip wire repaired as per quote from Inspect & Repair.

To receive a proposal ref ‘Re-Elming Bulkington’. This was not possible so carry forward. Cllr Breach to invite representatives by Great Western Community Forest to the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **Finance**

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

To agree and approve Invoices and Payments: approved.

Clerk’s salary March and April 24.

To agree and approve grounds maintenance quote. Due to budgetary constraints, it was decided to choose the lower quote. It was asked that the Clerk ask the provider if a reduction could be sought for a longer contract.

### **Governance**

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

To minute as agreed Councillor’s Register of Interests at Wiltshire Council is correct [here](#). C/f to next meeting

To review and adopt Code of Conduct Policy – agreed to adopt.

To review and adopt Co-Opt Policy – agreed to adopt.

**Best Kept Village Competition:** It was agreed that the Clerk to enter with comments from Cllr Anderson-Hill.

### **Annual Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting – 8th May 2024**

To discuss and agree plans for Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings. Agreed for Clerk to buy refreshments.

**Correspondence Received Since Last Meeting** to note

Email from the Environment Agency ref flooding information and how to report.

Wilts Council Update email & PCC update email.

**Confirmation of date of next meeting:** Wednesday 8th May 2024

**Annual Parish Council Mtg – 6.30pm Annual Parish Mtg 7.30pm**

**AED (DEFIBRILLATOR) TRAINING SESSION  
BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2024 6.45PM – 8.30PM**

Find out how to use our village automated external defibrillator in a free and all-inclusive friendly session. It could save your life, or you could save someone else's! Either contact Tekla Hicks, Parish Clerk on [clerk@bulkington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bulkington.org.uk) or just turn up

**The Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 20th May 11.05 – 11.30 am.

**BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"**

We held the "100 Club" draw on Monday, the 8th April, and the winners were :

£30	No. 77	David Raby-Cox
£25	No. 42	Rev. Maureen Allchin
£20	No. 62	Diane James
£15	No. 66	Hazel Miles
£10	No. 49	Andie Elliott



Congratulations to the winners and thanks to the ladies of the Tea, Craft and Chat group for their help with the draw.

Phyl Yarde



**The Bulkington Village Lunch**

takes place on Wednesday, 1st May 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 village and area.

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

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 13th May, at the Old Stables the home of Andie Elliott 828277. 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 The Courts Garden in Holt on Thurs 30th May at 3pm. This has not been confirmed yet. I will get in touch later with the details.

Liz 828485

**BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL - AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**

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

## **BULKINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**8th May 2024 7.00pm refreshments for a 7.30pm start at the Village Hall, Bulkington**

Are you interested in what happens in your village? Any suggestions? Would you like to get involved in community events? We invite any village run clubs to have a table display to advertise what it is you do and hand out flyers. If this is of interest to you, please contact the Parish Clerk on: [clerk@bulkington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bulkington.org.uk) Please come along for a friendly chat with your Parish Councillors and other residents about community matters important to you

## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**



### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

RBL and Committee members met for an informal gathering on Friday 15 March in the Community Centre. These meetings will continue on a monthly basis.

There was a packed house on Saturday 13 April for our Annual Lecture given by Matthew Middleditch MBE QGM, the Senior Explosives Officer and Head of Unit for SO15 Counter-Terrorism Command in The Metropolitan Police.

At our meeting on Thursday 25 April, Robin Heatley handed over the Chairman's reins to Steve Cubberley and Robin stepped down to Vice Chairman.

### **Our main event for the year begins on:**

**Thursday 6 June** – 9.00am – the D-Day 80 flag will be raised at the church to start the commemorations of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy and in the evening at 9.15pm, the beacon will be lit at the Community Centre. Please come along and join in this national event.

**Saturday 8 June**, 7.30pm – on the same theme, the Polka Dot Peaches, a vintage trio, will sing 40s and 50s wartime songs followed by Sound Images Roadshow with DJ playing 60s, 70s and 80s hits. Tickets £18 from Robin Heatley or Seend Community Centre. All welcome. You don't have to be a member of the RBL to join us.

**Date of Next meeting:** Thursday 13 June, 7.30pm, Seend Community Centre.

Anita Heatley, RBL/PR

### **SEEND 100 CLUB - April Draw**

1	No.165	T Crossman	£50	2	No.56	P Mansergh	£25
3	No.10	A Hope Simpson	£25	4	No.94	J Padfield	£15
5	No.121	M Manser	£15				



Thanks to everyone at the British Legion Lecture who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley



## **SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

Nine members had a lovely walk led by Tim and Sandy starting at Lockeridge near Marlborough. The route went through Piggledene, Stony Valley, following footpaths which considering the amount of rain we had had the week before were not too muddy, through the Fyfield

Downs Nature Reserve and past Devil's Den and through the village of Clatford and returning to the cars via Lockeridge. Thanks to Tim and Sandy for a good walk which I am sure will be repeated when more members are free.

**May 19th** leaders are Bob and Brenda and members will be notified in the usual way. Happy walking now the weather is looking sunnier and slightly warmer.

Sandy 01380 739235

## **SEEND SHUTTLE**

**Our next Salisbury trip** will be the 1st of May. As the usual route into Salisbury is closed you will enjoy a scenic detour past Stonehenge and through Amesbury and all still for only £5 return. Call 01380 828757 to book your seat.



Our drivers and passengers are enjoying our new bus and getting used to its knobs, buttons and safety features like a step that won't come out unless you have the hand brake on.

**The old bus is for sale.** It is ten years old but in good condition, regularly safety checked. MOT tested etc. It would convert into a great camper van. Any offers of around £10,000 can be sent to [seendshuttle@gmail.com](mailto:seendshuttle@gmail.com)

## **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

As well as two theatre trips in May we have the AGM and social evening on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion. After the essential business there will be a break for refreshments, followed by an entertainment to round off the evening. 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](mailto:membership.seendtheatreclub@gmail.com) for an application form.



Ken Harvey



## **SEEND WI**

It was a cold wet evening for our April meeting. However, Fiona Stanford brought warmth and sunshine into the hall with her presentation on the history of yoga. It is known to have been practiced for over 5,000 years. Whilst not a religion it is a self exploration. Hopefully this creates equilibrium, good health and tranquility. It has evolved over the centuries into many forms today, Hatha being one of them. Fiona then led a group yoga session which was great fun with the room being unusually quiet as we all concentrated on our breathing and exercises.

Members unanimously voted to support the Resolution on Dental Health Matters to be discussed at the NFWI Annual Meeting in June in London. There was also a "sign up" sheet for our outing to The American Museum in Bath in June.

Our next meeting on 8th May will be a talk on the Wharf Theatre Devizes, given by Peter Wallis.

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 PLAYGROUP**

We had a lovely Easter bonnet parade inside the Pavilion as it rained.

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who came along for the coffee morning and to watch the parade. The children, with the help of parents, made some lovely bonnets. Thank you to the Committee for serving teas, coffee and hot cross buns. In the afternoon we hid the cardboard eggs around the room for the children to find.

Our topics this term are people who help us. The police will be visiting with a police car for the children to have a look inside – also learning the number 999 for emergencies.

We have a photographer coming on 19<sup>th</sup> April and she will be taking photos in the Millenium Garden, weather permitting.

Chloe's Farm will be visiting on 26<sup>th</sup> April bringing animals for the children to pet and learn about.

Our last day of term is May 24<sup>th</sup>. We return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Rose Dick, Playgroup Leader, 828003

### **KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS**

A couple of dates for the diary from Keevil School. Firstly, please join us for this year's Scarecrow Trail, around the beautiful village of Keevil, on the 18th & 19th May 2024. Keevil's famous scarecrow trail will also include a fantastic plant sale, BBQ, food and drink stalls, children's activities, and much more.

The event is used to help fund new equipment and activities for the children of Keevil School, whilst money raised from the car park is used to support charities such as Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Secondly, don't forget to sign up to Keevil School's free preschool Forest School, which runs on the following dates: Wednesday 1st May, Wednesday 5th June, Wednesday 3rd July 2024. The fun outdoor activity sessions will start at 1.30pm, and will run for around 90 minutes. The sessions are aimed at 3 to 4 year old children and their parents/carers, and are completely free of charge. Please contact the school office if you would like to register your interest.

Finally, Keevil School's Spring class continued getting to know the residents of Goodson Lodge care home in Trowbridge this month, planting sunflowers with the residents, reading books together, and even had plenty of time for a game of bingo.

*(For photos see the Spotlight online colour supplement.)*

## **SEEND SPORTING , DRAMATIC AND LITERARY NEWS**



**Football** : Under the guidance of manager Andy Dyer, Seend won the First Division of the Trowbridge and District League, being presented with the trophy on Saturday the 13th of April when they also had to play two matches in the one day, firstly an outstanding league match followed by another cup match. They won both 1-0 which puts the team into the semi finals of the Knockout Cup. And then on a very crisp night, April 17th, Seend were in the final of the Cup played at the magnificent stadium in Melksham against Warminster. Despite Seend being the far superior team they were held 1-1 at the end of the 90 minutes having had three goals disallowed and then one of the Seend players being sent off in the final minutes of normal time for seeming to question the linesman's knowledge of the offside rule, but not his parentage. That harsh decision put Seend on the back foot during extra time although two glaring chances to put the match to bed went begging. And then with some 10 minutes remaining , against the overall run of play, Warminster scored the winner in front of a by now boisterous crowd of several hundred. That goal seemed to spark the overexcited Warminster following into some very lively celebrations and, unfortunately, a number of scuffles and the throwing of fireworks. The bar was immediately shut and indeed the bar area locked with spectators still inside. A few minutes later, as we were the first to leave the packed car park, three police cars with flashing lights turned up at the ground, too late to attend to the fracas which had now subsided, but they would have been able to enjoy the presentation ceremony which I missed as I was keen to get home and cover some heucheras which I had planted in the sunshine of the afternoon unaware of a potential overnight frost.

There is still the opportunity of further silverware as Seend play in yet another cup final, the A&B Cup in Westbury on April 23rd, and of course they are in the semi finals of the Spring Cup. *STOP PRESS: They lost the semi-final 1-5 on 20<sup>th</sup> April.*

**Athletics** : Seend's latest trainee lawyer, Tabitha Stockham, went to Paris on the 7th of April to run the Paris Marathon which she completed in just over 4 hours losing several toe nails on the arduous course that was run in unusually high temperatures rendering the area around the finish line resembling an A&E department on a Saturday night. Well done Tabitha !

This year's Bishops Cannings 5000m Dash, normally run in early July, has been postponed until September because of a clash of events. Full details will be in next month's Spotlight but Ric do please adhere to the training programme that I gave you. You will thank me come the big race.

**Tennis** : The Chippenham and District league matches started in the week commencing 15th April with the mixed doubles team of Kate Butler, Harry Waylen, Atalanta Moody and Tim Mackie-Harrison scoring a 5-3 win over Biddestone. The men's team of Liam Bergin, Mark Newman, Jack Churchill and Tim Mackie-Harrison will be in action against Malmesbury on the 18th.

In the meantime the village courts are to be resurfaced this month at considerable expense hence private courts are being used for league matches until the resurfacing is completed. Many thanks to those who have already contributed so generously to this village asset but further funds are needed to replace the decaying tennis hut and to put



in a secure gate so I know that several families wanted to contribute to the fighting fund and it certainly is not too late to do so. The details you need are :- cheques to the Treasurer, Philippa at Moiety, Spout Lane, Seend. SN12 6PE, or BACS, HSBC. Account name Seend Tennis Club. Sort code 40-32-13, Account number 60725412, ref Refurb Fund

**Short Mat Bowls** : I was able to tear myself away for an hour or so from the Post Office Inquiry last week to go and watch the boys in training and, as Colin had promised, it was a real eye opener. I had no idea of all the subtleties involved in this growing sport. Colin reminded me that it was a bit like going to the opera when the key manoeuvre is to get one's drinks orders in for the interval early and thereby miss any crush or disappointment.

Frankie Goddard 828488

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

**March PC Meeting:** Attendance - Six Councillors & the Clerk

### **Local Council Matters**

**Pothole Repair:** Wiltshire is investing an extra £10m into resurfacing and filling the county's potholes, in addition to £21m received annually from central Government.

**The Police and Crime Commissioner Election:** The Election takes place on 2 May. Wiltshire Council has provided information on their website that you need to know to vote, including photo ID and some changes to postal voting processes. Search: 'Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner Election Vote' for further information.

**New Cabinet Responsibilities:** Cllr Reay advised her Cabinet role has been extended and she is now responsible for all transport across the County - Rail, Buses, and Active Travel (walking, cycling, and wheeling). She will lead the Council's work on its Local Transport Plan 4, to ensure there are more travel choices connecting our communities, enabling people to get to work, and school, and provide transport connections for people visiting the area.

**Town Centre Improvements:** Wiltshire Council is working to develop projects that will attract more visitors to town centres creating wider town centre visions that will bring a range of improvements, improving vibrancy and enhancing the local economy.

### **Local Highways & Footpath Infrastructure Group (LHFIG)**

**The Bell Crossroads / Bollands Hill:** Another accident at the Bell Crossroads on Friday 22nd March 2024 has been reported to Wiltshire Highways. Highways advised in a statement issued 25th March that in terms of the Annual Assessment of Collision Cluster locations, an initial list of sites for direct intervention has been developed based on the most up to date data and is currently under review by officers. This location is currently placed at 25th on the list. Until the review has been completed, Wiltshire Highways is unable to confirm whether the crossroads will be investigated further. Decision expected by the end of April.

Cllr Reay has contacted the Clerk and will be developing an action plan with the aim of developing a more proactive engagement with the Highways Engineer and Police Services. The Clerk to provide details from the parish's accident log that suggests the accident rate and type are different to those presented by Wiltshire Highways.

**Bradley Lane & Rusty Lane:** Before work can be undertaken in the vicinity of the canal swing bridge, several dead trees will need to be removed. Wiltshire Rights of Way (RoW) team will arrange for the trees in this area to be surveyed to identify which are to be felled. Some overgrowth along part of Bradley Lane that requires to be cut back. The RoW team will develop a proposal that improves access for all pedestrian users and cyclists whilst also minimising the change to the ‘feel’ of the Lane. Once developed, the RoW team will share its proposal with the Parish Council in advance of a public consultation.

Seend Community Centre is to be consulted in advance of the dates when materials and machinery will need to be delivered for storage adjacent to the Tennis Courts along with the expected date by which the need for storage will cease.

The Parish Council to share the Rights-of-Way team’ proposed plans with the local horse-riding community when they become available.

**Parking Spout Lane:** The Clerk has requested Spout Lane Parking be added to LHFIFG agenda and Cllr Reay to follow up with LHFIFG.

**Parking Canal Bridge:** Clerk has requested the Canal Bridge Parking be added to LHFIFG agenda and asked Cllr Reay to follow up with LHFIFG. Cllr Reay has raised the issues caused by the increase in semi-permanent moored vessels on the canal with local MPs Danny Kruger and Michelle Donelan. Michelle Donelan is requesting a meeting with senior representatives of the Canal & River Trust in April.

**Speedwatch:** The Speedwatch team advised they now have their own speed camera and will be undertaking further monitoring at various locations around the parish. The preferred locations for Speed Watch Indicators (SIDs) have been sent to the Speedwatch Police Liaison Officer for approval. The Clerk has requested a project be allocated to LHFIFG to install supporting street furniture.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Phil Springate and the Clerk circulated two documents regarding the Neighbourhood Plan review process. Phil Springate has compiled a list of people who were involved in the development of the previous Plan. Changing the Plan will require adherence to a statutory process and he has been advised to seek professional guidance from the consultancy company (Place Studio) previously involved. Even if there are no changes, the Parish Council will need to have a consultant review the plan to ensure it complies with current legislation. The Plan will have to have completed a formal review and be reapproved no later than May 2026.

### **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council raised no objections to the following applications:

PL/2024/02164 & PL/2024/01872 - Turnpike Cottage, Inmarsh Lane, Seend – Works to a listed building & installation of an orangery at the rear of the property.

### **Devizes Area Board**

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

### **Annual Parish Council Meeting & Annual Parish Meeting**

These meetings will take place on Tuesday 7th May 2024.

Annual Parish Council Meeting 7pm – 7.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm – 9pm

## **Items of Correspondence**

**Allotments:** A letter from a local parishioner advised the Safety Rail in front of the Allotment Entrance had been taken. John Williams to identify a local trades person to undertake a repair/replacement.

**Tennis Courts:** Tennis club has advised work will commence on the refurbishment of the Tennis Courts in April and have agreed to have their grant paid in May. A resolution and payment will be made at the next meeting 30th April.

**Best Kept Village:** It was confirmed Seend will enter the Best Kept Village competition.

**Finance:** The Parish Council has moved to online banking  
Bank Reconciliation at end of January 2024, was £ £38,352.01

**Date of next Parish Council meeting:** 30th April 7pm at the Community Centre  
A full copy of the minutes is available on the Parish Council Website

## **May 2024 – Annual Report**

### **Resources for Town and Parish Councils - Democratic Services - Wiltshire Council**

**Secure Finances – Investing in Key Services:** Despite the ongoing budget pressures arising from increasing demand for services and inflationary costs, the Council has been able to manage these challenges to ensure a firm financial footing. Key to this sustainable approach is to invest in services, especially those which tackle issues in a proactive way. The Council receives nearly 83% of its funding from local taxes, Business Rates and Council Tax, so we take delivering on our promises to local people very seriously.

**Children’s Services – Outstanding Ofsted:** We want to give Wiltshire’s children the best start in life as it is fundamental in improving their long-term life chances and gives them the best opportunity to live full and healthy lives. We now deliver consistently Outstanding services that ensure the needs of families and children are met. This is reflected in the Ofsted inspection report from November 2023 that rated us Outstanding across the board.

**Additional Funding for Highways & Flood Prevention:** Heat, flooding and severe winter weather has caused significant damage to some of Wiltshire’s roads. Whilst the overall condition of Wiltshire’s classified road network is better than the national average this continues to be a priority. We are investing an additional £10m in Highways maintenance, which, together with increased Department for Transport funding, will enable an extensive programme of road surfacing and treatment in 2024/25. We are also investing an additional £1m to support preventative drainage programmes and have confirmed additional £1.5m funding from 25/26 onwards to help with gully cleaning and potholes.

**£179m for Adult Services, including over £9m of efficiency savings:** Adult Social Care accounts for the highest percentage spend of Wiltshire Council’s budget and continues to see significant demographic and cost pressures. The Transforming Adult Social Care programme ensures that the Council is proactive in ensuring services meet need. Continued investment is being made in services that support people to stay in their own homes and take full part in their communities. The Shared Lives Scheme

offers a fostering style model of care and support, and the use of Technology Enabled Care (TEC) is a key priority. Moving from children to adult services is one of the most critical times for anyone's life, especially for young adults who have Special Education Needs and Disabilities.

I continue to support Parish Councils and residents with specific local matters, and it is a pleasure to attend Parish Council meetings across the area. I will continue to press for road safety improvements across the area, especially at Black Dog and Bell Crossroads. I have helped Parishes with flooding issues access Wiltshire Council resources. My huge apologies if I haven't mentioned your local issue this time – you can be assured that it is on my "to do" list – please do get in touch if I can help.

Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.

Tel: 07711 824864 Email: [tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Wiltshire and Swindon



The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is continuing its commitment to invest in victims' services after awarding two charities contracts to provide dedicated support to adult and child victims of crime.

The funding from the OPCC will enable independent charity Victim Support to provide free, confidential, and tailored support to adult victims of crime, with youth service Splash also being commissioned to provide support services for child victims - regardless of whether the crime has been reported to the police.

PCC Philip Wilkinson

## **NURTURE NATURE**

With the Middle East wars prominent in World News, Foreign Secretaries come to mind. Many of us in our history lessons at school remember the famous quote of Sir Edward Grey in August 1914 at the pending outbreak of the Great War. On 3rd August, having explained cogently in Parliament why Great Britain had to go to war with Germany, he returned to the Foreign Office. He remarked to his secretary 'The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime'. As well as holding a high State office he was a countryman at heart, a great lover of Nature and an eminent ornithologist, studying robins when up at Oxford and elsewhere, and stone curlews on the family estate in Northumberland. He fed the birds at all the properties he was associated with as well as closer studies of wild fowl whilst at his fishing cottage in Hampshire. Whilst Foreign Secretary he meticulously studied the flora and fauna of St James's Park. One morning the water bailiff took Grey to see a Little Grebe's newly hatched brood. Mother Dabchick, rather concerned at the presence of humans, clucked to her chicks, which paddled over to her and all got onto her back and under her wings, and with them thus concealed she swam away to the safety of the reeds. So, it was as an ornithologist of some standing that Grey should also be remembered as he had a 'Special Relationship' with Nature. Our connection with Grey of 110 years ago, when Great Britain was at the height of her industrial power, the world's population was billions less than now and global warming would have appeared gobbledegookish with the then little studied Planet's hot and cold periods over millions of years. Why, it is robins! Some residents have noticed a decline in the



number of these iconic birds over the recent winter of extreme inclement weather, mainly due to excessive rainfall resulting in flooded habitats and environments, thereby reducing food sources and shelter over prolonged periods, more wind storms than usual wiping out early nesters and ever changing climate patterns - all have made real inroads in bird and wildlife numbers pretty well over all continents, It is our duty to do all we can to protect and regenerate our environment for wildlife. Let's hope the migrant numbers will be better this year, and the dawn choruses stronger. To assist in identifying and aiding songbirds [www.songbird-survival.org.uk](http://www.songbird-survival.org.uk) is a useful source.

NOTE It may be of interest to know that Sir Edward Grey was the first British politician to establish the 'special relationship' with the United States, with the help of a song bird common to both Britain and the US. On a walk with the former President of the US, Theodore Roosevelt, in the New Forest, Roosevelt heard a bird song which he recognised as the bird was also a resident in his country– the tiny Gold Crested Wren! Let's trust that this 'special relationship' remains strong in helping to solve the current difficulties in the world.

Otis Tarda

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## **BITS AND BOBS**



Please see the link below for beautiful gardens open in Wiltshire during May <https://ngs.org.uk/wiltshire-gardens-in-may/>

### **Melksham Flower Club**

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



**Devizes Flower Club** - 21st May – Sally Taylor “Sallying Forth Yet Again!”

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](mailto:devizesflowerclubuk@gmail.com) - Facebook: [@DevizesFlowerClub](https://www.facebook.com/DevizesFlowerClub)

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### **FURLONG CLOSE SUMMER FÊTE**

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### **EDINGTON ARTS**

**Edington Priory Church - annual Choral Workshop, on Saturday June 15th.**

King's Singer Chris Bruerton on music from Eastern Europe, sung in English or Latin.

Book online from [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org) ; the cost is £25, which includes all music,

and welcome and mid-morning refreshments. Contact Anne at [anne@edingtonarts.org](mailto:anne@edingtonarts.org)

or Chrissy on 01380 831256 if you need any help.



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**DD80 D DAY ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS IN KEEVIL**  
Events between 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June include a Military Aircraft Display on  
Keevil Airfield, a display in the church, a pub singalong, procession,  
dance night, picnic, candles for peace and much more. **Details and  
updates can be viewed on [keevilvillage.com/whats-on/d-day80/](http://keevilvillage.com/whats-on/d-day80/)**

**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](http://www.wiltshireguildswd.org)

**Dauntsey's Choral Society's Summer concert**

Friday 7th June at 7.30pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, Urchfont.

To include popular opera choruses, classic jazz and Gilbert & Sullivan – something for  
everyone! Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of St. Michael & All  
Angels Church and the Choral Society.

**And finally .....**

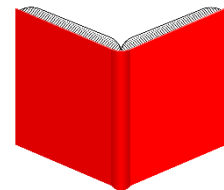
**Late arrivals at the Publishers' Ball:**

Mr and Mrs Peaceisabigbook with their son Warren

Mr and Mrs Inderye with young Katya

Mr and Mrs Einstein and their son Frank

Mr and Mrs Dunit and their son Hugh



*(Once again, apologies to the I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue Appreciation Society  
facebook group)*

***Do have a look at this month's edition of the online colour supplement for pictures,  
including Seend United football team, the Mick Jogger experience, new housing  
association houses and much more! Go to [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk) and just click on Spotlight  
and then on May online colour supplement – available shortly***

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## Opening hours:

### Shop and Cafe:

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(except Wednesdays 14.00 close)  
Saturday 9.00—14.00  
Sunday Closed

### PO:

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(except Wednesdays 14.00 close)  
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