

# SPOTLIGHT

## SEEND & BULKINGTON



# OCTOBER 2025

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

- 26<sup>th</sup> MacMillan Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30 am – noon  
27<sup>th</sup> Seend Wine Circle, Seend Community Centre, 7.30 for 8 pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council with Brian Mathew MP, Seend Community Centre, 6.30pm

## DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Seend Shuttle to Salisbury  
1<sup>st</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch, The Well Inn, 12.15 for 12.30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Seend Community Land Trust AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30 am – 11.15 am  
6<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library 9.40 am Seend, The Lye. 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box  
11.00 am Bulkington, The Well Inn car park  
8<sup>th</sup> WI Birthday Quiz Night, Pavilion, 7.30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Seend Churchyard clean up, 10am-noon  
11<sup>th</sup> CA-SEEND-O Party, Seend Community Centre, 7 for 7.30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Messy Church, Potterne Village Hall, 3.30pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Talk by Rev Gerry Lynch on Kyiv Before the Invasion, Pavilion, 7pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Martin Simpson, Seend Community Centre, 7.45pm (Doors open 7pm)  
18<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT  
24<sup>th</sup> Photo illustrated talk on China, Bulkington Village Hall, 7.30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Day School on Australian Art, Seend Community Centre, 10am-4.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Day at the Brewery Inn  
29<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter Lunch, Seend Community Centre, 12.30 pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Quiz Night  
31<sup>st</sup> Children's Halloween Craft Workshop, Seend CC, 11am- 12 noon



Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion & Seend Lye Field. Available for parties, meetings, sports events.  
Book online: [www.seendllyefield.org](http://www.seendllyefield.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, Bulkington, Seend Community Centre and Seend Village Group facebook pages.

## **WELCOME TO OCTOBER 2025 SPOTLIGHT**



It's beginning to feel a lot like autumn.....

After a long, hot, dry summer it takes a bit of getting used to, but there are plenty of village activities to help you to achieve that warm, autumnal glow. If you're interested in art, music, China, Kyiv, casino games, bell ringing, pumpkins or eating and drinking there is something for you! And filling that RBL Poppy Appeal envelope inside the magazine will make you feel good too. At the time of writing, we don't know how close Chris is to filling all the advertising spaces in Spotlight for the year beginning in November. It might be worth making a late enquiry if you are interested.

### **Contributions for the November edition by Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October please.**

- Always email to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) (including photos for the online colour supplement)
- You should get a receipt of your item by the end of the Monday after deadline. If not, you should contact one of the Editors. Who are: Tessa Doe 07719 917814. Sue Isaac 07779 075383. Jan Field 01380 827140
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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      | * Household fuel          |
| * Vets Bills          | * Medical Equipment | * Electrical appliances   |
| * Musical instruments | * Training          | * School and work clothes |
| * Wheelchairs         | * Food              |                           |

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 OCTOBER & BEYOND

## SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE EVENTS

### Rusty's Cafe - The Community Centre Café - Lounge - Bar

Serving a selection of cakes, sandwiches and all-day breakfasts. Teas, coffees, hot chocolate plus the usual range of alcoholic and soft drinks.



### Winter Opening Hours\*

Wednesday	11am – 2pm & 7pm (Bar Only) - close
Thursday	11am – close (Food until 5pm)
Friday	11am – close (Food until 5pm)
Saturday	11am – close (Food until 5pm)
Sunday	11am – 5 pm (Food until 4pm)

*\*Hours subject to change to accommodate other activities at the Seend Centre.*

Do come and try it out. Well behaved dogs on a lead are welcome. You don't have to be a Community Centre member to use the cafe.

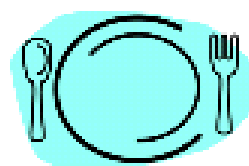
Constructive feedback, comments and suggestions are welcomed.

### Community Centre Regular Events



**First Friday Coffee Morning:** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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 £3. Everyone welcome! No need to book.

**Nosh & Natter Lunches:** The monthly lunch club meets at 12 for 12.30pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> October. Please book in advance for lunch by calling Frank Teasdale 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.

On November 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a Veterans and Armed Forces Social, from 18:30 in the Members' Lounge.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS AND DATES FOR THE DIARY :**

To keep up to date with Community Centre Information visit:  
[seendcommunitycentre.com](http://seendcommunitycentre.com)

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



### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October CA-SEEND-O Party 7pm for 7:30 £15**

Seend Vegas presents CA-SEEND-O themed Party Night.

Live Music from On the Edge, Casino Style Games, Cocktails and a Raffle. Black Tie Optional.

## **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October Martin Simpson on Tour**

**Doors Open 7pm. 7:45 start.**

Tickets £19.50 plus Booking Fee

Virtuoso Guitarist and Singer with 32 BBC Folk Award Nominations.

“Acoustic finger picking magic” – Uncut Magazine



## **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10am-4:30pm**

**The Art of Australia: After the Goldrush**

**Tutor Paul Chapman. Fee £25 to include, coffee, tea and cake. We suggest you bring a packed lunch.**

The day school covers how European Art evolved in Australia from the 1860s to WW1.

The main focus will be the Australian Impressionists “the Heidelberg School” and those who followed them.

To book a place call Jo on 01225 736092 or email [jocowaldeck@btinternet.com](mailto:jocowaldeck@btinternet.com)

## **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November Cilla & The Swinging Sixties 7:30pm**

**“ What’s it all about?” Tickets £12.50**

Sandy Smith presents an entertaining night celebrating the life and works of Cilla Black; as well as some of her contemporaries including Dusty Springfield, Lulu, Petula Clark and the Beatles.

## **Children's Halloween Craft Workshop**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 11.00 am to 12 noon with Fran

£6 per child; contact Fran to book. 07500 728854

## **New Year's Eve Party with Purple Fish. Tickets available soon.**

*(See dates for some of the Centre’s events further in the future under Bits and Bobs at the end of this magazine)*

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## **CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER**

Autumn is coming early this year after the hot summer and we need to start tidying our lovely village churchyard ready for winter. If you are free between 10am and 12.30 on 11th October please come along and join in. Coffee and biscuits provided.

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## **KYIV BEFORE THE INVASION**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Pavilion.

Tickets £7.50 on the door or via <https://bit.ly/KyivTalk>

Gerry Lynch takes you on a photographic journey through the past and present of Ukraine’s capital.



## **BREWERY INN EVENTS**

Pumpkin Day Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Quiz Night Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VILLAGE INFORMATION**

*Please let us know of any births, marriages, deaths, special birthdays, thanks, useful information etc that you would like to see included here. N.B. We are aware that not everybody we lose from our villages gets an obituary or notice printed here. We rely on information from friends and family for this to happen.*

### **SEEND CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR NEW BELL RINGERS!**

Come and join the ringing band for Monday evening practices and Sunday morning ringing for services. Contact Len Murray (Tower Captain) on 828513 to find out more or email [seendringers@outlook.com](mailto:seendringers@outlook.com)  
Scan the QR code for more information, ding dong!



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING & FLOWER ARRANGING**

If you have some spare time now and then, we'd love help in keeping the church clean and decorated with flowers. If you are interested please contact Anne Ewing (churchwarden).

**HISTORY OF SEEND:** I've given a few talks in the past on the history of our village. I'd like to develop a new one more about the 'ordinary' people who lived in the village. If you live in a house with an interesting history, or know something about the people who lived there, and you are prepared to share, I'd love to hear from you.

Anne Ewing [anne\\_ewing@talktalk.net](mailto:anne_ewing@talktalk.net)

### **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL WELCOMES LOCAL MP BRIAN MATHEW**

We are privileged to welcome Brian Mathew, MP for Melksham and Devizes and member of the Liberal Democrat Party, to our next Full Council Meeting.  
Tuesday 30th September, 6.30pm in Seend Community Centre.

This is a fantastic opportunity for local residents to meet their MP and ask questions directly about the issues that matter most to our community.

Everyone is welcome. Do not miss this chance to have your voice heard!

Hayley Bell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Seend Parish Council

### **SEEND FETE - Thank you!**

Dear villagers - a heartfelt thank you and fundraising update.

Before the memories of this year's Fete fade, we wanted to share our (your!) incredible fundraising success.

We're thrilled to announce that just under £8,000 was raised on the day. This amazing achievement helps sustain the Irene Usher Hall and the Lye Field, which in turn support the village playgroup and continue to bring great social value to our community.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the committee for organising such a successful event, to the volunteers who helped build the site in the days beforehand, and to the army who ran the stalls on the day. Your time, energy and commitment are always gratefully received.



A special mention goes to Tessa and Frank, the worthy winners of the Bernie Prolze Award. For those new to the village, this award recognises outstanding contribution to our community – and both have been deeply involved in village life for many years.

Now onto our 67th year... Planning is already underway and we'd love a couple more helpers to join our team. Every few months we get together over a drink or some food – it's relaxed, friendly, and a great way to do something rewarding while having fun.

Contact: [seendfete@gmail.com](mailto:seendfete@gmail.com) or call Liam Bergin on 07738 269 739

Stay connected with the latest news by following us on Facebook @seendfete and visiting [seendfete.org](http://seendfete.org).

## **SEEND FLOWER SHOW 2025**

Thank you to all contributors, volunteers, sponsors and helpers for their efforts in contributing to a very successful Flower Show. Despite the challenging growing conditions this summer, we had upwards of 500 entries overall.



We would also like to thank the very knowledgeable judges who provide us with a sense of excellence and offer constructive feedback and assist in promoting high standards. We are always looking to improve both the quality and presentation of exhibits which are always of a high standard.

A special thank you to the Spotlight programme delivery team and to all hardworking Committee members who ensure the success of the show.

We all look forward to next year's Flower Show on 8th August 2026.

Julia White, Seend Flower Show Chair +44 7904791743

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THE SEEND COMMUNITY LAND & ASSET TRUST CIC**

The 2025 AGM of the Seend Community Land & Asset Trust CIC will be held on Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 7:30pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS. All registered CLT members are requested to attend.

Any formal CLT Proposals for Resolution should be forwarded to the CLT at [info@seendclt.org](mailto:info@seendclt.org) and be received by 1:00 pm Friday 26th September 2025. Proxy Voting Forms for members unable to attend may be downloaded from the web link below.

Calling notices and Agenda will have been sent out by email before the publication of this Spotlight announcement. If you have not received your copy please check your email spam folder or alternatively download the papers from this web link:

<https://www.seendclt.org/clt-meetings.html>. CLT Members are requested to register their intention to attend via the same web link - or just leave a voice mail on the telephone number given here. We are quite happy to hand-deliver papers if you wish, just call us on 01380 828970.

Light refreshments will be served after the AGM. If you are not yet a member of Seend CLT you may sign up here: <https://www.seendclt.org/clt-membership.html>

Steven Vaux, Director, Seend CLT

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## CHURCH NEWS



I'm campaigning for more funerals to be held in church! When I was ordained as a priest the Bishop said "with all God's people, you are to tell the story of God's love and minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death". It has been my privilege to come alongside many people who are facing their final journey and with the ones who are left behind to grieve and mourn, with much discussion about the possibility of eternity. It has been my privilege to lead hundreds of Services of Remembrance and

Thanksgiving for those who have been part of the communities where I have served. It is something the church is very good at doing. It has had a lot of practice over the centuries!

But so often these days, people don't come to church for the funeral service. Maybe they mistakenly think that it will all be solemn prayers and misery, a daunting thought if a family says they are not particularly religious or regular churchgoers.

But everyone, religious or not, is welcome to have a church funeral in the place where they live and be buried (or the ashes buried) in the churchyard, which holds the history of a village. The funeral liturgy will be handled sensitively and pastorally to recognize each individual situation and holds a structure in which we can move through our emotions, express our thanksgiving and share the uniqueness of the loved one's life in poems, tributes from a family member or friend, and with significant pieces of music and songs.

I think it's important to know that the priest offers on-going pastoral care for the grieving for as long as it takes and that there are also no time constraints with the next funeral waiting at the door. And the atmosphere in church with its centuries of history, hope, faith and worship can hold us in our grief.

I recently had a discussion with a bereaved family who declared themselves not religious. But, as we talked, I learned that their mum, tho' rarely a churchgoer, had been baptized; she had talked of her loved ones as being in heaven and, possibly like all of us, had a wavering faith in the divine and eternity, feeling that there was "something there". We had an uplifting service. Her son later contacted me saying how comforting it was to have a vicar there, how the service had been a wonderful tribute to his mum and 'being in church made it all seem right and proper'.

The ritual of gathering in a holy space enables us to express the depth of our grief, celebrate and be thankful for those we love and to commit them lovingly into whatever the future holds. There are moments of intense poignancy within the funeral service, with familiar and comforting words, which enable the pain to be felt and acknowledged within a safe and peaceful environment. Yes, the church does do good funerals!

The Revd. Maureen Allchin

"retired" priest

## The Wellsprings Benefice

### REFRESHER AND TRAINING COURSES 2025

*These courses are open to all in our Benefice area. You are welcome to join any or all the courses, even if you are not currently involved in the specific areas of ministry. It is intended that all who are currently involved in the specific areas of ministry attend the related courses, if possible.*

*These courses will be led by Rev. Maureen Allchin and the venue is 4 Northfields, Bulkington, SN10 1SE. Each course will be from 10.30-12.30 on Saturdays.*

Saturday 18th October	Lay Ministers of the Sacrament (Eucharistic Ministers) assist with the distribution of Holy Communion during church services and can take consecrated bread and wine to those who are sick or unable to attend church.
Saturday 29th November	Looking after the linen, vessels and vestments. This is for all who prepare our Eucharistic services and care for the vessels, linens and vestments and who prepare the altar for services.

*Please contact Maureen Allchin **as soon as possible** to let her know if you will be attending and which course(s) you will come to. This is important as she will need to know numbers for refreshments and handouts, etc. If you are unable to attend on a specific date – please let Maureen know, as courses might be repeated in 2026 if there is enough interest.*

*If you would like further details of any of these courses or to put your name on the attendance list please contact: The Revd. Maureen Allchin [maureen@mallchin.co.uk](mailto:maureen@mallchin.co.uk) 07421 137462.*

### **CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2025**

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



#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 16)**

8am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Harvest Festival Communion	Potterne
11am	Harvest Festival Communion	Seend
6pm	Harvest Festival Evensong (BCP)	Bulkington

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 17)**

8am	Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Family Service	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Potterne

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

3:30pm      Messy Church

Potterne Village Hall

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> (Trinity 18)**

8am          Communion (BCP)

Potterne

9:30am      Morning Praise

Bulkington

9:30am      Communion

Worton

11am        Morning Praise

Potterne

11am        High Eucharist (BCP)

Seend

4pm          Evensong (BCP)

Poulshot

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> (Last after Trinity)**

9:30am      Communion (BCP)

Poulshot

9:30am      Morning Praise

Worton

11am        Communion

Bulkington

11am        Communion

Seend

11am        Communion

Potterne

4pm          Evensong (BCP)

Seend

**Weds 29<sup>th</sup>**

5pm          Celtic Service

Poulshot

**Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot**

Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

**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**Stanley Stacey on 20<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Cross, Seend.Wilhelmina Hill on 27<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Cross, Seend.Rory Weaving on 15<sup>th</sup> August at St Peter's, Poulshot.Jessie, Alfie and Eddie O'Neill on 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Holy Cross, Seend.Isla Noyes on 7<sup>th</sup> September at St Peter's, Poulshot.**Weddings**Florence Holland and James Reid on 16<sup>th</sup> August at Holy Cross, Seend.**Funerals**Janet Gudge on 25<sup>th</sup> July at Holy Cross, Seend.Una Tomlinson on 5<sup>th</sup> August at Christ Church, Bulkington.Peter Franks on 27<sup>th</sup> August at St Peter's, Poulshot.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 pm – 5.15 pm**  
**Potterne Village Hall, Mill Road, SN10 5ND**  
**(parking available at the hall and old school)**

**Crafts, Games, Worship, Food, Fun**

**You are welcome to arrive any time in the first hour. Refreshments when you arrive, then crafts and activities, Bible story and song, followed by a sit down family meal.**

**Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult**



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## **BULKINGTON NEWS**



**The Bulkington Village Lunch** will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 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 **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 11.05 – 11.30 am.

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

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 46a Bulkington, the home of Phyll Yarde, New people always welcome.

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



### **PHOTOGRAPHIC TALK ON CHINA**

Rev. Gerry will be giving a photo-illustrated talk on his travels in China, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in Bulkington Village Hall. It is entitled **Change and Charm in China**, with photos taken last autumn.

Entrance £7.50 which includes light refreshments. There will be a raffle. Proceeds to Parish funds.



Liz 828485.



**Parish Clerk - Mrs. Tekla Hicks**

**[clerk@bulkington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bulkington.org.uk)**

**Please note, the new website will be going live shortly – [www.bulkingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bulkingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

**The clerk's email will also be changing to [clerk@bulkingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bulkingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) but do please continue to contact via the above for the time being.**

**Draft Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council General Meeting** held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm at Bulkington Village Hall. Previous minutes are available on the website.

**Present:** Councillors P. Oakey (chair), S. Macalpine-Downie (vice-chair), J. Anderson-Hill, A Breach.

Members of Public (MOP): Wiltshire Councillors Tamara Reay & 1 MOP.

Proper Officer: T. Hicks.

Recording and filming of the meeting:

The MOP confirmed they did not plan to record or film the meeting.

### **Apologies**

Cllr. Macalpine-Downie gave their reasons for absence and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to accept these reasons.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Public Participation**

To enable members of the public to address the Council regarding any item on the agenda.

- The MOP asked if the telephone box could be moved to within the village rather than in the play area. It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to ACTION: Clerk to investigate options.
- The MOP asked if there was the possibility of the planting of a wildflower verge and if there was grant funding available. The MOP was asked to apply for the grant funding via the relevant form.
- The MOP asked if they could hold a fete on the William Breach field. The clerk advised them to send more details to see what the Parish Council could help with.
- The MOP asked if the Parish Steward could attend to the weeds within the pavements. The clerk advised that she would pass on their request.

There were no petitions or deputations received.

## **Reports**

The members received an update from Wiltshire Councillor – Cllr. Reay.

- Cllr Reay advised the meeting with news of the proposed safety improvements at Black Dog crossing near Worton (C20) and at Caen Hill. Traffic lights work at Black Dog crossroads would be starting this week. Road closures and restrictions would continue until February 2026. To keep up to date, please visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-road-closures](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-road-closures).

There was no chair's report.

The members received the up-to-date external meetings.

## **Planning Matters to discuss**

To note any applications received before the meeting. None.

To note the BPC Planning Schedule as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025. Noted.

## **Maintenance**

The council discussed and agreed parish steward jobs for next visit – to tackle the vegetation growing through the kerb stones on the pavements and to clear around the village entrance signs.

The council discussed winter preparations (salt bin requirements etc). It was deemed not necessary to request more provisions from Wiltshire Council.

The council discussed moving road signs:-

Children crossing warning signs. A resident had reported that they had been injured on the Children Crossing sign. It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to ACTION: Clerk to report to Wiltshire Council to ask it to be raised higher. Also to change the 'School' sign to be changed to be something more relevant as there is no school in the village.

Bulkington Village entrance signs and enhancing these. After discussion it was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to request new signs and white gates from LHFIG. ACTION: Clerk and Cllr. Anderson-Hill to identify possible sites, complete the application and carry forward to October meeting for further discussion. See above.

## **Finance**

Payments for approval:

Clerk's Salary July, August and September 25. Approved.

Clerk's PAYE. Approved.

Clerk's expenses to 31<sup>st</sup> August 25. Approved.

PKF Invoice SB20250570 - £252. Approved.

There were no invoices/requests for payment received prior to the meeting.

## **Monthly Management Accounts**

Members received the monthly financial report and bank reconciliation. A non-

signatory member to sign the bank reconciliation and bank statements. Cllr. Anderson-Hill signed the accounts. As all Councillors are now bank signatories, anyone will be able to sign the accounts, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to ACTION: The clerk to amend the Financial Regulations to reflect this change and bring to the next meeting for adoption.

Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2024-25. The council discussed and noted the conclusion of the audit.

Budget and Precept 2026-27

Members received and discussed first draft of the proposed budget and precept requirements for 2026-27. Carry forward to next meeting.

NJC Salary Scales 2025-26. Members noted the new NJC Salary Scales 2025-26.

### **Playground & Grounds**

Members received an update on the playground maintenance. After discussion it was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that the zipwire is uneconomical to repair and must be removed. ACTION: Clerk to arrange and suggest replacements at the next meeting. Also to apply for National Lottery grant funding. Clerk to obtain further quotes to repair the wood on the tunnel.

### **Telephone Box**

The council discussed the options for moving the telephone box and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to ACTION: Clerk to investigate land ownership, phone box listing and more details for further discussion.

### **Governance**

The council received an update on the .gov.uk website and email requirements. It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to ACTION: Clerk to send the trial website to councillors for comments and if approved via email, to go live and ratify at the next meeting.

**Confirmation of date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30pm.

**To close the meeting – 8.45pm.**

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## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**



### **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS**

We've found a new pianist! Nicolas Johnson has saved our proverbial bacon and will join us for our production of 'Cinderella' in February next – our 46<sup>th</sup> panto. Welcome Nicolas!



## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

On a sunny Friday evening in August, 14 members met in Erlestoke for a 4.5 mile walk around the woods, led by Tim and Sandy. 12 members completed the walk while 2 members did a shorter route then enjoyed the late afternoon sun sitting in their deckchairs putting the world to rights until the walkers returned. We then enjoyed a picnic and a very sociable time chatting.

Our September walk, due to weekend commitments, meant we decided to walk mid-week. Reg and Wendy led 14 members on a 5 mile walk starting at Yatton Keynell. On footpaths and bridleways we skirted around Castle Combe, headed through Littleton Drew and returned to Yatton Keynell. The rain was avoided and the walk enjoyed by everyone. It was a one-off mid-week walk; we will return to our Sunday walks after our annual walking trip away in October.

October will see 18 members head to the New Forest for a trip away. A walk is planned for 2 of the days, full report in next months issue.

Sandy

## **SEEND WI**



Alison Warren gave a very well-researched talk on “A short history of ice cream“ at our September meeting. There is evidence that ice cream was produced by the Chinese as far back as 618 BC, who used it for medicinal purposes. However it wasn't until around 1600 AD that Italians started to produce the sort of ice cream we know today. Its popularity resulted in the growth of both commercial and privately owned ice houses. Inventions and modifications to equipment continued, resulting in the modern domestic freezer. In 1855 Agnes Marshall published a book of ice cream recipes, still referred to today. In appreciation of the excellent talk by Alison, members enjoyed ice cream provided by the committee.

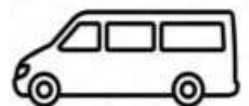
Our October meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm sees the return of our annual and very popular Birthday Quiz Night, with quiz master Chris Downham. All friends and family are welcome. Tea, coffee and nibbles will be provided, bring your own stronger drink.

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 SHUTTLE NEWS**

I expect you have noticed that we have finally had the signage put on the bus and you no longer have to wonder whether every white van you see might be the Shuttle! Sorry it has taken so long but we are very pleased with the result. The Salisbury trips are popular again so do book for October 1st and while you are at it for November 5th and December 3rd for your Christmas shopping. I already have 6 passengers for the December one!



Phone Anita 01380 828757

## August Draw

1 No.73	J Harding	£50
2 No.163	F Millar	£20
3 No.155	J Martine	£20
4 No. 30	A Hutchinson	£20



## September Draw

1 No. 17	M Park	£50
2 No. 38	L Garton	£20
3 No. 65	A Klocker	£20
4 No.159	P Mansergh	£20

Thanks to all the volunteers from the Fete who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley



## **SEEND BRANCH – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.**

### **RBL POPPY APPEAL**

In readiness for this year's Poppy Appeal I wanted to tell you about a very successful year last year where our total for the year came in at £7927.85. Additional fundraising increased that figure to over £10,000 making our small branch the winner of the "Tempest Cup" and RBL award for most improved fundraisers in Wiltshire.



For the October issue of Spotlight you will find enclosed a Gift Aid envelope, please keep this safe and hand it in at various locations through early November or hand over to our collectors when they come knocking on your door with your poppy. Official dates for collections being between 24th October and 10th November, with Remembrance Day on Sunday 9th November and Armistice Day on Tues 11th November.

Lamp-post poppies will also be available for sponsorship during remembrance time - these will be displayed around the village. Sponsorship starts at £20 and in return we will place your tribute on a poppy for you. (*See online colour supplement for photo,*)

Last year this was very successful increasing our Poppy total by over £1400! Thank You,

*Steve Cubberley Chair – Seend Branch RBL*

*Kevin Toft 07597796326*

*Seend Vice-Chairman*

*Seend Standard Bearer/Wiltshire County Standard Bearer  
and Seend Poppy Appeal Organiser*



## **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

Members thoroughly enjoyed “Jesus Christ Superstar” at the Watermill Theatre. It was deemed to be a very successful and, at times emotional, performance.

Our next visit is to see “Blithe Spirit” by Noel Coward at Salisbury Playhouse. Also in October we are at Bath Theatre Royal for “Small Hotel”, a new play starring Ralph Fiennes, who is performing there for a festival season.

We have also announced a trip to the Wharf Theatre in Devizes for “Dr Faustus” in January. Please note that our group booking is closing in the first week of October, so enquiries should be made as soon as possible.

All members will be receiving an invitation to our Christmas Social Evening, to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December in the Pavilion. This will be an opportunity to meet other members, with some seasonal treats!

We always welcome new members so, if you are interested, please contact either Ken (01380 828511) or email: [membership.seendtheatreclub@gmail.com](mailto:membership.seendtheatreclub@gmail.com) for an application form.

Ken Harvey

## **SEEND BABY & TODDLER GROUP**



Every Wednesday (Term Time) 9-11am at the Irene Usher Pavilion

For ages 0 months to school age.

An informal meet up for parents to get together and children to play!

Free taster session, and then £1.50 per session per family.

Contact [elebraney84@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elebraney84@hotmail.co.uk)



## **SEEND PLAYGROUP**



Our leavers' presentation back in July went well. All the children enjoyed the bouncy castle activity. The leavers told us what jobs they want to do when they are older. We all sang their favourite songs. We all wish them good luck with their next chapter going to school.

We have welcomed Georgie, Chloe, Atticus, Lottie, Freddie, Jessica, Tilly, Barney and Noah and hope they enjoy their time with us.

Our topics this term are settling into playgroup and transport.

On the 3rd October we will be welcoming grandparents in for a coffee morning and to play with their grandchildren.

Our last day is 21st October. We will return after half term holiday on Monday 3rd November.

Rose Dick , Playgroup Leader, 01380 828003

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**



We have had a fantastic start to the year; it was lovely to welcome everyone back and welcome our new Reception children. We are so proud of our Year 5 buddies for the wonderful way they have looked after our new starters. They have shown our school value of community beautifully, helping the younger children to settle quickly into school life. It has been a joy to see the Year 5s offering support and kindness during break and lunchtimes, making the buddy system such a success. Our Reception children have already settled in so well, thanks to the care and encouragement of their buddies.

To start the year all our children at Seend have been inspired by the poem 'The Magic Box' to create their own art work and writing. The children have enjoyed writing their own verse or versions for the poem and creating beautiful paintings to go with them.

We were thrilled to team up with [In2sport](#) this term to bring even more fun and variety to our wraparound care. Children had the chance to take part in a range of sports including gymnastics, dodgeball, rugby, and more, all delivered by qualified coaches in a relaxed and supportive environment.

This term we also unveiled our brand-new mural, created as a celebration of our school vision: **"You are the light of the world – let your light shine."**

Designed and painted by our children in partnership with a local resident artist, this mural is more than just art — it's a reflection of the values we live by every day: **Respect, Generosity, Wisdom, and Community.**

Each brushstroke tells a story of collaboration, creativity, and the belief that every child has a light worth sharing with the world. Thank you to our amazing students and our local artist for making this vision come to life!

We have some open mornings coming up and would love for you to join us! Please see the following details:

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January – sessions start at 9:30am. Get in touch to book a space:

[admin@seend.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seend.wilts.sch.uk) or by phone on 01380 828334. We look forward to seeing you!

## **KEEVIL SCHOOL**

Welcome back to all the Keevil School students and their families. It was great to see you again after the summer holidays. A special welcome goes to our new families and students! As well as our new intake in YrR, we had 8 new students join the school across the other year groups. Welcome everyone!

Over the summer holidays our school had a reshuffle, and we are delighted to introduce you to our new class structure with class names inspired by the Keevil airfield. Wildcat class is where our YrR, 1 and 2 children are based. Apache class is Yr 3 and 4. And Spitfire class covers Yr 5 and 6. The children have loved learning about the aircraft that flew and continue to fly from the airfield. And we are very proud to strengthen our connection with the village and local surroundings.

Congratulations to the children who took part in the fabulous Keevil Roots event last month. The Keevil School choir opened the festival by performing a selection of the hymns and songs we sing each day during assembly. A big thank you to Mrs Fowler, our wonderful music teacher, for leading us in song! And congratulations to everyone involved in organising and staging such a wonderful event.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our first open morning of the year. The Yr6s enjoyed showing people around and answering questions. Don't worry if you missed the open day, we are very happy to show people around anytime throughout the year. Please get in touch with the school office to arrange a visit.

We have certainly hit the ground running here at school with Mr. McCaldon gearing his team up to take part in a local primary school football league, the Keevil band starting rehearsals for Remembrance and Christmas performances, Forest School sessions for Yr 5, swimming lessons at Melksham pool for Apache class, and excited preparations for a week-long residential trip to Pencelli for Spitfire class early next month. Phew!

Lindsey Hermon, Headteacher, Caroline Noonan, FoKS Chair

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## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

This meeting was held in Holy Cross Church, Seend

**Present:** Cllr Debbie Savage (Chair) Cllr Bridget Johnstone (Vice Chair), Paul Manning, Cllr John Williams, Cllr Pamela Ackerman, Cllr Jamie Halliday. Cllr Helen Robinson-Gordon

**Apologies:** Cllr William Lack, Cllr Phil Springate. Officers: Hayley Bell, Parish Clerk

**Also Present:** 70 Members of the Public, Cllr Tamara Reay

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr William Lack, Cllr Phil Springate apologies accepted by Cllr Jamie Hailey, and Cllr Bridge Johnstone

#### **Local Councillor's Matters**

Cllr Reay is working with Steve Vaux & Paul Taylor regarding HGVs and progressing local issues through Wiltshire Council.

Cllr Reay is looking forward to working with Cllr Manning on road safety improvements. Please email Clerk with any concerns to be raised

Gompels development was referred by Wiltshire Council while ecologist study is required during the autumn.

#### **Items for Discussion from Members of the Parish**

Why has Sid been relocated, and how did the council decide the location?

Cllr Debbie Savage confirmed: We are assessing traffic leaving the village after the Bell crossroads and entering from Trowbridge. A resident had asked if the SID could be located at the Bell Crossroads to monitor the speed. The Chair recognised that moving the SID will have an impact on the High Street, however it is not only the High Street that is impacted by speeding vehicles in the village.

The Clerk will add Speed Watch results to the web site.

The Clerk confirmed she is in contact with Wiltshire police to provide speeding operations. Speedwatch are still looking for volunteers to help, please contact the chair if you are interested. [chair@seendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:chair@seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

Cllr John Williams is waiting for response from the Police on risk assessments for the mobile SID sites in Sells Green & The Stocks. Parish Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council with locations for mobile SID sites in Sells Green & The Stocks to get permission.

Parish Clerk to promote the opportunity on social media.

### **Devizes Area Board**

Area Board meeting took place on 30<sup>th</sup> June at Needham House, Devizes. Minutes were distributed to Cllr's prior to meeting. Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025, @6.30pm.

Pamela Akerman / John Williams

### **2025 – Housing Development Proposal for land west of Spout Lane**

#### **Introduction by Cllr Savage**

Cllr Savage confirmed that Gaigers approached the Parish Council, following the engagement protocols set out in the Seend Neighbourhood Plan seeking to discuss:

- The Parish Council view on the current Neighbourhood Plan and whether there were plans to review and update this
- Explain the initial reasoning for Gaiger interest in this land
- Discuss Gaiger's potential approach to engaging with the local community

#### **Presentation by Sam Gaiger and Nick Church from Gaiger Brothers**

Sam Gaiger and Nick Church confirmed that they had initially expected a preliminary meeting with Cllrs to consider the above but welcomed the chance to attend and listen to early feedback from the community.

Gaigers remain at the early stage of the detailed site assessment stage, with several surveys to follow ahead of looking at potential site layouts and designs. Accordingly, there are limited details available now, but Gaigers were always intending to hold a full consultation event when more information is available expected to follow in September/October and to be advertised in advance.

Nick Church confirmed Gaigers have been in discussions with the landowner regarding a potential housing development for approximately 12–18 months.

**Land Size:** The landowner agreement covers a wider area (c5 acres) but the expectation is that any built development is likely to be limited to 1-2 acres and could deliver somewhere between 5 – 20 houses.

**Site Location:** Seend has been chosen due to the housing targets identified in the emerging Wiltshire Council Local Plan. The Wiltshire Council Local Plan has identified the need for 23 new homes within Seend in the period from 2022 to 2038. In addition to this, Wiltshire Council is also required to prepare a further review of the Local Plan to accommodate further housing development which could include a higher number than the 23 identified at Seend.

**Neighbourhood Plan (NP):** Gaigers have reviewed the current Seend Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents. The Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate land specifically for housing but does contain relevant planning policies that any development needs to carefully consider. During the Neighbourhood Plan site assessment process, the site under discussion was rated more positively than alternative locations.

**Housing Proposal:** Gaigers expect that the proposal will be for an open market housing-led development, with provision for affordable housing. Further work is required to review housing needs and inform the size and type of housing

**Public Engagement:** Public questions and discussion continued for approximately an hour. Several topics and issues were raised including impacts on the conservation area and the Grade 2 Listed Egypt Farmhouse, access and highways impacts on the High Street, Spout Lane and more generally, drainage and flood risk concerns, impacts on local views and biodiversity, impacts on neighbouring houses both in terms of privacy and potential impacts on house values. Questions were also asked challenging why housing is required in Seend on greenfield land, why not on brownfield land in local larger towns. Questions were also raised about the expected architectural design and what sustainability / net-zero commitments would be proposed.

Nick Church noted the feedback from residents and confirmed Gaigers reflect on the points raised. He also committed to arranging a further community engagement session to continue the dialogue. This is likely to follow in September/October, subject to the completion of ongoing survey work, arranging a venue and notifying the local community in advance.

**Meeting Conduct:** During the session, a resident raised concerns. The Clerk addressed the individual's conduct, reminding everyone that the meeting should be respectful and considerate of all parties involved including the contractor, the Parish Council, and neighbouring residents.

### **Planning**

#### **PL/2025/04729 – Change of Use of Traveller's Site, Regularisation and Extension of Existing Building and dwelling**

Concerns were raised over Plot 1, Berhills Lane, Rowde. Cllr Akerman and Cllr Johnstone raised doubts. Cllrs deferred the items until the August Meeting. Clerk to inform planning.

#### **PL/2025/01420 - Works to a Listed Building**

Burnham Cottage, High Street, Seend, Melksham, Wilts, SN12 6NU Proposed removal of two 1980s/90s fireplace surrounds and slight enlargement of fire chambers to allow installation of two multi-fuel stoves. Addition of two terracotta chimney pots to chimney stack enlargement of fire chambers to allow installation of two multi-fuel stoves. Addition of two terracotta chimney pots to chimney stack.

### **Parish Steward**

To note the Parish Steward will not be completing any works in August due to completing noxious weed removal works across the county.

## **Financial Matters**

### Payments

Defib Warehouse	£70.74	Replacement Pads
ICO	£52.00	
Miss H Bell	£660.91	Salary
Water Business	£62.12	Allotment Water
Steve Vox	£71.92	Padlocks
Phillip Springate	£13.31	Refreshments
Mrs C A Blake	£30.00	Flower Show Advert
Irene Usher	£18.75	Room Hire
Hugo Fox	£23.99	Web Site
HMRC	£127.63	HMRC

There are no planned Clerk Debit Card payments forecast for the next month.

### Payment Schedule for Councillors

Cllr Helen Robinson Gordon – requested hedge being cutting back and the paths to be widened as much as possible. See45,Seen36,Seend22

Removal and repositioning of Bin from Pelch Lane to The Stocks

To note: ICO is not training: it's payments for the Information Commissioners Officers.

**Date Of Next Meeting** To be confirmed

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## **UPDATE FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Support for Rural Businesses**

There are many fabulous businesses and other organisations providing vital services across Devizes Rural West and this month I want to highlight the Rural Hubs grant scheme, aimed at supporting businesses, social enterprises, charities, and organisations offering essential services in smaller rural areas.

The funding is designed to improve important services in rural areas, such as shops, cafés, healthcare and other local services. The Rural Hubs grant will help organisations in smaller rural areas set up new services and facilities or improve existing ones. It aims to provide new or improved access to services, increase a sense of community, and strengthen community cohesion.

The grant can be used for things like refurbishment, or establishing new premises, buying equipment, tools; investing in digital technology to enhance services; and developing infrastructure for access, such as increasing capacity and opening times. However, grants are for capital costs only and so cannot be used for salaries, volunteer costs, restocking, operational and day-to-day expenditure, or replacing existing equipment.

Grant amounts start from £2,500, with no upper limit. For economic activities driven by income, such as farm shops and pubs, applicants must provide at least 40% of the total investment costs. For non-economic activities, such as cultural activities, applicants must provide at least 25% of the total investment costs.

To be eligible for the Rural Hubs grant, organisations must be a registered company, registered charity, mutual benefit society, charitable trust, industrial and provident society, or farm partnership. More information is online at [Business Fit for Future: supporting businesses in Wiltshire](#). Please let me know if you need any help making an application.

There are also several other grant schemes – funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, including grants for Start Ups, grants for Growing Businesses, and Fit for Net Zero – grants and support for businesses and community organisations investing in energy efficiency and sustainability. Please do take a look.

Finally, several residents have asked me about the continuing closure of Northgate Street, following the kebab shop fire in Devizes. I know that the road closure is incredibly frustrating. It adds to traffic issues around the area, especially for those of us coming into Devizes from the Caen Hill and Bath Road direction, has affected retail businesses in the town and drivers use Whistley Road to try to save time. Unfortunately, the building was badly damaged, but as you may know, 2 Northgate Street is listed, and a planning application is now being considered for demolition. You can read more detail on the Wiltshire Council website at [Planning Application: PL/2025/06228](#). I hope for everyone's benefit that this planning decision can be made as soon as possible. I will keep you posted.

**Tamara Reay**

**Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.**

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

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## **BITS AND BOBS**



### **WILTSHIRE BUILDING RECORD STUDY DAY**

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

**10.30 – 16.30 (from 10.00)**

#### **THE AGE OF INNOVATION - BUILDINGS IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY**

William Morris and his Ideal Home - Claudia Suckling

The Victorian Model Farm in Wiltshire - Julian Orbach

From Ancient Greece & Medievalism to Gas Fires & Electric Lighting:

Victorian Interiors - Anthony Cousins

From Rogues to Royalty: Racecourses - Roland Smith

Quaker Architect Brightwen Binyon 1846 -1905 - Michael Gray

The Polite Revolution: Wiltshire buildings in 19<sup>th</sup> C - Dorothy Treasure

At The Corn Exchange, Devizes, SN10 1HS

£26, Senior Citizens £25, Students £21, Members £19.50

Optional Buffet Lunch (booked in advance)

01249 705508 [dorothy.treasure@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:dorothy.treasure@wiltshire.gov.uk)

[www.wiltshirebuildingsrecord.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirebuildingsrecord.org.uk)



## **MELKSHAM FLOWER CLUB**

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



Now is the ideal time of year to join The Arts Society Devizes. Your £50 membership covers a lecture each month from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 through to July 2026. Join with the Click to Join Us button at [www.theartsocietydevizes.org](http://www.theartsocietydevizes.org) or at the October lecture, which is at 10:45 for 11am on Wednesday October 15<sup>th</sup> in the **Corn Exchange**, Devizes, and is: **“Murano Glass – The Jewel of Venice”** given by Laurie Wickwire.

Please be in your seats for 10:45 am. Lecture starts at 11 am through to 12 noon. Coffee is available beforehand, guests welcome £8.

Find us on Facebook: The Arts Society Devizes



## **NATIONAL OPEN GARDEN SCHEME**

[www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

Facebook @WiltshireNGS. Instagram @wiltshirengs

<https://ngs.org.uk/wiltshire-by-arrangement>.

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## **THE SINGING SECTION.....**

## **MELKSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY**

Are there any singers out there who would fancy joining us to sing the Rossini Messe Solenne? We are a friendly bunch with a great conductor who enjoy a challenge but we are all getting older and our numbers are decreasing. There are no auditions but you need to read music to some extent. We meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm at the Rachel Fowler Centre in Melksham. Do just turn up and try us out. We would love to see you.

Anita Shea

### **An Autumn Choral Spectacular**

#### **The Philomel Singers & Chippenham Male Voice Choir**

Saturday, 11 October 2025 at 7.30pm in **St. Katharine's Church, Holt**

Concert given in support of Dorothy House

Tickets: **07977 576647 £8/£2**

or [www.wegotickets.com/ThePhilomelSingers](http://www.wegotickets.com/ThePhilomelSingers)

or on the door £10/£4

**White Horse Opera are having a ball!**  
*Do come and join us for a fun evening of operatic party pieces from Die Fledermaus, Lucia di Lammermoor, La Traviata and Student Prince to name just a few.*  
**Devizes Town Hall 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**  
**Tickets £15 from Devizes Books and [www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera)**



### **BOOKING OPENS FOR THE ADVENT CONCERT**

General booking for Edington Arts' very popular Advent Concert opens on October 14th, online through their website at [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org) or by phone from Chrissy on 01380 831256. Angels' priority booking, which benefits from a 10% discount on the ticket price, will begin on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

The concert is on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church, and will be given by the excellent chapel choir of the Queen's College, Oxford. Over the past few years this mixed voice choir of between 25 and 30 singers has developed into one of the most active and highly regarded university choirs in the country, a "jewel in the British Choral scene", according to BBC Music Magazine.

Information on the programme will be uploaded onto the website as soon as it becomes available, but in the meantime, book your seats early to avoid disappointment!

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### **SOME FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

29 <sup>th</sup> November	Cilla & The Swinging 60s	Seend Community Centre
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Gift Wrapping Workshop	Seend Community Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Wreath Workshop	Seend Community Centre
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Festive Bingo	Seend Community Centre
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Craft Fayre	Seend Community Centre
21st December	Wiltshire Blues Club Snowy Owlfeast	Seend Community Centre
<b>2026</b>		
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Ceilidh	Seend Community Centre
19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> February	Seend Fawlty Players' panto	Seend Community Centre
14th March	The Vox Beatles	Seend Community Centre
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Seend Beer Festival	Seend Community Centre
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Seend Fete & Flower Show	Lye Field & Seend Community Centre

### **Stop Press:**

Line Dancing now every Friday from 6.30-7.30pm in Seend Community Centre!



Don't forget to look at our October online colour supplement  
- available shortly on [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk) - for photos of what's happened in the two months since the last issue, the Fete & Flower Show and more!

### **AND FINALLY.....**

A reference from one employer to another about a prospective employee:

‘Any employer would be fortunate to have David work for them. (We certainly never managed it.)’

Ouch.



**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) Maureen Allchin 07421 137462  
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Churchwardens: Seend: Len Murray, 828513, Anne Ewing, 828557 ; 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](http://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](mailto:seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com)

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

**Seend Parish Council Clerk** – Hayley Bell, [clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk) **Seend**

**and Bulkington's Wiltshire Councillor** – Tamara Reay 07711824864

[tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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

**Seend School** – 828334

**Bulkington Website:** [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk)

**Bulkington Parish Council**—Tekla Hicks [clerk@bulkington.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bulkington.org.uk)

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07590 818750 - the other: Frank Teasdale

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