

# SPOTLIGHT

SEEND & BULKINGTON



March 2026

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE FEBRUARY

- 25<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Seend Community Centre, 12.30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council Meeting

## DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

*(Monthly Seend Centre coffee morning date to be confirmed due to kitchen refurbishment)*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beer Festival tickets go on sale  
4<sup>th</sup> Seend Shuttle to Salisbury  
4<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Village Lunch at the Well Inn  
7<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Soup Lunch – Bulkington Village Hall, 12 noon  
8<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers  
10<sup>th</sup> Historic Houses Club AGM, Pavilion 3.30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> The Vox Beatles Seend Community Centre 7 pm  
14<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO APRIL SPOTLIGHT  
15<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Mothers' Day  
22<sup>nd</sup> An Evening of Mediumship Seend Centre 7.30 pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Library 9.40am Seend, The Lye. 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box.  
11.00am Bulkington, The Well Inn car park  
25<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter Lunch, Seend Community Centre, 12.30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Brewery Quiz Night  
27<sup>th</sup> Seend Playgroup coffee morning and Easter Bonnet Parade

## DIARY DATES FOR EARLY APRIL

- 1<sup>st</sup> Seend Shuttle to Salisbury  
4<sup>th</sup> Seend Wine Circle  
11<sup>th</sup> Easter Bingo, Seend Centre, Eyes Down 8pm



### 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, Bulkington, Seend Community Centre and Seend Village Group **facebook** pages

## WELCOME TO MARCH 2026 SPOTLIGHT

We all enjoyed the snowdrops – now it's time to applaud the yellows of daffodils and celandines. Spring really is coming. Get digging that garden when it's dried out a bit.

It's a good month for anyone who is a mother, a fan of Beatles music and Easter bonnets, and who wants a job working for the church. Indeed, a good month for all of us lucky enough to live in our villages at this time of year.



### **Contributions for the April 2026 edition by Saturday 14<sup>h</sup> March please.**

- Always email [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 Monday after deadline. If not, you should contact one of the Editors. Who are -  
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- Send contributions by the deadline
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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:

- \* Rent Payment
- \* School Trips
- \* Food
- \* Household fuel
- \* Vets Bills
- \* Medical Equipment
- \* 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 MARCH AND BEYOND

**seend  
centre**

AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

### 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)

See below for some great events to entertain us in the next few weeks

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 7pm - The Vox Beatles plus Support from Will Blake.

Tickets £18.50

Prepare to clap your hands and rattle your jewellery as the Vox Beatles take you on a trip to Toppermost of the Poppermost! One of the Top 10 Beatles Tribute Bands Plus, local blues hero Will Blake kicks off the evening with all the classics!

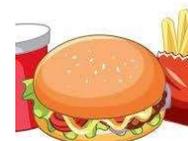
Tickets from: Seend Community Centre, Devizes Books or Online.

### Food truck Friday 20th March

We Meat Again Food Truck will be parked outside Seend Centre selling Burgers, Loaded fries. Orders can be made via their website.

<https://www.wemeatagain.co/>

Villagers are welcome to eat inside Rusty's, why not combine a visit?



### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – An Evening of Mediumship with Mitch Garlington

7:30pm ( Doors Open at 6:45pm) £14

Leading psychic returns for a 4<sup>th</sup> year – always a popular evening.

Tickets direct from Mitch Garlington.

[www.mitch-garlington.co.uk/tourdates](http://www.mitch-garlington.co.uk/tourdates)

### Six Nations Rugby

Join us at Rusty's for all the England fixtures. Half-time food available

March 7<sup>th</sup> - Italy v England 4:40

March 14<sup>th</sup> – France v England 8:10pm



### Saturday 2nd May Seend 24<sup>th</sup> Beer Festival 12 noon – 11pm

A great selection of beers and ciders. Live music and a Hog Roast.

Tickets are available from March. See <http://seendbeerfestival.org.uk> for further info. Always a sell out, so it's highly recommended to purchase your tickets early.

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April Seend Wine Circle

Details to follow from [seendwinecircle@gmail.com](mailto:seendwinecircle@gmail.com)

### Saturday 11th April Easter Bingo

Big Prizes. Doors Open 7:30pm. Eyes Down 8pm. No need to book just turn up!

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April The Annual RBL Lecture – What Makes Putin Tick

Tickets £10 available from the CC or from Steve Cubberley 07711 127230

## COMMUNITY CENTRE REGULAR EVENTS

### First Friday Coffee Mornings

Due to work being done in the kitchen the March Coffee Morning date has not yet been set. It will be announced in due course.



### Nosh & Natter Lunches

The monthly lunch club meets from 12 noon for 12.30pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Please book in advance by calling Frank Teasdale on 07719 918310. Two courses and refreshments for £8 — lovely home-made dishes prepared and served by the excellent N+N team.

**Rusty's Café . Lounge . Bar** – The Community Centre Café- Lounge – Bar  
A warm welcome to locals, walkers and wanderers! Serving a selection of cakes, sandwiches and all-day breakfasts. Teas, coffees, hot chocolate in addition to the usual range of alcoholic and soft drinks. 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.

### Opening Hours

Wednesday	11am -2pm (no food) & Bar from 7pm - Close
Thursday	11am – Close Food until 5pm
Friday	11am – Close Food until 5pm
Saturday	11am – Close Food until 5pm
Sunday	11am – Close Food until 4pm

## BREWERY INN EVENTS

15th March Mothers Day

25th March Quiz night



## 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.***

### DAVID GOMPELS

We are sad to report the death of David Gompels of Seend at the end of January. He and his wife, Mary, started Gompels Pharmacy in Melksham back in 1967. Our thoughts are with Mary and the family.

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL CALLS FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**

Seend Parish Council is inviting local residents to get involved by volunteering to support two important community initiatives: **Defibrillator (AED) checks** and **Community Speed Watch**.

Regular defibrillator checks help ensure that life-saving equipment across the parish is always ready for use in an emergency. Community Speed Watch plays a vital role in promoting road safety and encouraging responsible driving through the village. No previous experience is required, and full guidance and support will be provided. Volunteering is a great way to contribute to the wellbeing and safety of the local community while meeting fellow residents and making a real difference.

Anyone interested in volunteering, or who would like more information, is encouraged to contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

## **SEEND VILLAGE WEBSITE**

A big thank you to Neil Yockney, who has retired from being webmaster of the village website since, well, probably since websites were invented. And an equally big thank you to Chris Savage who has taken over.

## **SITUATION VACANT**

Due to the coming retirement of the current postholder, the **Wellsprings Benefice** is recruiting a part-time **Administrator** (15 hours per week, core hours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings), ideally to start in late May. There are occasional meetings to attend in person and printing to be done in Potterne, but the role can substantially be done from home and there is considerable flexibility in working hours.

Duties include printing, producing rotas for church services, administrative support for weddings, funerals, and baptisms, and acting as a point of contact by phone and e-mail and managing communications. For further information contact the Rev'd Gerry Lynch on [rev@gerrylynch.co.uk](mailto:rev@gerrylynch.co.uk) or 07521 440622.

## **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS 46<sup>th</sup> Village Panto – Cinderella!**

By the time you read this, it will all be done and dusted. Thanks to everyone who supported our little panto. We hope you enjoyed it. We'll let you know how much was raised for Dorothy House Hospice as soon as possible – oh yes we will!

## **SEEND LYE RECREATION FIELD**

At the recent Quarterly meeting of the Seend Lye Recreation Field, Chris Downham was nominated for the role of Chair and Sandy Pearce was nominated for the role of Secretary of the SLRF. Both nominations were formally accepted during the meeting and Chris and Sandy will take up their new positions immediately.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10TH - 16TH MAY 2026**

Due to the difficulty in finding enough volunteers it has been decided to cancel door to door collections. Instead we will include a leaflet in the next Spotlight with information about how you may continue with your donations.

Our grateful thanks go to Dick Church who has for the past several years organised the distribution and collection for Christian Aid. Also to Rex Gudge for his endless support and to the wonderful collectors!

Tina Yockney

## **EXCITING UPDATES FOR THIS YEAR'S SEEND FETE!**

### **SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 8th August 2026!**

Please pop it in your diary now and join us for the 67th Seend Fete.

Firstly, a massive thank you to all the wonderful local businesses and organisations who have already sponsored this year's fete. This much-loved village tradition is proudly powered by our local community, including **The Flyer**, **Melksham Tyre Supplies**, and a special thank you to **Seend Community Land Trust** for their generous support.

We're hoping to announce even more sponsors next month. If you own or run a Seend-based business, we would love your support. Your involvement truly means the world to us and helps us curate a fun-filled, memorable programme for the whole community. Here's what's coming your way in 2026:

**Super Pirates** will be entertaining children throughout the day.

**Wild Edge Bushcraft** will offer hands-on activities teaching valuable outdoor skills.

**Kellies Donkeys** are returning with their much-loved donkeys.

**Roc and Floss** will be serving delicious coffee from their fabulous horse box trailer.

Plus, we'll also have:

Face painting

An exciting collaboration brewing with Seend School

A fantastic artisan market packed with local craft stalls

Big plans for the arena

Our live band confirmed (more details coming soon!)

### **How You Can Help**

#### **Photos!**

Every so often, a wonderful old fete photo resurfaces on Facebook, and they are absolute gold. They remind us just how special this tradition has been over the years. If you have any historic Seend Fete photos, please email them to [seendfete@gmail.com](mailto:seendfete@gmail.com). Please Follow us on **Instagram** (@Seendfete) - We'd like to build up our followers so we can attract more businesses and more acts!

#### **Want to get involved on the day?**

Do you have a fun idea we could explore? We're especially looking for interactive, child-led activities.

Are you a comedian, actor, chef, painter, poet — or something completely different?

We want to hear from you!

If you're a classic car enthusiast or part of a car club, we would love you to join us.

Please email us to register your vehicle. Richard and his team will be managing the arena on the day, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone.

#### **Stay Connected**

Follow us on Facebook @seendfete and visit [seendfete.org](http://seendfete.org) to keep up with all the latest updates.

Join us for a fantastic day of fun, community spirit and entertainment — we can't wait to welcome you to Seend Fete on **Saturday 8th August 2026!**

Warm regards,  
**Team Fete**  
#teamseend

## **CHURCHYARD RULES**

There are very strict rules concerning church burial grounds and an extract of the Churchyard Regulations is on display in the church porch or available from our Benefice Administrator.

Artificial flowers, statuettes, toys etc and shrubs are NOT permitted. Occasionally, at the discretion of Churchwardens, such items will be removed and left for collection in the porch for a month, after which they will be disposed of.

Flowers and pot plants that have withered will also be removed, as these soon deteriorate, especially during hot dry weather. The churchyard is a home to a lot of wildlife so please do not use pest or weed killers on graves without prior permission from the Churchwardens.

We do not wish to be insensitive or distress families. If you wish to discuss your particular needs, the Churchwardens would be happy to meet to try and find a way to support you.

Thank you for your understanding and respecting this special place.

For more information and contact details visit [www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk](http://www.wellspringsbenefice.co.uk)

## **CHURCH NEWS**

When this newsletter reaches you, it will be March and hopefully the long, wet, gloomy weather will have passed and spring will have started to feel like it is on its way!

The Church will have entered into the season of Lent and we will be looking forward to Easter in early April. Do you ever feel like you are wishing your life away as you find yourself constantly looking forward? Or perhaps you find yourself often reminiscing about the past? There are so many quotes about the importance of living in the present moment and I quite like the one, **‘Don’t count the days, make the days count’**. Jesus spoke of not worrying about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. In the season of Lent many people give things up, whether they are Christians or not, a bit like dry January, and they can’t wait for the moment when they can eat chocolate again or have a pint or glass of wine. I remember Rowan Williams, who served as Archbishop of Canterbury, saying once, **‘If we never experience pain, we don’t know how wonderful it is when it ceases’**...or something to that effect!

Giving things up that we enjoy can be difficult, painful even, especially in our culture which encourages us constantly to indulge ourselves. However, giving things up for a purpose, can be of real value, for ourselves and others. Most faith traditions have periods of both fasting and feasting. Fasting is a way of detoxing, cleansing both our bodies and souls to make room for God. Feasting is a way of celebrating together at the end of our fast. Fasting of course, does not have to be only about food, we can choose to limit the time we spend on our mobile phones, watch TV and so on. Whether you are religious or not, I hope March will be a good month for you and that as Easter approaches you will enjoy the new life springing up both around you and within you.

With Much Love and Many Blessings, Revd Caroline O’Neill

Wellsprings Benefice



## CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH 2026

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



### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> (Lent 2)**

8am	Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Communion	Seend
4pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bulkington

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> (Lent 3)**

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

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> (Mothering Sunday)**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> (Lent 5)**

9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Communion	Seend
4pm	Evensong (BCP)	Seend

### **Weds 25<sup>th</sup>**

5pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot
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### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)**

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

### **Mon 30<sup>th</sup>**

7:30pm	Compline	Potterne
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### **Tues 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:30pm	Compline	Worton
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### **From the Registers:**

#### **Baptisms**

Amelia Hood on 1<sup>st</sup> February  
at Holy Cross, Seend.

No weddings or funerals this  
month.

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

Churches are open for  
private prayer during the  
week.

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

**The Bulkington Village Lunch  
takes place on  
Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 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 9<sup>th</sup> March.  
Please check for the venue nearer the time.  
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 go to The Rose and Crown in Worton on FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March for a Fish and Chip supper at 6 pm.

If you would like to come please let us know by 14<sup>th</sup> March. New people always welcome. Please note it is on a Friday and not our usual Thursday.

Liz Futter 828485

### **BULKINGTON SOUP LUNCH**

You are invited to join us at Bulkington Village Hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 12 noon for a lunch of delicious homemade soup, followed by tea/coffee and home-made cookies. Proceeds for Devizes Food Bank and Bulkington PCC.

The cost is £8 for adults and £4 for children. Please pay at the door.  
We look forward to welcoming you.

Liz 828485

### **BULKINGTON 100 CLUB**

We held our February draw at the Village Lunch in The Well and the winners were :-

£30	No. 53	John Breach
£25	No. 35	Sue Oakey
£20	No. 47	Liz Futter
£15	No. 95	Lorraine Hayes
£10	No. 22	Mike Rose



Well done to the winners and thanks to our diners for their help with the draw.

Phyl Yarde

**The Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on  
Monday 23rd March 11.05 – 11.30 am.

**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**

**SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**



**SEEND WI**

What could be better on a wet afternoon than sharing lunch with fellow members. The menu was delicious homemade soup, followed by some scrumptious cake. Added to this was a fun quiz together with lots of chat and laughter, which all contributed to a very enjoyable

February meeting.

Members are looking forward to hearing the history and work of the excellent charity Dorothy House on 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 pm.

Normally our regular meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information, please email Joyce: [kenharvey2005@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kenharvey2005@yahoo.co.uk).

**SEEND 100 CLUB FEBRUARY DRAW**

- 1 No.51 E Braney £50
- 2 No.85 P Taylor £20
- 3 No. 21 E Bowles £20
- 4 No.18 R Lewis £20

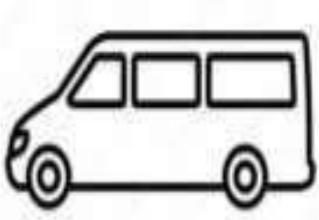


Thanks to everyone in Seend Fawltly Players who helped with the draw.

Alison Bottomley

**SEEND SHUTTLE NEWS**

Our next trip to Salisbury will be on March the 4th. Phone Anita on 01380 828757 or 07851 008349 to reserve a seat and organise your pick up point. Still only £5 for a day out shopping, sightseeing or enjoying the hostelryes. The updated community bus information can be found on the village website including bus timetables.



All enquiries to [seendshuttle@gmail.com](mailto:seendshuttle@gmail.com)

Anita Shea

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

This term we started using new lunch tables and we introduced 'family lunches'. These have been enjoyed by all and each day we have had a discussion point; we have discussed things such as our proudest achievement of the week, who we are thankful for at school and whether we'd like to visit every country on Earth or go to space!



We recognised Candlemas with Reverend Caroline. We learned that Candlemas is celebrated 40 days after the birth of Jesus to mark the date when Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to thank God for him. We were reminded that we too can be a light in the world, that beacon on the hill shining brightly □ Each child and adult were given a candle which was blessed by Reverend Caroline.

It has also been 'Children's Mental Health Week' this term. We held a worship about the theme 'belonging'; what this means to us and how we can ensure everyone feels like they belong.

For 'National Story telling week' this year the children enjoyed lots of opportunities to orally retell and enjoy stories in class. Holly class enjoyed bringing their favourite books in from home to share with each other.

We also recognised 'Safer Internet Day' this term. The theme this year is 'Smart Tech, safe choices. Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. In our assembly we talked about AI and how we can use it safely. The children had some great ideas about how AI can help us but also how there are things AI can't do like feel emotions, hug people or use imagination - our brains are amazing!

What a busy term!

*We are always delighted to show prospective families around our school. If you are considering joining Seend School, please contact us on 01380 828 334 or email [admin@seend.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seend.wilts.sch.uk)*

## **SEEND THEATRE CLUB**

Our first trip of 2026 to the Wharf Theatre in Devizes was a rousing success, with members much enjoying the local cast performing "Dr. Faustus", by Christopher Marlowe.



The next outing is to Bath Theatre Royal in March for "Operation Mincemeat", the award-winning musical based on a Second World War British deception operation.

Also in March we return to The Wharf for "How The Other Half Loves ". This comedy/farce by Sir Alan Ayckbourn plays on misunderstandings and chaos over who is having an affair with whom and allows Ayckbourn to extract every ounce of fun from the plot.

Looking further ahead to April, we have a full coach trip to Salisbury Playhouse for Inspector Morse: House of Ghosts, starring Tom Chambers.

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 more information and an application form.

Ken Harvey

## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

With a forecast for rain, 11 members met at The Wharf Devizes and completed a circular walk of approx 4.5 miles. As expected the rain started early on in the walk but it didn't stop us enjoying the route planned by Nick & Rachel. We followed the canal towpath down towards Caen hill locks, turned off and joined a footpath which came out on Whistley Lane. We followed the road to join the byway which came out on Hartmoor, walked past Devizes Castle and back to the Wharf. Everyone enjoyed the walk. As the saying goes 'It's not bad weather but bad clothing!!!'



Next walk is Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March then Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April both at 10am. Skittles evening with American supper is planned for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the community centre if anyone would like to join us.

Sandy

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

We held our first quarterly committee meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. Key points from the meeting are as follows:

To date, Seend Branch has raised £6989 for the 2025 Poppy Appeal – many thanks to all those who helped with the collections.

This year's Annual Lecture will be presented by Air Chief Marshal Sir John Cheshire KBE CB. The topic will be an update on his previous lecture on "What Makes Putin Tick". The lecture will start at 8pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April and tickets are £10, obtainable from me (see contact details below) or at Rusty's Bar in Seend Centre. You are welcome to bring your own snacks.

Our major social event this year will be a Rod Stewart tribute, on 17<sup>th</sup> October at Seend Centre. Tickets will be £15 and will go on sale nearer the date. Please save the date.

Future quarterly committee meetings are planned to take place on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup> July and the AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> October this year. All are welcome.

We currently have 67 members in Seend Branch but could really do with a few more. If you are aware of anyone interested in joining, please get them to reach out to me.

Finally, if you are in need, or are aware of a member, veteran, serving person or family member who is in need, please reach out to either myself or our Welfare Officer, Christine O'Reilly. Our details are at the back of Spotlight.

Steve Cubberley

[steven@cubberley.com](mailto:steven@cubberley.com) 07711 127230



## **SEEND LINK AGM**

Link is a vital service run by dedicated volunteers providing transport for people in our locality to healthcare appointments.

We are constantly looking for additional volunteer drivers without whom the service cannot operate.

If you would like to learn more, please come along to our AGM on the 15th of April at 16.00 in the Irene Usher Hall.

## **HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB AGM**

The AGM for the Historic Houses Club will be held on TUESDAY 10th MARCH at 3.30PM at the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend.

New members very welcome. Any suggestions for further visits would be most welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Tina

## **SEEND PLAYGROUPO**

The children have enjoyed colouring in the letters of the alphabet and numbers 1-10 which are now displayed on the board. Also, the shapes we have done each week are displayed.

We have managed to get outside most days at the top end of the playing field which isn't so soggy. We have had a run around and played chase. We have also stood still and listened to the birds in the trees.

We are looking forward to the Children's Easter bonnet creations for our Easter bonnet parade and coffee morning on 27<sup>th</sup> March, our last day.

We return after Easter on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Rose Dick. Playgroup Leader. 01380 828003.



## **KEEVIL SCHOOL**

It has been another busy term at Keevil School. We're very excited to be welcoming Max Burr, former head teacher at the school, back to Keevil until the end of the academic year. Mr Burr will be our interim head teacher while we recruit a substantive head teacher. A big thank you to Alex Thwaite from West Ashton School for looking after the head teacher role for a term.

Mrs Kirsty Bayford joined the Keevil staff team for four weeks as cover for Mrs Baxter who was on a placement as part of her teacher training year. The reception children have loved having Mrs Bayford with them. A huge thank you for everything you've done during your four weeks with us!

To celebrate National Storytelling Week, the Year 5 pupils enjoyed a trip to Goodson Lodge care home in Trowbridge. The children chose their favourite books to read aloud to the residents who were all delighted to hear from the children and even shared a few stories of their own.

FoKS (friends of Keevil School) kindly funded some new equipment for our Forest School. The new drills, saws and hammers arrived in February and will be put to good use in the coming weeks and months, especially as the weather improves!

A huge congratulations to Miss Norris and the Keevil School Dance Club who represented the school at the KS2 West Wilts Dance Festival. The performance was held at Bath Forum in front of a sellout crowd. It was wonderful to see the children up on stage thriving and enjoying themselves.

Plans for the Keevil School Scarecrow Trail are well underway. Thank you to everyone who has already been in touch to sponsor, offer help, and donate items for the 2026 event. We are now recruiting scarecrow builders. If you or your organisation would like to get involved, please let Caroline know ([cjoram21@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cjoram21@hotmail.co.uk)). We are also keen to hear from anyone interested in becoming a sponsor. The dates are 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May. Come and join us. More details about the fun-packed program for the weekend will be shared next month.

Caroline Noonan, FoKS Chair

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF Seend Parish Council**

**Meeting Type:** Full Council, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Time:** 18.30 – 20.30

**Venue:** Irene Usher Hall, Seend, Melksham

(Meeting convened in accordance with **Schedule 12, Local Government Act 1972**)

#### **1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND OPENING OF MEETING**

The Chairman declared the meeting open at **18.30**, having confirmed that the meeting had been **properly convened** in accordance with **Schedule 12, paragraph 10 of the Local Government Act 1972**.

#### **2. PRESENT**

Councillors Present:

Cllr Savage (Chair), Cllr Cllr Bridget Johnstone (Vice Chair), Cllr Paul Manning, Cllr Pamela Akerman, Cllr Jamie Halliday, Cllr Phil Springate, Cllr William Lack, Cllr Helen Robinson–Gordon, Cllr Maverick Drewett, Cllr Steve Drewett.

In Attendance: Proper Officer / Clerk – Hayley Bell

#### **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none**

Council considered the apologies in accordance with **Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972**.

#### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with: **Sections 28–34, Localism Act 2011**, and **The Council's Code of Conduct**,

Councillors were invited to declare **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs)** and **other interests**. None declared an interest.

#### **5. DISPENSATIONS**

No dispensations were requested under **Section 33, Localism Act 2011**.

#### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on **2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025** be approved as a **true and accurate record**, in accordance with **Schedule 12, paragraph 41, Local Government Act 1972**. Proposed Cllr Halliday Seconded Cllr Akerman

#### **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In accordance with: **Section 1, Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**, and **Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**, members of the public addressed the Council on the following matters:

- Concerns raised regarding the replaced bollard; the resident wrote to MP Brian Matthew, and since the Wiltshire Council has replaced it. However, note that the reflective bands and location were not as requested.

- Speed Indicator Device request to relocate it to face the high street.

- Gully down Bell Hill to Seend Cleeve is full, they have been reported on my Wilts app and to date no outcome. <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting>

- Concerns regarding Wiltshire and Dorset Fire Service potential cuts and the impact on service provision. <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/news/statement-re-proposed-fire-station-closures/>

- Home Fire Safety Visit, sometimes referred to as a Safe & Well Visit, is a completely free service offered by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service to help keep our communities safer in their homes.

The Home Fire Safety discussion will cover topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – nighttime routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support you may need if necessary

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits/safe-and-well-referrals/>

## **8. Wiltshire Councillor Tamara Reay**

Wiltshire Council are currently presenting a draft budget which will see proposed cuts.

- Waste programme being considered for general household waste every 3 weeks.
- Recycling centres to close without an alternative.
- Community Transport funding for the link scheme, which is used by some of our most isolated and vulnerable residents.
- Parish Steward funding is being cut by £800,000; this is a vital service for parish councils who rely on their support.
- Wiltshire Council budget meeting is on February 24<sup>th</sup> at Wiltshire Council, please see the link below.
- <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/15997/Wiltshire-Council-publishes-its-2026-27-budget-proposals>
- Raised information on the Vision Zero <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/15780/Wiltshire-and-Swindon-Road-Safety-Partnership-underlines-its-commitment-to-road-safety-and-Vision-road-Zero>
- Seend Head Road is breaking up; works are programmed.
- Pavement pinch point has been raised with the highways
- Blocked Drain at Weavers Cottages has been reported

Clerk to write to the Leader of Wiltshire Council to raise concerns, proposed by Cllr Lack and seconded by Cllr Savage.

## **9 Chairman's Announcements**

Congratulated Irene Usher and the Seend Community Centre on their recent grant awards to upgrade.

Place studios have been asked to provide a quote to review the Seend Neighbourhood Plan.

Request for councillors to provide a bio for the new website.

LHFIG will no longer fund white gates; the chair is discussing with local councils and seeking specifications to enable further conversations and quotes. Village name plates are £330.00 each, proposed by Cllr Lack and Cllr Savage

The Chairman provided a report in accordance with accepted council practice as set out in *Local Council Administration*.

### **9.1 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk, as **Proper Officer under Section 270(3), Local Government Act 1972**, presented a written report to be noted by councillors.

## 9.2 Councillors Updates

Cllr Savage asked for requests for the SID by Rose Cottage.

Volunteers are still required for speed watch, please contact Cllr Savage.

Cllr Akerman congratulated everyone on the success of the SIDs and the improvements they have made.

Cllr Manning issues with the drainage near Williams Timber and the impact of the overflowing. Potholes continue from Marsh Farm to Bell Hill, report to My Wilts App. Raised concerns over the swing gate at Love walk, pictures and what three words to be sent to the Clerk.

Cllr Springate raised concerns over the vehicles parked on the yellow lines by the Barge Inn. Clerk to raise concerns with the police, Cllr Springate to provide photos and what three words.

Cllr Halliday is arranging community first aid courses. Thank you to resident Mark Wood, who will run the courses. Dates to be set, and the Clerk will promote on social media and spotlight.

Cllr Johnstone raised an opportunity for Seend to enter the Country Life Magazine awards, <https://livingheritage.unesco.org.uk/get-involved/eoi>

Cllr Robinson–Gordon discussed the mud on Row Lane, Newlane Bridle Way is flooded.

Cllr Lack raised concerns that the white lines need redoing on Bollands Hill. Request for horse signs, Cllr Halliday to provide what three words.

Cllr Williams confirmed from 7 speed watch sessions of half an hour each from December – January, there were 2112 vehicles 4 of which were over the speed limit

## 10. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

### 10. Policies and Allotments

**RESOLVED:** To adopt policies with changes to the new logo added and date of approval, Community Engagement, Complaints, Equal Opportunities and Publication Scheme. Cllr Drewett and Cllr Manning

**RESOLVED:** not to increase allotment rent fees for 2026 – 2027; the council will review in September 2027. Cllr Lack and Cllr Springate.

(Proposed, seconded, and voted upon in accordance with **Schedule 12, Local Government Act 1972**.)

## 11. FINANCE

### 11.1 Payments

**RESOLVED:** The payments listed are approved under **Section 150, Local Government Act 1972**.

The Clerk reminded councillors to please check the invoices against the payments to ensure due diligence.

## 12. NO CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -** The next meeting will be held on **24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 18.30**, Irene Usher Hall

**14. CLOSURE** There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at **20.35**

## SEEND SPORTING DRAMATIC AND LITERARY NEWS



### **TENNIS :**

Seend's most recent match was on Sunday the 8th of February at home to Freshford. It was quite cold and the rain came down solidly but undeterred we played on through the continuing downpour, but after four sets it was just far too wet hence the remaining sets were halved and we and the visitors were glad to repair to a hot bath.

The brave Seend quartet were Fiona Stanford, Alex Gray, Jack Churchill and yours truly. The score was immaterial. We have just two more winter league matches to play before the summer league starts in April. Sadly the number of men able to play matches has dwindled from those heady days of the Newmans, Bergins and Goddards all fighting for a place in the team when we rose to the dizzy heights of the first division. Thankfully we can still rely on Harry Waylen to lead the team out, but any up and coming players would be most welcome whatever their age. We thankfully have an excellent group of reliable women players.

### **SHORT MAT BOWLS :**

There I was last Thursday torn between the ice hockey at the Winter Olympics and watching a grudge match between Colin and the boys and, I think, Melksham and Shaw, but I do get confused with all this local rivalry. You can guess which I chose. It was terrific, hard fought, riveting, intense and with no quarter given. Colin said that their match also had its moments.

### **FOOTBALL :**

Seend remain top of Division 1 on 31 points having played 13, won 10, drawn 1 and lost 2 with Holt and Devizes both on 30 points but having played, respectively, 3 and 2 more games than Seend, so providing they can keep things together Seend has a good prospect of another league title.



Ironically as I type I see that Seend are away to Holt on Saturday, Valentine's Day, so let us hope that it isn't a massacre this time around.

Stop Press! Holt 1- Seend 1.

### **CRIBBAGE :**

Many thanks to Jan Harding for giving me a layman's guide to the art of Cribbage. I had no idea that it had such a following in Seend. Anyhow there is the language itself, terminology such as pegs, pegging, nobs, stink hole, game hole and of course crib (yes one "b" there) or box. This sport is often mentioned in the canon of English poetry, witness Coleridge in the Rime of the Ancient Mariner, verse 29, "Water, water, every where, And all the boards did shrink..." referring of course to the crew's cribbage boards that did indeed shrink in the hot sun on long voyages to the south seas, but I digress. Seend has 3 teams playing in the Devizes Cribbage league.

Currently Jan's team, the C team, lie in the more interesting part of their division as they fight to retain the wooden spoon, or as Coleridge put it "And a good south wind sprung up behind ; The Albatross did follow. "

*(No ! I have no idea what he is on about either! Ed )*

### **PLACES OF GREAT HISTORIC SPORTING EVENTS :**

There was only one correct answer handed in to last month's clue.

As a reminder it was : 2 down, " The away manager, with great calm, fed slice of cake to the referee. "12 letters

I thought that it would be a shoe in for Crystal Palace supporters like Tessa. The answer of course is an anagram of "calm, fed slice". Macclesfield ! Palace were of course 2 down at one stage. The greatest upset in FA Cup history ! (*Thank you for reminding me. Ed.*)

This month the clue for the sporting venue is : 4 across " Heavy going, and not too good at the very least. " 9 letters.

Again the first correct response can collect their winning drink, hot or cold, at the Community Centre.

**DRAMATIC :**

I have a couple of grandchildren here in Seend for the latter part of half term and hope to take them to see Cinderella at the Community Centre. We are so lucky as a village to have such a facility and such a group who, for the 46th year, are putting on another great show. The Community Centre has gone from strength to strength over the last year or so particularly with Rusty's Cafe and the superb bar, which I trust will be open throughout the pantomime performances. (For those in the front rows the bar is behind you !....oh yes it is!).

Results, news, sporting fixtures to the podium before the Ides of March please.

Text to 07854 660582.

Frankie Goddard

**The Tiger** by Tessa Doe

I wasn't expecting the bright white.  
Was this what Blake meant  
By burning bright?  
I knew about the stripes  
That merge with the dark Indian grass  
In dappled light  
Under the canopy of strange trees  
But I wasn't expecting the white  
That dazzled my eyes on this first sight  
Of tiger.

He turned aside  
This muscular mass of stripe and white  
Sharpening his claws on a fallen tree  
And stretching  
As any moggy would  
I couldn't hear, but I'll swear he purred.  
Then languidly he disappeared  
Into the overgrowth.  
First went the stripes  
And then the white.

## **BITS AND BOBS**



Our lecture on **March 18<sup>th</sup>** in the **The Corn Exchange, Devizes**, is:

**“Windsor – A Castle Restored”.**

*Please be in your seats for 10:45 am. Lecture starts at 11 am through to 12 noon. Coffee is available beforehand.*

On November 20<sup>th</sup> 1992 the Great Fire of Windsor caused £40m of damage to the fabric of Windsor Castle, reputed to be the late Queen’s favourite home. This lecture examines how the Restoration of the Castle after the Great Fire of 1992 has made the reign of Queen Elizabeth II, along with that of King Charles II and King George IV, a key period in the Castle’s post-medieval development.

*Barbara Askew is a historian and London Blue Badge Guide since 1988. Lecturer, Examiner and Course Director on Blue Badge Guide Training Courses and an acknowledged expert on Royalty and Windsor Castle. The only Blue Badge Guide accredited to guide the Albert Memorial.*

Membership of The Arts Society Devizes is £50 for monthly world class lectures October through to July 2026. Alternatively come to this lecture as a guest - £8. Please email us first at [theartssocietydevizes@gmail.com](mailto:theartssocietydevizes@gmail.com).



**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church; an evening totally devoted to the music of J.S. Bach by early music specialists Dialogus1685 - harpsichordist Andrew Arthur and baroque violinist Rachel Stroud.**

Tickets can be booked and paid for online through [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org), where you can also find the full programme, or by phone from 01380 831256, and range from £11 to £25. 18 and under come FREE. We look forward to welcoming you and any budding violinists or harpsichordists you may know to what will be a very special concert.

## **DEVIZES MUSICAL THEATRE**

This Easter, Devizes Musical Theatre steps into the deliciously dark world of

**\*\*\*\*\* The Addams Family \*\*\*\*\***

When: Evenings 7:30pm Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025,

Matinee 2:30pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Where: Memorial Hall, Dauntsey's School, West Lavington, SN10 4HE

Tickets: available now at [www.devizesmusicaltheatre.co.uk](http://www.devizesmusicaltheatre.co.uk) or Devizes Books.



The last few months have seen the trustees of the Devizes Arts Festival getting their heads down and pulling together the 2026 Devizes Arts Festival, which will run from

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 through to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

We have secured a diverse mixture of top-quality speakers, music, drama, literature, and comedy for your delight, so keep an eye out for updates on our social media pages, local press and around the town.

Devizes Arts Festival is a charity, run by volunteers and receiving no public funding. We are supported solely by ticket sales, local businesses, and Friends subscriptions.

Our Friends are an integral part of our success, supporting us each year with their subscription. For only £15 per year, you can become a friend of Devizes Arts Festival and

- Receive advance publicity of the event programme
- Discounted tickets for each event (max 2 per event).
- An exclusive invite to the annual launch party, which takes place in April
- An invite to the AGM

Visit - <https://www.devizesartsfestival.org.uk/become-a-friend/> and become a friend of the Devizes Arts Festival today.

**Your subscription will help secure the future of the festival.**

## NATIONAL OPEN GARDEN SCHEME



After 2025 when Wiltshire's NGS gardens raised £125.00, we hope with your help we can increase that in 2026, so that more people can visit and enjoy our wonderful gardens, whilst raising the much needed funds for the Health and Garden Charities we support.

We have several new gardens opening this way for us, as well as many of our old favourites. <https://ngs.org.uk/wiltshire-by-arrangement/>

Our gardens open in March for you. By then spring will really be on its way, so much to look forward to in our gardens at that time of year. You will see that Lyn Miles at Westcroft is already opening her garden for her snowdrops. It might not be a large garden but Lyn has a tremendous variety of snowdrops in her collection and many for sale. <https://ngs.org.uk/wiltshire-gardens-in-march/>

Our Wiltshire booklets for 2026 are due with us very soon and our volunteers will be delivering 34,000 of them around the County. If you can't find one, a C5 SAE addressed to me and I can pop one in the post. Tricia Duncan, Chapel Cottage, Easton Royal, Pewsey. Wiltshire SN9 5LY

## **Devizes Jubilee Morris Come and join us!**

This is a good way to exercise and keep fit, meet new people and go to events to entertain the public. An energetic dance, and we like to bash the sticks, and wave the hankies.

A friendly bunch of men and women of all ages, enjoying a weekly get together to learn and practice the tradition of Cotswold Morris Dancing. An English tradition.

Now is a good time to come along to our practices held every Tuesday evening in Devizes at The Southgate pub. 7.45pm  
or phone Jan Field on 01380 827140 for more information.



### **MELKSHAM FLOWER CLUB**

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

### **DEVIZES FLOWER CLUB**

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

Annual subscription £35.

Contact us: [devizesflowerclubuk@gmail.com](mailto:devizesflowerclubuk@gmail.com) - facebook:

[@devizesflowerclub](https://www.instagram.com/devizes_flowerclub) instagram: [devizes\\_flowerclub](https://www.instagram.com/devizes_flowerclub)



Don't forget to look at our March online colour supplement - available shortly on [seend.org.uk](http://seend.org.uk) - for photos of what's happened since the last issue.

Please send photos of village events that you would like published to  
[spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk)

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

Remember the BT advert when someone got congratulated for gaining 'an ology' qualification? Well here are some ologies for you to study:

Geology – the study of the 7<sup>th</sup> letter of the alphabet

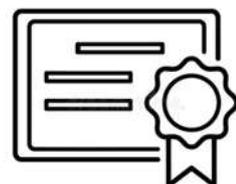
Campanology – the study of tents

Audiology – the study of German cars

Physiology – the study of carbonated soft drinks

Cardiology – the study of knitwear

Etymology – the study of cannibalism



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Melksham SN12 6NS

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#### Opening Hours

Weds: 11am-2pm & Bar from 7pm- Close

Thurs: 11am - Close (Food until 5pm)

Fri: 11am - Close (Food until 5pm)

Sat: 11am - Close (Food until 5pm)

Sun: 11am - 5pm (Food until 4pm)

Does your community group need a space to meet?  
Don't hesitate to get in touch - Games clubs, knitting  
groups, ramblers and other groups welcome.