

SPOTLIGHT

SEEND & BULKINGTON

June is busting out all over.....

(See inside for more details)

THE CLEEVE OPEN GARDENS

Seend Cleeve, Saturday 13th June 1-6pm



Beautiful gardens and views

Tickets £10 per person (accompanied children free) includes parking and Shuttle bus service between gardens

Teas, Ice Creams & Plant Stall.

Tickets available from the car park and from any of the Open Gardens

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SUMMER VILLAGE BBQ AT SEEND CENTRE

Sunday 14th June 1-3pm

Summer sun and community spirit with delicious BBQ treats. Bouncy Castle for children (sorry adults!)



June 2026

DIARY DATES FOR LATE MAY

- 29th Start of Devizes Arts Festival
31st Live Music at the Brewery “The Dirty Shillings” 4-6 pm

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 2nd First Tuesday Coffee Morning, Seend Centre 10.20 am
3rd Bulkington Village Lunch
3rd Seend Shuttle to Salisbury
10th Seend WI Open Meeting – Salisbury Poisonings, Pavilion, 7.30pm.
13th Seend Cleeve Open Gardens 1-6 pm
13th **LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JULY SPOTLIGHT**
13th Wine Circle, Seend Centre, 8pm
14th Summer Village Barbecue, Seend Centre, 1-3 pm
14th Seend & District Ramblers
15th Mobile Library 9.40 am Seend, the Lye. 10.05 am Seend Cleeve
opposite the Brewery, 11.00 am. Bulkington, The Well Inn car park
24th Nosh & Natter Lunch, Seend Community Centre, 12.30 pm
24th Brewery Inn Quiz Night
26th Brewery Inn Dog Show, 1pm

DIARY DATES FOR EARLY JULY

- 1st Shuttle trip to Salisbury
11th 70s, 80s and 90s music, Seend Centre, 7pm



Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion & Seend Lye Field Available for parties, meetings, sports events.

Book online: www.seendlyefield.org
or email: seendlrf@gmail.com

SEEND COMMUNITY LINK SCHEME

Trouble getting **out and about**? We can help with **transport**.

Link is a team of **volunteers** who assist residents in the area who are **elderly** or incapacitated and are **unable to use public transport**.

For more information or to join us as a volunteer driver please get in touch.

Telephone 07532 055560 - www.seend.org.uk/seend_link

Newcomer to Seend or Bulkington?

Visit www.seend.org.uk, www.bulkington.org.uk and the Spotlight, Bulkington, Seend Centre and Seend Village Group **facebook** pages,

WELCOME TO JUNE 2026 SPOTLIGHT

So, with a bit of a heatwave to end May, and summer events beginning to happen, maybe we can all throw off those grey day blues. Read on.



****DONATIONS TO SPOTLIGHT FUNDS****

We hope you enjoy this edition of Spotlight with its local news, upcoming events and tales of sporting success etc, as it's time for our annual appeal for funds to keep us going as a free-to-all-residents magazine. **You can pay by BACS** to: a/c name Seend PCC Melksham, sort code 09-01-28, a/c no. 37153587, ref Spot donation. **Or you can take cash in the brown envelope** included in this magazine to the following drop-off points:



Liz Futter at 4 Mill Lane, Bulkington
Philippa Jackson at Moiety Farm. Sells Green
Fiona Johnson at 20 Dial Close, Seend
Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings, Seend Cleeve
Sue Isaac at 55 Seend Cleeve
Jan Field at 28c Seend Cleeve
Seend Centre during opening hours
or ring one of the editors' numbers below if you need help.

Contributions for the July 2026 edition by Saturday 13th June please.

- Always email spotlight@seend.org.uk (including photos for the 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 -
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:

- * 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) 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 JUNE AND BEYOND

seend
centre

Special Events and Dates for the Diary

To keep up to date with Seend Centre Information visit:
seendcommunitycentre.com

For the Box Office visit: seendcommunitycentre.com/box-office

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

Sunday 14th June Summer Village BBQ 1-3pm



Summer sun and community spirit with delicious BBQ treats
Expect quality locally sourced meat and wholesome vegetarian options.
Menu to be finalised, but conversations have included words such as 'lamb koftas', 'halloumi' and 'butcher's sausages'...
Bouncy Castle for children (sorry adults!)

Saturday 13th June Seend Summer Wine Circle 8pm £20.00

Join us at 20:00 (doors open at 19:30) for an evening filled with delicious wines and great company, in the normal fun and relaxed format. Six more unusual European wines to try, plus bread and cheese to accompany the wines.



Please bring cash if you wish to buy a raffle ticket.

More info from: seendwinecircle@gmail.com

Saturday 11th July Tribute to the 70s, 80s and 90s 7pm. Tickets £15

A throw back to a by-gone era when Dial-up meant making a telephone call and video had killed the radio star.

Join us for a reminiscent party as Kayleigh takes on Diva Legends Cher, Blondie & Madonna and host DJ Mark Anthony keeps us dancing for as long as we can remember (or not remember).



Expect an evening of ultimate fun with disco lights galore and top rate entertainment.



Sunday 12th July Bath Opera Present Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love" Doors Open 6:30 Start 7:00 Tickets £10-£19.50. Group Discounts Available

Following the success of last year's La Traviata, Bath Opera is back.

Love, jealousy and a mysterious potion... a joyful romantic comic opera!

This professional, but accessible production is sung in English to piano providing an intimate and engaging evening for both opera newcomers and seasoned audiences alike.

Why not join us for pre-show canapes? (available to pre-order from the Box Office).

Seend's Famous Summer Breakfasts 8:30 -10:30 am

Dates are 25th July 1st, 15th & 22nd August and 5th September.

Come along and enjoy a freshly cooked breakfast.



Community Centre Regular Events



First Tuesday Coffee Mornings

Continuing the trial period the monthly Coffee Mornings have moved from Friday to Tuesday. The date is Tuesday 2nd June from 10.30am in the Lounge. Come along and enjoy freshly made real coffee or tea (plus a refill) and delicious home-made cakes for £3. Everyone welcome! No need to book.

Nosh & Natter Lunches

The monthly lunch club meets from 12 noon for 12.30pm on the 24th June. 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 Cafe - Lounge – Bar

A warm welcome to locals, walkers and wanderers! Dog friendly. 'The Village Living Room'!

From Artisan Coffee & Cakes to Brunches, Toasties and Lunches.

Full bar available (of course) from 11:30am

New Summer Menu Now Available!

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

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For further information contact Tina on 01380 827139

Restricted wheelchair access to some gardens.

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BREWERY INN EVENTS

Quiz Night Wednesday 24th June
Dog Show 26th June 1pm
Live music 'The Dirty Shillings' 31st May, 4-6pm

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 CENTRE MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS CHANGE OF DAY

Don't forget that the next coffee morning is Tuesday 2nd June
Same venue; Same time (10.30 – 12.00); Same friendly faces

ROSEMARY HAM

Rosemary Ham passed away on Saturday 26th April with all her family around her. She was very active in the village - an avid skittler and WI member.
She will be greatly missed.

A warm Welcome to the new owners of Beech House.

I want to welcome Antonia Leslie and her partner Hugo Elliot to Seend Village, along with their baby son, and hope that they will enjoy the house, the garden and particularly the wonderful ever -changing view as I have done for the past 36 years.

On 3rd June I shall be moving to Sparks House, just west along the High Street, and am fortunate to still have a great view albeit different ~ I am also fortunate to have been able to remain in this community. Given the house's location, I shall shortly be changing the name to Pinch House.

Carola Thorpe



BABY & TODDLER SESSIONS

For those parents with pre-school kids, we run a Baby & Toddler session from 9.15 to 11.00 every Wednesday morning in the Irene Usher Pavilion. As the name suggests, young babies are very welcome and your toddlers can play together in a warm, safe environment with loads of toys, games & puzzles. Currently £1.50/child per session to include free teas/coffees for the frazzled parents. A great session for mums to get together and discuss similar issues. For more information, please contact ricellinger@hotmail.com

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Seend Parish Council is pleased to welcome **Paul Taylor** as our newly co-opted Councillor.

Councillor Taylor joins the Council to support its ongoing work in representing the community and contributing to local decision-making for the benefit of residents in Seend. We look forward to his involvement and the experience he brings to the role.

Councillor Taylor can be contacted via email at:

cllr.taylor@seendparishcouncil.gov.uk

Seend Parish Council is pleased to announce that we are developing a new Parish Council website.

As part of this exciting update, we would like to invite **local businesses, community groups, and organisations** to be included on the new site. This is a great opportunity to showcase what is available within the parish and help residents and visitors connect with local services, activities, and support networks.

If you would like your organisation to be featured, please contact the Parish Clerk at:

clerk@seendparishcouncil.gov.uk

When submitting your details, please include the following information:

- Full name of your business or group
- A short description of what you do
- A logo or photograph (if available)
- Your website link and/or social media pages
- Any relevant contact details you would like published

Inclusion is free of charge and open to all local organisations within the parish area.

We look forward to working with you to create a useful, accessible, and engaging resource for the whole community.

SEEND FLOWER SHOW - SATURDAY, 8 AUGUST 2026



Planning for this year's flower show is in full swing. We will be sending out the Flower Show Programme in July, delivered to homes with your Spotlight at the end of June, to give you plenty of time to think and prepare. The theme of the show will be "Summer in Seend". This year we have a number of new and exciting classes in the Children's Section, 9- 12 years age group, for example, summer cupcakes, create a Lego insect, a summer inspired photograph, dried flower/leaf wall art, summer on a tray or a vegetable scarecrow or a wooden spoon flower design. Friendship bracelets are also included. Quirky and fun! We will also include a couple of interesting recipes in the programme for you to try out.

We welcome volunteers, particularly on Friday 7th August from 10am to assist in the set up of the hall and the "take down" at the end of the show on Saturday, 5pm onwards. We thank you all in advance for your participation and assistance. Please contact me or any committee member should you wish to assist.

Julia White, Seend Flower Show, Chairperson, 07904791743

67TH ANNUAL VILLAGE FETE!

A reminder that the theme for this year is 'Play'. We are encouraging everyone, young and old alike, to let go and have some fun.



Science has proven that **play changes your brain chemistry**.

Activities done purely for enjoyment — such as dancing, messing around, improvising, games, sports, or crafting — can increase dopamine and endorphins, which support motivation, mood, and learning, whilst laughter and playful social interaction can reduce cortisol (wham!).

Did you also know that **silliness** can help people feel more **socially connected**?

Each year, when we start the pack-down, you can feel the energy. Whenever our village comes together — whether it's for the panto or the beer festival — we feel stronger. Our **community spirit is abundant**, and it's something truly special.

In this update, we welcome **Devizes Judo**, who will be showcasing their club with a display and workshop led by Graham Hickman. **Melksham Ukulele** will also be bringing their usual upbeat energy!

Playgroup will once again be managing the Toy Stall. If you're having a toy clear-out, please think of us — donations can be dropped off during the week beforehand.

As always, we'd love the village to get involved by volunteering a few hours, either in the weeks beforehand or on the day itself. We'll be **setting up from Wednesday** the 5th and will need some muscles to help with the heavy lifting. Anyone who helps on the morning of the 8th will receive a free Padfield's bacon or sausage roll!

Car registration is now open. Please contact seendfete@gmail.com to request your exhibitor form. Richard and his team will manage the arena on the day, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Once again, we'd also like to extend our thanks to our sponsors: **The Flyer, Seend CLT, Blacksmiths, Melksham Tyre Supplies, Bluemay, and Kingston's Estate Agents** for supporting our fundraising efforts.

CHURCH NEWS

As I sit down to write, the windows and the back door are open. The birds are singing. Living in something of a hollow surrounded by very large, mature trees can be a little dark in the winter – but when spring arrives and then turns to summer it becomes a real blessing: cool and shaded and alive with the chirping of the birds.

Just for a moment I am transported out of myself to a place of delight where there is nothing but birdsong and branches sighing in the breeze.

Then the spell is broken. One of those sinister heavy bombers we've heard airborne so often over the last few months drowns out the birds with its drone. Then the songs of Saturday morning in a village arrive – a lawn mower, a circular saw making firewood for the far-off winter, a dog barking. But still through it all the blackbirds are trilling and within a few minutes the peace returns again.



For the second year in a row, farmers and gardeners are dealing with the effects of a very dry April, for despite an intermittently showery May, the ground is now very dry. Without rain, nothing can grow. If there was continual sunshine every day, then we would soon end up living in a desert.

Pure gold is too soft to be practical for making jewellery - gold that is durable enough to be wearable has been alloyed with other metals to toughened up.

The same paradox is true of our lives. We long for unbroken comfort, but a life of it would leave us as parched as the fields without rain. Few of us would be the people we are if we hadn't gone through times that toughened us up. There is an increasing tendency to see trauma only as damage that renders us permanently weaker. But while I wouldn't have chosen some of my struggles in life, and wouldn't wish them on anyone else, they have made me the person I am. Like many of you, I suspect, it took me decades to learn to value the person I am – but I do.

Of course, in this job you see more than your fair share of suffering, and some people have a much harder time of it than most of us. Why this is so is something I find myself having sharp words with God about.

Yet, at the same time, people who suffer a lot are rarely bitter – in fact they often seem to be better than most of us at taking their joys where they find them. Bitterness instead seems to come from a frustrated sense of entitlement. I worry that our culture is becoming a decadent one – encouraging us to complain about our problems, instead of overcoming them and ultimately transcending them. It is when we use our struggles to become strong enough to improve our own lives that we are best placed to help those who truly need it.

The Rev'd Gerry Lynch



CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE 2026



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

Sunday 7th

8am	(Trinity 1) Communion (BCP)	Potterne
9:30am	Communion	Worton
9:30am	Matins (BCP)	Poulshot
11am	Communion	Potterne
11am	Communion	Seend
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Bulkington

Sunday 14th

8am	(Trinity 2) Communion (BCP)	Seend
9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Family Service	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Potterne

Sunday 21st	(Trinity 3)	
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

Weds 24th		
5pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot

Sunday 28th	(Trinity 4)	
9:30am	Communion (BCP)	Poulshot
9:30am	Morning Praise	Worton
11am	Communion	Bulkington
11am	Communion	Potterne
6pm	Evensong (BCP)	Seend

Every Tuesday, 9am Daily Prayer service at Poulshot
Churches are open for private prayer during the week.

From the Registers:

Weddings

Emma Jackson and James Hood on 2nd May at Holy Cross, Seend.

No baptisms or funerals this month.

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

BULKINGTON NEWS

The Bulkington Village Lunch takes place on Wednesday, 3 June 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 15th June 11.05 – 11.30 am.

Minutes of the Bulkington Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026 at Bulkington Village Hall, Bulkington, Wiltshire.

Present: Councillors P. Oakey (Chair), J. Anderson-Hill, A. Breach, S. Macalpine-Downie (Vice-Chair), J. Socik.

In attendance: Proper Officer T. Hicks, Wiltshire Cllr. T. Reay, two members of the public (MOP).

Election of Chair for the Year 2026-27 - Cllr. Rigby nominated as Chair. Proposed – Cllr. Anderson-Hill. Seconded – Cllr. Macalpine-Downie. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed, and witnessed by the Clerk.

Election of Vice-Chair for the Year 2026-27 - Cllr. Macalpine-Downie nominated as Vice-Chair. Proposed – Cllr. Anderson-Hill. Seconded – Cllr. Oakey. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed, and witnessed by the Clerk.

Co-Opting of Vacancy - The council considered the application received, with reference to the BPC Co-Opt Policy. Cllr. Socik. The applicant was nominated by Cllr. Macalpine-Downie and seconded by Cllr. Anderson-Hill. The council UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this application.

Apologies - None.

Declarations of Interest - There were no declarations of interest received.

Minutes of the previous meeting - The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9th March 2026 were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Participation - The MOPs asked questions regarding the playground, the refuse bins, the maintenance of the village (pavements and hedges), the increased parking on the pavements, and the damage to fencing around the War Memorial. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the relevant residents and update the village via Spotlight. Another MOP requested the parish council consider a village newsletter, delivered to each household.

There were no petitions or deputations received.

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

Planning Matters to discuss - The council noted that no applications were received before the meeting. The council noted the BPC Planning Schedule.

Maintenance - The council noted that the Parish Steward would return to the village after 6 months of no support as they had been diverted for pothole repairs since November. The council UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that the weeds in the kerbs, the overhanging hedges and the large pothole near The Chestnuts would be the initial priorities and the Clerk to send priority list to Wiltshire Council.

The council agreed to send the Clerk availability to visit the sites in the village to confirm site options for the white gates. Carry forward.

The council discussed the refuse bin replacement options. It was UNANIMOUSLY

AGREED that the Clerk be instructed to challenge Wiltshire Council's refusal to adopt the bin at near Brasspan Bridge.

Finance - Payments Approved:

Clerk's expenses, Julie Bailey – Audit £260, WALC subscription Inv 0968 - £122.46, M Goddard & Sons Landscaping Inv 3261 - £381.60

Chair's postage expenses for returning defib pads were approved.

Monthly Management Accounts - Members received the monthly financial report and bank reconciliation. Cllr. Oakey signed the bank reconciliation and bank statements.

Annual Accounts 2025-26 - Members UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approved the annual accounts for the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026.

Asset Register 2026-27 - Members UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Asset Register for 2026-27.

Annual Internal Audit 2025-26 - Members received and noted the Annual Internal Audit Report.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025-26

Annual Governance Statement - Members UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the Annual Governance Statement as outlined in section 1 of the Annual Return and minute accordingly. Full statement attached.

Accounting Statements 2025-26 - Members UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to approve the accounting statements as outlined in Section 2 of the Annual Return and minute accordingly. The chair and clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements.

Exercise of Public Rights - Members UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to note that the RFO has set the dates for the commencement of the period for the exercise of public rights to be Wednesday 3rd June to Tuesday 14th July 2026.

Appoint Councillor Portfolios. Members UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED the portfolios as follows:Highways, Footpaths & ROW Co-ordinator – Cllr. Macalpine-Downie, Community & Resilience Co-ordinator – Cllr. Breach, Social Co-ordinator/Committee – Cllr. Anderson-Hill, Planning Co-Ordinator – Cllr. Breach, HR/Finance/Policy Co-ordinator – Cllr. Oakey, Playfield – it was agreed that this would be all councillors.

Governance - Council UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt/review for 2026-27:-

Appraisal policy, Biodiversity policy, Co-Option policy, Code of Conduct, Community Emergency Plan, Complaints Policy, Data Protection policy, Dignity at Work policy, Disciplinary policy, Document Retention and Publication Scheme, Equality and Diversity policy, Financial Regulations ,Freedom of Information policy, GDPR consent, Grant Awarding policy and application form, Grievance policy, Health and Safety policy, IT Policy, Lone Working policy, Playground Inspection Policy & Risk Assessment, Privacy Notice, Volunteer Policy, Risk Assessment, Standing Orders.

Council confirmed the date of the next meeting would be Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.30pm.

Please can residents be reminded that any hedges overhanging the pavements are their own, legal responsibility. By not keeping them under control, they are causing extreme difficulty to users of the footpaths. The Parish Steward is coming back to the village in June after seven months of being re-deployed by Wiltshire Council to pothole repairs, so will be attending to the verges etc. which are Wiltshire Council responsibility.



THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet from 2.00 - 4.00pm on Monday 8th June at
64A Bulkington, home to Phyl Yarde.

New people always welcome.

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

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

We are hoping to visit a garden in Marston. Cream teas are available.
This has not been confirmed yet. I will get in touch later with the details.

Liz 828485

BULKINGTON 100 CLUB

The May draw was held at the village lunch in The Well and the winners were:

£30	No. 28	Eileen Masters
£25	No. 72	Alan Dunlop
£20	No. 67	Eileen Masters
£15	No. 23	Sam Taylor
£10	No. 53	John Breach



Well done to the winners and, as always, our diners were a great help with the draw.

Phyl Yarde

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SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND WI



Our May meeting began with the AGM. All relevant papers were circulated, read and agreed. The Committee for 2026/2027 was re-elected, with Fiona Johnson as President.

A fascinating talk followed by John Farrow on “Avebury through the ages”, now a World Heritage site. It is believed the stones were first erected 4,000 years ago and were linked to Silbury Hill and The Sanctuary. The village, with its picturesque cottages, which have changed use over time, was built around farming and later became a coaching stop. The original part of Avebury Manor was built in 1550 with several extensions over the centuries. It is now owned by the National Trust, and the farm buildings are used to facilitate visitors. John Farrow was thanked for a very informative talk.

Our meeting in June “The Salisbury Poisonings” is an open meeting, all friends and family welcome.

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

Joyce Harvey

SEEND THEATRE CLUB

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 7th May at 7.30pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, Seend. Following essential business, members enjoyed a lively and entertaining talk by John Winterton, Artistic Director of the Wharf Theatre. He explained his route into the world of theatre and shared some amusing anecdotes about many of the productions with which he had been involved.



Our trip in May was to Bath Theatre Royal, to see “The Constant Wife”, a comedy dealing with the consequences of adultery. The elegant costumes, great scenery and an excellent cast starring Kara Tointon, all contributed to a wonderful evening.

Early in July we visit the grounds of Cleeve House for a modern interpretation of “Hamlet”, performed by Shakespeare Live. Gates will open at 6pm for those wishing to take a picnic.

Further theatre visits are now booked until the end of 2026. Dates of those trips have been emailed to members and can also be found on the Village website (<https://seend.org.uk>).

We always welcome new members so, if you are interested, please email: membership.seendtheatreclub@gmail.com for more information.

Ken Harvey

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

The May walk is due to take place over the Bank Holiday weekend, there will be a report in next month's issue.

June walk date is Sunday 14th June followed by Sunday 19th July.

We are always looking for new members, why not give it a go through the warmer, dryer months.



Sandy



SEEND BRANCH – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

In April we held our Annual Lecture “What Makes Putin Tick”. A big thank you to all who attended and to Air Chief Marshal Sir John Chesire KBE CB for delivering the lecture. We raised around £800 on the night to go towards Armed Forces charities.

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

Given that a significant focus of the RBL is Remembrance, I wish to highlight, in this and future issues of Spotlight, some detail around those who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

In May and June we remember the following fallen from Seend:

Private Ralph Newman, born in September 1897, son of Stephen George and Fanny Kimbra Newman of Rew Farm, Seend Cleeve. Ralph enlisted into the Wiltshire Regiment and was wounded in France in 1918. He died of wounds at Seend Cleeve, on 21 May 1918, aged 20. He is buried at Holy Cross Church, Seend.

Private Albert James Trueman, born in July 1918, son of Frank and Marie Trueman of Perrys Lane, Seend Cleeve. Albert enlisted into the Wiltshire Regiment and was killed in action on 29th May 1940 at Dunkirk, aged 21. He has no known grave.

Lest We Forget

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.

steven@cubberley.com 07711 127230

SEEND PLAYGROUP

This term we welcome Arlo and Darcy and hope they enjoy their time with us.

We had a parent (who is a rugby coach) come in and do a rugby session which the children did well at. They found it strange having a different shaped ball to kick and run with.

At the end of April we had a petting farm visit us, bringing two guinea pigs, two rabbits, a pony and a goat which the children could look at. They brought two donkeys which the children had rides on. Amy enjoyed leading one of the donkeys and the children who wanted a ride enjoyed it. When the man was putting the animals back in the lorry the pony



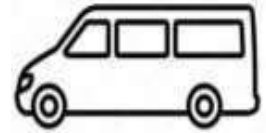
escaped and ran down the field towards the wall. One of the mums had come early and she has horses and she managed to catch it and put it in the lorry. He is coming back on Monday 8th June.

We had a lady called Caz who did a forest school session in the garden, where the children could make mud pies in the mud kitchen, look at books to do with nature and make crowns by sticking flower petals on the cardboard. The children all enjoyed toasting marshmallows over a small fire pit and then eating them. She is coming again monthly. The children have enjoyed the sea creature crafts and cooking on a Thursday morning. Our topic this term is insects.

Rose Dick Play leader , 01380 828003

SEEND SHUTTLE NEWS

Our next trip to Salisbury on the 3rd of June already has quite a few seats taken so don't forget to book yours and leave it too late. Call Anita on 01380828757 or 07851009349 and say where you would like to be picked up from. Anita Shea



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

What a jam packed term 5 we have had! It is hard to believe that we are nearly heading into term 6.

Our PTA kicked off the term by hosting a fantastic 'Chocolate Bingo' event after school, which was a huge success! Families gathered together for an evening of fun and the chance to win some delicious chocolate prizes. We had some very happy winners taking home bundles of sweet treats!

The Seend Flower Show have very kindly donated sunflower seeds & soil for every pupil in the school to grow their own sunflower to be displayed at the Flower Show in August. We can't wait to see whose sunflower grows the tallest!

Our youngest children have spent the term watching the life cycle of a butterfly. They watched their caterpillars form chrysalises and eventually emerge as five beautiful butterflies! The children thoroughly enjoyed releasing them, and some butterflies even landed on the children before flying away. It was a very exciting afternoon for Holly class! A huge well done to our amazing year 6 pupils, who completed their SATS at the end of this term. We are incredibly proud of them for their enthusiasm, positive attitude and patience throughout the tests. The children also enjoyed having breakfast with their teacher each morning, which really helped set them up for the day! Go year 6's, you should be super proud of yourselves.

Keep your eyes peeled for the next edition of Spotlight, where we will share highlights from our annual sponsored walk taking place before the end of term 5. This is always a fantastic morning for both children & staff and we hope the sun shines for us again like it did last year!

If you are interested in hearing more about Seend School and would like to book a tour, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01380 828334 or by emailing admin@seend.wilts.sch.uk. We would love to hear from you! Please also check out our Facebook page for regular updates <https://www.facebook.com/share/1D3pBxwHqp/?mibextid=wwXIf>

KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

Wow! What a weekend we had at the **Keevil School Scarecrow Trail**. Thank you to everyone who came along to the event. We were delighted to welcome visitors from far and wide on both days. **Huge thanks** to the army of helpers who kept the event running smoothly, and to our wonderful team of scarecrow builders! Have a look on our social media pages for photos, details of our generous sponsors, and the all-important answers. If you would like to get involved with the event next year, email cjoram21@hotmail.co.uk.

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATS before half term. You all did a brilliant job! And well done to Year 4s who spent 2 nights on their residential trip to Brecon Beacons Danywenallt, getting up to all sorts of adventures. A special thank you to the staff who go above and beyond to make these residential trips happen.

Our attention now turns to our annual Sports Day, the Spitfire class performance, the KS1 Dance Festival in Bath, and welcoming our new reception children and their families to our community. Term 6 is going to be busy!

Caroline Noonan, FoKS Chair

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING Tuesday 28th April 2026 in the Irene Usher Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at **18.30**.

(Minutes of Annual PC meeting and Annual Parish meeting in May can be viewed on Seend PC website and edited versions will be included in July Spotlight. Eds.)

Councillors Present: Cllr Savage (Chair), Cllr Bridget Johnstone (Vice Chair), Cllr Paul Manning, Cllr Pamela Akerman, Cllr Jamie Halliday, Cllr Phil Springate

In Attendance: Proper Officer / Clerk – Hayley Bell, Cllr Tamara Reay, 6 Residents

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from: Cllr Helen Robinson Gordon, Cllr Lack, Cllr Drewett, Cllr A Drewett.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record.

Co-option: Members considered the application for co-option to fill the vacant seat on the Parish Council. Following discussion, it was resolved to co-opt Paul Taylor as a Parish Councillor. Paul Taylor signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting. Councillors welcomed Paul Taylor.

Minutes & Agendas: Displayed on all parish noticeboards, submitted to *Spotlight*, and published on the website – **Actioned**

Defibrillator Checks: Simple check form completed; gloves and disposable masks ordered – **In progress**

New Email Addresses: Went live on 1st April; publicised via *Spotlight*, out-of-office replies, website, and social media – **Completed**

New Website: Development ongoing; meeting scheduled for April – **In progress**

Blocked Gullies (A361): Reported via MyWilts app – **Reported**

Highways Issues (Inmarsh / Spout Lane / Sells Green): Issues identified and under review – **Ongoing**

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (Closures): Online survey completed, and letter sent to MP – **Actioned**

PEAS: No update at present – **Emailed registering for 2026 .**

Love Walk Gate (Inmarsh): Matter under consideration – **Ongoing**

Bollands Hill (Sewage Tank & Construction): Site visit requested – **Pending**

Seend Fund: Invitation to present at Annual Parish Meeting to be issued – **Planned**

SEEN 66 Footpath / Bradley Lane: Wiltshire Council continuing scalping's works – **Ongoing**

Sewer System at Hook Hollow: To contact Wiltshire Council and Wessex Water – **Pending**

Bus Stop Light (High Street): To be reported to Wiltshire Council officers – **Pending**

Electrical Junction Box (Pinch Point): Reported to SSE; confirmed Wiltshire Council responsibility – **Reported on My Wilts**

Socket for SID (Sells Green): Under consideration – **Ongoing**

White Gates Survey (LHFIG): Included with LHFIG – **In progress**

Pathway (Wesley Cottage): LHFIG site visit arranged – **In progress**

Seend Cleeve Sign: No update at present – **Ongoing**

Logo: Under development – **In progress**

Wiltshire Councillor Tamara Reay

Cllr Reay informed members of the consultation on the **Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 4 Freight Strategy**. Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed to submit a formal response on behalf of the Council. It was resolved that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, finalise and submit the response prior to the consultation closing date of 5 May. <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/2676/Wiltshire-Local-Transport-Plan>

Cllr Reay informed members that Wiltshire Council is proposing to adopt a new Speed Limit Policy aimed at improving road safety and providing a clearer and more consistent approach to setting speed limits across the county. Members noted that the policy places greater emphasis on 20mph restrictions, particularly in residential areas, town centres and locations with high pedestrian activity, and would make it easier for town and parish councils to apply for 20mph limits where appropriate. It was further noted that while the Council would fund the assessment and Traffic Regulation Order process, local councils would be responsible for funding any associated signage and road markings. The Parish Council discussed the proposals and noted the emphasis on evidence-led decision making, enforcement, and other traffic management measures where speed limit changes alone may not be suitable. Proposals are that Wiltshire Council will pay for the metro count and Parish Council pays for interventions.

Food Waste, Wiltshire Council has been given an extension from DEFRA until Summer 2027. They ask residents to share their experiences and preferences about current and future waste and recycling services. <https://orlo.uk/f61LG> Open until

Friday 17 April. www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/wiltshire-council-invites-residents-to-share-views-on-future-waste-and-recycling-services

Members noted that Wiltshire Council is seeking suggestions for **future highways improvement requests**, with submissions required by 29 April. Councillors discussed potential locations for consideration and suggested Bollands Hill, Inmarsh and Spout Lane for future highways works and improvements.

Rusty Lane Adoption: The Council discussed the potential adoption of Rusty Lane. Members emphasised the need to be clear about the Council's responsibilities and liabilities before any decision is made. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would continue to gather all relevant information regarding the lane, including legal, maintenance, and financial implications. Cllr Halliday has opened discussions with Seend Community Centre to explore options.

Cllr Savage asked Cllr Reay if a Bridleway or Green Lane is unregistered, its ownership and maintenance responsibilities may remain unclear, which can lead to difficulties in carrying out repairs, enforcing rights of access, or resolving disputes. In some cases, the lane may not be eligible for adoption or maintenance by the local authority, leaving responsibility with adjoining landowners or unknown parties until ownership is formally established.

Cllr Reay responded if the lane is kept unregistered, responsibility for its ownership and maintenance may remain uncertain, which could create difficulties in the future regarding repairs, access rights, and liability. It may also prevent the lane from being formally adopted or maintained by the local authority until the ownership position is clarified. Cllr Reay suggested contacting WALC to ask for advice.

LHFIG - updates from Cllr Halliday: Cllr Halliday confirmed that there had been no updates since the last Parish Council meeting. He requested the council to consider £400.00 contribution to the Metro Count assessment. Cllr Savage proposed and Cllr Johnston Seconded.

Speed Watch: Speed Watch reports have been **submitted to the Clerk** and are now **available on the Parish Council website**. The Council noted that **volunteers are still required** to support ongoing Speed Watch activities.

Area Board Meeting – Minutes Summary Cllr Halliday

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6150/Scheduled-meetings>

Reports from Parish Councillors

Update from Cllr Savage - LHFIG – Seend Cleeve Sign

Members noted that the estimated cost for the Seend Cleeve sign scheme is £2,500, including a white gate feature. Cllr Savage agreed to confirm whether the quoted cost includes two white gates and to establish whether increasing the Parish Council contribution from 25% to 40% would allow the scheme to proceed immediately, or whether the matter would need to be referred to the next LHFIG meeting with further justification.

Seymour Lodge: Members reported that a lilac bush is overhanging the footpath on the High Street. The Clerk was asked to send a note regarding the matter – this has now been actioned by Seymour Lodge – thank you.

Elcot: Members reported that a bush canopy is overhanging the footpath on the High Street at Elcot. The Clerk was asked to send a note regarding the issue.

SEEN6 – Bradley Lane Bridleway: A resident requested whether the Working Footpath Group could undertake strimming works, as vegetation growth has narrowed the bridleway and affected access.

SEEN27 – Footpath: A resident again requested that the footpath be strimmed, as nettles are preventing use of the route.

Best Kept Village Competition: Members discussed arrangements for a village clean-up day in connection with the Best Kept Village competition. The date is to be confirmed. Now confirmed Saturday 16th May – 9.30am outside the Community Centre

Allotments: Members noted that all allotment fees have been paid with the exception of one outstanding payment, which is to be chased.

LCN Membership: It was confirmed that the Parish Council is no longer paying for LCN services as all new email accounts have now been established.

Cllr Johnstone discussed Seend's housing requirements and the confusion over the numbers required. Clerk to email the Leader of Wiltshire Council, Ian Thorne.

Annual Parish Meeting: Members discussed arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting held at Seend Community Centre. Invitations are to be sent to all village clubs and organisations, and the website will be checked for details of clubs that have attended previously.

Neighbourhood Plan: The Council approved the appointment of Carola Thorpe to lead the Steering Group. Proposed Cllr Savage, Seconded by Cllr Johnstone.

Planning Applications: No Planning applications for consideration.

Parish Councils Policies: The following Policies were approved **Proposed by Cllr Savage and Cllr Halliday.**

Standing Orders

Information Policy

Financial Regulations

Data Protection policy

Code of Conduct

Publication Scheme

Privacy Notice

The Council agreed that maintaining the current suite of policies provides consistency and supports effective governance, particularly considering ongoing uncertainty in the wider planning context.

Financial Matters: As listed on the agenda, the Council **resolved to approve the payments.**

The payments were authorised by Cllr Akerman and Cllr Springate.

Clerk has registered Cllr Halliday and Cllr Drewett as signatories for Lloyds Bank.

Once they have completed registration a yearly signatory will be in place.

Change of Payment process, Invoices will be brought to the parish council meeting for approval and payments two day later.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **26th May 2026** at **18.30**, Irene Usher Hall. The meeting closed at 19.40.

Go to the Seend Parish Council website for Minutes of Meetings and all other information. <https://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk/>

Seend has entered the 'Best Kept Village' Competition. Judging will take place from mid-May onwards. So to show off our village at its very best do keep your frontages tidy, and care for your green spaces and verges!

NEWS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

As your Wiltshire Councillor, I represent eight parishes across Devizes Rural West, and I work closely with your Parish Councils. As you may know Parish and Town councils are the most local tier of government, playing a vital role in representing residents and delivering services that matter in everyday life.

We have just completed the annual round of Annual Parish Council Meetings which take place in May each year. At these meetings, councillors elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman and agree priorities and plans for the year ahead. Many Parish Councils also allocate specific responsibilities to individual councillors. These roles help ensure that key areas receive dedicated attention. For example, councillors may take on highways liaison responsibilities to champion local road and safety concerns. Others focus on planning matters, or oversee recreational spaces such as parks, play areas, and village greens. Each parish also organises an Annual Parish Meeting. Open to all residents, it's a chance for local organisations, clubs, and community groups to share highlights from the past year, celebrate successes, and reflect on what's been achieved. My thanks go to everyone involved in the myriad of local organisations that help make each village such welcoming and vibrant communities.

Parish Councillors give their time and energy voluntarily, and their leadership is invaluable. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all Parish Councillors for their continued dedication and commitment. In particular, I would like to recognise Christine Vize, who has stepped down after many years as Chairman of Coulston, and Mark Cherrington (Marston) and Debbie Savage (Seend), who have "retired" as Chairmen but will continue to serve as Parish Councillors.

I aim to attend parish council meetings wherever possible to provide updates on Wiltshire Council's work and to stay connected with local priorities and concerns. These meetings are an important two-way exchange, helping ensure that local issues are understood and represented at a wider level. A number of Parish Councils currently have vacancies, and I would encourage anyone with an interest in their community to consider getting involved. Parish Councillors deal with a wide range of practical issues and having a mix of perspectives is invaluable. Support and training are available, but just as important is a readiness to engage and contribute to local decision-making. If you have the time and inclination, it is a meaningful way to play a part in your community.

Tamara Reay ,Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West

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WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISIONER

Knife crime causes real harm, often with life changing consequences for victims, families and communities. While Wiltshire remains a relatively safe place to live, we cannot be complacent. Tackling knife crime and serious violence requires constant focus, strong partnerships and a willingness to use every tool available to prevent harm and save lives.

That is why it is a clear priority in my Police and Crime Plan, and why initiatives like those delivered during Sceptre week are so important.

Sceptre is a national knife crime campaign that takes place twice a year, shining a spotlight on both enforcement and prevention. During the most recent week of action, Wiltshire Police and partners demonstrated how a coordinated and balanced approach can help reduce risk, protect communities and save lives.

A key part of the week focused on operational policing activity. Wiltshire Police carried out test purchasing operations across the county, supported by police cadets, to ensure retailers were complying with the law when selling knives. Responsible retailing is essential in preventing knives from falling into the wrong hands, and these checks send a clear message that businesses have an important role to play in tackling knife crime at its source. Officers also carried out weapon sweeps using metal detectors and knife arches in a range of locations, reinforcing the message that carrying knives will not be tolerated. Alongside this enforcement activity, Sceptre week also saw the launch of schemes designed to prevent harm and strengthen community safety. In Swindon, Wiltshire Police launched a pilot safer knives scheme, replacing pointed kitchen knives with rounded tip alternatives for households identified as being at greater risk. This evidence led initiative recognises that many knives used in serious incidents originate in the home, and that reducing access to the most dangerous designs can help lower the risk of serious injury. Sceptre week also coincided with the launch of the Wiltshire Bleed Kit Partnership, where my office is working with Wiltshire Police, HeartSafe UK, NHS England South West and the South West Ambulance Service. These clinically approved bleed kits are being placed in public spaces across our communities and can make a lifesaving difference in the critical moments before emergency services arrive. While prevention must always be our priority, being prepared to respond quickly and effectively when serious incidents do occur is equally important.

What Sceptre week highlights is that enforcement alone is not enough. Tackling knife crime and serious violence requires a combination of prevention, early intervention, education, responsible retailing and strong partnership working. By continuing to invest in a range of approaches and working together across policing, health and communities, we can reduce harm and keep Wiltshire safe.

Contact Information Will Walder will.walder@wiltshire.police.uk

SEEND SPORTING, DRAMATIC AND LITERARY NEWS

FOOTBALL.

The final match of the season for the Seend eleven was away against Melksham Town Development FC at their smart stadium on the 25th of April. It was to be the decider for first place, a winner takes all contest before a crowd of some 200.



Seend, managed for his last match by Andy Dyer, were looking for their third successive league title and things were going well when Seend took the lead through Lewis Morrisey after 11 minutes but were pulled back almost immediately by a Melksham equaliser. Tension progressively mounted as both sides looked for that winning strike which came early in the second half for Seend with a Sam Dodds goal. Thereafter the woodwork, the offside flag and the heroics of the Seend goalkeeper Kieran Turner kept Melksham at bay. Many congratulations to Andy Dyer and his team and we all wish Andy Dyer the very best in his next adventure. Thank you Andy.



TENNIS.

The new season in the Chippenham and District tennis league has started surprisingly well. Our first match was away to Marshfield when Anna Potts, Fiona Stanford, Tom Collins and Tim Mackie sealed a 7-1 victory. Our first home match was on May 11th and yet again Seend brought home the bacon with a 6-2 win over Chippenham Park. Many thanks to Anna Potts and Tim plus the father and daughter pairing of Marek and Karin Dolak. Karin hasn't lost a league set for over two years! Mention must go to Anna and Tim for winning a crucial tie break 8-6 when they were 0-6 down and facing 6 set points, a psychological sledgehammer. On the 18th May we are away to Chippenham Town tennis Club when long-standing Seend tennis player Liam Bergin will team up with Karen Wordsworth on her debut appearance for Seend alongside Tim and Fiona. We are looking to win our division this season and secure promotion. Onwards !

Stop Press : Seend 5, Chippenham 3 – a third win in a row!

PLACES of GREAT HISTORICAL SPORTING EVENTS.

Congratulations to John Williams for being the first to confront Tom in Rusty's with the correct answer to last month's brain teaser and claim his free drink.

The clue was " 8 across, Skulduggery afloat among honey then males, 6-2-6." The answer was of course Henley-on-Thames. (think scull and afloat as in rowing plus an anagram of the last 3 words !)

Anyhow try your hand at June's offering: " In the East a jelly sandwichas well ?" 5 letters.

Tom has the answer in a sealed envelope and is ready to serve the punter with the first correct solution.

DRAMATIC. On Sunday 12th July at 7pm Bath Opera again visit Seend's Community Centre this time with their production of Donizetti's L'esire d'amore, The Elixir of Love, to be sung in English. I won't spoil things by telling you the plot but rest assured a love triangle, alcohol, a charlatan and "alls well that ends well" feature in this wonderful Opera on this occasion set in the 1950's. Tom and his team will ensure that the bar is fully manned as they help the audience through this 90 minutes of fun. Tickets are on sale through the Bath Opera website and of course at the bar in Rusty's cafe.

CRIBBAGE. Jan Harding has been giving me further lessons on this one but I am a long way off being match fit. What I have learned however is that the game was founded by a 17th century rogue, Sir John Suckling, who went on to use it as a vehicle for fleecing many of the landed gentry, an early attempt at the redistribution of wealth.

SHORT MAT BOWLS.

I have called in to watch a few matches of late but have seen little action as I always seem to arrive during the tea break when the teams are usually settling down to a wonderful spread before discussing the tactics for the second half at the bar. I forgot to write down any of the scores but no doubt Colin will update me before July's issue. Another wonderful use of our Community Centre.

TABLE TENNIS.

The ping pong, or whiff-waff for those who enjoy an onomatopoeia, evenings coincide with the Thursday social tennis nights, so last week I was able to watch, at a distance, as Simon Harding dished up a display of devious, and probably illegal, serving, making me realise that he was way above my schoolboy standard. Another sport where I will have to put in some serious training before I pick up a bat. All are most welcome on those Thursday evenings with either bat or racquet.

News, gossip, fixtures and results for the July issue to the local World Anti-doping Agency office by 14th July please.

Frankie Goddard 07854 660582

EXTRA SPORTS NEWS FROM OUR LADIES' SKITTLES CORRESPONDENT:

Seend Sirens ladies skittles

Just prior to lockdown, a small group of village ladies formed a skittles team and ventured tentatively into the Devizes League. I'm very pleased to say that this season we became runners up in Division Two! We had a lovely time recently at their presentation evening at the Wyvern Club in Devizes, where we were presented with a cup and our lovely Sue Holloway was also awarded a cup for the highest number of spares in the Division. We have now finished for the summer, but will return again next season at the Community Centre with high hopes and enthusiasm!

Jackie Hamblin

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MELKSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY: You are very welcome to come to our free end-of-term summer concert at the Rachel Fowler Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday June 25th, followed by light refreshments. We'll be singing medleys of popular songs and choir members will be entertaining with some party pieces. Donations to our choir funds will be gratefully received.



Anita Shea



Our lecture on June 17th in the **Corn Exchange**, is:
"Elizabethan Houses & The Transformation of Britain" given
by **Dr Jonathan Foyle**

We travel through the spectrum, from simple cottages through merchant's houses and great estates, to explore the residences of Elizabeth herself in a period of social change.

Dr Jonathan Foyle is a career communicator, presenting many TV programmes. He is now a lecturer at the University of Bath.

Why not come to this lecture as a guest?- £8. Please email us first at theartsocietydevizes@gmail.com. To join the Society, go to

www.theartsocietydevizes.org or search Facebook for The Arts Society Devizes.

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 - facebook:

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CLASSICS AND JAZZ

7.30pm on Saturday 20th June, no less a classical musician than Jess Gillam will be coming to Edington Priory Church, to play us a programme of jazz – and more – on the saxophone with bassist

Sam Becker and pianist Zeynep Özsuca - a programme for everyone and a rare and fantastic opportunity to hear one of the musical greats of her generation.

Tickets are on sale now from www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on from £11-£25, with 18 and under and those in full time education coming free. Angels as always have the benefit of a 10% discount on ticket prices.

Summer Concert



Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm in Market Lavington Community Hall.
Tickets e £10 available at St. Arbucks, Market Lavington and Devizes Books in June. Includes Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man and an Elton John medley.



The Devizes Arts Festival kicked off on the 29th May.

For a list Of What's On in June and to book tickets pick up a brochure from Devizes Books or see

www.devizesartsfestival.org.uk

STEEPLE ASHTON OPEN GARDENS

11am-6pm Sunday 31st May

Over 16 gardens on show, including the Manor House and a beautiful five acre meadow. A plant stall, a teddy bear hunt for the children, delicious food and Pimms on the lawn! Proceeds go to the Steeple Ashton Preservation Trust for the upkeep and development of the church. Advance tickets online at Ticketmaster @ £8.50 each or from the village shop @£8 each. Tickets on the day (subject to availability) £10ea. Children under 16years go free. Well behaved dogs on short leads welcomed in most gardens



MELKSHAM FLOWER CLUB

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

Don't forget to look at our June online colour supplement - available shortly on seend.org.uk - for photos of what's happened since the last issue, including the famous Beer Festival.

Please send photos of village events that you would like published to spotlight@seend.org.uk



STOP PRESS ...

Win tickets for the RHS Badminton Flower Show and support new community garden for Seend.

Seend-based garden designer, Alexandra Gray is creating a small show garden at this new show running 8-12 July 2026. Entitled the Yin and Yang Garden, it is divided into two to show wildlife-friendly planting suitable for sun and shade. She is seeking crowd funding to help with the cost of plants with the intention of relocating the garden/planting to a community space within Seend after the show. In return, she is holding a supporters' draw for several pairs of show tickets. More details to follow on www.alexandragray.com under News.

AND FINALLY.....

I've got a pen which writes underwater.
It writes other words too.



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

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Irene Usher Pavilion bookings – www.seendlyefield.org/bookings.html or 828970
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Police Community Support, Sgt Kerena Walters, kerena.walters@wiltshire.police.uk

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Book Clubs - the original: June May
827169 / 07590 818750 -
the other: Frank Teasdale 07719 918310
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Fawltly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe
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Shop and café opening hours

Monday - 9.30am – 4pm
Tuesday - 9.30am – 4pm
Wednesday - 9.30am – 2pm
Thursday - 9.30am – 4pm
Friday - 9.30am – 4pm
Saturday - 9.30am – 2pm

**We do hot drinks, sandwiches and great breakfasts.
The Post Office, hopefully, will re-open soon.**

