

SPOTLIGHT

SEEND & BULKINGTON



October 2026

DIARY DATES FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

- 30th Nosh & Natter Lunch, Seend Centre, 12.30 pm
30th Brewery Inn Quiz Night

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 1st Deadline to book advertising space for Nov 26 to Oct 27 editions of Spotlight
2nd First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10-11.30am
2nd Playgroup Coffee Morning
3rd Bulkington Harvest Lunch, Bulkington Village Hall, 12.15 for 12.30
5th 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
7th Salisbury Shuttle Shopping Trip
7th Bulkington Village Lunch, Well Inn, 12.15 for 12.30
14th WI Birthday Quiz Night, Pavilion, 7.30pm
15th Seend CLT, Parish Masterplan consultation meeting
Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
17th Winter Community Seend Tidy-up, 9.30-11.30am
17th The Rod Stewart Experience, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
17th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT
25th Pumpkin Day at the Brewery Inn
28th Nosh & Natter lunch, Seend Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
28th Brewery Inn Quiz Night
29th Seend Community Centre Annual Meeting, 7pm

DIARY DATES FOR EARLY NOVEMBER

- 6th First Friday Coffee Morning, Seend Community Centre, 10-11.30am
7th African Harmony Workshop, Seend Community Centre, 10am-4pm

DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S DIARY

18th-20th February 2027 – Seend Fawltly Players' 47th pantomime 'Oz – The Panto!'



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 Community Centre and Seend Village Group **facebook** pages

WELCOME TO OCTOBER 2026 SPOTLIGHT



This month we enclose the British Legion Poppy Appeal envelopes – see Steve's item in the magazine about it.

Are we going to have an October Indian summer – or will it be more of a monsoon? Time will tell.

ADVERTISING IN SPOTLIGHT

Reminder that the deadline to submit advertising in Spotlight for the coming year is **October 1st**. Please send your adverts to spotlightads@btinternet.com.

Full details in August/September Spotlight – online at seend.org.uk if you've lost your paper copy.

Contributions for the November 2026 issue by 17th October please

- **Always email 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 -
Tessa Doe 07719 917814, Sue Isaac 07779 075383, Jan Field 01380 827140
- Send contributions by the deadline
- Use Word documents (or compatible) not PDF or jpg files
- Contact for Advertising is Chris Brooker 01380 828047
- Contact for Deliveries is Fiona Johnson 01380 828401
- Contact for Printing is Jan Field 01380 827140

Potential volunteer deliverers or printers contact Fiona or Jan

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 OCTOBER 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

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

Seend Community Centre – Annual Meeting

Thursday 29th October 7pm. Come along to our Annual Meeting in the Village Room (upstairs at Seend Centre). Meet the Committee, hear our news and put forward your ideas for the Centre.

We look forward to seeing you then. All welcome.

Seend Famous Summer Breakfasts



Many thanks to all the Breakfast Team volunteers and all those who came and enjoyed a delicious breakfast throughout the summer.

Special thanks to Martine Seager and Sue Wilford for organising it all.

Saturday 17th October The Rod Stewart Experience £15.00

Doors open at 7.30pm

Presented by The Seend Royal British Legion - Tickets available from Seend Centre Box Office or from Rusty's Bar.

Gary Peas aka “Rod Stewart” is not only one of the leading Rod Stewart Tributes, but also a Rod look alike. Come along and enjoy Rod's Greatest Hits.

Saturday 7th November – African Harmony Workshop 10am – 4pm £25 including lunch

With internationally acclaimed Zimbabwean-born musician Bruce Ncube.

No experience needed – all voices welcome.

Tickets: <https://wegottickets.com/f/2760#tickets> or contact

Victoriadrawingthewindvf@gmail.com

Friday 13th November

'We Meat Again' are back 5-8pm in car park Tasty Burgers, loaded fries and more.

Saturday 21st November Folk and Roots Charity Night 7:30 £12

Featuring Light Garden and The Band of Pilgrims

Expect “acid-folk” inspired songwriting, fiddle tunes, harmonium and Mongolian overtone chanting; as well as pedal steel, gospel and blues played by a full band. Charity Night in aid of David's charity Kind Waves which promotes kindness and wellbeing in education. Two highly acclaimed bands with village connections.

Tickets are available at Seend Centre or Devizes Books.

Sunday 29th November 11am

Performed by The Last Baguette Theatre Group

Twinkle Twinkle – a nocturnal journey for early years.

A playful, gentle journey based on the poem The Star by Jane Taylor (first published 1806) with original music. Puppetry, joyful jokes, a host of woodland animals and lots of starlight.

Leading family theatre group are back in Seend after a sell-out show last Christmas. Interactive and brilliant! Tickets will go on sale in October.

Saturday 5th December Christmas Wreathmaking Workshop with Jane

Morning and afternoon sessions are to be held this year. 9.30—12 and 1pm—3.30pm. Tickets are £40 to include all materials, festive refreshments and a light lunch or seasonal cream tea.

Jane Manning will guide you through making a large wreath in good company and with festive spirit. Limited places available.

Please note this a not-for-profit event – all revenue will go to Seend Centre.

Tickets to go on sale in October – seendcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Sat 12th December: Wiltshire Concert Band Christmas Concert 7.30

Raising funds for Devizes & District Food bank.

Saturday 19th December: Festive Bingo

7.30 for Eyes down at 8pm

Community Centre Regular Events



First Friday Coffee Mornings

The Coffee Morning will be held on Fridays 2nd October and 6th November from 10am -11:30 in the Lounge Bar. 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, just come along.

Nosh & Natter Lunches

The monthly lunch club meets from 12 noon for 12.30pm on the 28th of October and the 25th of November.

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.

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

Full bar available from 11:30am.

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

Quiz Nights - Wednesdays 30th September & October 27th

October 17th Gin Night

Pumpkin Day October 25th



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 FLOWER SHOW

Seend Flower Show 2026 - An impressive year!



A huge thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers who helped with setup and takedown, supporters, and Seend Primary School for the amazing sunflower exhibition and vibrant artwork. We had a fantastic turnout this year with 583 entries, beating our last two years and we welcomed over 500 spectators. We truly appreciate everyone who responded to our Facebook appeal.

Thanks to your wonderful support, we're delighted to continue our village donations to Seend School, the Playgroup, Spotlight, the Community Centre, the Wildflower Meadow, and a new contribution for the Churchyard garden maintenance.

We have started planning for next year and here is a date for your diaries.

Next year's Flower Show will be held on Saturday, the 7th August 2027.

With gratitude and thanks,

The Seend Flower Show Committee Julia White, SFS

SEEND OPEN GARDENS 12th & 13th JUNE 2027

We are starting to prepare for the Open Gardens Festival on the 12th and 13th June next year. It is usually a well-supported event, and we hope to make it bigger and brighter than ever. As always, these events cannot happen without the fantastic support we get from the village community.

If you have a garden, whether small or large that could be open to the public and you would like more information about what is involved, please contact Philippa Jackson (seendpcctreasurer@gmail.com) to discuss.

The gardens will be open between 1pm -6pm on Saturday and Sunday. The church will also be open for Bellringing, and we hope to have an art exhibition, plant stall and of course, the famous tea and cakes. We will need volunteers on the day for car park duties, manning the tea and cake stall etc. If you feel you could spare just an hour or two to help, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Philippa Jackson (seendpcctreasurer@gmail.com) for any further information and thank you in advance for any contribution you can make. Every little helps!

Warm Regards Open Gardens Committee

SEEND COMMUNITY LAND TRUST NEWS CLT News

Public Meeting: Parish Masterplan Consultation II - feedback and next steps

Date: 15 October 2026, 19.30 Seend Community Centre

All Welcome

LYE FIELD NEWS

During the last meeting of the Seend Lye Recreation Field (SLRF), it was agreed that we would look to increase the number of Trustees overseeing the Lye, by one to four. If anyone in the village would be interested in becoming a Trustee of the Lye Field, please contact myself at ricellinger@hotmail.com and I can inform you of what the role entails. There are only 4 meetings a year of the SLRF Management Committee.

HAVE YOUR SAY AT SEEND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS!

Did you know that residents have the opportunity to speak at every Parish Council meeting?

Public Participation takes place at the start of each meeting, giving residents the opportunity to raise concerns, share ideas, or comment on any item on the meeting agenda.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Chair will ask if any residents wish to speak. The Chair will then invite speakers in turn and may allow questions where appropriate.

This process is in place to ensure meetings remain effective, efficient, and focused, enabling the Council to make decisions and continue delivering for the community of Seend.

Please note that Public Participation is not a discussion or debate. It is an opportunity for residents to make their views known before the Council moves on to the formal business of the meeting.

Can't attend a meeting? You can still make your voice heard by:

Emailing your local parish councillor, who represents the parish on your behalf and can raise matters with the Council.

<https://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk/.../list-of.../>

Contacting the Parish Clerk at clerk@seendparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Signing up for the Council's news and updates.

<https://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk/.../seend.../news/>

Following the Seend Parish Council Facebook page to stay informed about meetings, news, and community updates.

Your views matter. By getting involved in the right way, you can help shape decisions and support the Council as it works to deliver positive outcomes for Seend.

Hayley Bell, Parish Clerk

SEEND SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

Across the three A361 SID locations – Bell Crossroads/Brewhouse, Beech House and the Lye Field – everyday speeds were broadly similar, generally sitting in the mid-30s mph. The main differences appeared in the highest speeds recorded: Bell Crossroads/Brewhouse saw the most extreme cases, including several vehicles travelling over 70 mph and two incidents above 85 mph. Beech House had fewer of these high-end speeders, while the Lye Field site remained the calmest overall.

You can read the full reports on: www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

If you'd like to join the Speedwatch team, please email

cllr.savage@seendparishcouncil.gov.uk.

67TH ANNUAL SEEND VILLAGE FETE

Seend welcomed families, neighbours and visitors for a day packed with colour and community spirit, and quite possibly this was the biggest and busiest Fete yet. In a year where so much can feel uncertain, there was something quietly powerful about a whole village choosing to come together, rolling up its sleeves, and simply enjoying being together. Our site was set up in the circular for the first time, which proved very popular with visitors. Our Artisan Avenue showcased a host of local makers, whilst our field was filled with music from Fantasy Radio, Melksham Ukulele Band and Frome-based Bloom Duo.

With community at its heart, the success of this year's Fete was once again built on collaboration, with everyone in our village coming together to have fun in the sun. Our field was buzzing! The Fete is powered by volunteers who are at the heart of our event, ensuring the best experience for visitors and tourists alike. None of this would be possible without our dedicated team, people who give their time simply because they believe in what this day represents. The Fete is always a highlight of the calendar and a time when we all come together. It reflects a strong and resilient community, and it's always a day to cherish. It's proof that when a village pulls together, good things multiply.

Combining all income (trader fees, sponsors, programme adverts and income from our village stalls), we raised £9,190.00 in profit for our community, so we should all celebrate this mega achievement, a real testament to what togetherness can build. This year's winner of the Bernie Prolze Prize, which celebrates an outstanding contribution to Seend Fete, went to Alison Bottomley. Alison currently runs the White Elephant stall, as well as the village 100 club. She effortlessly contributes to the village behind the scenes and has been a supporter of the Lye Field Committee for many years, quietly amplifying good in a hundred small ways most of us never see. Thank you, Alison!

We would also like to take a moment to thank Pete and Sian Lythell, who have run the BBQ for the past few years. They have run a tight ship on what is a very busy stall but alas, family life calls and they will be stepping away. The BBQ raised a whopping £2,268 in profit and is a mega contributor to our village success. It's been wonderful having your support, and we are very grateful to you and your team. Of course, this now leaves some big boots to fill.

We are now looking for a few new faces to keep this well-oiled machine cooking. If you can help, and would like to lead the BBQ team, please get in touch with us. The cost of the Fete is ever-increasing, and we are very grateful to our Site and Programme sponsors who support us. Our programme adverts raised £575, and our site sponsors, Seend CLT, The Gym (Westbury), The Flyer and Melksham Tyre Supplies, collectively donated £2,800 to help fund our event. Their continued backing is a reminder that supporting a community pays it forward in ways far beyond a single day.

For more information or to express interest in supporting next year's event, contact Liam Bergin on 07738 269 739 or email seendfete@gmail.com. Here's to more days like this, together.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE – SPOTTING SCAMS & PHISHING MESSAGES

One of the most common online threats today is the phishing message — those emails or texts that pretend to be from a trusted organisation but are really designed to trick you into clicking a link or handing over personal information. They often look convincing, using familiar logos and urgent language, but a few simple habits can help you spot them before any harm is done.

Start by pausing whenever you receive an unexpected message, especially one claiming there's a problem with your account, a missed delivery, or an urgent payment. Scammers rely on panic and speed, so taking a moment to breathe and look closely is your best defence. Check the sender's address: does it look unusual or slightly "off"? Hover over any links (without clicking) to see where they really lead — if the web address looks strange or doesn't match the company's official site, delete the message straight away. And remember, genuine organisations will never ask you to confirm passwords, bank details or security codes by email or text.

If something feels wrong, trust your instincts. Instead of using the link or number in the message, go directly to the company's official website and contact them using the details listed there. A quick check can save you from a costly mistake and keep your personal information safe.

SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW GROUP – (SPNPRG) UPDATE 20.8.2026

The Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan Review Group held its first meeting on Thursday 20 August at the Irene Usher Pavilion. Carola Thorpe had been invited by the Parish Council to Chair the Group, and she had accepted.

Other Parishioners who are members of the group are: Sarah Chard, Clive Upton, Olly Burton, Jackie Hamblin, and Lizzie Simes ~ the following are Parishioners and also Parish Councillors: Bridget Johnstone, Jamie Halliday, Debbie Savage, Pamela Akerman and Helen Robinson- Gordon.

The group agreed to meet on the third Thursday of each month, allowing regular progress updates to be provided to the Parish Council. Minutes and records of the group's work will be maintained, with updates also shared through the village Facebook group and *Spotlight*.

The main focus of the meeting was to settle administrative issues and share out tasks. We then explored how to review the existing Neighbourhood Plan, in relation to the revision of the Local Plan currently being undertaken. The planning consultants Place Studio, will provide vital guidance to us with this task. The group identified a number of questions to explore with them including housing need, the number of homes Seend Parish may be expected to provide, the settlement boundary, Rural Exception Sites and how new development is counted.

The group discussed the current Wiltshire Council Call for Sites process and the need to understand which sites in and around Seend Parish may have been put forward. A separate Call for Sites coming from this group will be discussed at the meeting with Place Studio. We discussed the Community Land Trust's emerging masterplan. The group agreed that it would seek to work constructively with the CLT as proposals develop, where this is in the interests of the wider parish.

The group is at the very start of this process, and there will be plenty of opportunities for Parishioners to contribute as the review develops. We will continue to provide regular updates and explain how Parishioners can get involved.

CHURCH NEWS



Maureen's (maybe controversial) Ramblings.....

I enjoy some of the daytime property shows, but I find some of the regular adverts quite disturbing. If they aren't about suffering children and animals, they are promoting funeral plans and "direct cremations" – a cremation without a funeral service. You know the adverts: soft piano music, sorrowful gazes and a gentle voiceover suggesting that, if you really love your family, you will sort out your funeral now – or risk leaving them financially ruined and emotionally devastated. Hmm! They feel rather manipulative to me and, being a cynic, I wonder whether the big corporate funeral providers are business rather than people first. Are there hidden costs? Is it a one-size-fits-all approach.....? Once upon a time, funerals seemed fairly straightforward. Someone died, you wore black, stood in a church/crematorium, sang some hymns and then shuffled off for weak tea and a sausage roll. Now there are options offering no fuss, no mourners and no ceremony. Cheap, simple and free from the stress of funeral planning. Sounds great, right? Well... yes and no. Of course, people may choose direct cremations because of financial pressures, environmental concerns or practical circumstances, and that is their decision. They can be affordable at a time when funerals can be eye-wateringly expensive, and they can free families from difficult decisions about services and wakes, etc. But is this really the most appropriate way for a family to say goodbye and begin their grief journey? What might be lost?

For me, a funeral is the opportunity for collective grief - the shared moment of pause in the busyness that surrounds a death. Funerals aren't just about the person who has died; they are also for those left behind - gathering together, sharing stories, celebrating a life, crying, reflecting and formally saying goodbye are all part of the grieving process. Without that, some people can feel rather lost. Direct cremations feel somewhat transactional: the person dies, they are taken away, cremated and the ashes returned, if requested. I have encountered families who, weeks or months afterwards, later regretted the decision, wishing they had done something – even a small gathering or a quiet service – to mark the loss.

I see a funeral as a rite of passage: a structured ritual helping us through the profound boundary between life and death. My desire is to enable a dignified gathering where we mourn, remember (hopefully with some humour!), give thanks for a life, acknowledge death and commend the deceased into the loving arms of God with a sense of future hope. Whether or not a family has an active Christian faith, I seek to offer a service that respects the integrity of everyone involved. Perhaps the most important question is simply: "What would help you to mark this death, to say thank you and goodbye?"

So, I'm rambling! But perhaps there is something here worth discussing. I would welcome your thoughts as I continue to reflect on this changing aspect of funeral ministry.

The Revd. Maureen Allchin (retired priest)

Rector	Rev. Gerry Lynch	07521 440 622
Associate Priest	vacant	
Safeguarding Lead	Rebecca Wilson	wellspringssafeguarding@outlook.com
Benefice Administrator	Gill Murray	07516 224 057
(office hours 9am -12noon Mon-Fri)		contact.wellsprings@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2026

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



Sunday 4th (Trinity 18)

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

Sunday 11th (Trinity 19)

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 18th (St Luke)

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

Sunday 25th (Last after Trinity)

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

Weds 28th

5pm	Celtic Service	Poulshot
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Every Tuesday, 9am Said Matins at Poulshot

Churches are open for private prayers during the week.

From the Registers

Funerals

22nd July Michael Elwyn Jones at Christ Church Bulkington

No baptisms or weddings.

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, 7th October at 12.15 for 12.30 at The Well.
Please contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (828116).

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



THE TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet from 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. on Monday 12th Oct.
(Venue to be confirmed nearer the time)

New people always welcome
Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on
Monday 5th October – 11.05am – 11.30 am.

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

The Ladies' Group will meet on Thurs 29th Oct. at 7.30 pm in Bulkington Village Hall. Sue Noad will be telling us one of her "Tall Stories!" They are always entertaining so we look forward to that. There will be the usual refreshments and raffle. Entry £3. Everyone welcome!

BULKINGTON HARVEST LUNCH

There will be a Harvest Lunch on Sat. 3rd Oct. in the Village Hall 12.15 for 12.30. This will be a Ploughman's followed by homemade crumbles and custard.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children. This will include tea, coffee, squash, or water.

All are welcome. For catering purposes it will be useful to know if you are coming. Liz Futter 828485.

Our Harvest service is on Sunday 4th Oct. at 4pm in the church. Non-perishable gifts of food will be given to Devizes Food Bank. The church will be decorated on Fri or Sat. and will be open every day from 9am to 5pm, so do pop in to see the displays of autumn flowers and fruit.

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Minutes of the general meeting of Bulkington Parish Council held on Monday 14th September 2026 at Bulkington Village Hall, Bulkington.

Present: Councillors P. Oakey (chair) J. Anderson-Hill, A. Breach, J. Socik.

In attendance: Proper Officer T. Hicks, Wiltshire Cllr. T. Reay.

MINUTES

Public Participation - There were no members of the public present. There were no petitions or deputations received.

Apologies - Cllr. Macalpine-Downie sent her apologies and the reasons for absence were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting - The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th July 2026 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED and duly signed by the chair.

Reports

The chair updated the meeting that the waste bins that were under contract with ID Verde have been successfully moved and adopted by Wiltshire Council. This ensures a continuation of service at no cost to the parish. The chair thanked Cllrs. Breach and Anderson-Hill for moving the telephone kiosk to next to the bus stop. The plan is to make this a seasonal floral display. At present it will be taped off until refurbishment has been completed, and the chair urged the public to keep away from it while this was being carried out. It was agreed for the clerk to tape off the kiosk and put signs up to keep the public away.

The council received an update from Wiltshire Councillor Tamara Reay.

The matters were:

- Planning changes and Local Plan scoping consultation. For more information: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy>
- Roadworks and traffic management. For upcoming planned roadworks, please go to <https://one.network>. The council requested that Cllr. Reay investigate why Bulkington was used as a diversion during the recent Bell Hill closure. With a working farm directly on the road and a school bus service, the village is unsuitable as a diversion route. It was also noted that the clerk to contact the sat nav companies to request this be updated.
- Wiltshire Council freight survey is now open and seeking residents views on how freight is managed within the county: <https://wiltshirefreight.commonplace.is>
- Household recycling centre booking is required from today at some sites. For more information of how to book, please see: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/20130/Household-Recycling-Centre-Booking-System-Pilot>
- Wiltshire Council has extended parking fees at their owned sites with fees being payable from 7am to 7pm, seven days a week. The excludes Marlborough High Street.

The council received the calendar.

The clerk gave a verbal report to update the council with her other parish responsibilities and also requested permission to purchase the remembrance wreaths.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Planning Matters to discuss

The council noted that no applications were received before the meeting.

The council noted the BPC Planning Schedule.

Maintenance

The weeds in the kerbs and the moss on the pavements are not being maintained by the parish steward to keep them looking tidy and safe. It was unanimously agreed for the clerk to write to Wiltshire Council to highlight this. It was also agreed for the clerk to investigate whether the grounds maintenance contractor could attend to this, but this would carry a cost.

On advice from the clerk, it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to apply to Wiltshire Council for a traffic survey initially, instead of purchasing white gates.

The council discussed the Action Plan and instructed the Clerk to update with agreed actions.

Governance

The council UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the draft Data Breach Policy.

The council UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the draft Subject Access Request Policy.

The council UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to adopt the meeting dates for 2027, and to change the start times to 7pm.

Finance

Payments Approved:

Clerk's expenses.

The council had received no further invoices/requests for payment prior to the meeting.

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

Budget and Precept - Members reviewed the first draft of the proposed budget and precept demand for 2027-28. It was agreed to carry forward for approval in November.

The council noted the new National Joint Council for Local Government Services agreed pay scales for 2026-27, and associated clerk's back pay.

Playground - The clerk updated the meeting that the playground had been inspected and when the report was received it would be circulated, with any remedial work to be considered and approved by email.

Correspondence - The council considered the correspondence received regarding the traffic in the village at minute reference 34.2 and 36.2.

Agenda items for next meeting - There were no matters requested to be added to the next agenda.

Confirmation of date of next meeting: Monday 9th November 2026 at 7.00pm.

Please note new time. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next council meeting.

Minutes prepared by the clerk.

15.09.2026

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



SEEND WI

WI has been busy since our last contribution to Spotlight.

In August our speaker Joe Pritchard gave an excellent talk on “The Probation Service”. His informative talk, illustrated with slides, was well received by members.

John Wilmout, our Speaker in September, gave members a brief insight into the vast world of minerals. Clearly an authority on the subject, he enhanced his talk with many specimens which he had brought with him.

It was interesting to discover that within some minerals, ruby for example, there was a vast array of shades.

October sees the return of Quiz Night with Chris Downham acting as Quiz Master. Family and friends are welcome on 14th October at 7.30 pm. Bring your own refreshments and you will be rewarded with some nibbles and a slice of our birthday cake.

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

On a glorious summer’s evening, “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang” at the Watermill was a most enjoyable performance of this well-loved musical. There were some hilarious moments prior to the show, when members clambered in and out of an old classic car positioned on the front lawn. This set the scene for a great show, with enthusiastic audience participation.

The talented cast of actor/musicians entertained us with great energy in this imaginative and magical story. They sang and danced with great gusto as they brought the fantasy car to life. Those attending thought it one of the best performances seen at the Watermill.

We return to the Watermill in October for “Murder before Evensong” based on Reverend Richard Cole’s bestselling mystery. When a shocking murder shatters the quiet village of Champton, suspicion spreads and long-buried secrets rise to the surface.

In our Autumn programme we are looking forward to “The Sea” starring Jennifer Saunders at Bath Theatre Royal in November and “Messiah” at Bath Abbey in December.

Further theatre trips have been booked for 2027. Details of all our events can 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 BRANCH – ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This year's Poppy Appeal runs from 22nd October to 11th November and a team of willing volunteers will be coming through Seend between these dates to collect your donations, all of which go to the RBL in support of serving personnel, veterans, and their families. You should have received Gift Aid envelopes in this issue of Spotlight. These are the best ways to donate, as it allows us to significantly increase our fund-raising for the Poppy Appeal. Please complete these and have them ready to be picked up by our collectors. Alternatively, you can pop the envelopes through my letterbox, at 50 Seend Cleeve.

Unfortunately, we are short of a few collectors this year. So I am looking for volunteers to cover the following areas – The Lye, Cooks Close, Row Lane and Seend Cleeve. If you are able to help, please reach out to me – my contact details are below. Lamp-Post Poppies will also be available for sponsorship during remembrance time. Sponsorship starts at £20 and in return we will place your personalised tribute on a poppy for you and will place the poppy at a suitable location. If you want to sponsor a Lamp-Post Poppy, please email or text me and I will get back to you with details.

The Remembrance Day Service this year is on Sunday 8th November, at the War Memorial at 10:40, before moving into the Church. There will also be a short service at the War Memorial on Armistice Day, 11th November, commencing at 10:45.

Our next social event is the Rod Stewart Experience, on Saturday 17th October. Tickets from Rusty's at Seend Centre and on-line, but they are selling fast.

Our AGM and next Committee Meeting will be on 22nd October, at Seend Centre.

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

In October we remember the following fallen from Seend:

Lieutenant James Cromwell Bush MC, born on 14th March 1891, son of the Reverend Herbert Cromwell Bush and Mabel, of the Vicarage, Seend. James enlisted in the Wiltshire Regiment but transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. He was Killed in air combat over France, on 9 Oct 1917, aged 27. James is buried in Neuville-en-Ferrain cemetery, France.

Corporal Ernest Howard Holden, son of George and Annie Holden of Seend Cleeve. Ernest served with the Wiltshire Regiment and the Royal Worcester Regiment. He died of wounds on 10 October 1918, in Rouen, aged 34. Ernest is buried at St Sever Cemetery extension, Rouen.

Private William Alfred Mattock born on 12 April 1884, son of Alfred and Emmeline Mattock, husband to Nellie and father to Cecil. He lived at Seend View, Seend. William served with the Wiltshire Regiment and the Royal Irish Fusiliers. He was Killed in Action on 11 October 1918, at Dadizeele, Belgium, aged 34. William has no known grave.

Private James Rance born in April 1893, son of George William and Elizabeth Rance, of Seend. He served with the Wiltshire Regiment and the Royal Irish Fusiliers. James was killed in Action on 3 October Malincourt, France, aged 25. He has no known grave.

Gunner Walter Salter born in January 1884, son of Walter and Emily Salter, of The Bakery, High Street, Seend. Walter served with the Royal Artillery. He was Killed in Action at Cambrai, France on 17 October 1918, aged 34. Walter is buried at Niagara Cemetery.

Lest we Forget

Steve Cubberley, Chairman – Seend Branch RBL.
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SEEND PLAYGROUP

We have welcomed Fabian, Toby and Birdie this term and hope they enjoy their time with us.

Thank you Amy for organising the ice cream van at the end of term in July. The children loved having ice cream for a treat, as their mouths and clothes told the story. Thank you to all the families and people from the village who came and had ice cream.



Thank you to the flower show for their cheque for the children entering the art-work. We have bought Christmas creative items with the money.

The children have settled back in well and enjoying having a sports coach on a Tuesday morning each week. We also had a Drama Tots taster session which the children who enjoyed and joined in with all the activities. We will be having Emmi back every Thursday afternoon for Drama Tots.

Our topic this term is Our Families and we will be having a coffee morning for Grandparents and Parents on 2nd October. The money raised will go to Macmillan.

We have been blackberry picking and children ate as many as we picked. We made blackberry and apple crumble with them.

Our last day of term is 20th October and we return on Monday 2nd November

Rose Dick, Playleader 07803 403356

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

It was a lovely warm sunny, late afternoon in early August, when 18 members met in Bromham for our evening picnic walk. Reg led us along tracks and lanes at a leisurely pace around the outskirts of Bromham and back to 'The Hub' where 2 more members met us for the picnic, sitting outside on the grass area we enjoyed our picnic which was washed down by a drink or two purchased from the bar in The Hub. A great way to spend a summers evening!



September walk was kindly led by Nick & Rachel. 14 members met at Westwood village near Bradford on Avon. We completed a circular walk of approx. 5 miles which saw us follow lovely footpaths, tracks and fields through Freshford and Iford villages before returning to Westwood (we passed Iford Manor which is open to the public on certain days and apparently has beautiful gardens and a good cafe, for future reference!!)

The route was new to all and the views of the surrounding countryside were beautiful. Thank you to Nick & Rachel for such a lovely route which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

October will see 18 members visit Lyndhurst in the New Forest for a 2 night stay.

November walk date - Sunday 15th.

That's all for this month.

Sandy

SEEND 100 CLUB

AUGUST DRAW

1	No.89	M Whitehead	£50
2	No.157	N Haines	£20
3	No.28	S Ewin	£20
4	No. 8	J Bowes	£20



SEPTEMBER DRAW

1	No.93	D Savage	£50
2	No.178	P Jackson	£20
3	No.58	B Powell	£20
4	No.73	J Harding	£20

Thanks to everyone at the Seend Breakfasts.
Alison Bottomley.

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

We've thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children back. It was great to celebrate some successes over the summer. Many of our children completed the Wiltshire Summer Reading Challenge and have been celebrated in our Goldbook worship.



A number of children also won an award for the best artwork entered in the Seend Flower Show as part of the Fete and there were certificates for the best grown sunflowers too.

This term we have kicked off the term with welcoming our new Reception children who have settled so well. They've already begun bikability and are engrossed in the class topic of seasons.

Our Y2/3 highlight is an animals topic in Science, last week culminating in a 'poo investigation' to determine whether an animal was a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore!

Y4/5/6 are thoroughly enjoying their Space topic in Science and have begun making moon buggies in DT linked to this.

Across the school we have had a safeguarding focus, reviewing our trusted adults and creating safeguarding hands. We've also taken part in the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe programme which further reinforces our safeguarding culture.

We have a series of open mornings coming up, one being Saturday 17th October. The whole school community will be there and getting hands on with our school garden renovation. School tours are also available.

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!

You can find even more updates on our school Facebook Page using this link:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1D3pBxwHqp/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

SEEND SHUTTLE NEWS



Lovely to have nearly a full bus for our September trip to Salisbury. As my landline is out of action please contact me on 07851008349 to book a seat for October 7th.

Road Closure. When the far end of Seend High street is closed and the 49 cannot go that way to Devizes we will still be able to run the shopping trips on Tuesdays to Melksham and on Thursdays to Devizes hopefully by using Spout Lane. We pick up from the Lye at 9.15 on Tuesdays and 9.05 on Thursdays.

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

Anita Shea

WILTSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

One thing I hear time and again when I meet farmers, landowners and rural residents is the frustration caused by rural crime.

Too often, people think of it as low-level offending or opportunistic theft. The reality is very different. Many of the offenders targeting our farms, businesses and rural communities are organised criminals. They travel across force boundaries, target valuable equipment and think nothing of the damage they leave behind.

As Police and Crime Commissioner, tackling rural crime remains one of my priorities. That is why I have invested £10,000 to provide around 280 forensic security marking kits for trailers used by farmers, landowners and rural businesses across the county. It is a practical step that will help deter thieves and improve the chances of stolen property being recovered.

Wiltshire Police is also working closely with the National Rural Crime Unit, neighbouring forces and partners through Operation Ragwort to identify offenders, disrupt criminal networks and protect our countryside. But policing alone is not enough.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes and other items of interest can be found on the Parish Council website seendparishcouncil.co.uk

NEWS FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Policing, Community Safety and Road Safety

Police visibility, speeding and anti-social behaviour are among the issues residents raise with me most often. While Wiltshire remains one of the safest areas in the country, I know that residents judge success by what they see happening in their own communities, and I am determined to ensure local concerns are acted upon.

Road safety is a particular priority for me. I want to thank the Community Speedwatch volunteers in Seend and Worton who give up their time to help make our roads safer. I'm also pleased that residents in Potterne and Poulshot are working to establish new teams, demonstrating the strength of local concern about speeding through our villages.

I continue to press the Police & Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson on the support available for Community Speedwatch groups. Volunteers are the backbone of the scheme, but they need effective backing from Wiltshire Police. Unfortunately, changes within the Roads Policing Unit have created some issues getting started in Potterne and Poulshot and I am demanding that this is resolved as soon as possible. I am also pushing for continued action on speeding enforcement. Wiltshire Police has issued more than 10,000 speeding tickets and speed awareness notices this year, but I know many residents still want to see greater visibility and enforcement where problems persist locally.

Tackling anti-social behaviour is another area where I have taken direct action. As Chair of the Devizes Area Board, I have established the Devizes Anti-Social Behaviour Review Group to scrutinise the effectiveness of the town's Public Spaces Protection Order and ensure agencies are responding effectively to concerns raised by residents and local businesses.

I regularly meet with Wiltshire Police and local partners to challenge, support and press for action where improvements are needed. I am pleased that the new Inspector Andy Lemon is focused on delivering a stronger policing response to anti-social behaviour in Devizes Market Place and across the area. Strong neighbourhood policing is essential, especially in rural areas where local knowledge can make all the difference.

Wiltshire remains the safest area in the Southwest, but that should never be an excuse for complacency. Whether the issue is speeding, anti-social behaviour, shoplifting or rural crime, I will continue pressing for resources, stronger partnership working and practical action to address the concerns residents raise with me.

Residents can also hear directly from the Devizes Neighbourhood Policing Team at Area Board meetings. The next meeting takes place at Needham House (Victoria Road, SN10 1FA) on 9 November and provides an opportunity to hear updates and raise local policing concerns directly.

Tamara Reay

Wiltshire Councillor for Devizes Rural West.
Tel: 07711 824864 Email: tamara.reay@wiltshire.gov.uk

SEEND SPORTING DRAMATIC AND LITERARY

SAILING: In the last week of August Ric Ellinger and Simon “skipper” Harding took part in, and indeed won, a sailing competition known as “The Duffers Cup” down on the Helford estuary in Cornwall. The event involved some 10 two-man crews each in a 13 foot dingy, with a sail and mini bar over a four and a half mile course. The boys completed the course in just over an hour. This was the first time that they have won this event after over a decade of trying. I have actually seen the cup presently resting in Dial Close but which I think ought to be on display in The Community Centre, preferably near the bar, when these jolly sailors will be most pleased to tell the tale of their victory in detail.

TENNIS: Seend had just one team playing in the mixed doubles section of Chippenham and District Tennis League this season. They dominated their division playing 10 matches and winning all 10. The team will be presented with the cup at the annual presentation evening at Trowbridge Rugby Club on the 9th of October when, maybe, one of our star players, Karin Dolak, just might collect an individual trophy as she has been nominated as the league’s young player of the season. Many thanks to this season’s league players, Fiona Stanford, Anna Potts, Karin Dolak, Megan Close, Syd Evenden, Emilia Churchill, Caron Wordsworth, Carrie Watson, and Lottie Churchill along with the male supporting cast of Harry Waylen, Tom Collins, Liam Bergin, Marek Dolak and Tim Mackie. Congratulations to the team who will now be promoted to Division 3 for next season. Meanwhile Seend will be entering a team for the winter league which will start as soon as it is dark enough not to be able to see the ball. All newcomers to the village who would like to join up for league matches please contact me and I would be very pleased to hear from you. I understand that the new occupants of Beech House and The Dial House include some keen tennis players so welcome to Seend and do step forward as we would love to see you on court.



CROQUET: On the 16th of August the inaugural World Series Seend Croquet Tournament took place on a very dry, virtually grass free, south lawn at Manor Cottage. Two groups of players vigorously fought to obtain places in a four ball final which was comprehensively won by Carew Wilkes who was presented with the winners cup, christened the “Babe Ruth Cup”, after that great baseball player who died on the 16th of August 1948, along with another large gin and tonic. Indeed the drinks trolley seemed to play a central, but not unexpected, role in the event and in that respect some stewards’ guidance will need to be drawn up before the second tournament scheduled for the first weekend after the clocks go forward next spring. All will be welcome and updated information to follow in future editions of Spotlight. Anyhow congratulations to Carew!

FOOTBALL: Having won the first division of the Trowbridge and District football league for the last three years Seend will be resting for the 2026-2027 season, no doubt giving other teams an opportunity. The Lye Field pitch continues to be used every week by, amongst others, Lavis F.C, a Trowbridge based team, and Chippenham Rangers, managed by Aaron Latchem. In addition Simon Cooper from Cleeve House in Seend very recently organised an extremely successful Women’s 7 a side football tournament on The Lye involving teams from London, Box and Malmesbury.

So there is still plenty of good football played on The Lye field to watch in Seend if the journey to Old Trafford appears too daunting.

SHORT MAT BOWLS: So sorry to have missed the last match and annual SMBD dinner Colin. Anyhow I trust that you all made good use of the new kitchen. Do please remind me nearer the time of the first match of the season. Onwards!

CRIBBAGE: My eyes and ears to the quasi Masonic rules and machinations of cribbage come in the form of Jan Harding who tells me that the new season is about to start when Seend will have three teams in the Devizes league. There was recently a pre-season warm up event so the Seend players should be finely tuned for the coming battles.

DARTS: Where is the match report and update that you promised me Harry?

CRICKET: Although Seend has not fielded its own team for a few seasons now, the wonderful pitch, with Oliver's Castle in view over at Roundway, is regularly used by the Melksham 3rd team. Some of the former younger players from Seend, Josh Hamblin and Paris Goddard, did play for Keevil in a match against Burbage on the 22nd of August scoring a traditional 0 and a respectable 31.



Bank holiday Monday did witness the long standing Big Heads v Little Heads cricket match full details of which will mean an evening visit to The Brewery. Where the trophy and the roll of honour for that contest lives.

LITERARY: I did mention in a recent volume of Spotlight that we have three active authors in the village, Sir Mathew Thorpe, Janey Wilkes and Teresa Hamilton, but the true figure, and perhaps counting, is four ! Apologies for missing out Fiona Stanford, author of "Don't Say Goodbye". I hope that 2027 will see further publications from our quartet, but with all the doom and gloom building up behind AI I trust they will not turn out to be Seend's Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

PLACES of GREAT HISTORICAL SPORTING EVENTS: Congratulations to John Williams for getting the correct answer to the July brain teaser. The clue was "Where the talkative rodent netted most of his Zulu content" with the answer obviously being Roland Garros. The rodent being Roland Rat, talkative is garrulous, take out from garrulous the letters ulu from Zulu and you are left with garros... Roland Garros !

On to this month's clue, the answer being two words, 8 letters and 7 letters. The clue is "Something from us, a slurry pit!"

Emma will be waiting at the bar in the Community Centre with a free drink, hot or cold, for whoever presents her with the first correct answer.

All news, fixtures, book reviews and scores to the leader board by 16th October please.

Frankie Goddard 07854 660582

BITS AND BOBS

WILTSHIRE TOWNS AND THEIR BUILDINGS – HIDDEN GEMS Study Day – 3rd October – 10.30-16.15 (from 10.00)

A Closer Look at Chippenham - John Chandler
Oriel Cottage, Salisbury – Timber & Text - Suzanne Keene
Westbury: Town and Borough - Steve Hobbs
1-3 Northgate Street, Devizes – A Tale of Two Fires - Dorothy Treasure
Town Halls and Market Halls – A Fine Heritage - James Holden

At The Bromham Community Hub, New Road, Bromham SN15 2JB

£27, Senior Citizens £26, Students £22, Members £20.50

Optional Buffet Lunch (booked in advance)

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Wiltshire Council

The Philomel Singers present

GLORIA

A concert of beautiful choral music for Autumn with guest soloists

St Katharine's Church, Holt - Saturday, 10 October 2026 at 7.30pm

Tickets: (£12 (£10 in advance)/students & children £4 (£2 in advance)

from Ticket Secretary 07977 576647 or online at:

www.wegottickets.com/ThePhilomelSingers

Concert given in support of Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance

New local theatre company performs powerful all female play at The Wharf Theatre, Devizes.

Playhouse Creatures by April de Angelis

This tragi-comic play, set in 1660s London, focuses on the first English actresses allowed on stage after the Restoration.

It explores the lives, struggles and camaraderie of five women navigating a male-dominated world, dealing with sexual exploitation, ageing, and the fight for artistic freedom. Bawdily funny yet profound, Playhouse Creatures explores the pitilessness of ageism and the need for economic independence.

The play highlights the harsh realities of the early theatre scene, where actresses were often seen as 'animals' or 'creatures', rather than respected professionals.

Produced & directed by Debby Wilkinson of 3rd Third Theatre.

When: Oct 8th, 9th, 10th 2026 at 7.30pm

Where: Wharf Theatre, Devizes

Tickets: www.wharftheatre.co.uk



The Arts Society of Devizes

October 21st in the Corn Exchange, Devizes

"The Bayeux Tapestry – 950 Years of Propaganda, Intrigue and Spin"

given by Timothy Wilcox

The Bayeux Tapestry is instantly recognisable and one of the most outstanding cultural objects to survive from the early Middle Ages. Long admired for its vivid narrative, today it is the unanswered questions that most intrigue modern audiences: was it made in England or France? Was it stitched by men or women? This sparkling lecture looks not only at its creation, but also at its more amazing afterlife.

Timothy Wilcox was a museum curator in the British Museum Department of Prints and Drawings following positions at the V&A, in Liverpool and Hove. As a freelance curator and lecturer, he has organised exhibitions on Laura Knight, Hilda Carline, John Sell Cotman and John Constable, at venues including Tate, The Lowry the Wordsworth Trust and Dulwich Picture Gallery.

Why not come to this lecture as a guest?- £8 donation on the door. 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. Please be in your seats for 10:45 am. Lecture starts at 11 am through to 12 noon. Coffee is available beforehand.

White Horse Opera are performing Verdi's La Traviata at the Wharf Theatre Devizes

on Tues 27th, Wed 28th and Fri 30th October at 7.30pm and
on Sat 31st October at 2pm.

It will be a fabulous show please do consider joining us.
Wonderful music sung in English with orchestra and fully staged.

Tickets just £20 from Devizes Books (cash only) and
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera>



Choral Classics Sacred choral masterpieces

Sunday 18th October, Holy Trinity Church,

Bradford on Avon at 3pm

Tickets £16 (Under 18s and students £5) from cantamuschamberchoir.co.uk

SHAKESPEARE LIVE – SHAKESPEARE’S GREEN EYED MONSTER

O beware of Jealousy! It is the green-eyed monster...

Jealousy and envy – powerful and destructive emotions that sow doubt, suspicion, disgust, anger and even murder.

Shakespeare’s Green-Eyed Monster is a full-length play created by director Gill Morrell for Shakespeare Live from extracts and quotes, some serious and even tragic, but others light-hearted and full of laughter.

Including scenes from Othello, The Winter’s Tale, Twelfth Night, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, The Merchant of Venice, Cymbeline, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Two Noble Kinsmen and many more, this is an entertainment for anyone who enjoys great theatre.

An ensemble cast will transport you into these differing worlds united by the theme of green-eyed jealousy ...

Touring to six venues, opening at

The Rondo Theatre in Bath on Sat 17th October, followed by

The Wharf in Devizes on Sun 18th October. We’re then at

Marden House Centre in Calne on Weds 21st October, at the

Town Hall in Corsham on Thurs 22nd October, at

The Merlin in Frome on Fri 23rd October, and finally at

The Cause in Chippenham on Sat 24th October.

All performances start at 8pm and

tickets are £16 - book tickets at ticketsource.com/shakespearelive.



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 for 7.30pm. Visitors £6 on the door. Annual subscription £35. Contact us: devizesflowerclubuk@gmail.com - facebook:

@devizesflowerclub instagram: devizes_flowerclub





MARKET LAVINGTON CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR

We're back! The fifteenth annual **CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR** in aid of the **Army Benevolent Fund** will be held on

Saturday November 14th at **Market Lavington Community Hall** from 10am to 2pm. Start your Christmas shopping with us! You're bound to find the perfect present from lots of stalls featuring handmade crafts and produce, including jewelry, textiles, home decor, glass, wood, greeting cards, preserves, Christmas cards and decorations. Plus a Tombola and refreshments!

Profits from the Fair will help the ABF to help soldiers, ex-soldiers and their families. We have so far raised nearly £16,000! Entrance is free to the Fair, but a £1 coin (or more!) in one of our buckets as you come in would make all the difference!

Don't forget to look at our October online colour supplement, - available shortly on seend.org.uk - for photos of events throughout the summer.

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

AND FINALLY.....

William Shakespear walks into a pub.
The Landlord shouts "You're bard!"

What do you call a cow with no legs?
Ground beef.

How does a burglar get into a house?
Intruder window.

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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.**

