

# Happenings!

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## Des Edwards

Des was an early Seend Social Club stalwart and secretary for a number of years. He will be sadly missed. Many a glass will be raised in his honour in the Desmond Edwards Lounge bar.

## For indoor sporty types ...

### Skittles competitions:

**Ladies and Gents singles** on 6th February, and **Mixed Pairs** on April 10th. Please contact Russ Collins on 07970 555 8309 before 4th February to enter. Entry fee £1.50 per person. It doesn't matter if you're not an experienced player - just join in and have some fun.

### Snooker:

The first round of **Seend Club Snooker Competition** will be drawn on Sunday 7th February. Entry fee £1 - please enter your name on the list in the Club.



## Nosh & Natter lunch club

The Christmas and January lunch club meetings were much enjoyed. There's no meeting in February, but two in March - 3rd and 31st. Please ring John and Lilian on 828540 to book.



## WEA Spring Course

Our next series of eight lectures '**An Introduction to Landscape History**'

with tutor Ian Meadows starts in the upstairs room at 7.30pm on **Monday 1st February**. To book phone Pam Church on 828597. There are concessions for people on low incomes; ask Pam if you think you may be eligible.



## Valentine Dance

**8pm 13th February**  
**Tickets £15 (including meal). Tel: 01380**

**828846. Proceeds to Help for Heroes charity**

## Seend Faulty Players'

**31st village panto**

**'Androcles & the Lion'**

**7.30pm 18th/19th February**

**7pm 20th February**

**Tickets £5 (£3 children & OAPs) from the Shop/PO, Community Centre & Brewery Inn.**



Chris Waylen as a Roman God singing opera? Roger Brind as an Emperor bullied by his slaves? Andy Nutland playing Androcles as a mixture of Spartacus and Mr Bean? You've just got to come along and see for yourself. Oh yes you have!



**British Legion  
Dugout Supper  
Saturday 27th February  
Cabaret, supper and**

**raffle.** All welcome to this annual party. Tickets £12.50 from: Peter Fisher (828305), Roger Brind (828830), Nigel Knocker (828609), or Anthony Hodgkinson (828545),

**Acoustic Music Night**

**7.30pm Saturday 13th**

**March.** Presented by Melksham Rotarians in aid of 'Hope and Homes for Children'. Tickets £8:00 from Auto Line Service Station, Spa Road, Melksham, or ring 07706 059 365.



**Barb and Lou's disco**

**In aid of Breast Cancer  
and Dorothy House  
20th March 8pm**

Phone Barb on 828786 for details.

**National Trust  
Winter Lecture**

**"Avebury and its long history"**

**Speaker: Mr Chris Penny.**

Saturday 27 March 2010 at 2.15pm  
in Seend Community Centre.

Admission: Association Members  
£2.00, Visitors £3.00.



**Want to learn Spanish?**

An experienced and qualified teacher would like to run group classes in the Community Centre.

Interested? Please contact Claudia Pineros on 01380 827225 or claudiapineros@hotmail.co.uk

**Looking back.....  
Annual Meeting  
Report**



At the Annual Community Centre and Club village meeting on 26th November, Chairman, Peter Fisher, welcomed everyone and expressed the hope that there would be continued cooperation in future between bodies such as the Community Centre, the Lye Field and the Church.

Members of the committee reported on the **financial position** of the Centre (now looking pretty healthy!) and the many **improvements made to the premises** - largely thanks to various grants obtained. The Centre is used for a wide range of activities as well as private parties. The Committee would always be glad to hear of **new ideas** for community activities - preferably backed up with an offer to help organise them! A new Activities Group had already resulted in the 'Battle of the Bands' reported opposite.

The Committee has since considered several **points raised from the floor:**

**WiFi coverage** and computer provision would no doubt be popular, but the costs involved, together with the necessity of staffing the Centre during use, and the fact that internet access is readily available at libraries and colleges, led the Committee to decide against following up this suggestion at present.

Several suggestions about maximising **Club membership** subscriptions were made. The Committee has decided to print a flyer to go out with the March edition of Spotlight reminding people that annual subscription is due and giving new or renewing members the choice of visiting the Club bar to pay as usual, to post the form and payment or to take it to any Committee member.

Whilst Club membership is not required to attend activities or functions in the main hall or meeting rooms, it is required to use the lounge bar, snooker and pool tables. Subscriptions are a valuable source of income for us.

A suggestion that Club members should be able to pay lower prices for drinks in the main hall was considered but will not be taken up. The Community Centre hall is quite a separate concern from the Club - quite unlike the old days when the whole building was 'The Club'. It was felt that offering different prices at the Hall bar would lead to confusion and to Club members being asked to buy on behalf of other people. Club members are, of course, welcome to walk round to the Club lounge to buy their drinks at lower prices.



There was a request for the **TV screen in the Club bar** to be upgraded. This was already being investigated, and a purchase is likely in the near future, so watch out for more big screen sports!

Finally, it was suggested that we should be the venue for a **McMillan Coffee Morning** next September. We will gladly do so if we are not treading on the toes of other would-be organisers, so will make enquiries nearer the time.

Thanks to all those who attended the meeting and aired their views.

## Battle of the Bands

Many thanks to Josh Hamblin for organising the 'Battle of the Bands' back in November.



It brought a lot of young people to the Community Centre - some from as far as Pewsey! - to enjoy an alternative kind of evening's entertainment.

Josh hopes to organise another music event on 15th May- so watch out for details.

## Christmas & New Year

The **Christmas Concert** (sponsored by D & M Gompels) consisted of a lovely mixed programme from Due Voci. The **Christmas Draw** resulted in a lot of happy winners - as did Sam's **Christmas Bingo!** **BJ's Boxing Day Bash** was a good way to relax and recover from the big day, and the **New Year's Eve Karaoke party** attracted a good crowd (thanks to Trudy Waylen for providing the karaoke equipment). About 50 people joined in the **New Year's Day Walk** on a lovely sunny, frosty morning. Thank you to those who prepared and served the soup and pasties etc.

## Wine and Food Fair

Way back in early November, the Centre filled up with people sampling the wares of Majestic Wines, tucking into a splendid buffet and purchasing goodies from the local food producers who set up stall for the evening. Many thanks to all who made the evening possible - particularly Jo and Colin Waldeck and Marion Whitehead. The next is planned for 20th November.

## New Year Quiz

The £40 1st prize went to the 'Knights of the Square Table', with 'Crispy Ambulance' 2nd and 'The Glistening Helmets' (who donated their prize money to the Centre) in 3rd place. Wooden spoons and the prize for the best name (a tough contest as you can see!) went to 'Fat Kids always win at See-saw'. Many thanks to Graham and Tony. The next quiz is on 22nd May.



## Burns Night Supper

Tickets sold out well in advance!  
Report next issue.

## Membership

Seend Club Membership runs from April 1st to March 31st. If you renew membership before March 31st, you pay the discounted price of £7 (usually £8) or half that for 14-17-year-olds or over 60s. New members joining now also gain free membership for February and March this year.

## Refurbishment

Work is under way to improve the backstage facilities, and (thanks to John Smallshaw's persistence yet again!) we have some funding from the Melksham Area Board towards both this work and new fire exit doors in the lounge.

We are putting Ron Westacott's legacy of £1000 towards the backstage area. With his long connection with the village pantos it seems appropriate.

The poorly-functioning sensor taps in the toilets have been replaced, and new paving has been laid outside the main doors.

Next we want to smarten up the area behind the bar - which bar-person Eileen has kindly offered to help with when she's not too busy! And work is underway on the boiler and heating system, which has had a major fault and caused considerable problems this winter.

It's never ending, so please support our fund-raising events!

## Any suggestions?

Please write in the Suggestions Book kept behind the bar, or talk to any committee member. If you'd like to join the Activities Group, please ring Tessa on 828617.

## Future diary dates:

**St George's Day Dinner - 23rd April.** Tickets from Peter Fisher.

**Seend Beer Festival - 1st May**  
**Rural Arts Wiltshire - Barb Jungr**  
in concert on 9th May

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**Private Hire** - To hire the main hall or meeting rooms, ring Frank on 828617.