

Happenings!

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS' 34th Village Pantomime 'The Golden Slipper'

7.30pm on 14th & 15th Feb
7pm on Sat 16th Feb



Not many people know that the Cinderella plot - and all similar 'rags to riches' tales - probably originated from an Ancient Egyptian story of a Greek slave girl and a Pharaoh. The Fawlties have taken this as the starting point for their 2013 panto, so they've been able to combine exotic scenery and costumes with the familiarity of characters very like Cinderella and Prince Charming, Ugly Sisters and a Fairy Godmother in unusual form. Of course, you'll have plenty of chances to join in - Oh Yes You Will! Tickets (£5 or £3 concessions) are available from the Shop/PO, Community Centre and Brewery Inn. Proceeds will go to local good causes. The Community Centre, British Legion & WI will all benefit from interval raffles.

We still need new blood to take on Front of House and Box Office duties. Please, please ring 828617 if you can help.

'OWDYADO THEATRE COMPANY 'Wrongdoings and Wake Up Calls at the Stop-Off Motel'

Saturday 23rd February at 8pm

Tickets (£8) are available from the Shop/PO and the Community Centre.

***Strong language and drug references;
unsuitable for under-15s.***

An exciting young professional theatre company from Cornwall brings us a tale of two people waking up in a Las Vegas motel with only vague memories of how they got there. *"Part detective drama, part dark farce and bursting with their trademark energy.... keeping the audience on the edge of their seats from start to finish."*

SEEND CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Special Offer! Join the Club or renew your membership between now and 31st March and save £1! Membership is normally £10, or £6.50 for 14 - to 17 year-olds & over-60s. But, if you pay before

1st April you save a whopping £1 on either membership type. Membership entitles you to low prices in the Lounge Bar any evening, plus use of the snooker table, dartboard, book & game swap and occasional sporting events on the Big Screen TV. You can sign up and collect your new membership card from the bar.

And, if you give us your email address you will be entered in a monthly draw for a free drink!



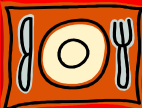
Fridays - early opening: The Desmond Edwards lounge is open to members and guests from 6pm on Fridays, staffed by volunteers and with nibbles on the bar! Start the weekend here! The bar opens at 7.30pm on other evenings.

SKITTLES COMPETITIONS

Sign up in the bar by 6th February for the Men's and Ladies' Singles competition on Saturday February 9th, and by 6th March for the Mixed Pairs on 9th March. You can also ring Russ on 07905 558309.

An entry fee of £1.50 per person funds the many prizes on offer. These are fun competitions for players of all abilities. (*Yours truly won last year, so absolutely anyone can! Ed*)

Watch out also for the 3-a-side competition early in the summer.



NOSH 'N' NATTER LUNCH CLUB

To book your sociable lunch on Wednesdays 27th February, 27th March & 24th April, please phone 01380 828540.

FREE FILM SHOWS for Seend Club members

The showing of **'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'** that was postponed because of a weather forecast that didn't quite materialise will now happen at **7pm on Sunday 17th February**. It will immediately be followed by the last part of **'Mao's Last Dancer'** for



those who were at the earlier showing when the DVD played up.

The last two film shows of the 2012/13 season are: **'Amazing Grace'** - **Tuesday 26th February at 7.30pm** - much praised biopic of William Wilberforce with splendid British cast - and **'Anna Karenina'** on **Sunday 24th March at 7.30pm** - the 2012 blockbuster version of the classic tale.

Please show your membership card, or you can join on the door. Visitors from outside Seend accompanying members can join for the one film show only for £1. Discussions are under way as to whether to renew the film licence for another year.

SEEND ACOUSTIC CLUB

7.45 for 8pm in the upstairs room, the Acoustic Club is a great evening out; if you haven't tried it yet, come along soon. £3 entry unless shown otherwise. There are supporting acts and floor spots as well as the main guests.



Please note that Club nights are changing from March onwards from Tuesdays to Wednesdays, except where booked artistes could not change from Tuesday.

Forthcoming guests are:
Tuesday 5th February - **Damian Clarke** (hammer dulcimer, hurdy gurdy and vocals).
Tuesday 12th February - **The Croutons** - a unique acapella sound.

Tuesday 19th February - **The Black Feathers** – a mix of English, Irish and Bluegrass.

Wednesday 6th March - popular regular visitor **Nick Tann**.

Tuesday 19th March - 'gorgeous country folk' from **Jess Morgan** £4

Wednesday 3rd April - the young duo who impressed at last year's Beer Festival, **The Drystones**, £4

Tuesday 16th April - folk-rock band **Bateleurs**.

See you there? And watch out for details of the **Seend Acoustic Festival** on 6th-7th September. Top acts are being booked as we write.

A NIGHT IN HONG KONG



**Saturday March 2nd
7.15 for 7.30pm**

Following the success of last year's Chinese evening. We have another Chinese banquet for you, with music, film and demonstrations thrown in. Tickets cost £16.50 and are available in the Post Office or call 828401. This sort of event often sells out, so book early!

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 6th April at 7.45pm.

Teams of up to four are invited to compete for a generous cash prize (plus other prizes including best team name) at the next Quiz, devilishly compiled by Graham Hickman and Tony Daly. £2 per head entry. Interval snacks and bar available.

Phone 01380 828617 to book a table in advance.



NATIONAL TRUST LECTURE

The last of the Winter Lectures organised by the North & West Wilts National Trust Association, is **Dad's Underground Army** on Saturday 16th March at 2.15pm. Ask Max Bolton about membership.

Admission: Association members £2, non-members £3.

CHARITY DISCO

Unfortunately, Barb and Lou's long-standing annual charity disco, planned for March 16th, looks like having to give this year a miss. Maybe next year?

ST GEORGE & SHAKESPEARE CELEBRATION

**Tuesday April 23rd,
7.45pm in the upstairs room**

Another cosy buffet supper with tongue-in-cheek entertainment to celebrate St George's Day and Shakespeare's birthday, following the popularity of last year's event. Tickets will be available about a month in advance.



LOOKING BACK....

The Wine and Food Fair was a sell-out, and made a splendid £860 for the Community Centre's coffers. Christmas events went well, with Sam's Bingo well-attended and enjoyed and BJ's Boxing Day Bash a very popular celebratory day. Thanks to both of them. We think the Wine Circle was a success but most of the people who were there can't remember...



The Acoustic Club Christmas Party had good music, silly games and Jen's famous mince pies. The Yuletide Quiz - with crackers and more of Jen's mince pies - was an excellent evening attracting 12 teams (next one is 6th April). Mince pies also featured at the showing of Christmas Cartoons. We were extremely lucky to have a beautiful crisp, sunny morning for the New Year's Day Walk, followed by yummy home-made soups. January also saw two very different but highly watchable dramatic productions, 'The Beggar's Opera' from Devizes' White Horse Opera company, and the home-grown Highly Strung Theatre Company's ghost story 'A Face of Crumpled Linen', which raised funds for Revival Trowbridge. The WEA course on modern poets is every bit as good as we hoped it would be. The Burns Night Supper is happening pretty much as we write, but we know it's another sell-out.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES at the Centre

Seend Singers

Usually Tuesdays
10.15am-middayish.
Call 828508 to check.



Zumba/conditioning classes with Emma Hibberd (*term-time only*)

Tuesdays from 9-9.45am.

Short-mat bowls

Mondays from 7.30pm (phone
Colin on 828946).

Refurbishment update

Christmas etc got in the way a bit, with a couple of sessions spent assembling and decorating the Christmas tree and then dismantling it again! However, our gallant band (The Dregs) has continued to meet on Friday mornings for maintenance and cleaning duties. We are currently adding finishing touches to the snooker room, and planning new doors for the main entrance. **More help is needed**—no special skills required. Phone Frank on 828617.



Over to you....

Please write any comments or ideas in the suggestions book behind the bar (with your name please). Or talk to any committee member - Hatty, Max, Richard and Marion, Frank and Tessa, Bruce, Gill, Frankie or BJ. Thanks.

More dates for your diary

Feb 6th - **Melksham Area Board**
meeting 7-9pm

May 4th - The unmissable
Seend Beer Festival

June 2nd - **The Big Lunch**
(bring a picnic)

July 6th - **Summer Ball**

July 13th - Start of **Summer
Saturday Breakfasts**

July 13th - Bath Opera's
'Don Giovanni'

July 20th - **Bhangra Night!**
Indian music and supper

August 10th - **Flower Show**

Sept 6th-7th - the second
Seend Acoustic Festival

To hire the hall, lounge or meeting rooms, phone 07703 814111