

SPOTLIGHT

SEEND & BULKINGTON



DEC 2010 / JAN 2011

DIARY DATES FOR LATE NOVEMBER

- 26th Ramblers' Social, Pavilion, 7.30 for 8pm
- 27th WI Christmas Bazaar, Pavilion, 10am-2pm
- 27th Film show, 10am, Christ Church, Bulkington
- 27th Concert, Sounding it Out, 7.30pm Holy Cross, Seend
- 27th Pond clearing at Seend School

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 1st Shuttle Shopping Trip (phone Terry on 828203 to book by Monday 29/11)
- 1st Historic Houses Club trip to Longleat
- 3rd School Christmas Fayre, 6-8pm
- 3rd Theatre Club to The Messiah, Bath Abbey
- 4th Film show, 10am, Christ Church, Bulkington
- 4th Concert by Stage 7, Christ Church Bulkington, 7pm
- 4th Sam's Christmas Bingo, 8pm Community Centre
- 5th Christingle service, 4pm, Seend
- 6th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 7th Acoustic Club - guest Brian Humphries, Community Centre, 8pm
- 9th White Horse Opera Christmas Concert, St John the Baptist, Devizes, 7.30pm
- 10th Classic Ghost Story, 7.30pm upstairs in Community Centre
- 11th Film show, 10am, Christ Church, Bulkington
- 11th Devizes Chamber Choir, St John's Church, Devizes, 7.30pm
- 11th Melksham Choral Society's 'Creation', Melksham Oak School, 7.30pm
- 12th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am
- 12th Carol singing at Cleeve House, 3pm
- 14th Nosh and Natter, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30
- 15th Theatre Club to 'With a Song in my Heart', Salisbury Playhouse
- 18th Film show, 10am, Christ Church, Bulkington
- 18th & 19th Great Bulkington Railway trips to see Santa, 1-4pm
- 20th Mobile Library: times as for 6th December
- 21st Acoustic Club - guests The Sodburys, Community Centre, 8pm
- 23rd Crib Service, Vicarage garden, 4pm

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY

- 1st New Year's Day walk, 11am Rusty Lane
- 5th Shuttle Shopping Trip (phone Terry on 828203 to book by Monday 3rd)
- 15th New Year Quiz, 7.45pm Community Centre
- 15th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT
- 16th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am
- 17th Mobile Library: times as for 6th December
- 18th Acoustic Club, guests Thornbridge Trio, Community Centre, 8pm
- 22nd Burns Night, Community Centre
- 23rd Cricket Club AGM, Community Centre, 8pm
- 26th Nosh and Natter, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30
- 29th Ramblers' skittles evening, Corsham Football Club, 7.30pm
- 31st Mobile Library: times as for 6th December

Newcomer to Seend?

Call in at the shop/PO and ask for your copy of the **Welcome booklet**, which tells you all you need to know about the village - and visit www.seend.org.uk

WELCOME TO DECEMBER & JANUARY SPOTLIGHT



Firstly, we apologise to you all for the size of print in last month's Spotlight. This was due to technical problems that could not be resolved before we went to print. It was not because Anne and Tessa have taken out shares in Haine and Smith as was suggested by one wag! We are sorry you all had to polish up your specs and dig out the magnifying glasses. Fingers crossed it won't happen again.

Not surprisingly, the Christmas and New Year season in our villages is crammed with lots of things to do - both religious and secular. Many events are to raise funds for the facilities and organisations that our community is so lucky to have - so your support will be much appreciated by those who put a lot of effort into making these things happen.

From Bingo to Burns Night, from the School Fayre to the WI Christmas Bazaar, via Christmas Carols, a New Year's Walk, a scary Ghost Story, Songs from the Shows, Nosh and Natter, the Acoustic Club and the Great Bulkington Railway - there really must be something for everyone. There are a number of fund-raising Christmas Draws going on, with lots of prizes - just look around in the Shop, pubs, and Community Centre. And, of course, there are special Church events. Apart from the usual Christmas services there's the Christingle service and a Crib service (complete with donkey!) in the Vicarage Garden. Details of all these events can be found inside this magazine, plus some musical events outside the village in the Odds & Ends section.

We're looking ahead to summer, too, with publication of the splendid results from last August's fete and anticipation of the next. Any volunteers to join the Fete Committee?

But, for now, we hope you all manage to keep warm and well through these winter months. The editorial team wishes all our readers - and especially those who help to print, collate and deliver 'Spotlight', the happiest of Christmases and all you could wish for in 2011.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the February issue (**copy deadline 15th January**) can be e-mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Anne Ewing on 828557. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO.

N.B. Anne and Tessa now share the editing of Spotlight, so please send all emails to the Spotlight address or deliver entries to the Shop/PO, rather than gamble on whose turn it is!

Lost emails: All too often, an email to Spotlight goes astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa or Anne (see above) to check if all is well. And please read the following:

N.B. When sending emails to spotlight@seend.org.uk please include the word SPOTLIGHT in uppercase as the first word of the Subject. This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

Letter from the Vicar

Emmanuel - GOD WITH US ...

I can hardly believe that I've just celebrated the first anniversary of my arrival here in our villages, or that we're approaching the church's season of Advent already. "Advent" is the four weeks immediately prior to Christmas Day and this year we holding the joint service of **Advent Carols and Readings at Bulkington, at 6pm, on 28th November**. Do come, if you can - everyone is warmly welcome. The season is marked by a change of the altar frontal from red to purple. In biblical times purple was the colour worn by kings. It is also the colour for penitence – a time to reflect on those things we have done that we now regret. Advent is also a time of expectation, of waiting for the birth of "the long expected Jesus" - Emmanuel, *God with us*, which we will celebrate at Christmas – expectation and anticipation in the light of Christ's promise that he will come again.

The past year has brought home to me just what a great privilege it is for me to serve in these parishes. I would dearly love to visit every household - to hear and share with you your concerns as well as your joys. Realistically, however, that is totally impractical. Only a handful of people can be found indoors during the daytime. And I am conscious that very few people would welcome a visit from the vicar when they've just returned home from work and are in the middle of their dinner, or enjoying a programme on TV! Despite the realities of the situation, bearing in mind, too, the sheer number of households there are in the benefice, people still think "the church" doesn't care if "the vicar" hasn't bothered to call! In this I need your help. Please do contact me if you know of anyone who would like me to visit – they (you!) don't have to be a member of the church to qualify! I know many people act as unsung heroes, quietly looking after neighbours and friends, noticing whether or not the milk or daily newspaper has been collected, or the curtains pulled – and I thank God for each one of you, his living presence here on earth.



Turning now to this Christmas season: this year we will be celebrating a joint **Christingle Service on Sunday 5th December at 4pm at Seend Church**: this has proved to be a very popular service for all the family in past years and I hope you will come along again, and make it really special. Details of all the other Christmas services can be found elsewhere in this magazine, and

on posters. And speaking of Christmas, as last year, instead of sending individual Christmas cards, I will be making a donation to charity on behalf of each parish and a card will be displayed in the porch of each church nearer the time. This year it will be the Barnabas Fund, which provides aid relief to our Christian brothers and sisters who are usually last in line for help in so many countries where there is conflict or natural disasters.

Finally, may God bless you, your families and friends richly this Advent and Christmastide.

God Bless ... *Renee*

EVENTS IN LATE NOVEMBER

WI Christmas Bazaar - Sat 27th November
10am-2pm in the Pavilion



A Special Concert

by

**SOUNDING
IT
Out**

Lead by Candy Verney

**Listen to Unusual Carols and Songs
from Around The World and
Welcome in The Season of Christmas**

at
Church of the Holy Cross, Seend
Saturday 27th November 2010
7.30pm

**£8 per Person
(To Include Glass of Wine)
Tickets Available from
Seend Post Office
or Tina Yeckney 01380 827139**

EVENTS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

(see also Bulkington News on pages 10 & 11)



In
**Celebration of Burns
a Ceilidh**

with Traditional Scottish Fare

**Entertainment, Music and
Dancing to a live Ceilidh Band**

Saturday 22nd January

7:00 pm for 7:30 pm

**Community Centre
Rusty Lane, Seend**

Licensed Bar - Scottish Raffle

Dress: A Touch of Tartan

Tickets (in advance only)

£16.50 (includes a nip of whisky)

**Available from: Fiona (828401), Tina (827139) or from 2nd January from the
Post Office, Seend
In Aid of Church Funds**



Seend School Christmas Fayre

Friday 3rd December 6.00 – 8.00pm

To book your place on Chuffy the Train
(£3.50 including a present from Father Christmas)
see Rachel Lewis or a member of the PSC in the Playground.

Stalls - Refreshments - Games



Christmas Carol Singing

around the log fire at Cleeve House
on Sunday 12th December at 3.00 pm

There will be a short talk from a representative of the NSPCC and a collection for the Child's Voice Appeal, (Child line) followed by refreshments.

Everyone is welcome.

*If you would like to offer a reading, poem or musical item
please call Barbara on 827129*



FILM SHOWS FOR CHILDREN

in Christ Church, Bulkington

on Saturday mornings, 10am – 11am

27th November, 4th, 11th and 18th December



"Friends and Heroes" follows the adventures of two friends - Macky and Portia - as they fight for justice, and even survival, against the might of the Roman Empire. In the first episode - "Long Journey" - Macky and his family risk the wrath of the Romans by taking two refugee girls into their home.

Free entry with Tuck Shop. Children are welcome from all over the benefice – it is not exclusively for Bulkington!

EVENTS IN SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

NOSH AND NATTER LUNCH CLUB

Tuesday 14th December

& Wednesday 26th January

12 for 12.30



Advance booking essential - please ring John & Lilian on 828540

Seend Acoustic Club

Upstairs in Seend Community Centre

7th December - Brian Humphries

21st December - The Sodburys

18th January - Thornbridge Trio

1st February - Felix Byrne & Jackie Sharp

8pm start (earlier to book a floor spot)

Entry £2



Sam's Christmas Bingo

Saturday 4th December in the Community Centre

Eyes Down 8pm

Free entry - pay per game

Lots of prizes - lots of fun!



A Classic Ghost Story for a Cold Winter's Evening.....

Friday 10th December, 7.30pm

in the upstairs room of the Community Centre.

Tickets: £6 (£2 children aged 11-15)

to include mulled wine or soft drinks and mince pies

John O'Brien's narration based on Susan Hill's classic tale 'The Woman in Black' will have you on the edge of your seat!

Not suitable for children under 11. Numbers very limited, so book early! Tickets from Tessa (828617) or Penny (828949).



New Year's Day Walk

starting at 11am in Rusty Lane

followed by soup and snacks

in the Community Centre.

You may encounter stiles and mud - wear boots!

New Year Quiz in the Community Centre

Saturday 15th January at 7.45pm

CASH PRIZES!

(the more of you who come along, the bigger the prizes!)

plus prize for best team name

Interval snacks - licensed bar

Book a table by ringing 01380 828617



ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please let us know of any births, marriages, deaths, special birthdays, thanks etc that you would like to see included here.)

Thanks to the brave (very) few who dressed in pink on 29th October, and to those regulars in the Club bar and quizzers who donated money and bought pink cakes! We raised just over £20 for Breast Cancer Research.

Birth Announcement

13th November To Clare and Ian Crowley of Carn Marth. 29 Seend Cleeve - a beautiful daughter, sister for Izzy and Jack.

Anthony Clark

A memorial service for the life of Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Clark will take place on 2nd December at 2.30pm at All Saints Church, West Lavington.

Peter Hicks

Patricia Hicks, Simon, Janie, Prue and family would like to thank friends and neighbours of Peter who sent kind messages of condolence and who attended his thanksgiving service, which has been a great comfort to us all. Owls Corner and Patricia offer a warm welcome to those who may like to call.

Freda and Ruth Body wish to convey a sincere '**Thank you**' to all who gave donations to Mencap in memory of our late brother Jack.
The grand total was £121.40p.

Richard and Marion Whitehead wish all their friends in the village a happy and relaxed Christmas and New Year. In place of cards for those of you whom we meet regularly, we shall be making a donation to Dorothy House.

Geoff & Ray would like to thank everyone who attended their dance at the Community Centre in October. £1150 was raised for Dorothy House.

Seend Fete

Autumn is well and truly here. It seems such a long time ago that the Lye Field was buzzing with frantic activity, and wet and bedraggled people, preparing for the 2010 Fete! As it turned out the rain stopped for a few hours and once again we were able to enjoy another great day.



The Committee is pleased to announce the final, fantastic total. An amazing **£6,618** was raised in support of the Lye Field projects. The Pavilion and Field, which are used by many village organisations, are in constant need of maintenance and this money helps the committee to pay the many bills throughout the year. With other projects to benefit Seend in the pipeline, it's the ongoing support of the whole community that makes this possible. So a very big '**Thank You**' to you all!

The Fete Committee

Jane Borwell and Bernie Prolze are retiring from the committee and we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to them for all their hard work, we will miss them. They have both been amazing committee members over the past few years. We're not sure how we'll manage without them but they both deserve a well earned rest! Susan Bolton, Andy Brown, Fiona Johnson, Rebecca Rowan, Nicky Scott and Mo Weston, plus new member Jo McManus, make up the committee and we'd be very pleased to hear from anyone else who would like to join us. The 'more the merrier', as the saying goes! We really could do with some new people with different ideas to help with planning next year's event.

The 2011 Seend Fete and Flower Show will be on 13th August, again the second Saturday, so please make a note of it in your diaries. See you there!

Fiona Johnson
Seend Fete Chairman (01380 828401)

Late 2010 Fete Message : Someone lost a Sony Camcorder on fete day, if anyone saw one please could you get in touch with Fiona Johnson (828401).

CHURCH NEWS

It's Christingle time again!

The ever popular Christingle service will once more take place in early December and this year we need **your** help to fill the church with a circle of light.

Children from 0 - 100 are very welcome, so tell your friends and come along to **Seend Church on Sunday 5th December at 4.00 pm**. The collection will be for the Children's Society - special envelopes for this are available from Churchwardens or Sue Taylor. (Note to parents & carers, this year we are using safety glow candles but the effect will be just as magical).

Crib service December 23rd in the Vicarage garden

 Last Christmas we searched in vain for three wise men - but sadly there were none to be found in Seend! This year, in addition to the wise men, we need budding shepherds and angels to come along to the Vicarage garden on December 23rd at 4.00 pm where a living nativity will be performed **with the help of a live donkey**. If you have suitable props, clothing etc please bring them - but don't worry if you haven't - we can provide some. The afternoon will end with a barbecue including hot dogs and burgers. So tell your friends, wrap up warm and come along to this wonderful start to Christmas.

First Steps

 The December meeting for the First Steps service is on Tuesday, 7th December. We hope to make a big picture of the shepherds' fields with sheep, shepherds and angels. Tea and coffee will be available 4th January – We hope to make another picture of the three kings.

Church services during December 2010

Sunday 5th December	8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
	9.30 am	All Age Worship at Bulkington
	11.15 am	All Age Worship at Seend
	4.00 pm	Benefice Christingle service at Seend
	6.00 pm	Evensong at Poulshot
Sunday 12th December	8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
	9.30 am	Matins at Poulshot
	11.15 am	Parish Communion at Seend
	6.00 pm	Evensong at Bulkington
Sunday 19th December	8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
	9.30 am	Parish Communion at Poulshot
	6.00 pm	Carol service at Bulkington
	6.00 pm	Carol service at Seend
Thursday 23rd December	4.00 pm	Crib service in Vicarage garden (featuring a live donkey) Barbeque after this service
Christmas Eve	2.00 pm	Crib service in Bulkington Church
	6.00 pm	Carol service at Poulshot
	11.30 pm	Christmas Communion (Midnight Mass) at Seend
Christmas Day	9.30 am	Family Communion at Bulkington
	9.30 am	Family Communion at Poulshot
	11.15 am	Family Communion at Seend
Sunday 26th December	10.00 am	Benefice Parish Communion at Seend

Church services during January 2011

Sunday 2nd January	8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
	9.30 am	All Age Worship at Bulkington
	11.15 am	All Age Worship at Seend
	6.00 pm	Evensong at Poulshot
Sunday 9th January	8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
	9.30 am	Matins at Poulshot
	11.15 am	Parish Communion at Seend
	6.00 pm	Evensong at Bulkington
Sunday 16th January	8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
	9.30 am	Parish Communion at Bulkington
	11.15 am	Parish Communion at Seend
	6.00 pm	Parish Communion at Poulshot
Sunday 23rd January	8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
	9.30 am	Family Communion at Poulshot
	11.15 am	Family Communion at Seend
	6.00 pm	Evensong Communion at Bulkington
Sunday 30th January	10.00 am	Benefice Communion at Seend

METHODIST CHAPEL SERVICES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

2010

December 12th 10:00 a.m. Mrs Ruth Woodhouse
 December 19th 10:00 a.m. Revd Roy Fowler – Carols and Holy Communion

2011

January 9th 10:30 a.m. ‘Villages Together’ Covenant service at Bromham Methodist Chapel – Revd Roy Fowler
 January 23rd 10:00 a.m. Mr John Williams – week of prayer for Christian unity

Anne Salter

CHURCH REGISTER NOTICES

Baptisms

4th November Henry Stanley Cook of Melksham

Funerals

29th October Roger William Bichard age 71 of Seend House, Memorial Service

2nd November Peter John Hicks age 89 of Owls Corner Martinslade, Service at Crematorium followed by Memorial Service

Church Floodlights

29th December Remembering Don on his birthday

The church will be floodlit over the Christmas period from the 19th December (Carol Service) until Twelfth Night on 6th January 2011. If you would like to sponsor any of these nights in memory of loved ones or for any other special event such as an anniversary, engagement etc or simply in celebration of Christmas, your donations would be most welcome and your details will appear in the next edition of Spotlight. Please contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139.

FROM ROY

Advent is a challenging time for me. It asks us to consider what we have not yet got. It puts a new slant on the question: ‘What do you want for Christmas?’ Christmas is the Christian season that is always in danger of swamping Advent. So it is good to spend a while contemplating the new angle that Advent puts on this question because it asks us to look at our expectations. What are we looking for God to fulfil in our human history? What are we still wrestling with?

When we ask these questions, some of the great themes of human endeavour soon emerge. We are still looking for peace. We are still looking for the end of poverty. We are still looking for the overcoming of disease. Advent is the season of the great Old Testament prophecies of hope - the prophecies that lift our eyes to the distant horizon and dare us to dream of God’s possibilities for our world. They re-awaken a longing within us for a different world to the one we inhabit. They are a call to trust in God and a call to prayer that carries us deeper into the heart of God.

And just when all this seems like wistful thinking, God comes to us in a surprising way. God comes in human form. God comes in one like us wrestling with all that it means to be human and vulnerable, to be caught between our great hopes and the sickening reality of life. And Christ challenges the powers of darkness, he releases the energy of compassion and he unleashes a life-giving spirit. And when all that he has to offer is thwarted, he rises again in unquenchable hope. We cradle a baby at Christmas, but in truth we are nursing new life for the world – God’s new life. It’s new life to be cradled in each and every one of our hearts. It gives us all joyful hope.

God bless us all this Advent and on through Christmas,



BULKINGTON NEWS

Restoration of Bulkington War Memorial

Our War Memorial is looking a little sad and with every passing year it becomes a little more difficult to read the names of Villagers who gave their lives in the 1914 - 1918 War.

So, The Parish Council would like to restore the War Memorial (hopefully with the help of the War Memorials Trust) by cleaning the Memorial Cross, re-engraving and restoring the names on the Memorial tablet and re-pointing the stonework of the base.

We need your help to make sure that the Memorial is not missing the name of any Villager who has been killed in conflict since the 1914-18 War.

If you believe that a name is missing and should be added to the Bulkington War Memorial, please contact me with as much detail as possible by telephone on 01380 828987, or by email to sally_oliphant@btopenworld.com

Thank you

Sally Oliphant
Chair, Bulkington Parish Council

ALL-AGE WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH, BULKINGTON **on the 1st Sunday of the month at 9.30 am**

This is NOT a children’s service but a short informal service for all members of the family from great-grandparents to babies. Please do come and give it a try – you will be made very welcome. Refreshments are offered!

**CHRISTCHURCH, BULKINGTON
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Performed by 'STAGE 7'

Featuring Songs from the Shows, Christmas Songs and Carols
and much more!



At Christ Church, Bulkington

On 4th December at 7 pm



Tickets £6 to include light refreshments

Available from: Seend P.O., Jane Coles 828145, Liz Futter
828485, Audrey McDonald 828376, Sue Noad 870343 and Anne
Saywell 828931

All proceeds to Christ Church

**TAKE A TRAIN RIDE TO SEE SANTA
ON THE GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY**



SATURDAY, SUNDAY 18th & 19th DEC 2010

QUALITY GIFT FOR EACH CHILD

DRINK AND MINCE PIE FOR ADULTS

Timed rides from 13.00-16.00 hours

Bookings accepted between 1st & 7th December

Tel: 01380 828101

Santa and his helpers in his Fairy Grotto

Christmas Tree and Music in the Village Hall

FARE £8 ADULT AND £8 EACH CHILD

Nev Boulton, Station Master

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND CLUB AND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Annual meeting: It was a disappointing turnout for the annual meeting on October 21st. But the few who attended had a useful discussion about the Centre's future. A full report will be in February's edition of 'Happenings!'

Coming events: We have lots going on over Christmas and the New Year. You can exercise your brain at a quiz night, exercise your legs on the New Year's Day Walk, have a nosh and natter, hear a ghost story, enjoy acoustic music and play bingo! And all in your very own Community Centre. See the 'events' section at the beginning of the magazine for more details.

Unfortunately, Amunet had to cancel her Christmas Show of middle-eastern music and dance - but we hope we will be able to welcome her and her colleagues at another time. That means, at the time of writing, the hall is available for hire on 11th December if anyone is planning a Christmas party that is outgrowing their house! Phone Frank on 828617 if you are interested.

Future dates:

February 24th-26th - 'Ali Baba & the Forty Thieves' panto

March 19th - White Horse Opera's production of 'Pirates of Penzance'

April 23rd - St George's Day Dinner

April 30th - Beer Festival

May 7th - Comedy magician afternoon and evening shows.

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Sunday 14th November: Twenty walkers set off on a very damp and drizzly morning, (nevertheless in high spirits!) to complete a six-mile circular walk, commencing from Worton. We walked over fields, which were extremely muddy – especially around the gateways – following tracks to Bulkington, Marston and return. It was a very exhilarating walk for which we thank Wendy and Reg for organising.



On reaching the 11th hour, we stood in the rain to observe the two-minute silence in remembrance of our fallen service personnel.

Sunday 12th December: A walk will be organised to commence at 9.30am from Rusty Lane. Arrangements not yet finalised at the time of going to press. For further information about location and distance involved, phone Gerald on 01225 706451 a little nearer the date. Bring the necessary refreshments for a stop en route.

There will be no Boxing Day or New Year walks, as very few members are able to commit - although members are of course welcome to join the New Year's Day walk organised by the Community Centre, starting at 11am in Rusty Lane.

Sunday 16th January: Keep this date free! As yet no information available for this walk, other than it commences from Rusty Lane at 9.30am. Ring Lin and Gerald should you require an update.

A skittles social evening has been earmarked for Saturday 29th January at Corsham Football Club (Lacock Road out of Corsham) starting at 7.30pm. Bring a plate of food for a shared supper. Wendy and Reg are organising this event and would appreciate a phone call to establish whether you are able to take part. Please call 01249 652422 or 01249 652573 during working hours.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and good helath and happy walking for 2011.



SEEND WI

Rita Burstow treated us to tales of Wiltshire's Highwayman at our last meeting in November. We also judged our only competition of the year, which is the best dressed gift for a patient of Green Lane Hospital. Carole Vince was rewarded with a pot plant for her fabulous efforts.

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday 8th December when we will be getting into the Christmas spirit with the Pearlies accompanied by seasonal refreshments. So do come along and join in the fun

Looking forward to 2011, our New Year kicks off on Wednesday 12th January with John Kendall telling us of his route from vet to teacher.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

All meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified. For more information please check the website www.seendwi.weebly.com or contact Fiona Johnson on 01380 828401.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Twenty members of the Legion paraded for the annual Remembrance Day service under the command of our Chairman, Colonel Nigel Knocker and, after wreaths had been laid at the War Memorial, they were led into church by our Standard Party, once again kindly provided by the Melksham Branch of The Air Training Corps. The service commenced with the reading of the names of those from the village who had died during the two world wars and in subsequent operations. This was followed by the silence, with the Last Post and Reveille being played by our Bugler, Derek Kimber, who has been carrying out these duties for us now for 42 years. The service was conducted by The Reverend



Renee Coulson. After the service light refreshments were once again provided by the Community Centre. Our thanks go to the Centre Staff for laying this on so well, and to those attending for their kind contributions towards the cost.

REMEMBRANCE DAY (11th November 2010)

Thirty nine people, including eight members of the children's school council accompanied by their headmistress Jackie Chalk, and three other teachers, gathered at the War Memorial at 1100hrs on Thursday, 11th November 2010, for the two minutes silence and prayers, to remember those who had given their lives in the two World Wars and in subsequent operations. Prayers were led by the Reverend Renee Coulson and members of the school council laid poppies on the Memorial.

POPPY COLLECTION

The usual team of Poppy Sellers toured the village during the fortnight preceding Remembrance Day. Our grateful thanks go to all the collectors and those who so generously donated, but especially to Anthony and Katharine Hodgkinson for organising and coordinating the whole event, once again.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next Committee Meeting will be held in the Lower Room of The Community Centre on Thursday 27th January 2011 commencing at 2000hrs.

OBITUARY

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our President Major Peter Hicks who died peacefully in hospital on 23rd October 2010 after a short illness. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Patricia, to their children and their families and to his sister. After starting a career in the theatre, Peter served in the Army during World War II landing on D day and advancing through Europe into Germany. At the end of the war he went back to the theatre where he mixed with such stars as Laurence Olivier, Vivien Leigh and Peter Ustinov. Subsequently he worked with United Dairies before starting his own very successful business of making bronze and silver statues. During his years in Seend he also served as a server at Communion, Churchwarden, Chairman of the PCC, President of the Gardening Club and finally President of the Seend Branch of the Royal British Legion. He will be sorely missed, not only by his family and the members of the RBL, but also by all those who knew him and had the honour of calling him their friend.

WARNING ORDER

DUGOUT SUPPER

The Dugout Supper will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday 5th March 2011. Further details will be promulgated nearer the time.

Roger Brind

SEEND & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



We started our meeting on 9th November by remembering Peter Hicks, our president for many years. Jonathan Drew then spoke to us about the Rowdeford School Charity Trust. He talked about the history of the house which goes back a long way, and has served various purposes in more recent times. It was acquired by Wiltshire County Council as a school for children with complex learning difficulties, but only part of the building was in use for a while. As state funding was enough for the work that was required, the school became a charitable trust, in order to raise money to restore and refurbish the derelict buildings and also to restore the extensive grounds. Needless to say, a lot of the fund-raising and work was carried out by interested and knowledgeable parents; Harry Dobson of The Victorian Garden television programme came to give advice on the restoration of the Victorian walled garden. With various grants and gifts and work done by young offenders, among others, work has proceeded including the finding of a hydraulic ram used in the original garden. One of the most successful fund-raising activities is the Garden Fair held every year at the end of May, next year on the 22nd.

The winner of the competition for a savoury was Jeni Raby-Cox.

On 14th December we will be having a Christmas celebration. So no speaker, but with the U3A singers and chiefly ourselves there will be a programme of Christmas carols and songs with readings and a song from some brave SGC members. There will be refreshments of a seasonal variety and wine will be for sale by the glass. The competition will be Christmas decorations based on a sphere.

The topic at our January 11th meeting will be Gardening Made Easy by Alan Christopher who was a popular speaker last year and the competition will be a photograph of a winter scene.

Non members are always welcome to our meetings for a small charge.

Sue.

MOTHERS UNION - SEEND & BULKINGTON BRANCH



Have you seen the flock of Alpacas which are now residents of Seend and live in a pasture overlooking the canal? Their owner is Mrs Jo McManus, who was the speaker at the M.U. meeting on 20th October. She gave a fascinating account of how she and her husband gave up stressful city jobs to enjoy a rural life. The alpacas, which are South

American animals, provide her with a rewarding enterprise. Members of the camel family, they are very hardy and can flourish in harsh conditions.

Their disposition is gentle, kind and curious. Their field, with views over the canal, with all its activities has proved to be a favourable location for them.

These animals are farmed for their wool and are sheared annually. Mrs McManus was wearing a cardigan knitted with alpaca wool.

Future MU Dates

15th December – Christmas meeting in the Vicarage – mince pies, stories and carols

18th January – A.G.M.

Historic Houses Club



Please will all members note that the next meeting will be held on **Thursday 3rd March 2011 in the Pavilion at 7.30pm**, when membership cards will be issued and our programme for next year revealed. A talk will be given on the Merchant's House Marlborough, which we plan to visit later in the year.

We have enjoyed a very good summer of interesting outings, starting in May with a trip to Winchester where we had an excellent guided tour of the cathedral followed by free time to explore the city, old and new. In June we went to wonderful Stourhead, where we enjoyed the Palladian house as well as the beautiful gardens. We went in July to Berkeley Castle, the seat of the famous Berkeley family since the 12th Century, and in August Sue arranged a fascinating guided walk round Corsham, followed by a jolly pub meal. September took us to Dyrham Park, with its pretty house and gardens.

At the AGM in November we heard about Tyntesfield and the Gibbs family, a taster for one of our next year's visits. Our last outing this year will be to Longleat on 1st December for a private tour of the house and a VIP lunch, which promises to be an excellent finish to the year.

The Committee consists of Chairman Tony Ewin, Secretary Joy Stack, Treasurer Sylvia Ewin, and Members Sue Johns and Eileen Prolze. New Club members are always welcome to join in the fun. Just give us a ring.

Tony Ewin 828325

Theatre Club



We have an exciting programme planned for 2011 so please get these dates into your new diary. Members will be given further information in due course.

- Fri 4th Feb** "Tales of the Country" at the Pound, Corsham
Wed 16th March AGM with John Davies on "The Secrets of Handwriting"
Mon 21st March "Relatively Speaking" by Alan Ayckbourn at the Watermill
Thurs 19th May "Guys and Dolls" at Salisbury Playhouse

We wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a great year ahead in 2011 – Happy Theatre-going!

Sylvia Ewin

W.E.A.- Advance notice

Our next course will start on 7th February when Dinah Starkey will be continuing with her talks on local history. This time we will be discovering what it was like to live in Wiltshire in the 17th and 18th centuries, a momentous period covering the Tudors and Stuarts.



It will be a shorter course than usual with just six weekly meetings, and a break for half-term. The fee will be £34 but free to anyone in receipt of a recognised means tested benefit.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on 26th October was attended by 10 Councillors, with Mrs A Heatley in the Chair. Cllr J Seed and a member of the public were also in attendance. Apologies received from Mr. D. Nichols and PC Emily Thomas.

Footpath and Bridleway no. 6

E-mail received from Esther Daly, to advise that no further progress has been made with the issues relating to Footpath no. 6. Wiltshire Council has been waiting for Mr. MacDonald to get back to them with his diversion application. Mrs. Daly will write to him to find out why no application has been made.

Allotments – potential site for social housing

A suggestion had been received that the allotment site be considered for social housing for single young people. The deeds of the allotment site have been retrieved from safe custody in Lloyds Bank, and these show that the property is held on trust for the use of the inhabitants of Seend for the purpose of recreation and leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of Seend. Following discussion, it was agreed that quotes would be obtained for widening the entrance to the allotments and installing a slope, and installing water to the site. The Clerk to follow up the enquiry about Community Payback to help clear the site.

Rumble strips, Seend Hill – These have now been removed. E-mail sent to David Thomas, Integrated Transport & Safety Manager, requesting the road be put back to its original condition. It was not possible to move the 30mph sign nearer to Seend Fork.

Smiley SIDs – Cllr. Seed has asked David Bullock to include Seend on the list for a Smiley SID. He has also asked Andy Cadwallader about possible reactive signs for the narrow bend at the western end of Seend High Street.

Notice Boards – It was noted that the right-hand door lock is broken on the notice board outside the Post Office. This will be repaired. **Please note that notices should be restricted to A5 size to enable more notices to be displayed.**

Spout Lane – E-mail received from Parvis Khansari (Service Director for Strategic Services, Highways & Passenger Transport) advising that Spout Lane is not a

priority, and he could not recommend any funding. Cllr Seed advised that he will keep pursuing the matter.

Spiderweb Paddock – The Chairman gave Cllr Seed a Land Registry plan for Bradley Lane, showing ownership of part of the lane. Cllr Seed advised that the recent planning application for pig housing at Spiderweb Paddock was turned down on the height of the buildings ridge, size, scale, impact and sustainability. It was agreed to send a copy of the Bradley Lane plan to the Enforcement Officers and the Chief Planning Officer for information.

Road signs, Martinslade – These works now completed.

Bollands Hill – The order to change the name has gone through without dissent.

War Memorial – No further contact received from the British Legion. The PC will wait for them to come back about possible remedial works to the War Memorial.

Seend Shuttle – A meeting took place on 8th October between the PC, Seend Shuttle and Community First. It was unanimously agreed that Seend PC would take over ownership of the Shuttle from the start of the next financial year.

Seats around village – A quote will be obtained for cleaning and treating the current seats, and repair the window glass in the bus shelter in Sells Green.

Canal bridge, Barge Inn – The Clerk to write to CEO British Waterways about the safety issue.

A361 Bell Inn to The Stocks – The overgrown trees and hedges have been cut back. Works have been carried out to the area of subsidence on the bank.

Bus stop, Bath Road – Works completed.

Traffic speed, Bollands Hill – Cllr Seed agreed to follow up the monitoring of traffic speed on Bollands Hill at the junction with School Rod, and further down the hill where pedestrians cross at the canal.

Dial Close to School Road – Follow up with David Bullock the pedestrian safety issues in this area of the village.

Melksham Area Board

Mrs. Savage had attended the recent Area Board meeting. The Chairman thanked her for attending, and thanked Cllr Seed for pushing through two urgent issues – the proposed road works at Spout Lane, and the question of a technical solution for the old railway bridge in Station Road/Bollands Hill, following a recent fatal accident at the bridge; this will be treated as a priority issue. The next meeting of the Area Board is 1st December.

Planning Matters

The following applications were considered, and **no objections** raised:

E/10/1259/CLE Mr D Meharg Seend Row House, Row Lane

Use of buildings for an office, storage and workshop and use of land as parking for vehicles and machinery used in connection with the business (application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use)

E/10/1305/CLE Mr & Mrs D Meharg Seend Row House, Row Lane

Use of building as domestic dwelling (application for Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use)

E/10/1309/CLE Mr & Mrs D Meharg Seend Row House, Row Lane

Use of part of existing farm for the purposes of running a Physiotherapy Consulting Room (application for Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use)

E/10/1374/FUL Mr & Mrs J Gray Brow Cottage, Seend Hill

Single storey side extension

E/10/1376/FUL Mr N Keen The Darrells Cottage, Rusty Lane

Demolition of existing house and outbuildings and removal of mobile home. Erection of replacement dwelling (re-submission of E/10/0053/FUL)

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 30th November 2010 at 7.30 in the Community Centre.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk
www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM CLLR JONATHON SEED

The year rolls on and life seems to get busier and busier. The unfortunate resignation of a neighbouring Wiltshire Councillor means that his electorate will need the services of a Councillor until a By Election can be held in the New Year. There can be no period of time when residents are unable to turn to a Councillor and this is particularly important with the statutory aspects of our work in areas like planning. I will be looking after the village of Bromham for the next few months. I know the village well and many Members of the Parish Council are friends so the extra Parish Council to attend will be no difficulty. In addition I have become a substitute Member on the Eastern Area Planning Committee which will also help with Seend and Poulshot planning matters.

Taking the lead in looking after the Melksham Community Area also occupies much of my time. We are blessed with a pretty mature and sensible membership of our Area Board which means that we do not have that much political infighting so we can generally concentrate working together to get the best for our Area. That does not mean that there will not be differing opinions from time to time as my recent spat in the Council Chamber with the Leader of the Liberals and Melksham Councillor Jon Hubbard showed. However we are both as one in our belief that we must work together for the delivery of a Melksham Community Area Campus as soon as possible. It is simply fantastic that in the face of cuts and redundancies and neighbouring Counties closing leisure and library facilities on a daily basis we will still see a £10 million investment in Council and leisure services in Melksham within three years. This is only possible because we can sell the nine old Council sites in our area, making sound economic sense to concentrate Council services onto one site as well as replacing the ageing existing facilities (and their massive projected maintenance budgets) with new state of the art leisure facilities and services. Wiltshire is a forward thinking Council with a positive outlook and with a sound lead from our Area Board we in the Melksham Community Area will be the first to see the immediate and tangible benefits of this approach and sound planning.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



The children and staff are starting the lead up to the Christmas period. Preparations are underway for the Infant Christmas production of “Whoops-a-Daisy Angel” and the PSC are planning their annual Christmas Fayre on December 3rd. This starts at 6:00 p.m. so please feel free to drop by for some Christmas shopping

opportunities, a chance to win a raffle prize and for some refreshments. Father Christmas will also be visiting.



The Junior children have been involved in a few sporting tournaments. As usual the children did the school proud when they took part in a football tournament in Trowbridge and a netball match against a Devizes Schools. We also took part in a friendly football match against my old school Keevil. It was lovely to see my old children mixing with my new children and we are keen to repeat the experience as it gives both schools the opportunity to play against a similar sized school.

A very well attended maths information evening was held this term when parents got the opportunity to find out about some of the new ways of teaching multiplication and division. Anyone interested can find details on the school website www.seend.wilts.sch.uk

As part of our forthcoming book week, we are holding a bedtime story evening where children are invited back to school in their pyjamas for a story and some hot chocolate! A Scholastic Book Fayre will also be here for the week, given children and parents plenty of opportunities to purchase some of the best examples of children's literature whilst also raising much needed funds for the school.

At Seend School we like to encourage the children to think of others. Members of the school council attended the short remembrance service at the memorial on 11th November and placed a posy of poppies at the foot of the cross. The children and parents have been generously putting together shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts for children in Eastern Europe. They have enjoyed learning about how relatively small gifts of paper, crayons, soap etc. can bring real joy into children's lives.

Jackie Chalk, Headteacher

Seend School Parent Social Club



Our **cake stall in the Brittox** on Thursday 4th November, raised £306, so thank you to all those who made and donated cakes and preserves. A special thank you goes to The Mead Nursery at Brokerswood, who donated over 70 plants, which helped towards the excellent amount raised.

Our **Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 3rd December 6.00 – 8.00pm**. Chuffy the Train will be back by popular demand and Father Christmas will be dropping by. To book your place on Chuffy, please see Rachel Lewis or a member of the PSC in the Playground. Rides will be £3.50 and include a present from Father Christmas. We will have stalls, refreshments and lots of games for the children to play. Please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing as many parents, friends and villagers as possible.



In January we will be asking everyone to **Fill a Blue Sack**. The school will be paid a generous amount for each tonne collected, which will all help with fund raising. We can take soft furnishings, duvets, duvet covers, clothes, shoes and handbags - in fact anything other than bric a brac, but we can take that for the May Fayre later in the year! If you would like a blue sack to fill, please contact me on 01380 828056 or see a member of the PSC in the playground.



The sponsored bike ride earlier in the year raised over £1000. After Simon Oddy's accident which brought the event to an early close, the remaining miles have now been completed. So many thanks to Simon Oddy, Graham Hickman and Tony Daly, as well as to everyone that sponsored and supported them.

Schoolfunds.co.uk – This is an excellent way for everyone to raise money for the school whilst shopping on line. By going to the schoolfunds website and locating Seend School, you can then access all the main on line retailers whilst also accruing points for the school. The school can then redeem the points against purchases from educational suppliers. With Christmas coming it is an excellent way to help the school.

School 100 Club: I hope to put the winners in each month, but starting with August, the winners were:

August: 1st Rachel Smith, 2nd Wyn Evans, 3rd Ray Lewis

September: 1st Joshua Wareham, 2nd Mary Watson, 3rd Claire Mitchell

The big prize of £80 is up for grabs in December so watch this space.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Emma Smith

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Football

Manager Mike Hopkins

Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham

League matches

Vs Frome – won 2-1

Vs Bradford – drew 1-1

Vs Foresters – lost 0-2

Vs Worton – lost 2-6

Cup

Beat Trowbridge 7-6 in a thrilling penalty shootout

Season's top scorer to date – Ben Grinham

October/November goal of the month – Joe Flower – Solo run into the area carving through the defence and then slotting the ball into the bottom right hand corner

‘The Badgers’ Worton and Cheverell team played local rivals Seend United in the A&B Cup, at the West Lavington stadium. Drawing 2-2 at full-time, the Badgers then went on to pile the pressure to put 4 goals away against this higher division Seend team, to win the match 6-2.

(This last piece of information was sent in by Worton & Cheverell - not by Seend! Can't think why. Ed.)





Short Mat Bowls – Anchor Man Colin Waldeck

The team are presently playing in the winter league and have a 100% record so far.

Results:-

Home vs Kington Langly – won 6-2

Away vs Melksham and Shaw – won 6-2

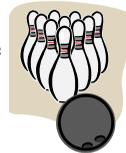
Team update:-

Things have been somewhat hectic over the last few days with the boys' surprising, yet welcome, repatriation. Colin tells me that all are reported to be in fine fettle even if the words "Vesta curry" can set off a gastric panic attack amongst some of the more nervous. He has been assured that the remaining passports should be returned soon.

Undeterred as ever, Colin, anticipating another severe winter, something to do with the amount of moss on his corn plasters, has entered a squad in the five man Bollands Hill bobsleigh invitation event scheduled for Boxing Day. Obviously so as to tie this challenge in with Short Mat Bowls the organisers have arranged to have a half ton concrete block placed in the middle of the slope for the sledge to swerve around as the team hurtle to certain immortality. Colin, wisely I think, will be offering the boys coaching and advice over his two-way radio from a nearby field ambulance. We all wish them luck.

Skittles

This Season Seend has three men's teams, with 11 in each team, in the Melksham and district skittles league.



Seend A – captain John Wiltshire

Away vs Steeple Ashton – won 6-1

Home vs Cons D – won 6-1

Knockout cup vs Cons D – Lost 288-329

Home vs Saracens – won 6-1

Away vs Holt – lost 1-6

Home vs Avon A – won 6-1

Seend A are presently third in the league but have two games in hand.

Seend B – Captain Nick Easton

Away vs Staverton – lost 1-6

Home vs Legion E – won 5-2

Away vs The Pilot – won 6-1

Home vs The Animals – won 7-0

Away vs Melksham sports and social – won 6-1

Top scorer so far this season with 138 pins is Mike Hiscocks.

Seend C – Captain Graham Hamblin

Away vs Casuals – won 6-1 Top scorer Ron Apted

Home vs Labour A – lost 6-1 Top scorer Andy Tilbury

Away vs Melksham Rovers – lost 5-2 Top scorer William Goodier

Home vs Muds – lost 6-1 Top scorer Harry Waylen

Away vs Semington – lost 5.5-1.5 Top scorer Freddie Goddard

Home vs Good Bad and Ugly won 5.5-1.5 Top scorer William Goodier

The captain tells me that Seend C are struggling to find form at present in the higher league but he is sure that they will come good eventually,

Results for the February edition of Spotlight to Scrooge's counting house by 15th January please; Frankie Goddard 828488.

SEEND CRICKET CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of Seend Cricket Club will be held at the Community Centre on Sunday, 23rd January, 2011, at 8pm. Anyone is welcome to attend, we would like to retain our 'old players' and would welcome new ones as well.



Brian Hunt, Chairman.

ODDS AND ENDS

ALABARÉ INCLUDE

Alabaré Include are here to provide support for those suffering mental health and emotional difficulties, aged 18 upwards. On referral we will allocate a one-to-one worker who will work with you to assess how we can enable you to improve your quality of life. We will also be running a Befriending Service and various activity groups. Referrals can come from anywhere – yourself, your GP, a family member – we will even take a referral over the phone!

We also need Volunteers for the activity groups and for the Befriending Service (training and expenses given).

Call 01380 738602 for more information, a referral form or just a chat. Or e-mail us at enquiries@alabare.co.uk

The Community Foundation for Wiltshire & Swindon's Surviving Winter Appeal

Last winter nearly 300 vulnerable people died in Wiltshire & Swindon from causes directly attributable to the cold and poor living conditions. As shocking as this is, it is just the tip of the iceberg – as many as 17,500 pensioners in Wiltshire & Swindon live in fuel poverty. Many suffer in silence during the coldest months, often hidden from view. The funds raised in the **Surviving Winter Appeal** will be used in two ways:

- * Grants to local charities and groups with a track record of looking after the elderly and vulnerable to ensure they can continue to provide their support and services throughout the winter.
- * Support payments to those who need additional financial help to heat their homes properly, eat properly, stay active and keep in touch with their family and community.

The Community Foundation has a track record of supporting such groups through our Gold Fund for Older People and other sources of funding designed to provide long-term support to elderly people in Wiltshire & Swindon.

Donations can be made through the Community Foundation website at www.wscf.org.uk - click on the **Surviving Winter Appeal** icon. Support from young and old alike is welcome. If you receive the Winter Fuel Payment perhaps you would consider donating this.

Local History request

Have any readers information on the 90 plus local persons from Seend and surrounding villages who moved to Woodford Northamptonshire during the last quarter of the 19th century? Their skills were needed in the local quarries of Woodford and the newly opened furnaces at Islip Northants. It was a great opportunity for a fresh start during the gradual decline of Seend quarries. My Great Grandfather was among them and, according to Woodford Parish records, the new intake were housed in brand new properties and the area was called Newtown. They became much valued members of the community and their presence is still felt in the Wiltshire slang words and sayings which were incorporated with the very broad Northants accent.

Regards,
Trevor Mayell
(trevormayell@hotmail.co.uk)

Musical events in Devizes and Melksham



White Horse Opera's Christmas Concert by Candlelight this year is on Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm in the Church of St John the Baptist Devizes,
under the baton of guest conductor Michael Cobb.

Tickets from Devizes Books cost £8 (under 12s free) including mulled wine and mince pies.

Come along and join in with your favourite carols, a great way to start the festive season!



HAYDN'S CREATION in MELKSHAM!

I know there is a great choice of things to do near Christmas but if you are free on Saturday 11th of December at 7.30pm, do go and support Melksham Choral Society at a fabulous concert in the brand new Melksham Oak School. We have the wonderful

Rococo Sinfonetta and superb soloists but best of all a real community choir open to all and including several singers from Seend.

Tickets are £10, accompanied children free, from members of the choir (tel: Anita Shea on 828757) or from Melksham Tourist information.

CRAFTY COOKS

If you are interested in cookery fun for children between 2½ and school age, please see www.craftycooks.co.uk or ring 01380 725890 or 07786071028.

Last Christmas Posting Dates

International Airmail

6th Dec – South & Central America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, Far East, Asia, Australia & NZ.

10th Dec – Eastern Europe, USA and Canada

13th Dec – Western Europe

UK

15th Dec – Standard parcels

18th Dec – 2nd class & Recorded Signed For

21st Dec – 1st class & Recorded Signed For

22nd Dec – Parcelforce 48

23rd Dec – Parcelforce Next Day & Special Delivery



PERSONAL ADS

To place a small ad (individuals, not businesses, thanks) please give your ad plus £2 to the PO/Shop.

Wanted

Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area - to lease with view to purchase. We are looking for an area of grazing which we can fence securely to make a safe haven for our ponies and their feed / water following numerous incidents of theft and now criminal damage at our current location. Anything considered, although 5 acres plus preferred. . We are happy to include uplift clauses etc to alleviate any concerns regarding development etc if required.

Please contact us at 108 Seend Cleeve or on 07885 103071 without any obligation at this stage. Thank you S & J Wilfort

Freebies!

I have a small supply of ink cartridges suitable for printers listed below. The cartridges are recycled ones but sealed in their original packaging. Code is T040. I no longer have a printer in which these can be used and so will be very happy to pass them on, for free, to anyone who can use them, particularly if they can be used for charitable purposes! Contact the Vicar (827285).

Epson Stylus CX3200, Epson Stylus C62, Epson Stylus CX3200, Epson Stylus C62

For sale

King-size 12-tog hollowfibre duvet, as new, with yellow & green check cover set. Any sensible offers? Phone 828617.

This'll make you think....

These are called paraprodikian sentences. The first half has one meaning and the second half provides a whole new meaning:

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian
any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Light travels faster than sound.
This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you,
we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up,
we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right,
only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Politicians and diapers have one thing in common.
They should both be changed regularly and for the same reason.

The early bird might get the worm
but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening'
and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

A bus station is where a bus stops.
A train station is where a train stops.
On my desk, I have a work station.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive,
try missing a couple of payments.

ZUMBA CLASSES

Jan Harding is hoping to organise Zumba exercise classes to start in the New Year, early one weekday evening. Please ring her on 828778 if you are interested.

And finally.....

Is the Mule for Sale?

Once upon a time there was a woman married to an annoying man. He would complain about everything. One day he went to the creek with his mule. He complained so much that the mule got annoyed and kicked him to death. At the funeral, when all the men walked past the wife she nodded her head 'yes' and every time the women walked by she shook her head 'no'.



The minister asked "Why are you nodding your head 'yes' for men and shaking your head 'no' for women?" Her response was, "The men would say how sorry they felt for me and I was saying, "Yes, I'll be alright." When the women walked by, they were asking if the mule was for sale..."



Happy Christmas!
See you all in 2011!

USEFUL CONTACTS:

CHURCH: Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285; Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01380 828733. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend; S Taylor 01225 709360
Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485 Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; St Peter's Poulshot: Mrs Janet James - 724944 Mrs Paulette Bremner Milne 828527; LPA's: Mrs Audrey McDonald 828376 and Mrs Liz Futter 828485; Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340
Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250
Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485
Seend Community Centre & Club - 828796 (bar opening times only)
Hall and meeting room bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617
Seend School - 828334
Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Private hire bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568
Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281
Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Mr Jonathan Seed 01380 850696
Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139
Bulkington Website: www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington
Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01672 513157
Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255
Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. She can be contacted on 0845 408 7000, or e-mail melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk
MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

100+ Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolje 828391
Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 827041
Book Clubs - the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617
Bouncy Club - Clare Stykes 01380 827164
Brownies - Helen Hook 828477
Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 828757
Fawltly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617
Fete Committee - Fiona Johnson 828401
Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067
Fun Station, Bulkington - Anne Saywell 01380 828931
Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433
Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325
LINK Scheme - 075320 55560
Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583
Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators - Tony Ewin (Seend) 828325;
Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.
Preschool - Liz Futter 828485
Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617
Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451
Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830;
Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson on 828545
Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946
Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828683
Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612
WEA - Pam Church - 828597
WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730 and Jo Vaux on 828970
Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446

(Please email Spotlight or call Tessa on 828617 if your group's contact details change.)

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	Village Store	Post Office
Mon	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Tues	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Wed	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 4.30*
Thurs	9.00 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Fri	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Sat	8.30 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Sun	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
Bank Holidays	9.00 - 10.30	Closed

* note early closing