

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



June 2011

DIARY DATES FOR LATE MAY

- 28th Abba's Angels at Leaze Farm Bulkington
- 29th Rogation Day United Service at Rew Farm, Seend Cleeve, 10am
- 30th Craft Fayre at Cleeve House
- 31st Seend Parish Council, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 1st Shuttle Shopping Trip; phone Terry by Mon 30th May to book
- 2nd Ascension Day
- 5th Villages Together service at Bromham Methodist Chapel, 10.30am
- 5th 'The Big Lunch' picnic at Seend Community Centre, 1-4pm
- 6th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 7th Seend Acoustic Club - Nicola Clark, Community Centre, 8pm
- 11th LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JULY SPOTLIGHT
- 11th-12th Seend Open Gardens weekend, 1-5pm
- 12th Festival of Pentecost
- 14th Open morning at The Mill School
- 14th Lye Recreation Field Committee AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 15th-21st Refugee Week
- 18th Coffee morning at 14 Bulkington, 10.30am
- 18th Gardening Club outing to Sudely and Batsford
- 18th Scouts and Guides Reunion, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 19th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am
- 20th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 21st Seend Acoustic Club - Pete Christie, Community Centre, 8pm
- 22nd Nosh & Natter lunch club, 12 for 12.30pm, Seend Community Centre
- 25th Armed Forces Day
- 29th Free film show for Seend Club Members only: "M. Hulot's Holiday", 7.45pm

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 1st Messy Church, Pavilion 3.15pm
- 1st Seend Ramblers, start 6pm from The Brewery Inn - pre-booked supper after.
- 2nd Second Seend Summer Ball, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 4th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 5th Seend Acoustic Club - Jennifer Crook, Community Centre 8pm
- 14th Gardening Club outing to Mapperton and Tintinhull
- 16th Start of Summer Saturday Breakfasts, Seend Community Centre
- 19th MU Deanery Quiet Afternoon, Holy Cross, 2pm
- 25th Start of holiday club week, Potterne Vicarage

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.

Visit www.seend.org.uk for past editions of Spotlight & 'Happenings!', local history, 'What's On', links to other village sites etc

Welcome to June Spotlight



What a busy time we have coming up, with such a lot going on in the summer months. We have the Big Picnic and the Open Gardens to look forward to in June, the Summer Ball in July and the Fete and Flower Show in August, as well as Saturday breakfasts (from July 16th) and other opportunities to socialise and get involved in our lively village, such as Nosh and Natter lunches. There are some special Church services lined up, too.

If you would like to help out at any of these events or get more involved in village life – don't be shy - just get in touch with the group that takes your fancy. (See the contact list on the back cover). New faces are always very welcome. If there is an activity that you would like to happen that doesn't at present, the forthcoming village appraisal will give you the chance to help get it off the ground.

May we make a plea on behalf of the organisers of village events? If you decide you want to attend something, please book early! We nearly lost one event in May because of a lack of early bookings, which was eventually well-attended and successful, and we lost the magic shows because of a scarcity of bookings; maybe there would have been a late demand if we had hung on in there and hoped!

Don't forget that Tessa Doe is now contributing items on behalf of Seend to the Community News pages in the Gazette & Herald. At present, the info is largely gleaned from what goes into Spotlight. If you have other news that you would like included, please ring her on 01380 828617 or email tessadoe@hotmail.com

Lastly, a reminder that Sue Bond would like to stand down from organising the ads in Spotlight next year. If you would be interested in taking on this vital voluntary role, please contact Sue (01380 828537) to find out what is involved.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the July issue (**copy deadline 11th June**) 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.

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 - Why Bother Part 2

Well, my letter in last month's magazine stirred up a bit of a hornets' nest. Two or three people gave me 10/10 for it, while one other person (reporting back on behalf of a couple of others) only gave me 1/10! Perhaps I'd better explain : while our churches continue to "pay their way" then I don't think there's a danger they will be closed – at least not for the foreseeable future. However the feasibility of sustaining the current pattern of a service in each church every Sunday (two in Seend) being led by an ordained member of clergy would be ripe for review if the numbers of worshipers fell below a critical mass. Of course, the other side of the coin is that such a situation would mean more services might become lay led. That would provide an opportunity for members to take a more active and leading role in the life of their church, so maybe that wouldn't be such a bad thing. The sad thing for me, though, was that people centred on the future of our church buildings – the bricks and mortar - rather than on their relationship with our Lord, which was meant to be the main thrust of last month's message.

Yesterday one of the set readings was from Acts(2:41-47). The early Christians committed themselves to the Lord, and then to each other. They shared everything with those who had need. Today we're tempted by material wealth and our individual interests, to cut ourselves off from one another. We might fool ourselves by believing that we can get away with an occasional prayer but that simply isn't the case. If we take a single coal out of the centre of a fire it soon turns dull grey and then turns cold. So it is with us. If, as Christians, we are removed from the rest of the fire – the place where we share our faith, where bread is broken and shared, and prayers are said - then the light of our faith grows dull, and the warmth in our souls begins to diminish.

So what if you've never experienced the love of Jesus? What are you missing? Many people believe they're not missing anything at all. Others are aware of a big hole in their lives – and then strive to fill it by working for even greater material wealth or by filling their lives with meaningless things. Ruby Wax admitted on television this morning that she suffers from recurring depression. I've met many such people over the years – indeed my mother suffered from it herself for very many years. I'm not trying to suggest that following Jesus is a quick and easy solution to depression or any other kind of illness, but recognising that we are all children of God and that we are deeply loved by him has to be the best starting point on the road to recovery.

Our parishes are being prayed for this Thursday evening at Salisbury Cathedral. I asked that prayers are said "for all those living in our villages, that they may come to know the Lord more clearly and follow him more nearly - that He may raise up in our midst people who ... will hear and respond to his call, and that they will lead with courage and serve with love." That is my prayer for you.

Do call me if you would like to know more about Christianity – 01380 827285 (e:mail renee.coulson.2@googlemail.com)

Renée

EVENTS IN JUNE & JULY

(See also Bulkington News on pages 10-11)

Rogation Day United Service

Rew Farm, Seend Cleeve - Sunday 29th May – 10am

Everyone will be most welcome to attend this special informal service. Refreshments will be provided before the service, so come and enjoy a bacon butty with us beforehand.

**ASCENSION DAY on Thursday, 2nd June at 7.30
at St. Peter's Church, Poulshot.**

All the churches of the Benefice will be celebrating together this great festival. Everyone is welcome for this wonderful occasion

The Big Seend Picnic - Sunday 5th June



Bring your own picnic to **Seend Community Centre** between 1-4pm. We provide somewhere to sit (indoors or out, depending on the weather), children's games and a licensed bar. Do come and join in the fun and make it a real community event.

You can try your hand at short mat bowls, see what zumba is all about, and pick up information about other activities in the Centre. Seend Tennis Club will open up their courts for tennis fun from 12-4pm.

See the Big Lunch website for the background to this event.
www.thebiglunch.com

On Sunday, 12th June the church keeps the Festival of Pentecost, when we celebrate the giving of God's Holy Spirit to the world and the church was born.

There will be services of Holy Communion in all our churches (see service plan) and a

**HUGE DEANERY CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST
at 18.00 at SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN'S CHURCH,
POTTERNE**

following a **PICNIC IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN**
from 16.30.

SEEND OPEN GARDENS

11th June & 12th June

1.00 - 5.00 pm

Programme £6.00, covers admission to all participating gardens

Cream teas and ice creams, Plant sales and craft stalls

Most gardens are accessible to assisted wheelchair users

Proceeds to Holy Cross Church

Do come and support the generosity of the gardens owners

NOSH AND NATTER LUNCH CLUB

12 for 12.30pm Wednesday 22nd June

in Seend Community Centre.

Advance booking essential.

Please ring John and Lilian on 01380 828540

There will be a summer break, before the next Nosh and Natter
on 21st September



Seend Acoustic Club

1st & 3rd Tuesdays upstairs in Seend Community Centre

7th June - Nicola Clark - 'Think female Jake Thackray'

21st June - Pete Christie - brilliant finger picker and vocalist

5th July - Jennifer Crook - singer, guitarist & harpist

8pm start or earlier to book a floor spot. Admission £3.

Raffle and free chocolates! See www.seendacoustic.org

(Tickets for the one-day Seend Acoustic Festival on 10th
September will be available at the 7th June session).



Free Film show for Seend Club Members only:

(Non-members can join at the door)

Wednesday 29th June at 7.45pm

Jacques Tati's classic French comedy

'Monsieur Hulot's Holiday'





The SECOND
SEEND SUMMER BALL
SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2011



Seend Community Centre - 7.30 for 8pm until 1am

A black tie event - Three course meal - Great music

Tickets £20

For more information and reservations phone

Jan Crabtree on 01380 828687 or Caroline Bowen 01380 828846

Emma Hibberd's local classes update (tel: 01380 828426)

Body Conditioning on Mondays at 9am -10am at Bulkington Village hall

Body Conditioning on Tuesdays at Seend Community Centre 9am – 9.45am

Beginners' Zumba on Tuesdays at 10am – 11am at Seend Community Centre

Body Conditioning is a 45 minute class comprising of 5-10 minutes of gentle cardiovascular warm up, followed by 10-15 minutes of static endurance work and stretch, 15-20 minutes of muscle toning floor work. Please bring a mat or a towel for the floor work.

Zumba is a Latin/international dance-inspired aerobic fitness class for everyone; great for any age, all shapes, sizes and fitness levels. Just bring your smile, water bottle and towel and be ready for the most fun you've had while getting in shape!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ANTHONY HODGKINSON

Katharine Hodgkinson has been overwhelmed by the great number of letters and cards received since Anthony's death on 8th May 2011. She would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and messages of support at this sad time.

ALLOTMENTS

The allotment site opposite The Bell has now been cleared, and plots marked out. Water is being installed shortly, and the entrance to the site will also be improved. The price for a single plot is £30 p.a., and £50 for a double plot. Anyone wishing to acquire a plot, please contact the Parish Clerk, Rosemary Fisher, on 01380 828281.



COFFEE MORNING HELD FOR CHURCH FLOWERS

A very pleasant morning with excellent company was spent on Wednesday, 11th May, and raised £195.33p. in aid of Church Flowers. Many thanks to everyone who came, those who donated gifts, and to everyone who helped.

Lilian Smallshaw.

SEEND SCOUTS AND GUIDES REUNION

Last year I organised a reunion for all who were members of the Scout and Guide movement up to the year 1985. The evening was a great success.



I was persuaded on the night to hold another, and last, reunion this year. This will take place at the Seend Community Centre on Saturday, 18th June, from 7.30-10.30pm and hopefully we will have a greater number of members present. If you were a Scout, Wolf Cub, Sea Ranger, Guide or Brownie, why not come along and enjoy the evening? Tea and coffee will be served.

Gwyn Hopkins, 01225 425695



A POSSIBLE SEEND SINGING GROUP

A number of people have expressed an interest in forming a singing group where they would be singing for their own enjoyment. Voice tests and the ability to read music will NOT be required. Unfortunately we can take this venture no further until we have managed to attract two kindly and community-minded volunteers to (a) play the piano or other musical instrument and (b) to ensure that all of the vocalists are singing the same tune at the same time.

Such singing has become very popular and has brought a number of advantages. Participants are involved in a community venture whilst singing songs of their own choosing. The singing has therapeutic value, partly through having to hold your head high in order to sing.

If anybody is willing to fill the two vacancies please contact John Smallshaw on 01380 828540.

VILLAGE APPRAISAL UPDATE

The first meeting of the Appraisal working group took place on the 16th May.

As at the time of the last appraisal, in 1998, the Parish Council views the appraisal process as an important and effective way of consulting with all who live in the village. Therefore, the substantive section of the village's appraisal document will contain questions that the Parish Council is seeking information on and which will inform the work of the Council in the future. Towards the end of the appraisal document there will be some additional questions that will seek to explore the utilisation of and possible improvements to, those buildings that are used by villagers.

It will not be possible for anyone to identify who has completed an appraisal document and so all responses will be anonymous. There will however be a completely separate sheet of paper, for parishioners to propose new activities, clubs and societies and to provide their contact details, if they wish, so that those who share common interests can be put in touch.

It is expected that the appraisal document will be circulated in July. We hope to have a facility for the document to be completed on-line. There will be more information in the July edition of Spotlight.

Tony Murch
(on behalf of the Appraisal Working Group)

RNLI – HOUSE TO HOUSE & DEVIZES FLAG DAY COLLECTION: APRIL 2011

Thank you everyone from Seend, Seend Cleeve, Martinslade and Bulkington for giving your time and effort to collect for the Life Boats. Here are the results. The figures in brackets show last years totals.

In the village, you collected £576.93 (£537.89) – higher than last year by 7.25%. This is the best result since I have been doing this (2005). The total house-to-house amount for all areas was £4826.98 (£4099.61)

The Flag Day in Devizes raised £1074.65 (£1028.63) – up on last year – a very good result. The overall total (Flag Day and villages) was £5997.42 (£5128.24) – 17% up on last year – superb!

This was another excellent result – especially in the current economic situation – and thank you once again, everyone, for another outstanding effort to a worthy cause supported wholly by charitable contributions.

Bob McCulloch

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Holy Cross Annual Parish Meeting

Seend Church's annual meeting was held on 8th April. The meeting reviewed the work of the church, it's financial position and progress over the last year.

Additionally elections were held for the Parochial Church Council, where there were several changes, and for the officers of the Church. Steve Taylor's term of office as Churchwarden has come to an end and Anne Ewing has been elected to replace him to work alongside Tina Yockney the other Warden. Steve will remain on the PCC where he will continue to be an asset to the church. We thank him for all his hard work for the Church over the last six years.

Messy Church

For primary-school-aged children and their parents or carers

The next Messy Church event will be held in the Pavilion on Friday 1st July, from 3.15-5.45 pm. There will be drinks and biscuits to start the session followed by a story (with the chance to act out some parts if you wish!) As before, there will be lots of craft activities, a game and a song and then a meal for all. This is a fun afternoon for children and parents to enjoy together. There is no charge but a donation towards the cost of the meal would be appreciated. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.** Please contact Sue Taylor on 01225 709360 or Liz Futter on 828485. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.



Church Services during June

Thurs 2nd June - Ascension Day

7.30 pm Benefice Communion at Poulshot

Sun 5th June

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

Sun 12th June Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
 9.30 am Parish Communion at Bulkington
 9.30 am Parish Communion at Poulshot
 11.15 am Parish Communion at Seend
 6.00 pm Deanery Service at St Mary's Potterne

Sun 19th June

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

Sun 26th June

8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
 9.30 am All Age Worship at Poulshot (in Marquee or Hunloke Hall for Patronal Festival)
 11.15 am Family Communion at Seend
 6.00 pm Parish Communion at Bulkington

HOLIDAY CLUB

Our neighbouring benefice, with which we are informally linked, will be running its annual children's holiday club every day (ie Monday to Friday) for the week commencing 25th July from 10am 'til noon. The theme will be "Secret Agent" based on the story of Moses. It is aimed for primary school aged children. The club usually ends with a super water battle on the final morning! Parents will be responsible for transporting their children to and from the Vicarage in Rookes Lane, Potterne. Please register your interest with the Vicar on 827285 in the first instance (or email renee.coulson.2@gmail.com)

The Missing Note

Would the person who removed the portable CD player from the Vestry in Seend Church recently please either return it, or replace it with another of similar quality. The player, together with speakers was housed in a hard silver camera/attaché case with my name on it (Rev R Y Coulson). It was used regularly for funerals and for our All Age Worship services so its return will be greatly appreciated. Thanks.



Church Floodlights

To make arrangements to have the church floodlit please contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139. Suggested donation £10.

Seend Methodist Chapel Services for June

- 5th June 10:30am at Bromham Methodist Chapel
 ‘Villages Together’ to celebrate their Chapel anniversary
 with Revd Chris Cory leading worship
- 12th June 10am Mrs Ruth Woodhouse
- 26th June 10am Holy Communion led by Revd Roy Fowler
- All welcome.

From Roy

Two days before we were due to go away, the lock on one of our doors seized up. Unfortunately, it was seized in the open position. It was a bank holiday weekend too. The house was insecure. Before we could leave for holiday, we had to find a locksmith to come and change the lock. And so with the door secure again, we could go on holiday with the peace of mind that the house was secure again. Locks can keep unwanted visitors out. But we need to be aware too that locks can keep out what can change our lives for good as well.

In the story of the Pentecost – the day when the Spirit came upon the disciples of Jesus – we are told that the disciples were locked away out of fear of what would happen to them. The lock was no match for God’s Spirit. We are told that it came upon the disciples like wind blowing through the room and fire alighting on them. God’s Spirit swept them out into the world to speak and work for God. Frightened disciples became bold apostles.

As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost again – it used to be called Whitsun – are we ready to be swept up in the power of God’s spirit? Will we let the Spirit unlock us to be renewed servants of God, speaking and working for God? For the Spirit can free us from our fear and make us bold to serve Christ.

As we wait for the renewing power of God’s Spirit, let us all make our prayer:
 Come, Holy Spirit, come.

God bless



The new printer

Neil Yockney and others are still in the throes of selecting and purchasing a new village printer, which will be an asset to all village organisations that have printing needs. We hope to have definite news shortly.

BULKINGTON NEWS

Everyone is welcome to visit **Christ Church, Bulkington** to see the changes that have happened there – the newly painted interior, the repaired windows, the carpeted space created near the font and the new altar frontal. The church is looking beautiful! The dedication of the changes took place on Easter Sunday with nearly 50 people attending. On the following Sunday the church was absolutely full to celebrate the baptisms of Amy Coles and Ben Dobson.

The Playing Fields Committee has been allocated £50,000 from their Lottery bid and are now receiving tenders. They hope to appoint a contractor and to be able to start work around July. They will be including a sensory garden and a disability compliant path as required by the Disability Discrimination Act in the scheme. Unfortunately not everyone is looking after the current equipment and parts are disappearing. It would be helpful to the whole community if this stopped.

The **Easter Egg Hunt** was successful at the Bank Holiday weekend and the next social event when be the opening of the new facilities in due course.

The church hosted **Bulkington Lunch** takes place on 1st June at 12.15 at The Well. It is a great village occasion with a good two-course meal for £10.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145).

On Saturday, 18th June, from 10.30-12.00 there will be a **COFFEE MORNING**, in the garden of Melvyn and Eileen Difford (14 Bulkington). There will be a Bring and Buy stall, raffle, etc, with proceeds shared between the Seend Methodist Chapel and Christ Church. We hope you will all take the opportunity to see this pretty garden.

Bulkington Playing Field

The playing field in Bulkington was donated to the village by the Breach family in 1996. Since then the playing field committee have raised funds to develop and maintain the field.

During the spring Townsends Garden Centre in Devizes kindly donated a large box of bulbs. You may have noticed how colourful the playing field has been over the last few months. We'd like to pass on our thanks to Mr. Townsend.

Last year the committee applied to the National Lottery for a £50,000 grant, through Community Spaces. Part of the application process involved consulting with you, the community, to find out what you'd like to use the field for, and what equipment / features you'd like to see.

At the end of March the committee were delighted to hear that their application had been successful. All the form filling and hard work had paid off. This grant will allow the committee to build on the existing play facilities. Additional play equipment and features will be installed so that the field is used more regularly, by a more diverse group of people and children.

The committee are now working with a Lead Professional, and will shortly be going out to tender. Work on the field should begin in June/July, with a grand re-opening in the autumn. Access to the field will be restricted whilst the work goes on, although where possible, we will try to limit this. Further updates regarding this will be on the parish notice board and in Spotlight.

The committee plans to install;

Cantilever swing	Bridge	Tunnel, play mound and bike ramps
Zip wire	Path	Speaking tubes
Multi-play piece	Sensory garden	Bird and bat boxes

Further updates will follow. But, if you'd like to find out more about the process that we've followed, or the work that we're undertaking, please contact Clare Crawford on 01380 827244.

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on 6th and 20th June from 10.55-11.25. Please support it. Coffee will be available at The Well during the library time.

Refugee Week, 15 - 21 June, is a UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK. The aim is to create a better understanding between communities by promoting positive representations of refugees. We are encouraged to pray for all refugees:

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, are homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have you looked at the **BULKINGTON WEBSITE** recently? See www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/bulkington. Calum Ogivily is the webmaster and does a great job!

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



SEEND SHUTTLE

The first Wednesday Shopping Trip to Salisbury is on 1st June; please ring Terry on 828203 by Monday May 30th to book your place. We need more passengers - so do book and encourage your friends to do so too! It's a very sociable way of going shopping.

When ASDA opens in Melksham we are prepared to call there on request on the Tuesday Seend to Melksham run. See the timetable on www.seend.org.uk

A full account of the Community Bus AGM will be in next month's Spotlight.



SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our evening walk this month was around Lacock Abbey Gardens in the company of Sue Carter, the head gardener, who is helped by one full-time and one part-time gardener plus volunteers. There is something very special about walking around a garden like this in the evening light accompanied by glorious birdsong and with the absence of other people apart from our group. We were lucky to see many roses in bloom against the old stonework of the abbey and the garden had so many areas of deliberately uncut grass with edges of cow parsley and other meadow plants, all of which made the garden very natural and unspoilt. Sue has been there for eight years now and has made many improvements mindful of the history of the place, about which she is very knowledgeable.

Our next trip is on Saturday 18th June. We leave The Bell at 9.30am to visit Sudely in the morning and Batsford Arboretum in the afternoon, arriving home by approximately 6pm. Sudely has lovely gardens around the castle and Batsford is the most visited arboretum in the country - a lovely place for a stroll and tea.

On Thursday 14th July we are visiting Mapperton and Tintinhull gardens in Dorset and Somerset. Mapperton is a romantic valley garden, set in a Dorset combe amongst tumbling hills and unspoilt countryside and set against a golden sandstone house. Tintinhull is National Trust and is one of the most harmonious small gardens in Britain, with secluded lawns, pools and colourful borders, with a kitchen garden, a woodland walk and orchard to explore.

If you haven't signed up yet for either of these trips contact Jackie Kilduff, Carole Vince or Joe Hardstaff for Sudely and Monica Ridgway or Joe for Mapperton and Tintinhull. Non-members are welcome for the small extra price of one pound added to the club members' price.

Don't forget plants and help for the garden club stall at the Lye Field Fete. All contributions are gratefully received.

Sue.

SEEND LYE RECREATION FIELD COMMITTEE

Notice of the **Annual General Meeting** to be held in the Pavilion on Tuesday the 14th of June 2011, followed by the Quarterly Meeting, commencing at 7.30pm. All Constituent members are requested to be represented at this meeting, along with any other villagers.

D Sawyer, Hon Secretary.



SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB

Here is advance notice of the date for the summer musical at the Watermill Theatre Newbury. The show is "Radio Times" on Monday 5th September. Members will receive booking slips in June.

Tony Ewin

SEEND & BULKINGTON MOTHERS UNION

Future Dates

19th July – Deanery Quiet Afternoon at Seend, 2p.m. at the Church of the Holy Cross

9th August – Mary Sumner Day. Deanery lunch in the Vicarage Garden, followed by Service in Holy Cross Church.



SEEND FETE 2011 - Saturday 13 August

Only just over 2 months to go until the Seend Fete! Among the attractions in the arena will be a fantastic falconry display and a display by the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics. A Brass Quintet from Shrewton Silver Band will perform during the afternoon, and by popular request, John Alderslade and Mr Snuffy will entertain the children (and adults)! There will be static displays, train rides, pony and donkey rides and all the fun of the fair.

We are still looking for new people to add to our list of willing volunteers to help on the stalls and games, so please give me a call if you can help us, even if it's just for 1 hour. The more helpers we have the better.

Now is the time to put to one side all those items which would be suitable for the many stalls which include White Elephant, Books, Toys, Bottles, Grand Draw and Tombola. We are always so grateful for all the donations that are so generously given.

Do visit the Fete website at www.seendfete.co.uk

Fiona Johnson Fete Chairman (828401)

SEEND WI

Our meeting in May was most entertaining. Seend's own Jo McManus came to tell us about how she gave up her job to raise alpacas and to show us how to do felting. Clearly she is very enamoured of alpacas and has great plans for the future. She had all of us making felt mats and we spend a very happy half hour back in playschool mode messing around with water and sponges. There was much hilarity and a great deal of fun and friendship which is what our WI is all about. We all went home feeling that our WI has much to offer and is going from strength to strength.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th June when Jo Ilsley from Bath will be bringing along flowers so that we can all have a go at making 'tied bunches'. This should be a fun night so why not come along and join us.

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



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

'Manton Revisited' (and the beauty unchanged) ! was the venue for a six mile walk on **Sunday, 15th May**. 14 walkers took part, skirting the horse-training course on Clatford Downs, touching on the Ridgeway with wonderful views throughout. The weather was sunny with a bracing wind – enjoyed by us all. Our grateful thanks to leaders Sheila and Terry Williams.



Next walk will be on Sunday 19th June. Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9:30am departure or 10am in Station Road, Calne (Grid ref :ST9975 6075). The walk, led by Geraldine and Brian De' Ath (01225 705806) is from Calne to Bowood Park and back round to Calne. Bring the usual refreshments for a stop.

Friday Evening 1st July, walk within the village of Seend. Leaders: Frank Teasdale and Tessa Doe . The two-hour walk starts at 6pm from the Brewery Inn, Seend Cleeve. Please try to share transport so as not to clog up the pub car park. Parking is also available by the pumping station between the Brewery and the Barge. Supper at the Brewery will have been ordered in advance at a charge of £7 per person for a 'Posh Ploughman's'. Monies will be collected on the next walk, Sunday 19th June. Should the weather be inclement and the walk abandoned, if you have booked please turn up just for a social evening and supper at 8pm. If you wish to get your name down for this event and have not already done so, please contact Tessa and Frank (01380 828617) or Lin on 01225 706451 by Sunday 19th June. If you live in Seend and have been thinking about joining the Ramblers, you will be welcome to come along and meet us.

Members who are unable to make the walk, but would like to join us later for the meal, please feel free to let us know as they would be most welcome.

Lin Salter

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Just to keep all you good people on your toes and watching out for anything unusual, there have been a number of garage break-ins in the Melksham area recently. Please remember to close your garage door, even in the day time, in order to deter any would-be thief. Things are disappearing, from mowers and strimmers, to golf clubs and ladders, so please make every effort to be a little more security conscious.

In addition, a number of tiles are disappearing from church roofs, believed at night so if any of you are midnight owls, please keep an eye and an ear open near our places of worship and report anything unusual.

The telephone no. to report anything is 0845 408 7000 - you might just be able to commit it to memory!!

A few new people have joined the NHW scheme during the past month; please give it some serious thought, and remember it is free to join.

Brian Hunt, NHW Co-Ordinator.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Armed Forces Day (25th June 2011)



Unfortunately the Seend Branch is not large enough to lay on an event in the village. For local events in Trowbridge and Wootton Bassett please see the notice in the May edition of Spotlight. Details for these and events in Salisbury can be found on www.armedforcesday.org.uk/

Obituary - Major Anthony Hodgkinson Royal Artillery

Major Anthony Hodgkinson RA died on 8th May 2011. Together with his wife, Katharine, he was a long-term resident of Seend and loved village life.

He had a passion for football and cricket and actively supported the Seend teams, serving for a term as President of the Seend Football Club.

Anthony was generous by nature and gave freely of his time to the village Branch of the Royal British Legion. He organised the annual Poppy Appeal attaining record donations year on year. He concerned himself with the welfare and well being of fellow members with frequent and regular visits to the sick and less able.

His community spirit was commendable and he was responsible for establishing the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village. He was much involved with the Traction Engine Rallies held in the 1970s to raise funds to purchase the Lye Field for the village. He and Katharine continued their support for the Lye Field by regularly helping to raise money at the annual fete.

Anthony will be much missed. The village extends its deepest sympathies to Katharine and the family.

Roger Brind

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

We were very disappointed to have to cancel the magic shows on 7th May, and our apologies go to the few who had bought tickets in advance.

However, we have plenty of other good things in store - see the 'events' section at the front for details of **Nosh and Natter**, **Acoustic Club**, **the next free film show for Seend Club members and the second Seend Summer Ball**. We hope you will all also come along to join in **The Big Picnic** from 1-4pm on Sunday 5th June and bring all the family (and a picnic, of course). This is part of 'The Big Lunch' idea started by the people at the Eden Project with the aim of getting as many communities in the UK as possible lunching together on that particular day.

SEEND CLUB MEMBERS

Every now and then, we would like to communicate with Club members via email. If you want to be included and have not already given us your email address, please email it to tessadoc@hotmail.com. Thanks.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on 26th April was attended by seven Councillors, with Mrs A. Heatley in the Chair. Apologies received from Mrs T. Carr, Mr S. Diffey, Mr A. Murch and Mr J. Padfield.

Police Matters

A mobile home had caught fire at Seend Fork; the Fire Service is investigating. The police had been called to a young man causing a disturbance in the village. He has since written letters of apology.

Matters arising

War Memorial – The PCC advise that the Diocese is happy for the work to go ahead. It will now be necessary to get a further quote for the work, and complete the application for grant funding from the War Memorials Trust. The Trust must approve any grant funding before conservation work commences.

Village Appraisal – Councillors discussed questions for the appraisal, and added several suggestions.

Broadband – The BT Openreach website advises that the Devizes exchange will receive superfast broadband in September 2011.

Allotments – Three plots have now been taken up, and the chickens occupy a double plot in a secure pen. It was now necessary to purchase a water trough, ready for the when the water is connected; decide on where the entrance will be and if planning permission is necessary. The agreement also to be drawn up and circulated to Councillors.

Footpath 6 – The Clerk to contact Esther Daly, and ask if she can give Mr MacDonald a deadline to submit the application, as this matter is dragging on.

Love Walk, replacement of stone steps – The Clerk to contact Esther Daly to ask if she has a cost for the replacement of the stone steps.

Canal Bridge, Barge Inn – No response from Mark Stephens, Waterways Manager for Kennet and Avon Waterways. It was agreed to monitor this matter quarterly.

Highway Matters – Email sent to Abbi Gutierrez to follow up any actions agreed at the Melksham CATG. Traffic speed on Bollands Hill and footpath maintenance along the A361 from The Bell to The Stocks to be raised as Area Board issues.

The Lye – Wiltshire Council Housing Department have confirmed that tenants are sometimes required to pay additional charges for maintenance. Cllr Seed asked the Clerk to forward the email, and that he would also make enquiries about the additional charges.

Old Railway Bridge, Station Road – Cllr Seed advised that it was hoped that the old Railways Board may take on some responsibility for additional safety work to the bridge; this will be quicker than Highways.

Drains, Inmarsh – This has been passed to the Parish Steward.

Localism Bill – Cllr Seed advised that the Localism Bill will become law by

autumn. He suggests that the Appraisal be developed into a Neighbourhood Plan, and to get it agreed by referendum in 2013.

Public Enquiry, footpath – The final summing up will take place on 17th May.

Barbara Booth – The Clerk advised that she had been passed a cheque by the PCC for £464.10. This represented donations for tree planting in Seend in memory of the late Barbara Booth. It was agreed to get advice from Land for Trees and the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. **The Parish Council would welcome suggestions for sites for tree planting around the village. Please contact the Parish Clerk.**

Melksham Area Board

Mrs Savage reported on the last Area Board meeting; this had been a meeting just to discuss the site of the campus. The recommendation was that it should go next to Melksham Oak School; the decision will be made by the full Council. There was some dispute about moving the library from the town centre, and also about exactly who owns the proposed site. The date of the next meeting is 12th May, and this is a Young Persons special meeting.

Planning Matters

Plans for approval

E/11/0251/LBC Loiterton Farmhouse, Inmarsh
Proposed repair and remedial works to property

This was a list of changes requested by the Conservation Officer. There were no objections.

E/11/0395/FUL Old Wyatts, Row Lane
Replacement stonework to existing Row Lane boundary wall

Letters of objection had been received. Councillors discussed the application to replace the existing boundary wall constructed of Forest of Dean stonework, and replace with Cotswold 'Forest Marble' stone, as has been approved for walls elsewhere on the site. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 1 against.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 31st May at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Full copies of Parish Council meeting minutes can be found on www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

News Update from Wiltshire Council

This is the time of year when Councils at all levels hold their Annual Meetings. I try to attend all of the Annual Parish Council Meetings as well as the Annual Parish meeting for all seven of the villages in the Division and sometimes there is a change of management but most often there is not. Parish Councils do a huge amount of work for their villages all of which is vital for the wellbeing of the villages but goes largely unnoticed. There are often small disputes in villages which can involve their Councillors and most often these are resolved quickly and

effectively by wise Parish Councillors or Parish Council Chairmen. So spare a thought for those who do work so very hard on a purely voluntary basis for the good of the village and perhaps the odd letter of thanks or word of thanks in the street, pub or shop would not go amiss. From a personal point of view I would like to register my own thanks to your Chairman, Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk for all the excellent working relationship that we enjoy and exercise on your behalf all the year round.

Wiltshire Council also holds its Annual Meeting in May and at that meeting we elect our Chairman and Vice Chairman. The main political Groups elect their Leader on an annual basis and we have just re-elected Councillor Jane Scott OBE as our leader for the forthcoming year. Wiltshire is very lucky to have Jane as the Leader of the Council where she works full time and most nights as well, runs a budget of £800million and keeps the Councillors and the Council in order for an allowance of less than half an MP's salary. The Leader also appoints or reappoints Councillors of her Party to Committees on an annual basis and in turn we, the members, re-elect our Committee Chairmen on an annual basis. So this can be a time of change in Councils but it is so much better if the change is managed and handled carefully so that we all continue to work together within and outside our Councils for the good of the community which elects us.

In both Seend and Bulkington there is always something happening on which we work together and I thoroughly appreciate the positive working relationship with your Chairman in Seend, Anita Heatley, and in Bulkington, Sally Oliphant, and also the very professional Parish Clerks in Rosemary Fisher in Seend and Felicity Price in Bulkington. All of us do our best to pull together on community issues and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing your Parish management the best of luck for the forthcoming year.

Jonathon Seed

SCHOOL NEWS

Many thanks to those who attended the May Fayre. The result of £1225 profit was fantastic. We are all working hard towards raising the funds for our £32,000 contribution so don't forget, any ideas let us know. Also, if there any organisations out there that would like to organise a fundraising event on our behalf, then we would be extremely grateful. Don't forget the very kind offer from Lock & Key Estate Agents to donate 10% of their commission for a house sold if the vendor requests this at the point of valuation. Our own next fundraising event is the annual sponsored walk along the canal. We have set a target of £500 so if you know any of the children at the school, please find the time to sponsor one of them.



The building work itself, now that plans have been passed, is set to start at the beginning of July. We are all excited here to see things get going. We know it is going to require a bit of flexibility whilst the work progresses but we are sure it

will be worth it in the end. If there is any disruption caused to the neighbours, please let us know and we will do our best to address it.

Meanwhile, normal life goes on at school. We are holding a maths games day in June as part of the focus we have been having on the teaching and learning of maths. The children will be put in mixed age groups and spend time in each of the classrooms (and outside too) engaged in various maths games and treasure hunts. It should be a fun day for all concerned.

We have a few visits booked for the summer term; one class is off to @Bristol, another to look around a Mosque in Swindon. The oldest children are off to Salisbury Cathedral for a leavers' service accompanied by Reverend Renée.

The newly formed school choir sang at a concert held at Melksham Oak along with children from all the Melksham Primary Schools and having enjoyed that performance they will be joining in with schools in the South at a special Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena in January 2012.

Jackie Chalk, Headteacher

Seend School Parent Social Club

In the last couple of weeks, letters have gone out offering places to the new intake to Holly Class. It would be great if any parents / carers would like to become involved with planning fund-raising events. Likewise, any existing parents are welcome to come along. We meet once a month and our aim is to help provide the school with items that do not come out of the school budget.

Please become involved, new ideas are always welcome.

We have set ourselves the target of raising £8000 towards the building programme. As a whole the school has to repay the Diocese approximately £32,000. Any ideas for fund raising would be gratefully received by us or by the school office.

May Fayre- We tried to make this bigger and better this year and I believe that we did so! Thank you to everyone who came along and made it a success. A lot of planning goes into this event and it couldn't be done without the help and support of parents. We made £1200, which is a phenomenal result!

What can you do for your village school?

Loose Change- There is a pot now collecting loose change in the hall each morning. The Infants and the Juniors have been set the challenge of who can raise the most. If you can spare any loose change please drop it into school or give it to a school family.

Supermarket Vouchers- We are collecting vouchers from *Sainsbury's* and *Tesco*. You receive one for every £10 that you spend and we would welcome them. Please drop them into school or give to any school family. Please note that if you use the Self Serve kiosks, I believe that you will not get any.

Parachute Jump – 25 June 2011

Jo Bines has agreed to do a parachute jump in aid of the school. Jo is not keen on heights so this is very brave / mad of her!! She is paying £250 to do this out of her own pocket, so all money raised goes to the school. *Sponsorship forms are available in the post office and around the village.*

Seend School 100 Club

May Winners are:

1st Darren Nichols

2nd Suzie Barnett

3rd Jane O'Connor

The winning tickets are drawn during Gold Book Assembly. The winners will be published in the Spotlight. Best of luck and thank you!!

Please become a friend of the school, anyone can do it, whether they have a connection to the school or not. The odds of winning are better than the lottery, so please join by picking up a form from school or contacting me. Cheques need to be made payable to Seend School 100 Club.

For your chance to win, all we ask is that you pay £12 a year and each month you will have the opportunity to win a share of £45. First Prize is £20, 2nd Prize is £15 and 3rd Prize is £10.

Emma Smith, 01380 828056

Seend Sports results and fixtures May 2011

Football

Manager Mike Hopkins; Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham

The team finished third after Foresters and Freshford, losing their final game 1-2 to Westbury.

Goal of the season goes to Mark Newman for his 35 yard half volley into the top left corner in the match against Steeple Ashton.

Leading goal scorer was Joe Flower with 15. He was also voted Players' Player of the season.



Devizes – Westminster canoe race

The gruelling annual marathon along the canal from Devizes joining up with the Thames and ending at Westminster bridge took place again this Easter with Jenny Akerman completing the event within four days, robustly supported by her entire family who provided food, shelter and most importantly encouragement. Well done Jenny!

Tennis – chair Elaine Davis

The Chippenham and District league results to date.

Ladies – Captain Pam Akerman

The first three matches against Bath, Chippenham and Calne have ended in three defeats, some tighter than others. Players to date: Pam Akerman, Jeanne Bergin, Carol Whitely, Sian Evans, Sonia Nicholl and Phillipa Jackson.



Mens - Captain Francis Goddard

The first match saw us lose to Urchfont, but last week we drew with Corsley. So far the team has included: Chris Ellinger, Harry Waylen, Will Newall, Nathan Hamblin, Louis Ball and Martin Barber

Our next match against one of the Bath teams should see the introduction of Charlie Waylen who alongside his brother Harry promise much for the future of Seend tennis.

Mixed A – Captain Mark Newman

The first match saw a defeat to Trowbridge, followed by a very close encounter with Civil Service A who scraped home 5-3. This week's match against Biddestone saw the team narrowly beaten 3-5.

Players to date: David and Susie Meharg, Mark Newman, Victoria Bowes, Pam Akerman and Tom Jackson

Mixed B – Captain Ric Ellinger

Beat Trowbridge 5-2.

Drew with Malmsbury 4-4

Lost to Marshfield 3-5

Players to date: Chris Ellinger, Ric Ellinger, Jeanne Bergin, Pam Akerman, Carol Whitely and Sian Evans

As always, any keen players welcome – contact Ric Ellinger or team captains

Short Mat Bowls – Navigator – Colin Waldeck

Last month we promised the results from the SMB league championships, which Colin and the boys won in devastating fashion.

The bare facts were:- played 10, won 8, drew 1, lost 1 giving the team 17 points out of 20. Their nearest rivals were Kingston Langley on 11. The subsequent victory conga, which Colin led down the high street in the early hours was something to remember but I'm afraid that the Super Injunction obtained by an anonymous team member – lets just call him Colin W so as to preserve his anonymity – prevents me telling more.

Incidentally, the summer season has just kicked off with a well-fought defeat to Marshfield

Cricket – Captain John Wiltshire

The 8th May saw Seend play in their second match of the season against Broughton Gifford and, after some confusion concerning the venue; we got underway with Seend batting first. Despite losing an early wicket in the first over, Mark Wiltshire (top score 105 retired) and Ben King (78) had a fantastic partnership of 200 by drinks at 20 overs. Out of sympathy for Broughton Gifford Mark retired allowing the rest of the team to have a bat, including a quick fire 52 not out for captain John Wiltshire off of just 16 scoring shots! This imperious batting display gave us a healthy score of 359 for 9 to take into tea and to defend in the field. Nathan King (16-3) and Charlie Waylen (28-2) opened the bowling



for Seend, leaving Broughton Gifford in real trouble after their respective spells prompting captain Wiltshire to bring in Will Goodier (34-0) and Jake Sainsbury (42-2) into the bowling attack in a bid to even up the game, and with both bowlers trying their hand at spin, this tactic worked. Nevertheless, the score posted by Seend was too much for Broughton Gifford and they could only manage to score 157 before being bowled out and being beaten by over 200 runs. Congratulations to the whole team and thanks to Anita for the fantastic teas on such short notice.

Presumably the Frome Accidents heard of the Broughton Gifford result and some would say wisely cancelled the match scheduled for May 15th with the excuse that they could not raise a team.

Upcoming fixtures:

22nd May – away Vs The Golden Fleece

28th May – home Vs Trinity

SKITTLES

The season is over and the final positions are set out below. In the meantime Russel Collins is organising the three-aside competition, with the second round taking place as we go to press. The semi finals are on 6th and 13th June. The final will be on 20th June and we will list the finalists in next months spotlight

Seend A – captain John Wiltshire

The A team finished second in the premier division

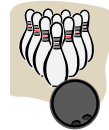
Seend B – Captain Nick Easton

Nick led the team to 8th position in a league of 11.

Seend C – Captain Graham Hamblin

The C team ended the season in 8th position out of 12.

Results fixtures and news for April Spotlight to the Steward's Enquiry by 10th June please. Frankie Goddard 828488.



PERSONAL ADS

(Small personal ads - not from businesses - can be left at the Post Office or delivered to Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings with payment of £2 please.)

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 is 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. Thank you S & J Wilfort

ODDS AND ENDS

Cycle racks

When attending events at the Pavilion or Community Centre, would cyclists feel happier about leaving bikes in Rusty Lane if there were proper cycle racks? Please ring Tessa on 828617 and/or mention in your village appraisal questionnaire when you receive it. If there is a demand we could look into getting grant funding .

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

Two more people have come forward to express an interest in forming a German conversation group (beginners to fluent speakers welcome). If you would like to join in, please let Bernie Prolze (01380 828391) know. Vielen Dank.

JAZZ IN THE GARDEN

Sunday 3rd July 2011, 2 – 4.30pm

The event will be held in the wonderful grounds of Brook House, Bromham, home of renowned furniture designer Mark Wilkinson.

Jazz music will be provided by the fantastic Colette Cassin Quintet. Teas, cakes and other refreshments plus a range of stalls and activities will also be on offer during the afternoon. All proceeds from this charity event will go to Age UK Wiltshire, a local charity which offers information, advice and practical support to thousands of older people within the county each year.

Tickets will be available from Age UK Wiltshire's offices in Devizes and a number of other local ticket sellers from 1st June onwards, or at the gate on the day. For further information, see www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk or contact Belinda Fowler on tel: 01380 710412, email belinda.fowler@ageukwiltshire.org.uk

SUPERFAST BROADBAND IN WILTSHIRE

Wiltshire Council is investing £16 million so more residents and businesses can have access to super fast broadband. The council is also bidding for a government grant and additional funding from the telecoms industry with the hope of generating more than £30m towards getting Wiltshire ahead in the digital revolution. The council has set a target of giving 85% of premises access to super fast broadband by 2015 – and that target could possibly rise to 95%.

Supporting superfast broadband access is only one part of the council's wider plans to get the county online. The council will invest in educating people and small businesses to help them get the most out of the internet and also help to encourage more elderly people to use online services which will give them greater independence. It will increase the number of its services that can be accessed online and look to develop its website so more people can pay bills and make enquiries online – increasing access and saving taxpayers' money.

To make sure the council targets its investment to the areas which need it most, people across the county are being asked to fill in a survey. All the information gathered will help the council as it works with the telecoms industry to improve

access to broadband across Wiltshire. Separate surveys aimed at businesses and residents are available online at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/digitalinclusion/digitalinclusionbroadbandsurvey.htm

The survey can also be obtained until June 3rd by calling 0300 456 0100.

Advertisement:

The Mill School and Millipedes Nursery - a new lease of life.

One of the best kept secrets in Wiltshire is now under new ownership. The Mill school, an Independent preparatory school and nursery which has pupils from Seend, Seend Cleeve, Bulkington and surrounding areas was facing closure. Under new ownership it is now entering an exciting new phase of development. One of the new owners, who lives in Seend Cleeve, said, 'the passion from the parent group was unbelievable. The School has an 80% scholarship rate giving it a strong reputation in the area. However, it is the reputation for raising children with traditional values that really makes it the school of choice for parents.' The new owners are keen to integrate the school much more into the community and to make it less of a secret! There is an open morning on Tuesday 14th June and anyone interested in the school or nursery should contact Mrs. Hinder on 01380 723011 or office@mill.wilts.sch.uk www.mill.wilts.sch.uk

Bowood Charity Dog Show and Summer Fair

Sunday June 12th from 10am at Bowood House Calne SN11 0LZ

www.bowood.org/dogshow

Charity Events in Melksham Assembly Hall

So U Pink U Can Zumba? Sunday 3 July. A fun packed afternoon of Zumba raising money & awareness of Breast Cancer Care starting at 12noon til 4pm. Participants can sign up from 11.30am - 3pm. Registration fee - £5 in advance or £7.50 on the day. For more information contact waynesworldoffashion@hotmail.co.uk or 07074 441772.

Cirque De Famille. Friday 15 July. All the fun of the Circus with a party atmosphere, supporting Breast Cancer Care, with lots of fun activities for children of all ages. Linked with the Melksham Food Festival. 7.30pm til Midnight . Tickets: £5 (under 16s £1). **Contact Information** as for zumba event above.

Poppy Party event with Bootleg Abba and Soulside at 7.30pm on Friday 10 June fundraising for the RBL Poppy Appeal and Combat Stress. Tickets can be obtained from Tom Sangster on 01225 704511.

And finally.....

UNUSUAL FACTS... (the editors deny liability if not true!)

If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee. (*Hardly seems worth it.*)

Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump. (*Okay, so that is a good thing.*)



USEFUL CONTACTS: *(contact Spotlight if your group's contact details change)*

CHURCH: Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285; Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01380 828733. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend; Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557 & 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, Jane Goman 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 i.e. 7.30-11pm)

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 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

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

MP Claire Perry, 01672 519198 (10-5) or claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk

MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391

Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 827041 - www.seendacoustic.org

Book Clubs - the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617

Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350

Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 828757

Fawltly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Fete Committee - Fiona Johnson 828401 - www.seendfete.co.uk

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 - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606; 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 - Joan Savage

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

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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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