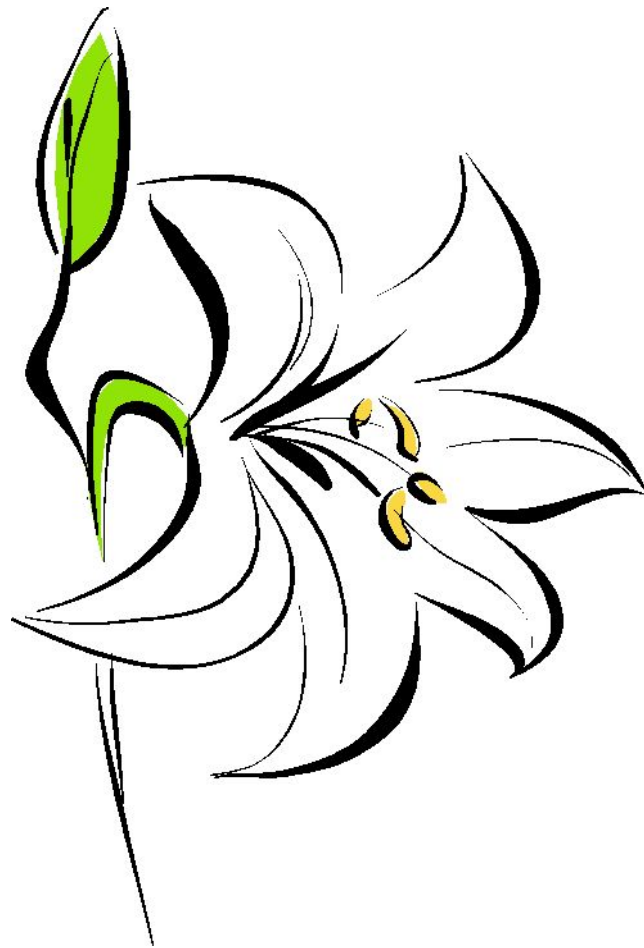


SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



April 2012

DIARY DATES FOR LATE MARCH

- 30th Official opening of new school building, 10am
- 31st Last date for advance payment discount on Seend Club membership!
- 31st 'Hope for Tomorrow' lunch, Bulkington Village Hall, 12.30pm
- 31st Mixed pairs skittles competition, Community Centre, 8pm
- 31st Rural Arts Wiltshire 'Me, Myself and Miss Gibbs', Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 31st Market Lavington Community Hall, Easter County Fair, 10am-2pm

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 2nd Last date for consultation on Wiltshire Core Strategy document
- 3rd Seend Acoustic Club – Phil King – upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 8pm
- 4th Shuttle Shopping Trip – phone Terry on 828203 by Monday 2nd to book
- 4th Bulkington Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm
- 4th Melksham Area Board meeting, Melksham United Church, 7pm
- 6th Good Friday children's workshops, Seend Church, 10am-12 noon
- 9th Great Bulkington Railway rides, 1.30-4.30pm
- 10th Gardening Club AGM
- 11th WI AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 13th Relaunch of refurbished Seend Club Members' Lounge, from 5.30pm
- 14th **LAST DATE FOR ITEMS FOR MAY SPOTLIGHT**
- 15th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.15am
- 15th Free film for Seend Club members – 'Great Expectations', 7.45pm
- 16th Annual Church Meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7pm
- 17th Seend Acoustic Club – Nicky Swann – upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 8pm
- 17th Buzz Discussion Group, Seend Vicarage, 7.15pm
- 23rd Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 23rd Shakespeare's birthday/ St George's Day event, Community Centre, 8pm
- 24th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 25th Nosh and Natter lunch club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30
- 28th Gardening Club trip to Exbury
- 30th Buzz Discussion Group. Hunloke Hall, Poulshot, 6pm

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 1st Seend Acoustic Club – James Hollingsworth, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 2nd Buzz Discussion Group, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 7.30pm
- 4th Textile collection at Seend School
- 5th Seend Beer Festival, Community Centre, 12 noon till 11pm
- 11th Seend School May Fair, 2-5pm
- 18th Seend Wine Circle, Community Centre, 8pm (book by 11th)
- 20th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane 9.30am
- 21st Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 23rd-25th Noye's Fludde Community Opera, Community Centre, 7pm
- 26th Acoustic Club Special – Henry Priestman - upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 27th Free Film show for Seend Club members – 'The World's Fastest Indian', 7.45pm
- 29th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 30th Nosh and Natter lunch club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30

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 April 2012 Spotlight

The Village Appraisal document (mentioned in last month's Spotlight) is now included as an insert in this edition - except for those of you in Bulkington, who are not affected. Among the interesting answers, we noticed a few things that do happen in the village that people seem to be unaware of – e.g. the Link scheme, Neighbourhood Watch (contact info for both inside the back cover of Spotlight), and the fact that textiles can be put in the black recycling boxes. Too few people seem to know about the website (www.seend.org.uk). Spotlight comes out of the appraisal pretty well, with some constructive comments which we shall take on board where possible, though cost is, of course, a factor. 'Word of mouth' comes second after Spotlight as the means of acquiring information – so once you've read all about the village activities in Spotlight, please tell those who haven't done so all about them! Some of you show willing to help protect wildlife habitats, maintain footpaths etc; perhaps people will now step forward to form working parties to do so. Many suggestions made for Jubilee celebrations are, in fact, incorporated into the 4th June events. Interestingly, some items on the list of likes and dislikes about living in Seend seem to contradict each other, proving you can't please all of the people all of the time!

Most of you know about the listing of Seend and Seend Cleeve as separate villages in the Wiltshire Core Strategy document, and may have taken part in a vote on whether we see ourselves as one village or two. The Core Strategy document can be seen on Wiltshire Council's website. Consultation ends on April 2nd.

April offers the usual wide range of activities in our villages, and the beginning of the month sees Easter celebrations in church and chapel to which everyone is welcome. There are special services planned for Holy Week and Easter Day and, of course, there are the Good Friday workshops.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the May issue (**copy deadline 14th April**) can be emailed 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 share the editing of Spotlight, so please send all emails to the Spotlight address or deliver entries to the Shop/PO.

Lost emails: Emails to Spotlight sometimes go 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:

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

Events in late March, April, May and beyond

Skittles Competitions in Seend Community Centre **Mixed Pairs 31st March at 8pm**



Sign up at the bar NOW or contact Russ on 07905 558309 to enter.

Entry £1.50 – Prizes to be won!

Three-a-Side (ladies, gents or mixed) **starts 24th April at 8pm and continues until June**

Entry forms available at the Bar. All welcome.



Rural Arts Wiltshire

Saturday 31st March at 7.30pm in the Pavilion

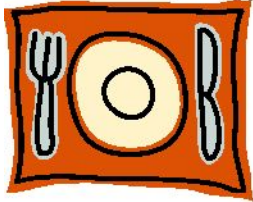
Last chance to buy tickets for

Francesca Millican-Slater's

'Me, Myself and Miss Gibbs'

The story of a second-hand postcard mystery

£7 (£6 concessions) from Seend PO or phone 828687, 828778 or 828617



Nosh And Natter

Lunch Club!

at 12 for 12.30pm

on Wednesdays April 25th and May 30th

Advance booking essential - ring 01380 828540
(Please also ring this number if you can help)

Seend Acoustic Club

1st & 3rd Tuesdays upstairs in Seend Community Centre at 8pm

3rd April – super singer/songwriter **Phil King** (back by popular demand) £5

17th April – Devon's award-winning **Nicky Swann** 'an artist to watch'! £5

1st May – unique voice and amazing guitar of **James Hollingsworth** £3

Plus

Saturday 26th May - **Henry Priestman** (of The Christians) - £7.50

See www.seendacoustic.org for full details

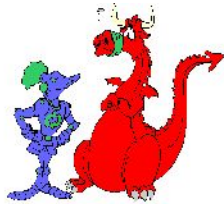
Tickets also available for **Seend Acoustic Festival** – 7th-8th September



Come and help us celebrate the completed refurbishment of the
Members' Lounge at the Community Centre
Friday, 13th April 2012 from 5.30pm 'till late

One free drink for all members!

Bring your membership card, or new members may join as they arrive £8
(adult), £5 (14- to 17-year-olds or over 60s)



Shakespeare's Birthday
and St George's Day combined celebration
Monday April 23rd 8pm upstairs in Community Centre

The annual formal dinner has had to be cancelled due to difficulties in finding a team to prepare the meal. Instead, we offer an informal light supper with appropriate entertainment (English folk song from Acoustic Club favourites Bryony and Jock, plus readings (sublime and ridiculous) from a small band of Seend Fawltly Shakespeareans).

Tickets £6 (£5 on production of a Seend Club membership card)
from the Community Centre or phone 828617.

Proceeds to the Community Centre.

Please book in advance for catering purposes.



Free Film Shows for Seend Club Members
in Seend Community Centre

7.45pm Sunday April 15th – to celebrate Dickens bicentenary –
the classic 1945 David Lean film of '**Great Expectations**'
starring a young John Mills.

The bar opens at 7.30pm. Membership cards must be shown, or
non-members can join on the door.

Visitors from outside the village accompanying local Members can take out
temporary membership for the film show for just £1 each.

Next film show : Sunday 27th May 'The World's Fastest Indian'



Seend Cleeve Open Gardens - 9th June 1pm to 6pm
Come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon wandering round
the delightful gardens of the Cleeve. Cream teas and ice cream
will be available plus the Shuttle bus to take you round.

In aid of Church funds.





Seend Beer Festival
Saturday 5th May in Seend Community Centre
Noon until 11pm
Live music – pig roast
£10 includes free souvenir glass and two beer tokens

Tickets available from:
Seend PO, Seend Community Centre and The Brewery Inn.
Numbers limited to 500 – so book early!
See www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk

JUBILEE CHURCH FETE
Saturday 2nd June 2012. 2 to 5 pm

WANTED

Books, Bric-a-brac, Toys, Games, Toiletries, Garden produce, DVD/CDs, Raffle
Prizes, Groceries, Cakes/bread/preserves etc!

All offers of help are always appreciated.

Please contact Tina Yockney 01380 827139 or Anne Ewing 01380 828557.

Thank you.

LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN NEXT MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT

Seend Community Opera

Join us for the Seend musical event of 2012!

Seend Community Opera presents

BRITTEN'S OPERA 'NOYE'S FLUDDE'

Over 130 performers will present this one-act
masterpiece in Seend Community Centre on

Wednesday – Friday, 23-25 May 2012 at 7pm.

Tickets Now On Sale from 01380 828401 or Seend Post Office

£7 (adult) £4 (children 16 and under) Unreserved



Noye is a Chester Miracle Play and will be presented with a cast of approximately 100
and orchestra of 35, directed and produced by Michael Johnson

Grant aided by Wiltshire Council and Seend Parish Council.

Sponsored by West Wiltshire Music Limited.

Production given in association with Boosey & Hawkes Limited.

A Seend Community Centre Presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Elliot Philip Bowen

Annica and Philip Bowen of 2 The Close, Bulkington are proud to announce the birth of their first baby, Elliott Philip Bowen born Saturday 17th March at 3.15pm. Weighing 7lb 11oz. We were most welcomed by the Bulkington Congregation on Sunday morning for a lovely Mothering Sunday service. It made our first day with Elliott very special. Thank you everyone who was there that day.

Christian Aid

In March Spotlight we appealed for help with Christian Aid Week 13 – 19 May. Dick Church responded and will be helping Margaret Coley this year; taking over as Christian Aid coordinator next year. Janet and Rex Gudge have agreed to count the money.

All these offers are much appreciated – it pays to advertise in Spotlight!

Spotlight

We've had some interest in taking over a share in the editing and preparation of Spotlight, but nothing definite. If you think you would enjoy joining the team, please contact any of the phone numbers or email addresses on page 1.

Churchyard

Please could everyone who maintains graves in the churchyard remove all Christmas wreaths and other such artificial items of decoration from family graves immediately. None of these items are allowed under Churchyard Regulations – partly for ease of maintenance but, more importantly, to safeguard the beauty and sanctity of these areas as a living environment for all who visit them. Any such items that are still in place on Good Friday will be removed and disposed of. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you Seend!

George's Charity Ball was a fantastic success thanks to all of you. We made an impressive £6,500 and George is now booked into the Peto Institute for seven weeks from 31st March for much needed therapy.

The night was packed with fun: Paul Martin enthusiastically auctioning random items and promises including boat, microlite and plane trips; Liam Bergin producing extraordinary photos; the auctioning of a drawing produced by Tim Miness during the evening and the usual riotous dancing as to be expected in Seend.

Huge thanks to the Seend team of "event organisers" who will be in action with their skills for the Seend summer dinner dance on 6th July.

Nosh and Natter lunch club: Nosh and Natter had to be cancelled in March for lack of helpers. To avoid future cancellations we need more volunteers to spread the load. If you feel you can help with this much valued monthly event please contact Lillian Smallshaw on 828540 or Pauline Robertson on 828638.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – 4th June

Preparations for this event are well under way now. There will be an afternoon Tea Party and Games from 3pm to 5.30pm. This will involve a cake competition, a 'bring and share' tea and fun and games for all, co-ordinated by The WI and Lye Field. In the early evening there's time for our young adults to play some field games. On the evening from around 8pm there will be a party at the Community Centre, with dancing, a quiz, and a hog roast - culminating in lighting the beacon. Full details to come next month, but put the date in your diary now.



Seend Fete Saturday 11th August 2012

SEEND FETE NEEDS YOU

The committee needs new members urgently

We need at least two or three more people to help in the organising and planning of the fete, usually meeting once a month.

If you would like to join us please get in touch with Fiona Johnson on 828401 or Jo McManus on 828870.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

BENEFICE "BUZZZZ" GROUPS



The informal discussion groups start this month. Please make a note in your diary and come and join us. Everyone is welcome - you don't need to be a churchgoer. You can dip in and out, attend any or indeed all of them, just as you wish! The groups offer a great way to hear what the church has to say about inner healing, to discuss the Bible readings from the previous Sunday, or what Christians actually believe, based on the Creed. Complete schedules of the talks have already been distributed to everyone on our church electoral rolls, and spare copies are available at the back of church - please help yourself. The first meetings are as follows:

17th April 7.15 Arrival and coffee, 7.30 start. Seend Vicarage. (Inner healing)
"Where did I come from?"

30th April 6.00 Hunloke Hall, Poulshot (next to the Village Hall, on the Green)
(Bible based) Acts 4 and John 10.

2nd May 7.30 4 Northfields, Bulkington (What do we believe?) "God, Father and King?"

If you have difficulty in getting to a venue please let us know, and we will arrange transport.



Good Friday Children's Workshops

6th April from 10.00 – 12.00

Come and get crafty with your children (or grandchildren) at Seend Church, for a morning of Easter-themed crafts including the ever popular clay modelling. Help to create our Easter garden, make cards, tell the Easter story in collage, try your hand at the quiz, and many more activities.

If you play an instrument, please bring it along and join the Youth Orchestra for the day. (Music can be available in advance by contacting Sue Taylor on 01225 709360). There will be drinks and Hot Cross Buns too!

Annual Parish Church Meeting

This will be held on Monday 16th April at 7pm in the Upstairs Room in the Community Centre. All members of the Church are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Church Walk Parking: Can we ask that parishioners leave the area between the Church gates and the turning point in Church Walk free for disabled drivers and those bringing people with disabilities to the Church. Thank you.

Letter from the Vicarage

We're over a quarter of the way through 2012 yet the cycle of violence and bad things happening to innocent people continues – notably Syria and Afghanistan – as well as in the Sudan, with which our Diocese of Salisbury is linked.

The tragedy is – as with our young soldiers serving with the peace-keeping forces and those struck down by acts of violence and other disasters – that families who thought their children's futures were all before them must now deal with a truth that no parent ought to face. There will be no future, no falling in love, no weddings, and no grandchildren.

There is always a personal cost for the loved ones of those whose lives have been plucked short. It's impossible to calculate the emotional and spiritual cost in each case. It's perfectly natural and understandable to ask why such things happen ... why there is so much evil in the world ... why man and nature so overwhelms us at times, and destroys our lives... why do innocent people suffer? And just as inevitably, people ask "Where was God in the face of such evil?"

These questions are as old as Job and are asked by the wisest people among us. People have tried to find the answer to suffering for years - and we continue to search for it. So what do we do in the face of monstrous works of evil, when God seems so far from us? Who is in control? Man? Or God?

In many ways such tragedies seem eerily echoed in the story of Job. Families have had their lives wiped out by an evil act. They were hit hard. Now what? We do what Job did when he learned of his loss. We mourn. Did God make or allow such violence? No, He did not. Did God have some purpose in all this? No! Were the perpetrators greater sinners than us? NO! and NO again!

The God we meet in John's Gospel is Love. He's no stranger to sorrow. Let's remember the Easter message - that Jesus suffered, and died. But he was also raised on that glorious Easter morning. Where is He to be found? He is here. He is found in us when we serve Him and when we serve our neighbour. Of course we should mourn, but we should also turn to God – we are all part of his family and should reach out to one another.

The Resurrection story of Easter Day celebrates a new beginning. What will you do right now with this life you have? Will you turn to God? THAT's the question Jesus asks each one of us, right now!

God bless Renée

Church services during April

Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday

- 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 Parish Communion at Poulshot

Thursday 5th April Maundy Thursday

- 7.00 pm Passover Supper in Bulkington Village Hall

Friday 6th April Good Friday

- 10.00 am Children's workshops at Seend
- 2.00 pm Hour before the Cross at Poulshot

Saturday 7th April Easter Eve

- 7.30 pm Service of Light at Seend

Sunday 8th April Easter Day

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 9.30 am Family Communion at Bulkington
- 9.30 am Family Communion at Poulshot
- 11.15 am Family Communion at Seend

Sunday 15th April

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 9.30 am Parish Communion at Bulkington
- 11.15 am Parish Communion at Seend
- 6.00 pm Evensong at Poulshot

Sunday 22nd April

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 9.30 am Matins at Poulshot
- 11.15 am Family Communion at Seend
- 4.30 pm 2Church4T at Bulkington
- 6.00 pm Evensong at Bulkington

Sunday 29th April

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 10.00 am Benefice service at Bulkington

FROM ROY

In his poem 'Resurrection', R. S Thomas wrote:

'... a machine stranded/ beside the way for lack/
of petrol is covered with flowers.'

What a wonderful juxtaposition in this image. On the one hand we can see the stranded vehicle. Because there is no fuel left in the tank, it is unable to move. While looking at the forlorn and abandoned car, we can also reflect on the human carelessness that failed to re-fuel it and that has meant no one has ever come back to reclaim it. Against this, we can see the covering of flowers that brings life and vitality to the scene. Has the hedgerow blossom tumbled out across the abandoned car or have the flowers in the verge sprung up all around – perhaps it is both. There is vitality and energy that counters the lifelessness of the vehicle that seems more fundamental, lasting.

We can picture Good Friday all too easily - a war, an atrocity, a starving child, a report of neglect, ugliness - death both literal and metaphorical. Our destructiveness and the sapping of hope are reflected in the world and on a cross. We cannot turn away from the cross without reflecting on our need for God's forgiveness and God's renewal of the human spirit, nor seeing the depth of love displayed.

Another poet, e e cummings wrote:

'i who died am alive again today,/ ... this is the birth/
day of life and of love ...'

Does the poet write of Easter or does he write of any day? Perhaps it is both. Through the risen Christ we see God comes with an astonishing vitality again and again like blossom tumbling over an abandoned car.

May the true joy of Easter be yours one more



SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL

Services for April 2012

8 th April (Easter)	11am	Holy Communion service led by Derek & Michele Gard
15 th April	10 am	Mrs Geraldine Mann
29 th April	10 am	Benefice Service at Bulkington Parish Church with Revd Roy Fowler

BULKINGTON NEWS

Great Bulkington Railway – Train Rides Easter Monday 9th April

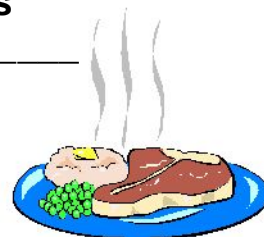


The private miniature railway will be open for steam and diesel powered train rides for adults and children of all ages on from 1330 until 1630 hours on Monday 9th April. We are located on the corner of Mill Lane in the village of Bulkington, near Seend next to Bulkington village hall – SN10 1SW. There is a thousand feet of railway track, a 40 foot long tunnel and lots of working signals – some of the engines will be steam powered and coal fired and some will be diesel. We have ride on carriages for our passengers and will be supported by the West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers. Sticky buns and teas on the lawns. Toilets are available in the Village Hall. This event will be in support of '*Hope for Tomorrow*' raising money for mobile units to treat cancer suffers locally with chemotherapy closer to their homes in Wiltshire.

Nev Boulton engine driver (long haul), GBR. 01380 828101

Bulkington Village Hall AGM **Wednesday 04 April 2012 at 1930 hours**

HOPE for TOMORROW Lunch **31st March, 12.30pm** **in BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL**



'Hope for Tomorrow' is a charity based in Gloucester. It aims to bring cancer treatment closer to home by providing mobile chemotherapy units.

To raise funds for this worthy cause a two course lunch will be served in the Village Hall on Saturday, 31st March at 12.30pm. Tickets cost £10 each and all proceeds will go to the charity. Tickets can be purchased from Audrey MacDonald (828376) and Sue Noad (870343).

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND SHUTTLE



Don't forget the bookings number for the Shuttle is now Alison's mobile, 07951030491, and the keyholder is Gordon Galloway on 828568. Please phone him in advance to arrange when to collect the key.

First Wednesday Shopping Trip

Please ring Terry on 828203 by Monday 2nd April to book your place on the shopping trip on Wednesday 4th.

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS

The Players are delighted to announce that, despite our smallest ever audiences, £300 was raised for the school building fund through this year's pantomime.

Three Fawlty Players, plus Malc, Bryony and Jock from Acoustic Club, are looking forward to providing the entertainment for the Shakespeare's Birthday /St George's Day celebration on April 23rd upstairs in the Community Centre.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday 26th April 2012 in the Kennet room in the Community Centre commencing at 1930 hrs.



DAY TRIP to BUCKINGHAM PALACE **Thursday 6th September 2012 at 11am**

As a special treat for this jubilee year, a trip to London to see the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace has been organised. This is open to all Seend residents and you are advised to book early if you would like to go. There is also an exhibition of "Diamonds: A Jubilee Celebration" to be seen and is included in the price.

Tickets for this event are £16.50 + return travel by coach from Seend. It will leave at approx 0830 hrs. Further details will be available nearer the time. Please contact Tony Ewin on 01380 828235 or Joy Stack 01380 828809 to book your place or for further information contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139.



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

The big news this month is the refurbishment of the Members' Lounge Bar, which should be almost complete by the time you read this.

Particular thanks go to Tony Murch for his hard work coordinating the refurbishment, and thanks also for your patience while the Kennet

Room was substituted for the lounge during the work. Normal service is resumed, with a return to early Friday opening at 5.30pm on 13th April, when Seend Club Members will be offered their first drink free.

We are delighted to have an oak sapling planted on the lawn as part of Barbara Booth's generous tree-planting legacy to the village. It will soon be joined by a magnolia, chosen by Peter Fisher and presented to him on his recent retirement as our Chairman.

Details of Acoustic Club nights, Nosh and Natter lunches, free film show, skittles competitions, the Shakespeare & St George joint celebration and Noye's Fludde are all in the events section at the beginning of this magazine. And don't forget to put the Summer Dinner Dance on 6th July, the Flower Show on 11th August, the Acoustic Festival on 7th-8th September and the Wine and Food Fair on November 17th in your diaries. We also have Bath Opera's 'Carmen' to look forward to on 23rd June.



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Sunday 11th March: The walk led by Ron and Penny England commenced from the Wharf in Devizes and took place on a lovely bright morning. 14 walkers enjoyed a 5½ mile circular distance from Quakers Walk, making their way up to Roundway Hill, passing Oliver's Castle, then dropping down to the pastures below and returning back to their vehicles.

Thanks go to Ron and Penny for picking such a lovely day for an exhilarating walk with brilliant views throughout.

Next Walk – Sunday 15th April: Leaders: Brian and Geraldine De'Ath departing from Rusty Lane at 9.15 a.m. At the time of going to press, a decision has not been finalised as to the locality for this walk. Ramsbury or Cricklade are in contention; approx 5½ miles in distance. Details will have been made clear at our Annual Meeting on Sunday 25th March. Geraldine & Brian can be contacted on 01225 705806

Sunday 20th May: Walk of 5 ½ miles in the Hullavington area, Leaders: Bob and Brenda Jones (01225 703277) Departure from Rusty Lane at 9.30am.

Lin Salter



SEEND WINE CIRCLE

The Spanish night was a great success with over 90 people gathering in the Village School hall.

Next time on the 18th of May we will be Visiting Chile with Malcolm Shipp taking the lead from the committee. This will take place in the main hall of the Community Centre. There are 20 places available at time of going to press. Bookings can be made until the 11th May unless sold out sooner. The cost of the evening is £7.50 per person.

Bookings to Steve Parsons at Seend Bridge House, Inmarsh or Malcolm Shipp 1 and 2 Weavers Cottages, Seend please. Parents with children at the village school may find it easier to give their booking forms to Victoria Bowes who also has children at the School.

The committee would like to thank Mrs Chalk, the headteacher, for making the school hall available.

SEEND SINGERS

The Seend Singers continue to meet and enjoy themselves on Tuesday mornings at 11am in the Community Centre. We levy a small charge to pay for the use of the Centre. If you decide to come along, please let Roger Brind know on 01380 828830 so he has an idea of numbers.



SEEND WI

For our March meeting we were very fortunate to have Renée Coulson as our speaker. As our local vicar she is a very busy lady, and it was great to have her at our meeting. She told us about her pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela - a trek of almost 500 miles.

We all had great admiration for her stamina and determination to finish the walk in under her estimated time. The fact that she got there at all was amazing. Volcanic ash cancelled her flight, and French rail strikes meant she had to travel by sea to Bilbao and then bus to the Pyrenees.

Although the pilgrimage was arduous, it was not without compensations. She showed us slides of beautiful countryside and stunning vistas and amused us with some of the experiences she had in large dormitories with bunks in very close proximity! I think we all felt the pain of her sore feet and felt proud that our very own vicar had achieved her Compostela. In fact, she has TWO as she did a shorter pilgrimage the following year.

Next month's meeting is the AGM on Wednesday April 11th. All meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise notified. For more information please contact Fiona Johnson on 01380 828401 or check the website www.seendwi.weebly.com.

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting on April 10th is the final indoor meeting of our year and our AGM. Our speaker has cancelled so after the business we will be having a flower themed cryptic quiz to be done in groups whilst partaking of refreshments, which, of course, are provided by you. Joyce already has a list of members willing to provide sweet and savoury plates of food but we can always do with more. Bring something along on the night or ring Joyce to see what is required. There will also be wine, tea and coffee available. If you wish to buy a fuchsia plug plant for the Flower Show entry please contact Sue Jones ASAP if you have not put your name on the list. She will be bringing the ordered plants to the meeting. The information sheets about our 3 trips will be out for the last time and it is the deadline for payment. If you haven't had the information yet, will miss the AGM but would like to go on one or all of these trips, please contact Carole for the trip to Exbury on April 28th, Sue Johns, the evening walk at Rowdeford on June 12th and Jackie the trip to Hillier's Arboretum and Hinton Ampner on 14th July. Joe will be ready and waiting for your cheques or cash.



At our last meeting Steve Renvoize talked very knowledgeably, to a smaller than usual audience, about bamboos. He was head of the grasses and bamboos department at Kew for many years and told us enough to keep us interested and informed without too many slides. Some of his pictures were taken at Hilliers so those of us going on that trip will be able to see the plants he talked about.

The Spring bulb show resulted in Tim Vince winning classes 4, 8 and 11, Tony Hill winning class 10 and Joyce winning class 12.

Finally we need plants, produce and volunteers please for the Church fete on June 2nd and Lye field fete in August.

See you all at the AGM.

Sue



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

Many thanks to the PCC for generously donating a plaque to commemorate the opening of our extension by the Bishop of Salisbury.

It will take pride of place in the hall along with the other plaques that provide a timeline of how the school has changed over the years.

Further thanks must also go to the WI who gave us a generous donation from the proceeds of the Christmas Fayre. (Sorry for not mentioning it before) It has been wonderful to have the village supporting us in this way.

The choir are enjoying their tour. They sang beautifully at the O2 in London, taking part in a successful world record attempt of the largest number of backing singers to accompany a solo artist (6031 singers in total!) and also enjoyed taking part in a communal choir event at Melksham Oak Secondary School. Their tour finishes with a couple of “turns” at the Seend Young Musician concert at the Community Centre just before the Easter holidays. The children are also looking forward to being part of Michael Johnson’s Community Opera in May where they are set to be the animals on Noah’s Ark.

We entered an A and a B team into the Dauntsey’s Football Tournament on March 21st and whilst we did not win the tournament, the children played their four games well and were particularly pleased with the last game wins of 6:0 and 4:0. Many thanks to Mike Wareham who helped organise the teams.

We are hoping to soon be able to announce who our new teacher is going to be for the year 5/6 class in September. Mr Richard Addicott, a teacher here for the last 11 years, is going to be retiring. The interviews are going to be held shortly after the Easter holidays and we have received almost 20 applications so we have plenty of candidates to choose from. Before Mr Addicott leaves, however, he has one last residential trip to Danywenallt in Wales for the week before May half term. I am sure they will all have fun.

Seend School Parent Social Club

Textile Collection Friday 4th May - We will be arranging another textile collection on 4th May with Bag2school. When having a spring clean, please think of us and don’t forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out too! We can take adults’ and children’s clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (*not duvets or pillows*).

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school (50p / Kg), it also raises awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. It is a fact that as a nation we still send 1,081,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

For a bag please contact me on 01380 828056 or collect one from school reception.

Coin Collection – Loose change is still being collected in the school hall. There is a competition between the infants and the juniors as to who raise the most. If you don't know what to do with all that loose change you have, please send it in with a school family member.

May Fair – Friday 11th May, 2-5pm – That time of year has come around very quickly. Please feel free to come and view the new extension, spend some money and have fun! There will be stalls, games, raffle, food and refreshments - In fact, something for everyone. Please come along and support us.

Thursday 17th May – Cake Stall in the Brittox – Yet again we would like to ask everyone if they would be willing to donate a cake or home produce for our table top sale in Devizes. If you feel that for whatever reason, you are unable to make a cake, donations of ingredients are always gratefully received by the busy band of mums who do!

Seend School 100 Club – Renew your subscription please!

The role of the Parent Social Club is to raise funds for things that do not come out of the School budget. The **100 Club** is one way that we do this as any person, whether they have a connection with the school or not, can help us and to raise much needed funds.

The odds of winning are better than the lottery, so please join the club and support your local village school on a continuing basis. 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.

The winning tickets are drawn each month during Gold Book Assembly. The winners will be published in the Spotlight. Subscriptions now need renewing and new members are always welcome. Please forward your details to school with money. Cheques need to be made payable to Seend School 100 Club. Best of luck and thank you!!

MARCH 100 Club Winners:

1st John Steele

2nd Joseph Bowes

3rd Jean Allen

Emma Smith 01380 828056

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on **Tuesday 28th February** was attended by eight Councillors with Mrs. T. Carr in the chair. Apologies received from Mr. Beasley, Mr. Nichols and Mrs. Waylen. Also present Cllr. J. Seed and PCSO Rose Baldock.

Police Matters

PCSO Baldock reported that there had been two road accidents, at Spout Lane and on the A361. There had been a report of drugs dealing in Rusty Lane; the Police had this in hand. A purse had been lost on 18th February. There had been some vandalism on the canal; British Waterways would be clearing up the resulting damage to fencing.

Parish Plan

Mr. Murch said that, following on from the Village Appraisal, the PC should now be looking at whether to use the information obtained to draw up a Parish Plan, which will help to inform Wiltshire Council's future planning; it needs further consideration with other groups in the village.

Cllr. Seed pointed out that the Wiltshire Core Strategy pre-submission document listed Seend Cleeve as a separate settlement from Seend village. The consultation period on this document started on 20th February and will end on 2nd April 2012. This needs discussion and an application to Wiltshire Council if the village is not in agreement with this proposal. It was agreed to hold a meeting on this matter on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30 p.m., and for a notice to be placed on notice boards and the PC website.

Barbara Booth, trees in memory – The Clerk had met up with Trevor Hale to view planting locations. Tree planting to commence later this week.

Rusty Lane – Quote received from Brissco in Bristol in the sum of £196.65 for a post and pointer, and £60 for carriage. The Clerk requested to obtain further quotes from Honeystreet Sawmills, Pewsey and George Meer.

Footpath SEEN4, Three Magpies – Rupert Bagnall at Wadworths had agreed to cover the cost of the purchase and installation of a bin, but not the annual cost for emptying. The Clerk to advise Wiltshire Council to go ahead with purchase and installation of a bin.

Rusty Lane, traffic speed – Anthony Hills of Barefoot Signs had sent details of costs for installation at £70.00 + VAT. It was agreed to go ahead and order the signs, and installation would then be arranged locally.

Melksham Area Board

Mrs Savage said there were no matters affecting Seend discussed at the Area Board on 8th February. The next meeting is on 4th April at Melksham United Church, High Street, Melksham.

Jubilee Celebrations

Mr. Diffey had circulated details from the recent meeting. Funding for the events would come from the Lye Field and Community Centre, with the PC funding a commemorative item for all the children of the village (up to the age of 11). The next meeting of the group will be on Monday 26th March. Mrs. Carr proposed that Mr. Diffey be given a float to assist with costs.

Planning Matters

E/12/0127/FUL The Stables, Park Lane, Seend Cleeve

Construction of a 20m x 60m all weather riding arena with post and rail fencing and sand and rubber chips surface for private use

No objections.

E/12/0144/TCA 12 Dial Close

Fell one Eucalyptus tree and four conifer trees

No objections, but trees to be replaced by one smaller variety.

E/12/0175/FUL Seend Bridge House, Inmarsh

Use of existing ancillary accommodation within outbuilding for two units of tourist accommodation

No objections.

Notification of the dates for the mobile library. These remain unchanged at Mondays, Seend, The Lye from 09.35 – 09.50 and Seend Cleeve, telephone box, 10.00 – 10.15.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday, 27th March 2012** at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

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

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

Wiltshire Council has now passed its Budget for the forthcoming Financial Year, the last full year of this Council before Elections in 2013. The Budget was passed with little fuss and with overwhelming cross party support for 99% of the Budget. It has not been an easy task for the Council to produce a balanced budget, freeze Council Tax, make £32million in real savings this year and maintain the effective delivery of all our front line services. Services mean so much to our residents and Wiltshire has somehow managed to maintain almost all the services that the Council delivers with a minimum of disruption. Wiltshire Council has managed to open a new Library this year, extend opening hours in many Libraries through the new and innovative volunteer project and maintain a regular mobile library service for rural areas. The Council has been able to maintain and improve our Wiltshire Library service at a time when neighbouring Councils are closing Libraries and reducing their services.

I have been suggesting to residents that they comment on the new Wiltshire Core Strategy as a matter of urgency. This is a very important policy document and will form the basis of all of the planning decisions in Wiltshire for the foreseeable future. Local issues that are attracting attention are the proposed separation of Seend Cleeve and Seend as two village settlements and the abolition of Great Hinton as a village settlement. In addition many residents are expressing concerns at the potential development of wind turbines close to dwellings and a suggestion is being made that there should be no wind turbines closer than 2000m from a dwelling, similar to the law in Scotland. Comments on the Core Strategy should be made to the Spatial Planning Team in County Hall or by e-mail to spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk by 2nd April.

Jonathon Seed

Nick Keen's "Marathon Des Sables" run

Welcome to world of lunatics and masochists - Nick Keen is tackling this epic "Sahara Desert" run which starts 8th April this year; 161 miles over 6 days (54 miles on day four) across the desert! In addition, competitors have to carry everything they will need for the run in their back packs. You're probably thinking 'why'?! Nick blames Sarah Chard of Perry's Lane, the UK event organiser, for talking him into this challenge late one evening in the Brewery Inn!!

All funds raised will go direct to the "Prostate Cancer Charity", so, please support Nick with a donation to help justify his madness. Sponsor forms are available around the village or you can support Nick via: www.Justgiving.com/Nick-Keen's .

N.B. By the time you read this, I will be packing my daps and camel repellent and getting ready for my off. This is my last chance to chase for sponsorship – so go on, because I won't do this again!

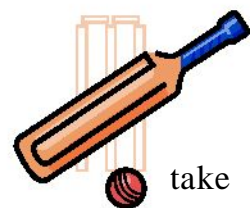
Nick Keen

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

CRICKET

Captain – John Wiltshire

Winter Nets sessions in preparation for the coming season will place on the 1st and 8th of April at Devizes Leisure Centre between 2 and 3pm. All players of any standard are welcome to come along and join in the nets sessions.



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Seend Cricket Club

By the time you read this the cricket season will almost be upon us, the first game being at home on Sunday, 15th April against Canal Taverners. We then miss a couple of weeks but from 6th May onwards there is a game every Sunday. We look forward to welcoming back John Wiltshire as captain, and the very successful team from last year. At the same time, if there are any newcomers to the village or one or two who fancy coming out of retirement, then we shall be pleased to welcome you. Matches are all on a Sunday and are 40 overs per side. Here's to a good summer and a successful season. By the way, there is of course the small matter of membership fees, which are remaining at £20.00 for adults, and £10.00 for non wage earners.

Brian Hunt.

FOOTBALL

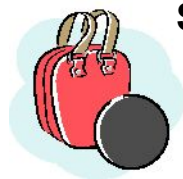
Manager Mike Hopkins

Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham



The team have had a good month, drawing with Castle Combe 2-2 but then losing to Trowbridge 2-1. They got to the semi final of the cup where they were pipped at the post by The Lamb, going down 2-3.

Mark's goal of the month goes to Ben Grinham for his score against The Lamb, collecting the ball and then after close control side footing past the keeper.



SHORT MAT BOWLS

“Cropsie” – The artist formally known as Banksy – Colin

We had hoped to start our new column, “Desert Island Drinks”, this month with the captain of each of our sports choosing 8 bottles to get them through Wagner’s Ring Cycle. Unfortunately, Colin is up to his eyeballs, what with the Olympics arriving midway through the Crop Circle season. His preliminary choice included Absinthe (illegal) and hemlock (fatal) although I can see where you were coming from Colin. We should have his full choice next month. In the meantime I don’t think I am letting the cat out of the bag if I suggest that you look towards Roundway Hill on July 27th when you may see the first crop circles in the shape of the Olympic Rings. Congratulations in advance to Colin and the boys for their endeavours.

Finally, I was pleased to see that the glossy Seend Community Centre brochure has a fine picture of the lads staring intently at the green carpet apparently locked in tactical thought. Colin tells me that they were in fact searching for a colleague’s dropped contact lens – c’est la vie – as they say in Calne.

Results:

The team were pushed into fourth place in the last Winter league match which by all accounts was a tense affair requiring all of Colin’s diplomatic skills to prevent the outbreak of fisticuffs. Good luck to all the lads with the Summer league and competitions.

SKITTLES

Seend A – Captain – John Wiltshire

Away Vs Holt – won 0-7

Home Vs Steeple Ashton – Won 5-2

Away Vs Spencers – won 6-1

The team has won one of the cups that they have entered so far and are still in two more, where they are at the quarterfinal stages. Best of luck to them



Seend C – Captain – Graham Hamblin

Home Vs Labour A – won 5-2 – Top scorer was Russell Collins with 28

Home Vs Melksham Casuals – lost 1.5-5.5 – Top scorer was Glen Smart with 25

Away Vs Staverton – lost 0.5- 6.5 – Top scorer was Danny Brophrey with 31

Seend Cleeve Sailing Club (Devizes League)

have somehow got into the final of a nomination cup competition!



TENNIS

Chair – Elaine Davis

We have just finished our first year in the winter league. We played 10, lost 5 and won 5. The only team to beat us home and away was Marshfield who are top of the league. Our final match was on Saturday 10th March against Calne, who had beaten us 7-1 only a few weeks previously. However, this time out we were much strengthened by being able to play Harry Waylen and he steered us to a 5-3 victory. Players on that date were Elaine Davis, Pam Akerman, Harry Waylen and Frankie Goddard. The match went on from 10:40 until 2:25.

We start the Spring/Summer league toward the end of April when we will be putting out a men's team, a women's team and a mixed doubles team. Any new comers to league matches who are keen to play please contact Ric Ellinger on 828683 and he will then pass on your names to the team captains

RUNNING

Bath Half Marathon

We are pleased to tell of all the members of the village who took part in the Bath Half Marathon on the 18th March. Their times for this 13 mile race were:

Clare Stynes 01:57:38

Lesley Meredith 02:00:47

Michael Stynes 01:39:30

Katie Crabtree 02:17:58

Nick Keen 01:40:12

Victoria Bowes 02:02:37

I should add that Nick Keen, who is training for the Marathon des Sables, ran the Bath Half Marathon with a ten pound pack on his back and then, if that was not enough, ran back to his home in Seend! Extraordinary

Congratulations to all who took part.



Bishops Cannings 5000 metre Dash – 14th July 2012

There are only 16 weeks of training left for this event. Caspar Bowes was so inspired in watching his wife in the Bath Half that he tells me he will start his running career with the Bishops Cannings race. Race details and entry forms are on www.bishopscanningsdash.co.uk.

Sports results and news for April to the Blister Clinic by the 14th April 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.)

WORKSHOP WANTED TO RENT

For the restoration of church organs. Needs to be reasonably dry, (i.e. weatherproof), and have an electricity supply to the premises. Please contact Peter Munro. Tel: 01380 721043; or email: pmunro@conock.fsnet.co.uk

POOL TABLE FOR SALE

Sensible offers please. Phone 07703 814111.

WANTED: Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area - to purchase. Anything considered, although 3 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

BITS AND BOBS

John Hicks

I am doing a history project for school, in which we have to find out about a WWI soldier from our village/town War Memorial. I have chosen to find out about a man named John Hicks, who grew up in Keevil, and then later married a woman named Ellen (unsure of maiden name), and moved to Bulkington. He was a Sergeant serving with the 6th Battalion Leinster Regiment. He died, aged 32 during the Gallipoli campaign. If anyone can help me with this project I would be grateful.

Many thanks, Emily Symes (email – symes446@btinternet.com)

Marquee Murders presents: WHO KILLED THE HEADMASTER?!

Saturday 12th May 2012; 7pm for 7.30. Three course meal, licensed bar, live actors - at Five Lanes Farm, Potterne. Tickets £30 from Devizes Books or send s.a.e. with cheque payable to Teresa Chandler to Five Lanes Farm, Potterne. Devizes SN10 5PT. Tel: 07970 953557



**Devizes Area Committee of CANCER RESEARCH UK
UPMARKET COUNTRY HOUSE CAR BOOT SALE**

Saturday 19th May morning from 8.30am

at Manor Farm, Stert (off A342).

A pitch costs £25 for any vehicle and must be pre-booked and pre-paid.

For further details, booking form etc, please visit www.devizescruk.org
or call 07831 376688. Entry for buyers costs £5 per car.

**Bowood Charity Dog Show, Summer Fair & Tractor Ted Farmshow.
Sunday 10th June 2012, 10am to 5pm**

to raise funds for local charities (£132,000 to date). A great day out, whether or not you have a dog; and Bowood House and Gardens is the perfect location. The Dog Show, comprising family and fun classes, with companion classes for pedigree dogs, is all held under Kennel Club rules. There are also displays, attractions, shopping, children's activities, food & drink stands and lots more.

You can save a big 25% on tickets by booking in advance

Call 01373 834500 or visit www.tractorland.co.uk

RAF Squadronaires to feature in Celebratory Concert at Melksham

The famous Royal Air Force Squadronaires, one of the UK's finest Big Bands with a world-wide reputation for musical excellence, will perform a "Freedom of the Town" Celebratory Concert on May 4th at Melksham Assembly Hall.

Tickets, priced £12.50, are available from Melksham Assembly Hall, tel: 01225 709887.

Bishops Cannings Country Trail

Get your Jubilee celebrations off to a good start. Come and enjoy a quizzical cross country trail, learn titbits about the Queen's life and work and then tuck into some right royal refreshments. Turn up at Bishops Cannings Parish Hall on Sunday **15th** April from 11am-2pm. Corgis, and indeed all other dogs, are welcome to join in and it costs £2 per walker. Proceeds will be divided between Rowdeford Charity Trust, Victim Support and Salisbury District Hospital Stars Appeal in proportion to the supporters of each charity taking part. We are certain that Her Majesty would approve. For further information please contact: Elizabeth Frearson, Bourton Manor Farm, Bishops Cannings, Devizes SN10 2LG. Tel: 01380 860244.

ENJOY THE BLUEBELLS AND HELP CANINE PARTNERS IN WILTSHIRE

**Southwick Country Park, Trowbridge, Saturday 28th April
11am onwards, last entry 2pm**

If you love spring flowers and would like to raise money for a national charity, then Canine Partners' Bluebell Walk at Southwick Country Park is ideal for you. There are two route choices; 1.8km over flat terrain suitable for wheelchairs and buggies or 3km including meadowland and a narrow bridge. All funds raised from this walk will help the Charity to train more assistance dogs to transform the lives of people with disabilities, including wounded servicemen and women in conjunction with Help for Heroes.

The walk is organised by Sheila Sadler from Trowbridge, who is the fortunate recipient of a canine partner following a road traffic accident. There will be various on-site refreshment options, a children's quiz, competitions and stands.

Entry is by donation at the registration desks (at the main car park entrance and by Squirrels Café in the overflow car park) or sponsor forms may be obtained from the organisers in advance by calling the Sadlers on 01225 767054. For further information on Canine Partners please visit www.caninepartners.org.uk.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Biss Meadow Country Park, Trowbridge

Thursday 12th April 2012, 10am—12 noon

Hands-on activities for all the family to discover what animals live in the country park. Includes pond dipping, butterfly walks, food growing and cooking demonstrations and a sensory nature walk. This event is free of charge.

- * All children must be accompanied by an adult.
- * Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.
- * Our activities are specially designed for children under the age of 12 years.
- * No booking required, but for more information please call: 01380 725670.



The Urch and Abbott families

We recently received a charming letter from Mr Roger Urch, enclosing some photographs. One (shown here) is of the marriage of his parents, Hebendon ("Ebby") James Urch and Verna Mary Abbot at Seend on 10th June 1946* and another was taken at the wedding reception at 'Little Acre', 29 Row Lane, the home of Verna's parents William and Gladys Abbott (nee Rawlings). William and Gladys had five children - Cecil, James, Bert, Kathleen and Verna.

James Abbot, William and Gladys are all buried at Seend Church and Gladys Abbot had a small wooden cross placed on the church wall in memory of Ebby Urch. Jim Abbot was also a bellringer with his brother Cecil at Seend Church.

James played both football and cricket for Seend; Roger remembers watching him play in the mid-sixties on a pitch he recalls being just past the old mill in Seend. This mill was a working mill in the 30s, where Roger's Mother and her sister Kathleen used to get flour in a pillow case. Like Jim, Roger was also a big sports fan and was asked to play football for Weston-Super-Mare around 1968 and incredibly his first game was an away match against Devizes.

Roger still sees Gwyn Hopkins, now of Bath, who ran Seend Post Office for many years.

Roger's father served in the Royal Marines in Italy and Africa and like so many, never spoke about it. His mother was a PO Wren, stationed in Southampton and remembers waking up on June 6th to see all the vehicles gone for D Day.

N.B. We have an address for Roger should this stir up memories for anyone who may wish to contact him. Use the Spotlight contact details on page 1.

** the very day that one of your editors – who knew some of the Abbott family in New Buildings - was born! How's that for coincidence?*

And finally.....

Son: 'Mum, when I was on the bus with Dad this morning, he told me to give up my seat to a lady.'

Mum: 'Well, you have done the right thing.'

Son: 'But Mum, I was sitting on Dad's lap.'

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

CHURCH: Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: Revd Maureen Allchin.
Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. 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, Mrs Jane Goman
827121 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 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: 07703 814111
Seend Shuttle: Booking: Alison Cobbing 07951030491; Keyholder: Gordon Galloway 828568
Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk
Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Mr Jonathon Seed 01380 850695
Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139. **Seend School** - 828334
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) 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 01249 812088
Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617
Fete Committee - Fiona Johnson 828401 - www.seendfete.co.uk
Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067
Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433
Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325
LINK Scheme - 075320 55560
Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583
Mothers' Union - Kay Beasley 828593
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
Seend Singers - Roger Brind 828830
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
Wine Circle - Steve Parsons 828814
Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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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