# SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



Roll up for Seend Fete and Flower Show 11<sup>th</sup> August

Aug/Sept 2012

#### **DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Buzzzz Group discussion, Bulkington
- 1<sup>st</sup> Shuttle Shopping trip (phone 828203 by 30<sup>th</sup> July to book)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
- 6-10<sup>th</sup> Tennis Club Kids' summer camp
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Bottle collection meet 7pm Mon Rusty Lane, Tues Brewery, Weds 3 Magpies
- 7<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club The Daturas upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Melksham Area Board meeting, Bowerhill Village Hall, 7pm
- 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> White Elephants, Books, Toys etc to Pavilion, 7-9pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Seend Fete & Flower Show, Lye Field, Pavilion and Community Centre, pm
- Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 14<sup>th</sup> Buzzzz Group discussion (Vicarage, Seend)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Chomp & Chatter lunch, The Vicarage, 12.30-2pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Last of the Summer Saturday Breakfasts, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
- 18<sup>th</sup> Seend Churchyard clean-up, 10.30am-4pm
- 19th Free Film for Seend Club Members Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy, 7.45pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Seend Acoustic Club Farrago upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Great Bulkington Railway Open Day, 1-4.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Buzzzz Group discussion (Poulshot)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm

#### DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cheese & Wine evening, Millcroft, Bulkington, 7pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club Ali Finneran upstairs Seend Community Centre, 8pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Shuttle shopping trip (phone 828203 by 3<sup>rd</sup> to book)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Buzzzz Group discussion (Bulkington)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Seend Churchyard clean-up, 10.30am-4pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 14<sup>th</sup> Messy Church party, Pavilion, 3.45-5.45pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> LAST DATE FOR ITEMS FOR OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT
- 16<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am
- 17<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper, Bulkington Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Theatre Club to Watermill Theatre 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'
- 18<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club Jack Harris upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Buzzzz Group discussion (Vicarage, Seend)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Quiz Night, Seend Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Harvest Festival, Holy Cross Church, Seend, 11.15am
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Free Film for Club Members & their children The Adventures of Tin Tin, 3pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 24<sup>th</sup> Buzzz Group discussion (Poulshot)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter Lunch Club. Community Centre. 12.30 for 1pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 10am-12 noon
- 29<sup>th</sup> Seend School Auction of Promises and Tea Party
- 30<sup>th</sup> Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Seend Methodist Chapel

#### **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 August/September 2012 Spotlight

The early summer weather has been described in many ways – 'dismal and dangerous' was one. We have been extremely lucky not to have been faced with the deluge of areas such as Croscombe. Trying to find a silver lining to every cloud (of which there have been so many) at least the anticipated drought is now a thing of the past.



August in Seend is of course the month of the Summer Fete and Flower Show; we can only hope that the clouds stay away and we find ourselves bathed in sunshine. We also have summer music, films, food and sporting events to enjoy.

#### THE SPOTLIGHT COLLECTION

Enclosed with this month's Spotlight is our usual brown envelope asking for contributions towards the cost of producing Spotlight. The magazine is delivered free to every house in Seend and Bulkington and, whilst our advertisers make a significant contribution towards costs, that does not cover them all. The team of staff who produce the magazine do so entirely voluntarily, so please be generous. Your envelope will be collected by the person who delivers your magazine within a week or two, but if you miss them please deliver your envelope to the shop for collection. Thank you all very much and we hope you continue to enjoy the publication.

#### **THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS**

Contributions for the October issue (**copy deadline 15**<sup>th</sup> **September**) 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 Sue Isaac on 828461. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO. Sasha Heseltine – sfheseltine@gmail.com - deals with advertising queries.

<u>N.B.</u> Sue and Tessa share the editing of Spotlight, so please send all emails to the Spotlight address or deliver entries to the Shop/PO.

<u>Lost emails</u>: Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents <u>don't</u> receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa or Sue (see above) to check if all is well. And <u>please</u> 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

<u>PDFs:</u> Please note that we cannot use PDF files of posters etc if they are designed to fill a full page (which we rarely if ever can provide because of the volume of items contributed to the magazine). Word documents give us the flexibility to adapt your wording and pictures to fit the space available. Thanks.

#### Village events in August and beyond

(see pages 9-11 for Bulkington events)

#### Seen d A coustic C l b

1st & 3rd Tuesdays upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 8pm Admission (£3 unless shown otherwise) includes a free chocolate!



# Free Film Shows for Seend Club Members in Seend Community Centre

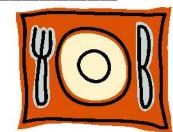
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August – 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy' with Gary Oldman as George Smiley. 7.45pm
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – 'The Adventures of Tin Tin' directed by Steven Spielberg. 3pm

Membership cards must be shown, or non-members can join on the door. (Members' children or grandchildren welcome)
Visitors from outside the village accompanying local Members can take out temporary membership for the film show for just £1 each.

#### NOSH AND NATTER LUNCH CLUB

is back after a break on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - 12.30 for 1pm in the Community Centre.

Phone 828540 to book. Meanwhile ....



#### **CHOMP & CHATTER**

in The Vicarage, Seend, on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August (12.30-2.00 pm) (in aid of new games equipment for the Youth Club). To book contact Renée: 01380 827285 or renee.coulson.2@googlemail.com



#### **Summer Saturday Breakfasts**

in Seend Community Centre - 8-10.30am on Saturdays 28<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August. The friendly way to start your weekend!

#### SEEND TENNIS CLUB - KIDS' SUMMER CAMP 2012

Seend Tennis Club is once again running a kids' tennis summer camp during the summer holidays. As before, there will be three separate sessions for the different age-groups/skill-levels, based on the red/orange/green mini-tennis format. All participants receive a medal and a certificate.

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Daily sessions over five days; £20 for the week
9.30 - 10.30am Age 4-5 (Pre-school & Reception)
10.30 - 11.30am Age 6-7 (Key Stage 1)
11.30am - 12.30pm Age 8+ (Key Stage 2)

Coach: Tom Jackson

(LTA Level 2 Coaching Qualification, CRB, First Aid Certificate)

Limited spaces available – maximum 10 children per group. Places must be booked and paid for in advance. For further information or to book a place, contact Victoria Bowes: victoria@boweswine.co.uk or 07711 934378.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

#### **SEEND JUBILEE DINNER & DANCE**

Many, many thanks to all the helpers for their magnificent efforts with the Jubilee Dinner & Dance on the 6th July. I know people took time off work to help with the food and hall preparations and we thank everyone for their individual contributions.

I am very pleased to inform all those who attended, that with their support, we raised over £900 for the Community Centre. Many thanks to all, for their generosity in making the event such a sucess and a wonderful evening.

Saturday, July 6th 2013 has been pencilled in for next year's event ....watch this space for more details !!

Ric & Jan

#### **COPA COFFEE MORNING**

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported the coffee morning at Eileen Difford's house. The grand total of £270 was raised. By the time you read this I will have spent all that money and used the lovely resources with the children in the Dominican Republic. In fact I had a good trip and the children really enjoyed using the parachutes and making things. On September  $2^{nd}$  I am hoping to lead a service in chapel to update people on what is happening in the villages and schools in the D.R.

Thanks once again, Jeanne

#### SEEND ACOUSTIC FESTIVAL

The organisers regret that the Acoustic Festival planned for September 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> has had to be cancelled. If you have already purchased tickets, please contact Malcolm on 827041 – or at Acoustic Club evenings – for a refund.

#### MESSAGE FROM PETER FISHER

'I am greatly appreciative of the many messages of congratulations since the publication of the news of my award of the MBE. To me, the award is a reflection of the widespread commitment to voluntary forms of community service by so many of the villagers which makes Seend such an attractive and friendly place in which to live. A big "Thank you " to you all.'

#### CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

#### Letter from the Vicarage

"The journey of life may be easy, may be hard, There'll be danger on the way; With Christ at my side I'll do battle, as I ride, 'Gainst the foe that would lead me astray..." The first line of that hymn bugged me for some time as I was trying to compose this letter but finally I found the words in an old hymnbook. As I write, this academic year is drawing to a close and our children will be facing new challenges – some starting school (as with my little grandson, Stanley), others moving up a class or on to secondary education, university, looking forward to a gap year experience or their first job.

I've been examining my "Journey of life" quite a lot lately. For the most part things have fallen into fairly neat little boxes: school, job(s), marriage, motherhood and, just over four years ago now, widowhood – followed very soon after by grandmotherhood – and, of course, my ministry in this place. Life can seem so strange at times, what with its odd and unexpected twists and turns, tragedies, traumas and joys. I've always felt I wouldn't like to know what the future holds for me because I couldn't live with the knowledge. But Christians believe that whilst we must ultimately face the end of our pilgrimage here on earth – we need have no fear about what is to follow. Knowing that makes some sense of the things we face in this life, and makes them more bearable but it's still vital that we make each day count in the best way we can.

As pilgrims, Christians have traditionally journeyed to the great spiritual centres of Canterbury, Lourdes, Rome, and so forth. But even before people ventured beyond the narrow confines of their villages and communities there was a realisation that life itself is a journey – one in which we each take one step and one day at a time - and our experiences are like different parts of that journey. For some it will be full of great things – rewarding careers, loving family, or active social lives. Sometimes it feels as though life couldn't get any better. Others may have grown weary through disappointments, sickness, sadness or loneliness, and hold little hope for what each day may bring. Still many others – possibly the majority - are somewhere in between.

Each choice we make along the way has an impact on both our lives and the lives of those around us. However, the most important choice we will ever make on this journey is the one we make about our relationship with God: let us never be in such a rush on our journey through life that we lose sight of Him and what He has done for us. May He bless you richly on <u>your journey</u> through life.

Renée

#### Downs ..... and Ups

Regrettably, due to poor attendance, we've decided to pull the plug on 2Church4T (Sunday School) – at least for the time being. "Messy Church" is also under review simply because, like 2Church4T, it could be so much better supported by children and their carers. Each session relies very heavily on both people and material resources and we have to ask whether those efforts are worthwhile. These, as well as so many other things that happen in our villages, rely on your support. It really is a case of "Use it, or lose it" – but they also need your active input – fresh ideas, as well as practical help, to lighten the burden of the few who battle away for the good of our communities. The good news is that we are really encouraged by the enthusiasm with which "Open the Book" sessions (times of collective worship at Seend School) have been received. The children love to join in with our (often inept!) attempts to bring Bible stories to life, as they dress up and respond to the texts from "The Lion Storyteller Bible". Now that is fun!

#### Calling families with children of Primary School age



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating the Birthday of the Church - not the Church in Seend, Bulkington or Poulshot, but the birthday of the Christian church.

The party runs from 3.45-5.45 pm in Seend Pavilion. There will be drinks and biscuits when you arrive, then the fun starts! Everything will have a birthday theme. There is even a

craft activity for the adults. After the activities, story and messy things (and maybe even a game), there will be a cooked meal for everybody, so we do need to know in advance who will be coming. This fun afternoon is open to all children of Primary School age along with their parents or carers.

To reserve your places, please ring Liz Futter on 828485 or Sue Taylor on 01225 709360. Booking is essential – so please do it now – before you forget!

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#### A Celebration of Marriage

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September, at 11.15am, the informal service at Seend Church will be a Celebration of Marriage. Since the Vicar's arrival in these parishes there have been 24 weddings with six more to look forward to this year and already five enquiries for 2013. Also, at least four couples we know of will be celebrating

their Golden Wedding Anniversary and another their Silver Anniversary, so it seems fitting to celebrate these joyous occasions. It would be wonderful to see the church packed to capacity so do come along and join in – not forgetting singles and widowed, of course. There will be something for everyone. All will be most welcome - and to an informal bite to eat in the Pavilion afterwards.

#### The Bishop of Ramsbury

Her Majesty The Queen has approved the nomination of the Revd Canon Edward Francis Condry, BA, BLitt, DPhil, MBA, Canon Residentiary of Canterbury Cathedral, in the Diocese of Canterbury and Treasurer and Director of Education in Canterbury Cathedral as the next Bishop of Ramsbury. He succeeds the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, who became Bishop of Ely last year.

Edward is married to Sarah, who currently teaches at King's School, Canterbury. The couple have four grown up children – Hannah, Frances, Felix and Jerome. At Canterbury Cathedral he has been responsible for teaching courses for Anglican bishops and priests. He has welcomed over 200 of the 800 or so Anglican bishops to the programmes, including 18 bishops from the Sudan, Salisbury's link diocese.

A date for Canon Condry's consecration will be announced shortly. Meanwhile please remember him and his family in your prayers.

#### **Church services in August and September**

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Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August			
8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend		
9.30 am	Parish Communion at Bulkington		
11.15 am	Morning Praise at Seend		
6.00 pm	Parish Communion at Poulshot		
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August			
8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend		
9.30 am	Matins at Poulshot		
11.15 am	Parish Communion at Seend		
6.00 pm	Evensong at Bulkington		
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> August			
8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend		
9.30 am	Morning Praise at Bulkington		
11.15 am	Parish Communion at Seend		
6.00 pm	Evensong at Poulshot		
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> August			
8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend		
9.30 am	Family Communion at Poulshot		
11.15 am	Family Communion at Seend		
6.00 pm	Parish Communion at Bulkington		

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Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	
8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
9.30 am	Parish Communion at Bulkington
11.15 am	Morning Praise at Seend (A celebration of marriage)
6.00 pm	Parish Communion at Poulshot
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	
8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
9.30 am	Matins at Poulshot
11.15 am	Parish Communion at Seend
6.00 pm	Pet service at Bulkington
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	
8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
9.30 am	Morning Praise at Bulkington (Harvest Festival)
11.15 am	Parish Communion at Seend (Patronal Festival)
6.00 pm	Evensong at Poulshot
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	
8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
9.30 am	Family Communion at Poulshot
11.15 am	Family Communion at Seend (Harvest Festival)
6.00 pm	Parish Communion at Bulkington
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	
8.00 am	Holy Communion at Seend
10.00 am	Joint benefice service at Seend Chapel

#### Churchyard Cleanup: August 18th and September 8th

Volunteers would be much appreciated to help with tidying up Church Walk and the churchyard on between 10.30 am and 4 pm. Any time on those days that you can give would be much appreciated. Principal tools needed include hedge trimmers, shears, loppers, secateurs, forks and anything else you think might be handy. Bring your own drinks and we'll provide the biscuits.



#### **BENEFICE "BUZZZZ" GROUPS**

All welcome - you don't need to be a churchgoer. You can dip in and out and attend these discussion groups as you wish. Copies of the schedule are at the back of the church. If you have difficulty getting to a venue, please let us know, and we can arrange transport.

#### Dates for Buzz Groups in August and September

July 30th, August 27th and September 24th at Poulshot August 14th and September 18th in the Vicarage, Seend August 1st, September 5th in Bulkington.

#### SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL

**Services for August and September 2012** 

August 12<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 a.m. 'Villages Together' here at Seend

Mrs Jeanne Bergin will update us on the work of COPA in

The Dominican Republic having visited there recently

September 9<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion

At 5 p.m. that evening the Wiltshire United Area

(Methodist/United Reformed Church) will be welcoming a new Minister – Revd David Coppard - to the Westbury /

Warminster sector. Venue to be decided

September 23<sup>rd</sup>

10 a.m. Mrs Janet Clark

September 30<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. We welcome the Benefice service to Chapel on the

occasion of our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Revd Roy

Fowler will lead. Our 'Harvest' is from shop and

supermarket in the form of tins and packets for use by

Devizes Food Bank.

Everyone always welcome
Anne Salter

#### **FROM ROY**

Every so often our cat has to go into a cattery. It's usually when we are going away on holiday. Normally, when we go to pick her up again, she comes to greet us. If it's cold, then she may prefer to remain on her heated pad. Cats have an incredible ability to find the warmest place and stay there. When I got her after the last time we had been away and I let our cat out of her travelling basket, she followed me around the house wherever I went. It's good to have you back, she seemed to be saying. It was good to have her around again.

Christine and I enjoy our holidays. We don't get up to much – a little walking, a little reading, maybe a play, a concert or museum and always food. We are as happy with somewhere familiar as with somewhere new. The routine has been broken. Life is seen from a different angle. The changes have been accommodated. Nevertheless, there is something good about being home again. It seems all the better for having been away.

Is this not what worship and prayer are about? We step outside of our daily lives to spend time with God. And when we step back, we see our lives in a different way because we have opened ourselves up to a new perspective.

God bless,

#### **BULKINGTON NEWS**

#### **BULKINGTON LUNCHES**

The church hosted **Bulkington lunches** will take place on **Wednesday**, **1**<sup>st</sup> **August**, **2012** and **Wednesday**, **5**<sup>th</sup> **September** at 12.15 p.m. at The Well. Everyone in the village is welcome. It is a great village occasion with a good value two course meal for £12.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145).

#### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on 13<sup>th</sup> August from 10.55-11.25 a.m.at The Well. There will be no visit on 27<sup>th</sup> August as it is a Bank Holiday. September visits will be on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please support the Mobile Library.

Many thanks for all who supported the "Abba's Angels" evening at Leaze Farm in July.

Despite the weather it was a great evening, enjoyed by all. The disco, "The Tommy Tomato Experience" was a great addition to the programme. Lots of people danced to the "Angels" and enjoyed the food and bar. Especial thanks to Phil and Jane Coles for their hospitality and to them and many of the Church Council for their hard work.

The Friends of Holy Trinity have been pleased to give grants of over £1,600.00 to Christ Church this year. Recent grants have been given for the deep cleaning of the Victorian tiled floor (which now looks great) and towards repairing the stone wall which surrounds two sides of the churchyard. Well done to all the Friends! If you have not yet joined – then please contact the secretary, Maureen Allchin (828931) for a form. The forms are also available in the church.

#### The BULKINGTON HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

In Christ Church, Bulkington at 9.30am on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. The church will be beautifully decorated and the service will have lots of familiar hymns and will be suitable for all the family.

Please bring your harvest gifts.

The **HARVEST SUPPER** of "bangers & mash" and pudding will be on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are £5.00 per head (£3.00 for under 16's) from

Liz Futter (828485), Anne Saywell (828931) and Jane Coles (828145).

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL OUR HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

## Fun Quiz Night

22nd September at 7.30 in Seend Pavilion.

One of Michael Gamble's brilliant themed and visual quizzes for all the family.

It will be a great evening, especially if lots of people bring a team(s) with a maximum of 6 people. Tickets, to include light refreshments, are £5.00 per adult (£3 under 16) or £25 for table of 6 (a 6 for 5 offer!!) There will be a bar and a raffle.

As it is such a popular evening you will need to buy your tickets SOON as numbers will be limited. They are available from Maureen Allchin (828931) and from Seend Post Office.

This is an evening organised by the Friends of Christ Church, Bulkington

A date for your diary: another of Bulkington's fantastic "Murder Mysteries" on **Saturday**, 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 in Seend Pavilion. Watch the play and test out your detective talents by discovering "who murdered the football manager"! This will be a fun evening for all the family with lots of laughs and intrigue.

Tickets £7 to include light refreshments, available from Liz Futter (828485), Anne Saywell (828931), Andrea Dobson (827126) and Seend Post Office from the beginning of September. There will also be a licensed bar and a raffle.

#### The Great Bulkington Railway

The Great Bulkington Railway will be having an 'Open Day' on August Bank Holiday Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2012. The track will be open for rides to the public at 1300 hours until 1630 hours. Miniature coal fired steam and diesel electric engines which are all hand built will be hauling train loads of adults and children around the five inch gauge private railway in the village of Bulkington, near

Seend, Devizes. We are located next to Bulkington Village Hall, in Mill Lane SN10 1SW.

Since the miniature railway was completed in 1988 over 16,000 trips around the thousand foot line (which has an electronic signalling system and a forty foot long tunnel) have been completed! The event will be supported by the West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers and ladies from the Society will be serving teas and 'sticky buns' on one of the lawns. Over the last 20 odd years the Great Bulkington Railway has raised thousands of pounds for the village hall, 'Help for Heroes', hospitals and lots of other good causes. Do come along and join us for a pleasant relaxing afternoon in the country.

Nev Boulton, Station Master 01380 828101



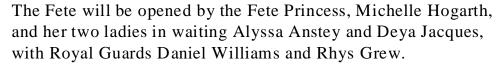
#### **Cheese and Wine Evening**

on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.00 p.m. at Millcroft, Mill Lane, Bulkington Tickets £7.00 - available from Seend Post Office; Jane Coles on 01380 828145 or Sue Noad on 01380 870343 Bar and Raffle

in aid of McMillan Cancer Support and Christ Church, Bulkington

#### SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

#### Seend Fete 2012- Saturday 11 August





This year we are delighted that Paul Martin of 'Flog It' fame has kindly given up his precious time to attend our fete and to present the prizes.

Our arena acts this year include performers from The Wiltshire School of Gymnastics, The Curious Company Theatre Group and Dancing Dogs, plus Shrewton Silver Band Quintet who will entertain us throughout the afternoon.

There will be numerous stalls at the fete plus model aircraft displays, vintage cars, train rides, a farrier, beer and tea tents and of course all the fun of the fair.

<u>WANTED- lots of cakes</u> - not only for the Cake Stall but also for the Tea Tent. The Tea Tent on the Lye Field will be open for business from 1pm to provide us with much needed refreshments, so we need cakes, cakes and more cakes to sell! Lin Salter on 01225 706451 is the contact to receive the Tea Tent cakes. Rebecca Rowan on 828684 is the contact for the Cake Stall.

<u>White Elephant</u> Now is the time to turn out your cupboards, and spring clean your lofts! Ron Apted says:

'The Pavilion will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the Fete at 7pm – 9pm for books, toys and the White Elephant items. Or you can deliver any items for White Elephant to 24, The Lye at any time, or if you ring me on 828427 I will collect. Thank you.

P.S. Anyone who can help on the day please just turn up, you will be very welcome'

<u>Toys, Books, Plants</u> for the toy stall, book stall and plant stall! You can deliver or we'll collect. Please call **Fiona Johnson** on **828401** 

<u>Tombola and Grand Draw Prizes</u> We are still collecting prizes for these stalls. Please contact **Fiona Johnson** on **828401** if you have anything suitable.

**The Fete Programme** is now on sale; price £1, in the Village Shop. This year we will be selling programmes door to door at the same time as the Bottle

Collection (see below). The Programme is full of information regarding the entertainments, stalls and refreshments. It also contains advertisements from local organizations and companies for whose support we are so grateful.

**Procession Entries** - on wheels or on foot, please be in Dial Close at 12 noon. Let's see if we can have a huge number of entries this year. There are prizes to be won!!! The judging will take place in the arena.

Free Breakfast - An Offer You Can't Refuse! If you give us just one hour of your time on the morning of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2012, in return we will give you a freshly baked bap containing fried egg, bacon and sausage, and a large mug of tea! Be at the Pavilion between 7.30 and 8.30am to claim your free breakfast-in-a-bap! See you there!

Bottle Collection for Bottle Stall The annual house to house collection of bottles, tins, etc will take place on the following days: Monday 6th August for Seend, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August for Seend Cleeve and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August for Sells Green and Martinsdale. We'll be around early evening – please leave anything you can spare on the doorstep! All bottles of alcohol/soft drinks, jars of food etc gratefully received. If you know you'll be out on the evening of collection in your area, you can still donate by contacting Fiona Johnson on 828401 to arrange a collection point, or you can bring it to the stall on the day of the Fete. Thank you!

Collecting Teams will meet at 7.00 pm at the following places:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Seend Community Centre Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – The Brewery in Seend Cleeve

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - The Three Magpies at Sells Green

Important – We need volunteers to assist with the collections on one or more of the dates. It really is a lot of fun and the more people we have, the quicker it gets done and the quicker we can get inside the meeting place for a well earned drink! If you can help us out please phone Fiona Johnson on 828401 or let one of the committee know.

Fiona Johnson Fete Chairman (828401) and all your Fete Committee

#### **SEEND FLOWER SHOW: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

Schedules and entry forms now available in the Shop/PO, Community Centre, Three Magpies & Brewery Inn or from Colin Carr, price 50p.

#### Non-competitive Displays at Seend Flower Show August 12

Come on - don't hide your light, skill, and craft under a bushel or indeed anonymity. Let's be 'aving you, to coin a phrase, to come forward and show off your ability and interests to the crowd at the Flower Show. Refer back to the June issue of Spotlight and read how we would like to put on some noncompetitive displays of local talent. Don't be shy. Particularly I need one more to join 'The Bread Makers' to put on a display - and possibly tastings - of homemade breads since without that person we won't be able to stun or feed the multitudes. Contact me (Brian Jaques) at 827137 or brian.jaques98@gmail.com



#### **SEEND SHUTTLE**

#### First Wednesday Shopping Trips

Please ring Terry on 828203 by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July to book for the trip to Salisbury on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, and by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September for Wednesday 5th. Thanks.

#### **SEEND WI**

Last month we held our annual social evening. A great time was had by all, and we were very fortunate to have as our 'speaker' the well-known folk singer Mike Scott, who entertained us with his amusing and thought provoking songs.



Please note that there will be NO meeting during August. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September when we are visiting Marshfield Farm Ice Cream Factory. 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 Gill Acornley on 01225 707218 or check the website www.seendwi.weebly.com



#### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

#### **County Website**

Members are encouraged to look at the County Website (www.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/Wiltshire/) which gives details of all future events in the county.

#### Festival of Remembrance - Royal Albert Hall - 10th November 2012

Tickets for the afternoon performance can be obtained direct from the Royal Albert Hall Box office on 020 7589 8212.

#### **Drumhead Service**

The Drumhead Service on Armed Forces Day was very well attended by 69 people. Over £100 was donated in the collection.

#### **Dates to Note**

- \* The Annual Lecture will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday 6th October 2012 at 1900 1930 hrs. The subject is The Development of Pilotless Aircraft and it will be given by Wing Commander Andrew Brookes RAF
- \* The AGM will be held on 1st November 2012.

Roger Brind

#### **SEEND WINE CIRCLE**

The next Wine Circle is on 14th September in the Community Centre starting at 8pm, and we are off to Southern France. Best that people arrive about 7.45pm. As usual we will need all bookings by a week or so before say the 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Malc on 827041 or Steve on 828814.





Seend Singers sing a variety of songs and at the same time try to improve our voices and the way we communicate the music. It doesn't matter what standard you are. If you range from a 'bathroom bass' to a 'shower soprano', or if you are a more experienced singer, you'll be made welcome and we'll

try to make sure you have a great and rewarding time. We levy a small charge to contribute to the use of the centre.

So - hope to see you on Tuesdays at 10.30am in the Community Centre. If you decide to come along, please let Bob McCulloch know on 01380 828508 so he has an idea of numbers.

#### SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

**See 'Happenings!' Newsletter** enclosed in this magazine for details of what is going on in the Centre - from Acoustic Club to Zumba – speaking of which....



#### **ZUMBA CLASSES**

Both classes have a break throughout August; Debbie's popular Wednesday evening class will recommence at 6pm on September 5<sup>th</sup>, and Emma's Tuesday morning zumba/body conditioning class at 9am on Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup>. Both classes are great fun and a really good workout. All ages are welcome.

#### **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July was one of those rare sunshine experiences, unlike the wet and dank summer days we had been dealt of late, when
 Sandy and Tim James led a part of 13 ramblers for a splendid five mile circular walk with wonderful panoramic views over countryside,

commencing at Cherhill, covering lanes, tracks and farmland towards Compton Bassett, passing the old RAF camp at Yatesbury and returning to Cherhill: a new walk for most. Thanks to Sandy and Tim for their leadership.

There will be no organised walk taking place during August – BUT please do not forget our involvement on FETE Day, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August, when we are organising the Tea Tent. Cakes and more cakes will be required to feed the masses! We shall be most appreciative for whatever baking one can afford from members of our Club and villagers alike. Help in running the stall will also be invaluable. The Grand Parade begins at 12.30pm, so if you can get parked up beforehand it may be a help.

<u>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September</u> – depart Rusty Lane at 9.30am <u>or</u> 10am at Smallgrain Plantation picnic site outside of Devizes, turning left off the main Marlborough Road, for a fairly moderate five-mile walk, with one steep climb and a few manageable stiles. Bring the usual refreshments. Organisers: Bob and Brenda Jones (01225 703277).

Lin Salter

#### SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The next event is the Lye Field Fete and Flower Show. Don't forget to buy a schedule for the show so you can enter your fuchsia. Please bring plants and produce for sale on the stall and any help with manning the stall or the heavy lifting and carrying involved in setting up and clearing up will be gratefully received.

Our first meeting of the new season is on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Alison Peterson will talk about container gardening. The competition is for a plant (not an arrangement) in an unusual container. Subscriptions will be due that day.

Melksham Gardeners' Society are having their flower show on September 9<sup>th</sup> with displays and demonstrations and looks very interesting.

In October we are having a plant and seed swap, so when you are clearing up and cutting down plants for the winter think about collecting seed, potting on self-sown seedlings or splitting plants to bring.

Sue

#### WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Much as it pains me to think about October in the middle of July, we will be starting a new session of the WEA on Monday October 15th. The tutor is John Billman who will be giving us 'An Introduction to Ancient Egypt' over seven evenings. The fee will be £50.



It may be possible to organise a visit to the newly refurbished Egyptian galleries at the Ashmolean in Oxford. We might even see pictures of the sun beating down on the pyramids.

Pam Church

#### **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

Despite poor weather, the children and staff have been very busy this term. In May we had our annual sponsored walk and managed to raise an amazing £550 which was fantastic. The weather was

perfect for walking and all children completed the walk. We were lucky to have lots of parent helpers who walked with the children and provided much needed water and biscuit stops on the way!

Sycamore Class went on their week's residential to Danywenallt in Wales for a variety of activities including a long mountain walk and a talent show! They returned on the Friday to join the rest of the school in celebrating the Jubilee; all dressed in red, white and blue and having a street party style lunch outside!

Along with our annual sports day this year we also had an 'Olympic Day.' The children worked around a cycle of activities including ultimate Frisbee, football,

athletics and an inflatable assault course. The afternoon consisted of the annual sports day where a wide selection of races were competed with good spirit and plenty of cheering. There were a lot of very tired children by the end of day!

Jackie Chalk, Headteacher

#### Message from Sarah Todhunter, Chair of Governors

For those of you who don't know me, I am Sarah Todhunter and I am about to embark on my second year as Chair having been a governor at the school for the last five years. I have lived in the village with my husband Richard for nearly 25 years now, and both of our sons have attended the school – although our oldest is about to start his secondary school career at Melksham Oak in September – where did those 11 years go!!!

Firstly, on behalf of the Governing Body of Seend School, I would like to add my thanks to those of our Head Teacher to the community of Seend, and beyond, for the huge support we receive in respect of our ongoing building fundraising appeal. More information is in the leaflet distributed inside Spotlight giving more details of how things are going, to keep you up to date.

The Governing Body comprises of different categories of governor including Foundation Governors, being a Church of England Voluntary Aided school. We currently have two Foundation Governor vacancies, and so if you are interested in supporting the leadership of our school, and if you are a regular worshiper in the Christian faith, then please do get in touch with either our Head Teacher, Jackie Chalk at the school or myself.

On a slightly different note, most of you will know that our school grounds have open access outside of school hours. We are delighted that lots of people, especially our young village community, are able to use the grounds – for play, relaxation or just as a short cut. However, sadly in the last few weeks we have had a number of small incidents of vandalism including graffiti. We don't want these to escalate and we want everyone to be able to enjoy our wonderful surroundings, so we ask you to please be vigilant and encourage others to treat this special area with respect.

#### **Seend School Parent Social Club**

On behalf of the PSC, we are writing to thank everyone who has helped us over the last few years in whatever capacity. We have just handed Mrs Chalk a cheque for £3000 towards this year's repayment to the Diocese - making the total given by the PSC £6000. Thank you.

Things the PSC have bought over the last few years — The entire timber trail and the all weather surface, netball Bibs, sports equipment, a greenhouse, the new stone path, library books and the magnificent Nativity Scene were paid for by the PSC. Four new gazebos have recently been purchased for Sports Day and other events. In addition, the PSC has also paid contributions towards the whiteboards in every classroom, school computers, the outdoor class room, The

Flying Pizza Company, coach trips, Year 6 Leavers Parties as well as the Text messaging service.

As a new school year starts, we lose a couple more parents, as their children move to senior school. Please join us, whether it be to man a stall at school fetes or cake making, any help is appreciated. Just let us know!

**End of Term Disco-** Thank you to all the parents who came along to help. It is very much appreciated. We actually raised over £100, and a good time was had by all!

Have a great summer and we will see you all again in September!

#### **Auction of Promises and Vintage Tea Party**

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September, during the afternoon, there is going to be an Auction of Promises together with a cream to be held in the School Hall.

All proceeds from the auction will go towards paying for new school extension.

There is guaranteed to be great promises to bid for and fantastic raffle prizes.

If you or you know of anyone who is willing to offer a promise or able to donate a raffle prize then please contact:

Susie Barnett – 871363 Sonja Nichols – 828535 Sian Lythell – 827055 Lucie Ashpole – 828798

Please keep a look out for posters around the village with details about the event closer to the time.

Please come along, its will be a fun afternoon!!

#### **Seend School 100 Club Summer Winners**

July $1^{st}$  Roger Ames $2^{nd}$  Darren Nichols $3^{rd}$  Sonja NicholsAugust $1^{st}$  Jess Smith $2^{nd}$  Ruth Balnave $3^{rd}$  Wyn Evans

#### **Keevil School News**

An eventful term! Our Year 5 and 6s have returned from a very successful trip to an outward bound centre in Devon. All good character building stuff. Our Year 6 leavers have been visiting Lavington School and they have been down to Salisbury Cathedral for the Diocesan Leavers Service.

Our Swimming and Cricket Teams have been representing the school with distinction. At the time of writing, we are aiming for Sports Day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June – the weather has spoiled the usual Summer term pleasures somewhat!

We welcome, each Wednesday afternoon, the children joining us in September, in the Reception Class; the big wheel turns.

We had a splendid Jubilee Day when the children made things for, and learnt more about Her Majesty; I know our children have been supporting the various wonderful events and Church Services across the four parishes we serve.

Contrary to recent reporting children learn their tables, are taught with rigour and delight in poetry, at all ages! It is in this light that we celebrate getting an 'Outstanding' grading from both OFSTED and the Church of England inspections that we recently had. I would like to thank the entire school community for their help in achieving this.

Max Burr, Headteacher

#### **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

The meeting held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** was attended by six Councillors with Mr. J. Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr Diffey, Mr Johnson, Mr Nichols and Mrs Waylen.

#### Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. J. Padfield was elected unanimously as Chairman, and Mr. S. Diffey was elected unanimously as Vice-Chairman.

*Allotments* – The entrance to the allotments is now completed and water installed.

Footpath SEEN4, Three Magpies – The bin has now been installed.

Seend Shuttle – Mr Murch presented the updated Draft Constitution to Councillors for ratification. The main amendment was to item 6.4 under Finance. Insurance cover to be checked with the PC's Brokers and Mr Murch advised. Mr.Murch proposed that the PC adopt the Constitution, seconded by Mrs. Savage, agreed unanimously.

Smiley SID – Two further sites for a Metro count, bottom of Perrys Lane, Seend Cleeve and in the High Street have been requested. Cllr Seed asked that results of any metro counts are advised to him – priority for sites for Smiley SIDs will go to those that pass a metro count, and thereafter the Area Board will decide where they are going to be.

Grange Farm, West Ashton - Cllr Seed explained that the subject of wind farms in general had been discussed at a full Council meeting held in Devizes, and it was intended to put planning guidance in the Core Strategy to specify the distance that turbines of a certain height could be placed adjacent to housing. Mr Manning asked what forms of alternative energy Cllr Seed thought would be appropriate if wind turbines were not acceptable. Cllr Seed cited the hydroscrew at Iford as an example of alternative and sustainable energy generation that was not intrusive.

Solar farm, Craysmarsh Farm – The application by Lightsource for the installation of a solar farm had been approved by 1 vote at the Planning Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Seed explained that he had negotiated some changes in the original plans, including a 25% reduction in the height of the panels, improved landscaping and a 4 metre wide bridleway with deer fencing. Mr Murch gave Councillors a synopsis of his submission to the Planning Meeting, and Mrs Savage proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Murch for the work he had put

into representing the PC at the meeting. Cllr Seed asked that, where applications are going to committee, the PC should discuss their views with him, although they cannot mandate him.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – Mrs A'Bear said that the mugs had been presented to the children at the school on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>, and she is following this up by distributing mugs to other children in the village who don't attend the school. All agreed that the celebrations had been first class, and Mrs A'Bear and Mr Diffey were thanked for all the hard work that had gone into the organisation of the events. The figures for the costs and income were still to be finalised.

Footpath A361 – This has been cut back by the Parish Steward as requested. It was agreed to spray with Roundup to delay the return of weeds and nettles.

#### **Planning Matters**

The following applications were considered and no objections made. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of both applications.

E/12/0677/TCA Brow Cottage, Seend Hill Reduce one Horse Chestnut tree by approx 20%

E/12/0704/FUL Manor Field, High Street

2 no. balconies to rear elevation. External chimney to side elevation. Replace existing garage with garden store. Screen walls surrounding swimming pool with new entrance gates and side walls

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday**, 31<sup>st</sup> **July 2012** at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

#### **Election of a Parish Councillor**

The result of the election on Thursday 28th June 2012

JAMES, Terry Charles 162 votes - ELECTED

RIGG, Kevin William 125 votes

Vacant seats: 1 Electorate: 937 Ballot papers issued: 287 Turnout: 30.6%

Parish Council minutes can be found on www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

#### Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed

Wiltshire Council took the lead in a day of celebrations at Hudson's Field, Salisbury. The torch arrived for an overnight stay in Salisbury on 11<sup>th</sup> July and the day started with breakfast attended by 300 Wiltshire business people and addressed with a motivational speech by Olympic swimmer Nick Gillingham. This was followed by community events including a county-wide community lunch and high tea and a really vibrant concert with all sorts of intergenerational acts which was thoroughly enjoyed by thousands of Wiltshire folk.

Last month in Corsham building started on the first of 18 Community Area Campuses in the county providing "one stop" access to services provided by the council, including leisure and libraries. Partners such as the police will also operate from these buildings. This exciting campus project will be built in four phases. The first phase of Corsham, Melksham, and Salisbury will have building started within the next year and will all be completed by the end of 2015.

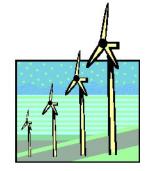
Wiltshire Council is also determined to press ahead with its Asset Transfer policy whereby the council will transfer ownership of land that it owns and which has community benefit to local communities at a peppercorn price. Two of these asset transfers were agreed last month when the community of Roundway was granted three acres of land on Green Lane for allotments, and in Bowerhill the deeds of the sports fields were handed over to Melksham Without Parish Council. Many other asset transfers are in the pipeline and this must be good news for local communities.

Seend and Bulkington run effective Parish Councils looking after local interests. I really enjoy attending and engaging in these meetings. This often means quite a big "things to do list". That, however is what you elected me for and helping to solve local issues is always a very satisfying part of the role of a Wiltshire Councillor.

#### **Green Energy Debate**

In response to the request for views on green energy planning applications we have received the following from Anita Shea:

'I am relieved to see that Jonathan Seed is in favour of green energy but if he is I cannot understand why he should not favour government subsidies. If those fortunate enough to have the money and roof capacity for their own solar panels can get grants to help,



surely any help supplying the rest of us with green energy would be welcome. I happen to find wind turbines beautiful and would have no problem with having some at the end of my garden. I may well be in a minority but we should consider the blight on the landscape our present power stations and miles of pylons are probably causing others - apart from all the carbon emissions and problems with nuclear waste etc. Of course we should have planning rules to site wind and solar farms in suitable positions but we all want electricity and surely the more local the supply the better. It seems like a fine use of land to me.'

#### **Police and Crime Commissioner**

An information site about the election of the first ever Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire has been launched. The area on the Wiltshire Police Authority's website - www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcc<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/pcc> - includes details about the role and responsibilities of the forthcoming Police and Crime Commissioner and how they will be scrutinised. Much like the existing police authority, the Police and Crime Commissioner will

be responsible for overseeing Wiltshire Police on behalf of all residents in the Force area. They will represent people living across Wiltshire and Swindon. Elections for Police and Crime Commissioners take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012. There will then be a formal seven day transition period before the commissioner takes office on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

The Wiltshire Police area Police and Crime Commissioner will replace Wiltshire Police Authority, the group of 17 councillors and independent members who currently oversee Wiltshire Police.

You can find out more about Police and Crime Commissioners on the website. As well as information about their role, it includes a timeline highlighting key dates in the transition from Wiltshire Police Authority to the Police and Crime Commissioner, details about the election, a news section and links to useful documents and other websites for potential candidates.

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#### **SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES**

#### **TENNIS – Chair – Elaine Davis**

#### Mixed A – Captain Elaine Davis

Players to date – Mark Newman, Elaine Davis, Victoria Bowes, Richard Jolley, Sue Walden.

The Mixed A managed 5 matches over the last month despite all the rain. Results as follows:

Won vs Freshford 6-2 Drew vs Civil Service 4-4
Drew vs Trowbridge C 4-4 Won vs Bradford 5-3

Lost vs Trowbridge B 1-7

#### Mixed B - Captain Ric Ellinger

Players so far;-Henry Hawkins, Tom Collins, Pam Akerman, Carol Whiteley, Jeanne Bergin, Ric Ellinger, Susie and David Meharg

The Mixed B have had a difficult month, losing 5 matches on the trot but still are clinging onto their league status

#### <u>Ladies</u> – Captain Pam Akerman

The women have now played 9 (won 5 and lost 4). Last month's results:

Lost vs Biddeston 3-5 Lost vs Trowbridge B 0-8

Won vs Chippenham C 6-2 Won vs Frome 5-3

To date the ladies team has included Phillipa Jackson, Emma Williams, Christobel Garrett, Jenny Davies, Jeanne Bergin, Pam Akerman, Carol Whitely, Sian Lythell, Sue Walden and Susie Meharg

#### Mens – Captain Frankie Goddard

Players so far – Harry Waylen, Richard Jolly, Frankie Goddard, Freddie Goddard and Tom Collins.

Matches against Marshfied and Corsley were cancelled due to rain. We managed to complete the match on 18<sup>th</sup> July, beating Bloomfield 5-3. The winning team consisted of Tom Jackson, Tom Collins, Paris Goddard and Harry Waylen.

#### <u>CRICKET – Captain – John Wiltshire</u>

Seend hosted Keevil at the Lye Field on Sunday 15th July in the village's first game for seven weeks, after the rain had cancelled all matches since the end of May. This was to be the first of two hotly anticipated matches against local rivals, Keevil, keen to avenge the two losses incurred last summer. Captain John Wiltshire lost the toss and Seend were put in to bat, confident that their strong order could post a large score. After a steady start, Seend lost wickets at a rate of knots, and found themselves 5 down for just over 50 runs. John and Mark Wiltshire were able to steady the ship with scores of 40 and 41, allowing Seend to record a total of 148 all out.

Bowler Nathan King took a wicket with the first ball of the second innings, which set the tone for the rest of the match, with Seend restricting Keevil to 131-9 off their 40 overs. The team fielded excellently, with man of the match Nathan King adding to his bowling figures of 8-2 with two catches, the second of which was taken at full stretch, diving forward having run in from the boundary. John Wiltshire also deserves a mention for taking 4 wickets from 4 overs.

#### SHORT MAT BOWLS - Central Controller - Colin Waldeck

Unfortunately, other duties have prevented the team fulfilling any of their fixtures over the last month and I doubt they will have any time to tread the baize until The Olympics are over. Indeed, I have just learnt that the poor lads will have to rush straight from the opening ceremony, still wearing their smocks, to take up their new posts filling in the gaps left by G4S.

Colin, unsurprisingly, has been made "commander" of the main Olympic arena, and security could be in no better hands. He tells me he has developed his very own "frisking technique" already known in defence circles as "The Waldeck" whereby 30 visitors to any Olympic arena can be checked out every 45 seconds by one of Colin's highly trained men equipped only with 8 ounces of fairly strong Cayenne pepper and a cucumber.

We look forward to seeing the boys back in the beer tent on fete day

Wanted urgently:- 300 pairs of Marigolds – please forward to Mr Waldeck immediately care of North Greenwich arena

# Bishops Cannings 5000m Dash 14<sup>th</sup> July Seend Runners

Bryon Bond; Toby Bond; Tom Gilbert; Chloe Gilbert; Frankie Goddard; Freddie Goddard. Congratulations to these Seend runners who earned their medals splashing through the mud! The organisers are still looking for Casper Bowes' entry form!

The 30<sup>th</sup> running of this event was won by Simon Nott of Calne. Tom Gilbert won the cup for the first boy aged 12 and under. Well done Tom! Next year's race is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Sports results and news for the September issue to the winner's rostrum by September 15<sup>th</sup> please.

Frankie Goddard 828488

#### 'The Badgers' - Worton and Cheverell F.C.

http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk

Training starts for the younger age groups at West Lavington Village Hall pitches on Saturday 8th September from 9.30am. New members, boys and girls, are welcome, but please phone Steve for times beforehand, as it depends on age group, with one of the age groups also using the field in Seend.

This long established Club is run by volunteer coaches/assistants, and represents all of the villages in the area, and is the only Club having teams in almost every age group.

Steve Dagnall, 01380-727976



#### **Three-a-Side Skittles Competition**

See a full report in 'Happenings!'

#### 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.)

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#### **BITS AND BOBS**

#### **COUNSELLING**

Una Cavanagh has sent us this information for people thinking of seeking counselling during a difficult time in their lives:

You can talk to your GP (in confidence) about accessing counselling via your local surgery or you can choose to see a counsellor privately. If you feel you would like more information about finding a qualified counsellor in your area, go to the BACP directory and just tap in your postcode:

http://www.itsgoodtotalk.org.uk/therapists/

#### Can the SEEND FUND help you?

If you or someone you know who lives in or is closely connected with the Parish of Seend is struggling to make ends meet the trustees of the Seend Fund may be able to help.

Maybe you are going to start a new course or apprenticeship and you need money for books or equipment or transport. We cannot help with funding that is covered by grants or loans but we do try to help with educational expenses as well as emergencies and necessities.

The fund is intended to relieve hardship so if you think we might be able to help send your details, the reason you need some money, how much you need and when you need it by to Anita Shea, Secretary of the Seend Fund Trustees, 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY or e-mail her at anitashea@hotmail.co.uk.

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### Refurbiz Limited, Unit 4, Hopton Park Industrial Estate, Devizes, SN10 2EU. Tel: (01380) 720200

Since the white goods recycling charity Refurbiz was established in 2003 by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to encourage electrical waste to be reused for the benefit of those in need., more than 8000 low income families in Wiltshire have benefited from around 12,000 quality, reconditioned, white goods at prices they can afford. However, we are struggling to meet the demand.

So please, if you are replacing any white goods, particularly electric cookers and working fridges, call us and we will come and remove them free of charge although, as a charity, donations to cover fuel costs etc are always welcome! If you know anyone in need of a low cost washing machine, dryer, cooker or fridge, please tell them about us. Many items are shown on our Facebook page.

**Wheelchairs** available for Seend and Seend Cleeve residents. For hire free of charge, ring 01380 828354.



CALLING ALL ARTISTS: The Thursday morning art class at the Community Centre starts again on September 20<sup>th</sup> – call Alan Padwick on 07711 018406 – and there are a couple of Painting Days coming up at Cleeve House on 4<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Contact tutor Carol Kibble on 01249 760302.

#### And finally.....

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

**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; LPAs: 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. Tel: 101, or e-mail

melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. **Seend Fund (village charity)**: 01380 828757

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

**MEP** - Graham Watson 01458 252265. **Melksham Area Board** – 01225 718443.

#### **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 Cttee - Fiona Johnson 828401 (www.seendfete.co.uk) Flower Show - Colin Carr 828756

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 - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Gill Acornley 01225 707218

Wine Circle – Steve Parsons 828814

Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446

# Seend Post Office & Village Store

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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	9.00 - 10.30	Closed	
Holidays			
	* note early closing		