

SPOTLIGHT **Seend & Bulkington**



SEEND



OPEN GARDENS

15th & 16th June - 1pm-6pm

Programme - £6 - for admission to all gardens listed

Children free

Free parking on Lye Field

Programme Subject to Change

In Aid of Seend Church



June 2013



DIARY DATES FOR LATE MAY
29th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 2nd The Big Lunch at Seend Community Centre, 12-2.30pm. Bring a picnic
3rd Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
5th Shuttle Shopping Trip – call 828118 by Monday 3rd to book
5th Seend Acoustic Club – Mark Abis, upstairs in Community Centre 7.45 for 8pm
5th Buzzzz Group, 4 Northfields Bulkington
6th Bulkington Village Hall Committee AGM, 7.30pm
7th The Vicar's Skydive!
11th Gardening Club visit to Windmill Cottage & The Bell
12th First rehearsals for new Seend Church choir
15th-16th Seend Open Gardens, 1-6pm
15th LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JULY SPOTLIGHT
16th Ramblers meet 9.30am Rusty Lane
17th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
18th Seend Acoustic Club – Wessex Contraband, Community Centre 7.45 for 8pm
18th Seend Lye Recreation Field AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
20th Wessex Fuchsia Group, Pavilion 7.45pm
22nd Seend School Quiz Night, 7.30pm
26th Nosh and Natter, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm

29th Coffee morning for World Missions at 14 High Street, Bulkington, 10.30am
30th Armed Forces Day Drumhead Service on Lye Field, 3pm
30th Last date for early bird price tickets for Seend Acoustic Festival!

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 1st Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
3rd Seend Acoustic Club – Ethemia, upstairs in Community Centre 7.45 for 8pm
6th The Roaring Seend Ball, Community Centre, 7.30 for 8pm
13th Start of Summer Saturday breakfasts, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
13th Gardening Club trip to Kew
13th Bath Opera's 'Don Giovanni', Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
15th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
20th Summer Saturday breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
20th Bollywood Night, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
24th Chomp & Chatter lunch at Vicarage
26th Sir Mathew Thorpe's party, Community Centre, 8pm
27th Summer Saturday breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
28th Historic Houses Club outing to Crofton and Wilton
29th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington

Newcomer to Seend?

Call in at the shop/PO and ask for your copy of the **Welcome booklet**, which tells you all you need to know about the village. And visit www.seend.org.uk for past editions of Spotlight & 'Happenings!', local history, 'What's On', links to other village sites etc.

Welcome to June Spotlight



The end of the football season, the start of the cricket season, the return of the house martins – yes, summer is on its way! Not quite warm enough for the Pimms yet but I have no doubt that the champagne and strawberries at Chelsea Flower Show were real winners!

Talking of Chelsea Flower Show leads smoothly into our own spectacular horticultural event, the Seend Open Gardens over the weekend of 15-16th June. It's always a lovely experience, and raises loads of dosh toward the conservation of Seend Church. We also have The Big Lunch picnic on 2nd June – another chance for the community to get together socially – and the usual mix of rambling, music, outings and meetings. For the musically inclined, there's a church choir to join, you can bring your instruments to the picnic, and/or do a floor spot at our excellent Acoustic Club.

As usual volunteers are sought – for Friday morning maintenance at the Community Centre and for Shuttle drivers among other things.

There are still a few advertising spaces available in Spotlight from July

Details of annual costs were in May Spotlight (available on www.seend.org.uk) or contact Sasha at sfheseltine@gmail.com or tel: 01380 828861.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the July issue (*copy deadline 15 June.*) 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.

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

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PDFs: 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 June and beyond

(see pages 9-10 for Bulkington events)

Seend Acoustic Club

Upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 7.45 for 8pm

Admission of £3 includes a free chocolate!



Guests in the coming weeks are: Weds 5th June - **Mark Abis**; Tues 18th June - **Wessex Contraband**; Weds 3rd July – **Ethemia**. Plus support acts and floorspots and ‘interesting’ raffle! See www.seendacoustic.org

Tickets for

**** SEEND ACOUSTIC FESTIVAL ****

on 6th and 7th September available online or by phoning
01380 827041 or 828660

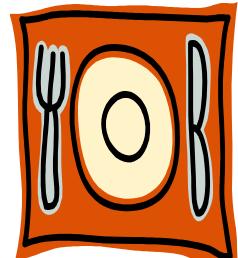
Early bird discount ends on 30th June, so book now – don’t miss out!

See www.seendacousticfestival.org

for details of the great line up on the Friday evening and all day Saturday (including children’s events) and ticket prices

***** CHOMP & CHATTER *****

As last year, “Chomp & Chatter” will meet for lunch during “Nosh & Natter’s” summer break. Dates are 24th July and 28th August. Main course (vegetarians and coeliacs provided for), dessert and coffee for the same price – just £5. All proceeds to the Mothers’ Union Holiday Fund. Do come along and support us. We meet in the Vicarage and so places are limited to 16. Please make a note of the dates in your diary now, and book early, to secure your place!



Join the nation in the Eden Project's

'The Big Lunch'

Sunday 2nd June from 12-2.30pm
inside and outside Seend Community Centre

Entry free - Bring a picnic - Bar open - Bunting and Balloons!

Fun and Games!

This falls on the 60th anniversary of the coronation, so if you have Jubilee flags and crowns left over from 2012 and want to continue that party, feel free! Families very welcome. If you play a musical instrument, bring it along and see if we can make up a scratch band!



SEEND OPEN GARDENS

15th & 16th June, 1pm to 6pm

Programme - £6 for admission to all gardens listed
(including four new gardens). Children free.

Free Parking on Lye Field

Cream Teas, Raffle, Craft & Plant Sale at the Pavilion

Floral Displays in the Church

Restricted wheelchair access to some gardens
(see programme for details)

Programme Subject to Change In Aid of Seend Church Funds



SEEND OPEN GARDENS - REQUEST FOR HELP

We are hoping for fine weather for this event and are seeking volunteers to assist with teas and car parking.

Additionally, donations of any of the following would be much appreciated:

Plants from your garden for the plant stall

Cakes or scones for the teas

A raffle prize

AND

If you feel you can help in any way with this important fund raising event please contact Anne Ewing on 01380 828557 or Tina Yockney 01380 827139 as soon as possible. Many thanks.

You are invited to a **COFFEE MORNING**
on **SATURDAY 29th JUNE** from **10.30 TO NOON**
at the home of Eileen Difford
14 High Street, Bulkington



All the money raised is for World Missions.
Contributions of plants, cakes, books etc
will be gratefully appreciated.
Seend Methodist Chapel



The Roaring Seend Ball

**Seend Community Centre
Saturday 6th July 7.30 for 8pm**



1920s theme – Black tie, white tie, zoot suits, flapper dresses, feather boas, pearls and fedoras!
Proceeds to the Community Centre.

Tickets £20 including dinner, live band and disco from 828846 or 828553

Coming soon to the Community Centre (more info next month):

Summer Saturday Breakfasts – start 13th July 8-10.30am
Bath Opera presents Don Giovanni, 13th July. Call 828617
Bollywood Night, 20th July. Call 828660 or 827041.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Peter FISHER, MBE

Many of you will have known, and indeed attended the funeral service for the late Peter FISHER, MBE, who passed away at the end of March this year.

The Chairman and the members of the Seend Lye Recreation Field Committee would add their tribute to Peter for his work with this organisation in particular over many years.

Along with his other efforts locally he was of course a past Chairman of the Lye Field Committee, and latterly he became a Trustee. He was a founder member of the Last of the Summer Wine maintenance group, so you can see he was very much involved.

D Sawyer, Seend Lye Recreation Field Committee.

Seend Lye Recreation Field

Notice for an Annual General Meeting for the above organising Committee to be held at 7.30pm, on Tuesday the 18th of June 2013 in The Irene Usher Pavilion.

All constituent members should ensure that they are represented at this meeting, and indeed to the other three Quarterly meetings held during the year, as well as other villagers.

D Sawyer Hon, Sec.

Early Notice: An invitation to all Seend residents to join in celebrating Sir Mathew Thorpe's 75th birthday, 30th July; his retirement from legal life, 29th July; and his 40 years as a resident of Seend at the Seend Community Centre on Friday 26th July starting at 8.00 pm. Hog Roast plus Beacon Lighting at dusk!

Jean Revell

Sadly we report the passing of long-term Seend resident Jean Revell. Jean was married to Nelson Revell, was the mother of two daughters, Sue and Sally, and a grandmother - some of her grandchildren running in this year's London marathon. Jean and Nelson were married in the 1950s and lived for many years in the Lye. She had been in domestic service before the war and subsequently several extremely lucky families were fortunate enough to have the benefit of Jean's extensive skills, knowledge and help. She will be greatly missed.

RNLI – House to house and Devizes Flag Day Collection: April 2013

What a superb result!! Thank you everyone from Seend, Seend Cleeve, Martinslade and Bulkington for giving your time and effort to collect for the Life Boats. Here are the results. The figures in brackets show last years totals. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

In the village, we collected £530.88 (£553.05) – 4% lower than last year but, considering one of our regular collectors was unavailable, this was a good result. The total house-to-house amount for all areas was £5055.39 (£4564.71) - 11% up on last year. The Flag Day in Devizes raised £968.58 (£923.53) – up on last year by 5%. The overall total (Flag Day and villages) was £6023.97 (£5488.24) – 10% up on last year.

This is a fantastic achievement. We have never before broken £6000 and when we consider the economic situation and the general reduction in contributions to many charities, this is an excellent result. Thank you once again, everyone, for another outstanding effort for a worthy cause supported wholly by charitable contributions.

Bob McCulloch

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS



Please support the Vicar's

Skydive!

Friday 7th June 2013

**All proceeds shared between Wiltshire Air Ambulance
and CRESS (Christian Relief and Education in South Sudan)**
PLUS: Donation of up to £500 for Seend School's "New Build" Appeal

Maureen's Ramblings.....

One of the joys of visiting South America recently was to see seals and dolphins in their natural habitat. One special moment was watching seals at Coquimbo in Chile. Some seals were basking in the sun on the beach, but others were in and out of the water, riding in the surf. They were having such a good time! They twisted and rolled, lifted their faces out of the water and seemed to give wriggles of enjoyment. They were playing, gambolling in the wash of the sea as it hit the beach. I could almost see the smile on their faces! The native parrots in Brazil were also so colourful and playful, swooping across the landscape in the early evening, enjoying the rush of wind over their wings as they braked suddenly to change course, chasing one another through the branches of the trees. Does God play, I wondered? The One who created the playful flipper, the fun-filled swoop, must surely be more than able to do what his creatures do. I wondered if some animals were created out of God's playfulness: the oddly shaped platypus, the camel with its hump, the mischievous monkey and the long necked giraffe. Yes – I think that God is playful! God does have a sense of humour! God likes fun!

But how often in history the church has created God in its own image, sometimes as a dour and tyrannical fun hater, eager for our obedience and conformity to exacting moral standards, hovering over us in judgement when we fail. How often the church has seemed dull and miserable, with lifted eyebrows should the sound of laughter or the sight of dancing break upon it. Have we missed something here? Perhaps the capacity to play and have fun is part of God's plan for us. Perhaps it is one of the ways in which we refresh and nourish our souls. Perhaps joy and laughter are fundamental to our faith in a creative, fun loving God. Voltaire once wrote that God was a comedian, playing to an audience that was too afraid to laugh! How hard that must be for God!

It was God who had the idea of the Sabbath rest – one day in the week put aside for rest and recreation, refreshment and renewal. Sadly this has rather been debased over recent years, with every day looking like the next, but I think God got it right because we all need regular time out from the busyness and stresses of our daily lives, from the worries and concerns. We need time to play and to laugh and to enjoy, and, like the seals and the parrots, we need a break from the constant work of food gathering and nest building.

How much more creative and joyful our life, and our church life, and our relationships would be if there was more laughter and playfulness. And lots of people testify to something creative happening during play. The writer speaks of *playing* with ideas; the musician *plays* with variations to a tune. As with Newton and his apple and Archimedes and his bath, some of the world's great discoveries have happened during a period of rest and playfulness. The seals and the parrots have taught me some important things. I need to give myself space to just have fun. I need to bring more creativity into my times of recreation. I need to laugh more. And I need to rejoice in the playful love of my Creator.

The Revd. Maureen Allchin

Church Services in June

Sun 2nd June

8.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
9.30 am	Morning Praise	at Bulkington
11.15 am	Morning Praise	at Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	at Poulshot

Sun 9th June

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

Sun 16th June

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

Sun 23rd June

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

Sun 30th June

8.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
10.00 am	Benefice Communion	at Poulshot
3.00 pm	Drumhead service	on Seend Lye Field
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong	at Seend

NEW CHOIRS FOR HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Recently I have become director of music at Holy Cross and after a long association with the church I am pleased to be back playing the organ for most services at the church.

I was involved with the choir at Seend church in the 90s and learned to play the organ whilst at Seend. The choir made such a difference to the services, and the choir is certainly missed now. Now I am in this post I would love to set up two choirs, one for adults and one for children.

Both choirs will meet on Wednesdays at the church. There are no auditions and all that is required is a love of singing. They will both be involved at different times for Sunday services, and will also be involved in more special services and hopefully concerts. The aim for everyone involved is to have fun and really enjoy singing a wide variety of music.



The Holy Cross Children's Choir will be made up of children aged from 7 (or 6 if good readers) to 13. They will meet on Wednesdays in term time from 6-7pm and will sing at the service on the First Sunday of the month at 11.15am. The Holy Cross Choir is made up from young people aged from 13 and adults. They will meet on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 8.30 or 9pm and will sing on Second and Third Sundays at 11.15am.

If you are interested in joining us on this new venture, please either phone me on 01225 766884 or email me on mrgecook@gmail.com (preferred).

Rehearsals will commence on the 12th June at the relevant times which suit the age group, so even if you don't phone me, please just turn up.

Many thanks and I look forward to working with you all.

Gary Cook, Director of Music
Holy Cross Church – Seend

FLOODLIGHTS

20th - 21st June Remembering my beloved husband Michael WOODRUFF
with love from his wife Corinne.

SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL

Services in June 2013

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| 2 nd June | At Bromham Methodist Church for “VILLAGES TOGETHER”
with Mr Andrew Pye at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate their chapel
anniversary. |
| 9 th June | 10 a.m. Revd. Roy Fowler with Holy Communion |
| 23 rd June | 10 a.m. to be arranged |
| 30 th June | 10 a.m. Benefice service at Poulshot Church |

Thank you
Anne Salter

From Roy

I was driving to Taunton for a meeting the other day. I can't say that I like driving to Taunton for meetings. It's the driving part I don't like. And as I was also recovering from a cold, I wasn't really enjoying the journey. Then two things came together. I was listening to a rather jolly bassoon concerto on the radio. Ahead of me, the sun was shining on some rather fine cloud formations. All of a sudden I realised I had been transported out of my gloom into a state of joy and contentment. It was good to be alive.

Our lives are punctuated by such moments of unexpected joy. We can't make them for ourselves. They just happen. They surprise us and make life look

completely different. Who knows how many times we miss such experiences? We can at times be so busy anticipating the next thing that we are due to do or so full of our mood, we fail to glimpse our moments of wonder and delight.

Be alert. You never know what you will miss!

I think God is like that too. God is never far from any of us. And yet Well, I think you know what I am going to say. God can surprise us too by a sudden unexpected presence. Be alert. You never know what you will miss!

Peace and joy



BULKINGTON NEWS

BULKINGTON OPEN GARDENS

The BULKINGTON OPEN GARDENS was a great success considering the cold and damp weather. Thanks to all who supported it. Those who opened their gardens enjoyed the experience and had very positive comments from those who visited. Thanks to all who opened their gardens, made cakes, served teas, did a floral display, manned the church, raffle or the sensory garden, organised the car-parking in the rain and helped in any other way. Particular thanks to Nev Boulton who opened his railway and gave free rides throughout the afternoon. The total raised will be £428.20 and these funds will be shared equally between Bulkington in Bloom and Christ Church.



You really should all be pleased at how our village pulled together to host this fundraiser. Special thanks have to go to Jan Flynn & Anne Saywell - the driving forces behind the event.

Maureen Allchin and Andrea Dobson

Bulkington Village Lunch

The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch takes place on Wednesday, 5th June 2013 at 12.15pm at The Well. Everyone in the village is welcome. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people are always welcome to join us. It is a good social event for the entire village.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on the 3rd and 17th June from 10.55-11.25am at The Well. Please support this.

The next **Buzzzz Group** held at 4 Northfields, Bulkington will be on Wednesday 5th June 2013. We will be exploring the Lord's Prayer together with opportunities for discussion and debate. The group has been enjoying the discussions and more people are very welcome.



Bulkington SUMMER QUIZ is now available at £1.00. Please contact Anne Saywell – 01380 828931 or anne@asaywell.co.uk for a copy.

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be on Thursday, 6th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Everyone welcome to attend.

Please come along and support us - and have **your say!**

Angela Read, Chairman.

‘SONGS FROM THE SHOWS’ AN EVENING OF MUSIC, COMEDY AND DANCING

featuring Diane James and Lea Martin

at Leaze Farm, Mill Lane, Bulkington

Saturday, 17th August

MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH



SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Seend Fete 2013

Fancy Dress Competitions – Amazing cash prizes to be won!!



This year, we'll be holding special fancy dress competitions, one for adults and one for children. Let your imagination go wild and dress up as anything you like!

Come along to the arena on the Lye Field at 12:30pm ready to parade around the ring to deafening applause from the gathered throngs. There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes up for grabs for both children and adults. Don't miss out!

There won't be a float parade this year, just spectacular fancy dress in the arena.

What with the circus displays and workshops, the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics, the fun dog show with its tournament of musical sits, “waggiest tail” and “best 6 legs” classes (enter on the day) and much, much more, the fete this year will be one to remember!

Now is the time to seek out all those items which would be suitable for the many stalls including White Elephant, Books, Toys, Bottles, Grand Draw and Tombola. We are always so grateful for all the donations that are so generously given. You don't have to wait until the week before the fete to donate - please call Trevor Payne on 828432 or 07501 298819 to arrange delivery whenever you like.

We are still looking for new people to add to our list of willing volunteers to help on the stalls, so please contact Jo Sutton via email at joanna_sutton@hotmail.com or call her on 828586 if you can help us, even if it's just for one hour. The more helpers we have the better.

Do visit the fete website at www.seendifte.co.uk

SEEND SHUTTLE



Drivers Wanted! Is there anyone out there who would consider going on the rota of Shuttle drivers who take the lovely children to Seend school every morning in term time? We only have four noble gents on the list at present, and one of them has to retire this summer. It would be unfair to ask them to do it one week in three and much better if they only had to do one in four or five. Even if you have never driven a minibus before if you have a suitable licence Pete will show you the ropes and take you for a trial spin. Do give it some thought. You may have children, grandchildren or neighbours who benefit from the service and would hate to see it go. Pete Wallis our Chairman (07734303919) or Alison Cobbing our driver co-ordinator (07951030491) would love to hear from you.

FIRST WEDNESDAY SHOPPING TRIP: please ring Stephen on 828118 by Monday 3rd June to book your place on the Shuttle trip to Salisbury on Wednesday 5th. (*Humble apologies for getting the date wrong last month and causing confusion and cancellation! Ed.*)



Come along to our
Bouncy Club - Seend Toddler Group
Every Wednesday 9.15-11.30am at Seend Pavilion
Play and a snack for the kids - drink and a chat for the parents
Only £1!

Wessex Fuchsia Group



All meetings are held at The Irene Usher Memorial Hall, Rusty Lane, Seend, SN12 6NN commencing at 7.45p.m. usually on the third Thursday of each month.

On 20th June the guest speaker is Geoff Oke from Evesham.



SEEND FLOWER SHOW 10TH AUGUST 2013

Delivered together with this issue of Spotlight you should have received a copy of the Flower Show Schedule and Programme containing the Entry Form. Thank you very much to the Spotlight distributors and others who have delivered the copies throughout our locality. If you do not have a copy, or want another one, contact me at 01380 827137 or go to www.seend.org.uk/fshow where you can look at and download to save and print a copy of the schedule, guidance notes, and entry form.

If you know of someone not local who may be interested in having an entry in the show tell them about the website so they can get the necessary information.

I remind you that there is no charge for the Schedule Programme; the entry fee of £1 will be collected (regardless of the number of exhibits to be made) when you bring your material for staging. There is no fee for entries from children in Sections F and G. **Let us have your entry forms as soon as possible.**

We would welcome help in setting up the hall for the show on the afternoon of Friday August 9th. If you can help us please call me at 01380 827137.

There are no changes in Section C ‘Floral Art’ and in Section E ‘Arts & Crafts’

The title for the special display in Floral Art is ‘The Passage of Time’.

New Features of Section D, ‘Home Produce’ : Specified recipes are issued for the Victoria Sponge and Date & Walnut Loaf classes (see the Schedule Guidance Notes); ‘Fruit Scones’ reintroduced; ‘Bread Granary’ added to the bread classes; ‘Liqueur Homemade’ added to the alcohols.

Children’s Sections F and G replace the single children’s section of previous years. We hope that parents will encourage their children to participate in as many classes as possible. There is no fee for entries in these sections.

Section F is for children up to and including 8 years of age. A new class of ‘Cress Head in Egg Shell’ will, we hope, result in a forest of cress and the ‘Decorated Biscuits’ should ensure activity in the kitchen too. See the guidance notes for a suggested method of creating a Cress Head.

Section G is for 9 to 12 year olds. The new classes of ‘Monster from Scrap’ and ‘Design a Flower Show Poster’ should inspire some creativity as should ‘Cupcakes’. The ‘Computer Art’ classes in both of the Sections offer creativity of a different kind.

Brian Jaques

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS

Looks like we may have found a replacement piano accompanist for next year’s panto – plus one in reserve for future years. Now for a lighting expert and a publicity guru.....

SEEND WI

The May WI evening was a fascinating talk by the author John Michael Doyle on the trials and tribulations of writing and publishing a first book. His book The Last Coachman has had rave reviews in the press. We felt very privileged to have him as our speaker. Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 12th June. Chris Coyle will be talking to us about The Wilts and Berks Canal Trust. Visitors are always welcome. 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

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Seventeen walkers took part in the walk organised by Terry and Sheila Williams on **Sunday 21st April**, a circular route of 5.5 miles from the top of Castle Combe village, taking in the Bybrook. Our thanks to them both for organising such an interesting route, with glorious weather as a bonus.

Wilts & Berks Canal Trust Event was attended by four of our members who enjoyed taking part in a sponsored walk from The Buttercross, Chippenham, to the Bell in Lacock on Bank Holiday 6th May, to commemorate and celebrate 10 years of the Trust.

Next walk – Sunday 16th June – Meet in Rusty Lane for 9.30am departure, or approximately 10am from the Old Road at the far end of Marshfield. This will be a comparatively short walk of 4.5 miles – hilly with no stiles. Leaders: Bob and Brenda Jones (703277). Bring the usual refreshments for a stop.

Lin Salter

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Armed Forces Day (30th June 2013)

On Sunday 30th June, the Armed Forces day will be celebrated by the Seend Branch of the Royal British Legion having a Drumhead Service on the Lye Field. The Service will commence at 1500hrs, will last approximately 30 minutes and will be open to all comers, regardless of whether they are members of the Royal British Legion or not. Medals may be worn. The collection will be donated to the Royal British Legion. Seating will not be provided, therefore anyone wishing to sit during the Service should bring their own chair.



On completion, a cream tea will be available in the Pavilion for all those who have attended the Service.

In the event of inclement weather the Service will be held in the Church.

County Parade and Service of Rededication

A parade and service of rededication will be held in Warminster on Sunday 9th June 2013.

The parade will form up at 1230 hrs and march down the High Street to the Civic Centre for the Service of Rededication at 1500 hrs. After the service, Standards will be trooped and refreshments will be provided in the Civic Centre.

The Shrewton Silver Band will play for the Parade and Service.

Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held in the Community Centre on Thursday 25th July 2013 commencing at 1930hrs.

Dates to Note

1. The Annual BL lecture will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday 5th October 2013 at 1900 - 1930 hrs. The subject is 'Unending Vigil - The Commonwealth War Graves Commission' and it will be given by Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert KCB CBE who was the Vice Chairman of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission from 1993-1998 and the Prime Ministers Trustee of the Imperial War Museum from 1997- 2002.
2. The AGM will be held on 31st October 2013.



SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

We hope lots of you will support **The Big Picnic** on June 2nd and this month's **Acoustic Club** nights (details in the Events section).

And we have three big events in July – **the Ball, the Opera and the Bollywood night** that you can book for now, as well as the Acoustic Festival in September (early bird prices only until the end of June!)

The one and only Mr BJ – John 'BJ' Tilley retires as Club Steward at the end of June after nearly 15 years in post. His unique style in the role of 'mine host' will be very much missed by his regular customers. Members of the Community Centre Management Committee are very grateful for all his help and hard work over the years. No doubt he will continue to grace the Desmond Edwards Lounge with his presence. Enjoy your retirement, John!

We anticipate introducing you to BJ's successor in July Spotlight.

Family-Friendly Fridays – In the hope that there are some fine summer Friday evenings to come, early opening of the Members' lounge from 6pm will offer the use of outdoor family games, such as giant draughts and noughts and crosses, on the grass or the patio outdoors, in addition to the usual personal service by volunteer staff and nibbles on the bar. Soft drinks and ice creams are, of course, always available.

Friday morning Community Centre maintenance – We would still like to hear from any volunteers who can help us out on some Friday mornings with basic maintenance and extra cleaning, gardening etc. The rule of thumb is to look for a job that needs doing and do it – stopping for coffee and biscuits of course! Please ring Frank on 828617 if you think you can help.

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

We've reached the part of the year when the talking stops and the action – out in the garden – starts... If only the weather would cooperate and warm up a bit!



Some reminders about our planned trips and activities for this summer:

- the evening walk at the garden of Windmill Cottage in Lavington is on June 11th and is followed by supper at The Bell. If you have signed up you will be contacted with menus and details soon. The Seend Shuttle is full but if you wish to join us please contact Sue on 828777
- our trip to Kew Gardens is on July 13th. If you haven't yet signed up please do so as soon as possible – contact Jackie Kilduff on 828454
- The Gardening Club has a stall at the Seend Fete on Saturday 10th August – great plant bargains to be had! Help is always welcome to run the stall, plus any contributions of plants.

You are very welcome to join us on either or both of these trips even if you're not a member of the club – just contact the above numbers for details.

We are always very happy to welcome new members to the Gardening Club. A knowledge of gardening is not an entry requirement! – just an interest in gardens and gardening, and joining the club gives you the opportunity to tap into the vast experience of the members.

Our next meeting is on the second Tuesday in September – the 10th – 7.30pm at the Irene Usher Pavilion in Rusty Lane. Details of the programme of meetings for the year will be published in Spotlight when it is finalised.

Please do come!

Tim



Day Trip to Blenheim Palace and Gardens at 11.30 am Thursday 5th September 2013

Following the success of our visit to Buckingham Palace it has been decided to organise another special trip, this time to Blenheim Palace. This is, as before, open to all Seend residents and you are advised to book early if you would like to go. There is a great deal to see apart from the palace itself such as the "Churchill's Destiny" exhibition in the Stables Courtyard and the Pleasure Gardens featuring the Butterfly House, Lavender Garden & The Maze. There are also several places to choose from should you wish to have lunch or

tea. There are also various circular walks available so it will be an interesting and enjoyable day. Tickets for this event will be £11.70 pp or £13.60 for those under 60yrs plus an additional charge for the coach fare ! If however we book a private tour the cost will be increased but this is yet to be confirmed. The coach will leave Seend at approx 0945 but there will be further details nearer the time. Please contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 to book your place or for further information. Details at www.blenheimpalace.com

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

As always, we've been keeping very busy here at Seend School! Our grounds are looking fantastic and three newts have moved into our school pond.



Mrs Jeanette Smith visited Holly class to tell them all about the toys she used to play with when she was a child. The children really enjoyed playing the homemade game! Holly class have now started learning about space and went on a welly walk to compare Seend to the moon. The children also made the year 6 children special Japanese 'good luck' cards to wish them well in their SATs tests which take place from 13th May. Even Mrs Hunt got one too!

Oak Class were treated to a private reading session last week when Chestnut class invited them to listen to their fables. Oak Class have also been learning about fossils and had a visit from Ali at Devizes Museum. The children got a chance to handle the fossils as well as take part in an art session when a variety were closely studied and then drawn.

"Oak Class had lots of fun and enjoyed looking at the fossils," explained Mitchell.

"I liked it because you got to see the fossils and they were all different sizes," said Isabelle.

Chestnut and Sycamore have been learning how to make the most of their pocket money and money saved in their piggy banks. Coventry Building Society came to talk to the children about money. They learnt how much family trips out, clothes, games and food actually cost. The children talked about how we can save money in a bank or building society and how we can earn interest on our savings as a 'thank you' for saving. All the children received a piggy bank and were asked to think about something that they would like to save their money for. Interestingly, technology and gadgets came top of the list! Thank you very much to Carey, Jenny and Natasha for giving up their time to talk to the children.

On Friday 24th May we will be taking part in our annual sponsored walk where we hope to raise some money for our school building fund. In previous years we have raised £500 so we are hoping for a similar amount this year.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Head

SEEND SCHOOL PARENT SOCIAL CLUB

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

May Fayre- Sadly due to a lack of parental help, we took the decision to cancel the Fair this year. Hopefully we will be able to reinstate it next year.

Table Top Sale in Brittox – Thursday 23rd May. Again, this was very nearly cancelled due to a lack of people coming forward to help run the event. Hopefully, at the time of writing we should be able to pull the event off.

Quiz Night - Saturday 22nd June, 7.30pm at School. Tickets are £6.50 to include cheese board, bread and fruit. There will be a cash bar and a raffle. Tickets need to be sold in advance in order to ascertain numbers for catering. Tickets can be sold individually as well as for teams and available from the School or Catherine Cooper on 0797 1289998. Spread the word and start swotting! I believe that there is already a staff and a governors team already entered!

James Bond Themed Casino Evening – Saturday 21st September in the Community Centre, Seend. Tickets are £25 and will include complimentary drink on arrival, food by local celebrity Peter Vaughn, cheese by Spa Farm, fabulous raffle prizes and a disco. A photographer will be available to capture you and your friends in all your finery if you wish to have a keepsake of the evening. Tickets are available from Clare Stynes on 07717 674889 or Jane Clark on 07887 752588. We look forward to seeing you.



100 Club - Victoria Bowes is not able to continue running the 100 club due to work commitments and again, we have struggled to find someone to take the position on. We have taken the decision to have a break and revamping it to start again in September, in time for the new school year. Hopefully by then, we may have found someone to run it! We wish to thank everyone who has supported us in the past and hope that you will continue to do so from September onwards. If you have already sent in your renewal subscription you will have it refunded shortly.

School Calendar & Xmas Fair – One new fund raising idea we have at the moment is to organise a 2014 Family Calendar. We would very much like to have each month sponsored by a local business. If you would like to sponsor a month for £35 or would be interested in sponsoring the Christmas Fair & the Calendar for £40, please contact me on 01380 828056.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

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N.B. These notes are from the draft minutes of Parish Council meetings, and may not yet have been ratified.

The meeting held on **Tuesday 30th April** was attended by eight Councillors with Mr. J. Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr M Johnson, Mr T Murch and Mrs L Waylen.

The Chairman welcomed back CBM PC Emily Thomas following her maternity leave. She reported that a car had been taken from Rusty Lane on 6 April; a car had been damaged in Seend Cleeve; a garden shed had been broken into at Weavers Cottages, although nothing was taken.

Cllr Seed reported that work had now started on removal of the railway bridge, and the work should take about eight weeks; there had been a meeting with landowners the previous day. A Councillor asked about the work being undertaken at 19 Seend Cleeve, as a parishioner had queried whether the green notice had been displayed; Cllr Seed assured the PC that it had been displayed. A Councillor pointed out that the bridleway sign at the top of Rusty Lane by the Community Centre was missing.

Exiting from Weavers Cottages – A meeting took place on 28th March with Highways and a representative from Wadworths. Highways indicated they would not approve the use of mirrors, but did suggest the use of bollards on the pavement at the end of Weavers Cottages. The PC discussed this option, and was not in favour of the installation of bollards.

Metro count, High Street - The metro count at the western end of the High Street is specifically counting HGVs. This is being done in conjunction with Highways starting to get in touch with hauliers that use the A361 through Seend providing them with information on using Wiltshire's advisory freight route network, specifically the A365, and planning their journeys via the Wiltshire Freight Gateway. Highways will also shortly be looking into the issue of reviewing the road signage as well, so that hauliers are encouraged to use the A365 rather than the route through Seend. The Parish Council have been requested to send Laura Gosling the details of any hauliers that they know regularly use the route. The hauliers' name should be sufficient as they should be able to obtain their contact details via the VOSA website.

19 Seend Cleeve – The planning application has now been submitted.

Planning – Little Foxes – nothing further at present. Next Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 30th May.

Dial Close, change of use – An email had been sent to Steven Jenkins. He replied that unless the property was used solely for business, there was no need for a change of use application.

Village Promotion

A fourth £50 cheque has been received from the Lye Field Committee, and a plaque ordered.

It was noted that the bus shelter in Sells Green was now complete, and looked very nice. The Clerk to write to Mr Johnstone and thank him. The question of a notice board was discussed, and it was agreed to look at purchasing a new board to go inside the new bus shelter. The Clerk to obtain quotes.

Planning Matters

E/2013/0343/TCA The Hatch, High Street
Fell two Betula Pubscens Trees

Councillors discussed this application and voted in 7 in favour, 1 against.
Comments the trees to be replaced.

E/2013/0372/S73 Little Thornham Farm Bungalow, Trowbridge Road
Removal of condition 2 of planning permission B4922/P372 – to remove the Agricultural occupancy condition.

Councillors discussed this application and voted unanimously in favour.

E/2013/00065/FUL 19 Seend Cleeve
Proposed single storey rear extension and installation of dormer window to first floor roof; rebuilding of detached garage.

Councillors discussed this application and voted unanimously in favour.

E/2013/00106/FUL Lock Cottage, Bollands Hill
Formation of a permanent mooring on the towpath side of the K & A Canal near Lock Cottage to provide extra accommodation in the form of canal boat for self catering tourists.

Councillors discussed this application, and voted 7 against, 1 abstention.

Comments: lack of car parking and danger crossing the road from the lay-by; not wishing to set a precedent for granting of permanent moorings; additional pedestrians using the road; inadequate septic tank; the safety aspect of using a rowing boat to travel between Lock Cottage and the canal boat.

Seats around the village – these will receive preservative as soon as the weather allows.

Footpath The Bell to The Stocks – this needs re-treating with weedkiller.

Potholes – Inmarsh – There are two potholes just down from Broomhayes, and outside Inmarsh Farm. The Parish Steward to be advised.

Manhole, Bollands Hill – This needed to be inspected. The Clerk to advise Highways.

Old Wyatts, Row Lane – Complaints received about water draining through the wall and running across the road. The sets need lowering so that water runs into the drain on the Old Wyatts side of the lane at the end of the footpath.

WI Hall - guttering appears to be missing, the Clerk to ask the WI about their maintenance programme.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday, 28th May 2013** at 7.15pm in the Community Centre, to view planning applications, with the public meeting commencing at 7.30pm.

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

Firstly, thank you to all those who turned out to vote in the elections last month. Elections are always hard work but enjoyable – an opportunity to catch up with old friends and hear people’s views on the doorstep is always a good thing, whether or not we agree. The important issue is that people did vote and once again the turnout of voters in Summerham and Seend was 10% higher than the county average. This higher turnout may have been due to the Parish Council Elections, some of which were contested, and congratulations to all those who were elected to the seven Parish Councils in the Division.

The election is over and it is down to business with Wiltshire Council. However it is always so sad to lose old friends and colleagues from the council as members either retire or fail to get re-elected. This was the case in Melksham where the political map changed and, as a result, we are likely to have a change of Area Board Chairman. I have enjoyed the job for the past four years and I wish my successor every success. It is a tribute to Melksham politicians that in spite of a divided balance of power it looks as though a way forward has been found which will produce smooth running of the Area Board for the next four years. This is critical to ensure efficient delivery of services to the Community Area such as the first campus for the county being built in central Melksham.

Finally I am pleased to report that the Leader of the Council has asked me to join her Cabinet and I have accepted the offer. This will be a pretty full-time job with a great deal of extra work both in County Hall and around the county. I will be responsible for the County Campus Project, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries, and Flooding so I shall be pretty busy for the foreseeable future!



SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Football - Player Manager Mike Hopkins. Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham.

This has been a successful season for the team finishing 4th in the First division of the league and having reached the semi-final of each of the cup competitions.



Recent matches produced an emphatic win, 5-0, over local rivals Semington Magpies, an exciting draw 3-3 against North Bradley and finally rounding off the season by beating Warminster Town Reserves 3-0.

The league statistics read Played 20, Won 10, Drawn 2 and Lost 8 with 34 goals scored and 29 conceded. 39 players put on the shirt for the village team this year and it is very encouraging to see some of the local teenagers being selected with Will Purdy and Harry Waylen leading the way. Many congratulations all round and my thanks to my match reporter Dave Beaumont.

Harry Waylen's final goal of the month goes to James Eatough for his stunning free kick against Warminster Town Reserves.

Top goal scorer was Rob Manning with 12, followed by Mike Hopkins with 9 and Nathan Walker, Barry Holloway and James Eatough all with 7 a piece.

Short Mat Bowls - The Great Gatsby, Colin Di Waldeck

I know that there has been little else spoken of in the Village Shop of late but for those of you who missed it I can report that the lads, and of course the lasses, have brought home the bacon in the form of the League Championship Trophy. It was a nail-biting finish with victory sealed on Finals Day itself, emulating a similar triumph only two years ago. Surely now Colin is on the way to his stated ambition of "knocking the Goat and Nightgown off its perch!"

The video of that Finals Day victory is obtainable online from Waldart Enterprises for only £29.99, a bargain if ever I saw one. The old cliche' "hurry whilst stocks last" could not be more apposite.

And so with more than an eye on next season Colin tells me that he has already negotiated for there to be at least two new real ales on sale in the club house come September.



Cricket - Captain John Wiltshire

The season has started and by the time we go to press three matches should have been played but despite our best efforts to uncover those results the task has proved impossible ! If any of the team or it's support squad would care to provide a monthly view from the boundary then I would be delighted to hear from you.

Tennis - Chair Elaine Davis

Women's, Captain Pamela Akerman

The women's team have had a steady start having won two matches and lost two.



Mixed A, Captain Elaine Davis

Players to date are Victoria Bowes, Elaine Davis, Erica Rigg, Mark Newman and David Meharg

Playing in the second division the team has come up against stiff opposition and of their four matches so far there has been one win two draws and one defeat.

Mixed B, Captain Emma Williams

The B team got off to a flyer with successive wins over Frome and Grittleton but have since lost a couple to strong opposition.

Men's, Captains Tom Jackson and Frankie Goddard

Players so far this season have been Tom Collins, Ric Ellinger, Jonathan Rigg, Tom Jackson, Archie Heaton -Renshaw, Will Newall, Freddie Goddard and Frankie Goddard.

The team have played some excellent tennis but have just lost out at key moments leaving them with a clutch of points but no clear victories to date, until last Thursday! The hope is that the young squad are turning the corner.

As ever if any newcomers to the village who have an eye for the ball would like to play in the league would they please contact one of the captains.

Results and Sports news for next months Spotlight to the sports desk by 15th June please.

SEEND LADIES SKITTLES

After what I am told is thirty two years! Seend Ladies Skittles (formerly Seend Social Ladies) has decided to call it a day. We were a team of eight ladies, plus several other casual players who played regularly on a Tuesday night at the Community Centre turning out in all winds and weathers and have seen highs and also some inevitable lows in the Melksham League, indeed wining ourselves several trophies along the way. Throughout all of this, we have gained some wonderful friendships and had some brilliant laughs, shared great happiness and more recently some sadness too. I would like to say a great thank you to this year's team of Vicki Haines, Joan Elliott, Pam Padfield, Mollie Maslen, Janet Paviour, Molly Hamblin, Kathleen Goodier, Valerie Wiltshire, Rosemary Ham, and not forgetting Barbie Gibbs. Also thank you to all the other ladies that have played with us over the years.



Jackie Hamblin

'The Badgers'

Worton and Cheverell F.C. <http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk/>

It is a very frustrating end of season for the Club with the three Cup Finalist teams all braving it to the end, but losing to better opposition. However, it is a proud moment for this small Club to have achieved this level, and all those involved need to be congratulated.

Note: CLUB FUN Day and Presentation event to be held Saturday 8th June, at 1.30 pm, at West Lavington Village Hall pitches

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.)

Still urgently wanted: Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area – for rent with a view to purchase. 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

LITTER: The following was recently received from the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator concerning LITTERING and is worth bringing to your notice via 'Spotlight'.

If anyone comes across cases of dog fouling, broken glass, lots of litter and probable cases of fly tipping, you should contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 4560100 and pass details to the Customer Services Dept. A team will then be sent to the location within 24 hours to clear up. Should you witness any of the above you can also pass on descriptions of the offenders. In the case of the irresponsible dog owner you should avoid confrontation. You may be asked for a statement and action will be taken to fine the guilty party. Your identity however, will NOT be revealed.

Should you see an assistance dog do what doggies have to do, please offer to clean it up for the owner or ask the Council to do it.

Brian Hunt, Neighbourhood Watch



The next **Calne Choral Concert** is on 6th July at 7.30 pm at St Mary's School, Calne. The programme will include "Faire is the Heaven" scored for double choir by Sir William Harris (1883 - 1973) to words by Edmund Spenser (1552 - 1599), and Rossini's "Petite Messe Solenelle".

A RESPONSE TO THE LETTER IN LAST MONTH'S SPOTLIGHT

It is unfortunate that the recent article in the May edition of Spotlight included some misleading statements. Our understanding of Spotlight's purpose is that it should convey information about village activities. If Spotlight is going to become a vehicle for parishioners to air particular grievances, then it may be embarking on a very problematic course.

It is not accurate to say that there is only one nine year-old playing on a scooter. There are often three or more children, some of whom are over eleven, playing in the middle of the road, in one specific area of Dial Close. The children, who are invariably polite, do not always respect the boundaries of planted gardens and private driveways, when involved in their activities. There are other children who ride on their scooters on the pavements and do not give any cause for concern and safety.

The section of road has become similar to a skateboard park with the clattering of scooters as they launch off the pavements and off a mobile ramp. The ramp is positioned in the middle of the road and has to be hastily removed when traffic approaches. Residents of Dial Close drive with care but there are commercial deliveries and the drivers would not anticipate that children and obstacles are in the middle of the road. There have been a number of occasions when the ramp has been left in the middle of the road and the children have gone elsewhere.

Residents are concerned about the safety of the children and all users of the road. None of the residents want to see an unfortunate accident neither do they want to curtail children playing, providing it is in a safe environment. Residents also want children to respect their property and not to experience an unreasonable level of noise and disturbance on a regular basis, outside of their homes.

There is a paucity of play provision and activities for children over the age of eight, in this community. The Parish Appraisal identified this as a concern. A solution may be that village organisations, working with the Parish Council, should address this lack of provision and investigate what children in this age group would like to see provided. As an example, a number of our neighbouring villages have created scooter and skateboard designated areas. If we had one in Seend this would provide a play area for future generations.

N.B. Both last month's letter and this one have been published anonymously, but the editors have decided that any future correspondence on this or other village issues should bear the contributor's name.

WALK TEN FOR MARIE CURIE at the Badminton Estate on Saturday 31st August. A sponsored 10km twilight walk through deer park and woodland as the sun begins to set. See www.mariecurie.co.uk and click on the South Gloucestershire dot on the map on the Walk Ten page.





Summer Concert featuring Dauntsey's School Choral Society giving a performance of Rutter's folk song cycle "The Sprig of Thyme", pupil instrumentalists and the School's Girls' Choir to give a varied programme in St Peter's Church, Poulshot, at 7.30pm on 4th June 2013. Tickets £8.00, available from Chris Saunders 01380 827290 or candm.saunders@btinternet.com.

Semington events

Every Tuesday and Friday **Duplicate Bridge** takes place in **Semington Village Hall** from 10.45 am sharp to 1 pm. Cost is £4 (to include coffee and cake, fruit and biscuits) if you play once a week and £3 if you play both days. There is always a lesson beforehand included in the cost which starts at 9.15am for 25 minutes to help you brush up or learn new techniques.

Egyptian Dancing

Every Monday is a class on Egyptian Belly Dancing from 6.30-7.30 pm in Semington Village Hall. All welcome.

THE SEEND FUND

The Seend Fund is intended to relieve hardship. If you think we might be able to help you, please 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 anitashea@hotmail.co.uk

From Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

In Wiltshire:

- Grey partridge have declined by 69% since 1995.
- Curlew have declined by 41% since 1995.
- Our iconic Lapwing are in decline on Wiltshire's farmland
- Sites where the nationally scarce snakes head fritillary is found has declined from eleven to just six, with the Trust's Clattinger Farm being one of the most important.
- The beautiful green-winged orchid which has declined dramatically at a national level can also be found in their thousands at Clattinger Farm.
- Both pearl-bordered and small pearl-bordered fritillary have declined seriously across Wiltshire's woodland. They are now confined to a few woodland in the south of the county.
- The willow tit is declining seriously in our wet woodland.
- In our rivers, the white clawed crayfish are not coping well, being outcompeted by the invasive signal crayfish from the United States.

“We are at a critical turning point in the future of Wiltshire’s wildlife. Decisions we make now will impact on the wildlife and health of the countryside we leave for future generations. Wiltshire is a remarkably beautiful county and we want it to remain so in the future. We must all work together to ensure that we balance the demands of food production, development and wildlife so that we can enjoy the benefits that each brings. We need a new vision for our communities, where people live alongside and are able to engage directly with the natural world. This is essential for our future health and well-being.”

“There are steps that each of us can take,” Dr Mantle explained. “Build a garden pond, plant bee-friendly wildflowers, grow your own food, join a local conservation group, join Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, and help us to record species by reporting sightings to the Wiltshire and Swindon Biological Records Centre.”

The Wiltshire Clubs and Organisations Directory gives access to thousands of Wiltshire organisations in a single search. Records include contact and venue details, meeting times and general information about the organisation. The directory includes groups such as:

- Hobbies, clubs and societies for all ages from gardening to sports
- Health support groups
- Local speakers and venues for hire

You can access the directory via this link;

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/artsheritageandlibraries/librarieshome/wiltshireclubsandorganisationsdirectory.htm#contactus>

If your club/organisation is not already on the directory (please do check if in doubt to save you wasting any time) and you would like it to be included, simply email localinformation@wiltshire.gov.uk. Alternatively you can post information to:

Wiltshire Clubs & Organisations Directory, Library HQ, Bythesea Road , TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN

**Wed 26th June & Sat 27th July: 10am-1pm
“Walks on the Edge” at Pewsey Downs National Nature Reserve, Wiltshire**

Join Plantlife on a walk through this flower rich grassland, an SSSI, and use our detailed maps to introduce you to plants such as butterfly orchid, chalk milkwort and devil’s-bit-scabious. Please bring suitable outdoor wear and walking shoes, refreshments and a packed lunch if you want to stay on and take in the views after the walk. A hand lens will be provided. Meet in the main reserve car park, 2 km from Alton Barnes, on the minor road that runs north from Alton Barnes to Lockeridge. Booking essential via www.wildaboutplants.org.uk/events



Bowood Charity Dog Show

Sunday 9th June from 10am at Bowood House, Calne

Dog show (which has classes for family dogs through to pedigrees) plus shopping village, cookery demonstrations and kids attractions, the Essex Dog Display team and much more! Licensed bars and food stands. Tractor

Ted's Farm Show will be part of the day with dancing diggers, combine displays, vintage tractors, baling demonstrations and animals to pet. Please visit the website for full details www.bowooddogshow.org or follow us on Facebook.

Wiltshire Citizens Advice - Volunteers needed

Learn new skills. Gain confidence. Make a difference.

To join us, or to find out more

visit: www.cabwiltshire.org.uk or email: volunteer@cabwiltshire.org.uk

Devizes Kats & Kits-in Care is a local voluntary cat sanctuary in need of good quality jumble, bric-a-brac, books, toys, games, etc. for our forthcoming sales. This is a way in which the villagers of Seend can help us to finance the welfare of our cats, here at Wick Farm Keevil.



If you are able to donate items, please either leave them with Julie Brokas at 30 Seend Cleeve, or alternatively bring them to Wick Farm. BA14 6NH.

Our next sale will be on Saturday 1st June at the Scout Hall Devizes at 10.00 a.m., with others to follow.

If you wish to contact me direct then please do so on 07976624770. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Lorraine Spencer, Founder member of Devizes Kats & Kits-in Care



The Anselm Singers
directed by John Barnard
present

A Hymn to the Virgin
Music in honour of the Virgin Mary
Saturday 8th June at 7.30pm
Edington Priory Church
Organ : Christopher Totney
Music by
Byrd, Victoria, Brahms, Bach, Bruckner, Rachmaninov, Grieg and Poulenc.

Entry is free with a retiring collection

Dates for your diary beyond July:

Aug 10th - Fete and flower show
Aug 13th - Historic Houses Club outing to Westwood Manor
Aug 17th - Songs from the Shows at Leaze Farm Bulkington
Sept 6-7th - Seend Acoustic Festival
Sept 14th - Ride and Stride cycling event for Church preservation
Sept 14th - Race Night in aid of Church funds at Community Centre
Sept 21st - School Casino Night in Community Centre
Sept 27th - Macmillan Coffee Morning in Community Centre
Sept 28th - Wine Circle
Oct 5th - Royal British Legion Lecture on Commonwealth War Graves
Oct 27th - Pumpkin Competition at the Brewery Inn
Nov 23rd - Acoustic Club Special - Dan Cassidy Swing Quartet
Nov 30th - Wine and Food Fair
Dec 6th - Wine Circle

And finally ...

Some exam questions and answers:

Q: When might you use inverted commas?

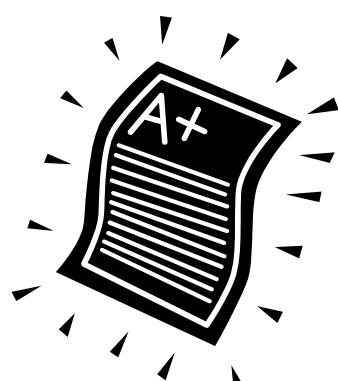
A: When you're reading upside down.

Q: What is an antibiotic used for?

A: To stop people being biotic.

Q: What is pizzicato?

A: Part of an Italian cat.



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

CHURCH: Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: Revd Maureen Allchin 01380 828931. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mr Steve Taylor 01225 709360; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; St Peter's Poulshot: Mrs Janet James 724944; LPAs: 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 - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk

Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139. **Seend School** - 828334

Bulkington Website: www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington

Rights of Way Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01225 713000

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 512675 (M-F 9.30am-1pm) claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk

MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265. **Melksham Area Board** – 07917 721371.

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 - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

Fawly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Fete Cttee - Jo McManus 828870 (www.seendifete.co.uk)

Flower Show – Brian Jaques 827137

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, Bob McCulloch 828508

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828687

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 07530 556 377

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

WINES BEERS & SPIRITS

GROCERIES

NATIONAL LOTTERY

POSTCARDS & STATIONERY



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

* note early closing