

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



October 2013

DIARY DATES FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

- 27th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 10am-noon
- 28th Autumn Quiz Night, Teams of four, Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 28th Cricket Club presentations, Seend Club lounge, 7.45pm
- 29th Joint Harvest Festival, Bulkington Church, 11am

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 2nd Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury; call 828118 to book by Monday 30th Sept
- 2nd Seend Acoustic Club – Folklaw – 7.45pm upstairs in Community Centre
- 4th-6th Ramblers weekend away on Exmoor
- 5th RBL Lecture on Commonwealth War Graves, 7.30pm Community Centre
- 7th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 7th Inaugural meeting of new crafts group, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 2pm
- 7th Start of WEA course on graphology, 7.30pm Community Centre
- 8th Gardening Club outing to Kilver Court
- 9th WI Birthday meeting, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 9th Melksham Area Board mtg, Melksham United Church, High St, Melksham, 7-9pm
- 12th Wine Circle – book ahead on 07974 347487; Community Centre 7.45 for 8pm
- 15th Seend Trust & Community Centre Annual Meeting, upstairs, 7.30pm
- 16th Seend Acoustic Club – Louise Jordan – 7.45pm upstairs in Community Centre
- 17th Wessex Fuchsia Group AGM & American supper, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 19th **DEADLINE FOR COPY FOR NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT**
- 19th NT Assoc Lecture – Neptune Coastline Campaign – 2.15pm Community Centre
- 19th Bulkington Murder Mystery, Pavilion, Rusty Lane, 7.30pm
- 21st Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 29th Seend Parish Council meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 30th Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, 12 for 12.30pm, Community Centre
- 31st RBL AGM, Community Centre, 7.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 2nd Sparkle 'n' Shimmy Night, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 4th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 6th Seend Acoustic Club – Juey – upstairs in Community Centre 7.45 for 8pm
- 6th Buzzzz Group, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 7.30pm
- 7th Historic Houses Club AGM and talk, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 10th Remembrance Sunday
- 10th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am
- 11th Armistice Day
- 14th Swishing Evening, Community Centre
- 15th Alice in Wonderland, Seend School, 6pm
- 18th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 22nd Ramblers Social, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 30th Wine and Food Fair, 7.30pm Community Centre

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 October Spotlight

August and September have seen a mixture of successes and disappointments. The fete and flower show was, of course, a brilliant day with lovely weather and loads of happy people.



Breakfasts also went well, with breakfasters enjoying good food in good company.

A huge disappointment to the organisers was the cancellation of the Seend Acoustic Festival. Similarly, the Casino Night intended to raise money for the school was cancelled. Both these events suffered from lack of advance ticket sales. It's not impossible that both events would have attracted enough late interest to make them viable after all. We shall never know. The moral of this story is, if you want to support an event, please reassure the organisers by booking well in advance!

This month, there's lots of cerebral stuff going on, with WEA classes and the British Legion and National Trust Association lectures, or you can enjoy a hot meal at Nosh and Natter lunch club and taste wines at the Wine Circle gathering. We also have a murder mystery, a production of Alice in Wonderland at the school, Seend Acoustic Club and a new craft group in Bulkington to keep us occupied.

We must say a fond farewell to Lilian Smallshaw, who was editor of Spotlight for many years, as she and John leave the village to live near their daughter. How Lilian produced this magazine with no computer or word-processor available amazes us!

Finally, you will find a Poppy Collection envelope inside this magazine. Please fill in gift-aid details and have it ready for your collector. Thanks.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the November issue (*copy deadline 19 October*) 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 for the time being, but unfortunately for us is moving to Yorkshire soon. Thanks for everything, Sasha.

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.

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

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

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 October, November and beyond

(see pages 8-9 for Bulkington events)

Seend Acoustic Club

1st & 3rd Wednesdays upstairs in Seend Community Centre
Entry only £3

2nd October – The group FOLKLAW

16th October – singer/songwriter and instrumentalist LOUISE JORDAN

6th Nov - folksy, bluegrass songs from JUEY

Support acts - floor spots – raffle – free chocolate! All welcome

See www.seendacoustic.org for more info



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND TRUST & COMMUNITY CENTRE *ANNUAL MEETING*

7.30pm Tuesday 15th October

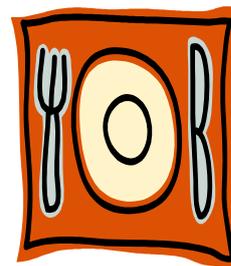
The Village Room, upstairs in the Community Centre

Everyone who has ever used the Centre is welcome!

Nosh & Natter Lunch Club

Wednesday 30th October - 12 for 12.30pm
in Seend Community Centre

Please call Pauline on 01380 828638 a few days before
to book your place.



Also please call Pauline if you can volunteer to help cook, serve, wash up and/or arrange furniture for the lunches - just an hour or two between 12-2pm once a month. Thanks.

The North & West Wiltshire National Trust Association
One of a series of **Winter Lectures** in Seend Community Centre
commencing at 2.15pm

19th October - The Neptune Coastline Campaign

Entry £2 Association members, £3 non-members



7th Seend Community Centre Wine and Food Fair

7.30-10.30pm on Saturday 30th November

Tickets available shortly, £8 including buffet supper and six wine-tastings. A great chance to stock up for the festive season!



Support two Children's Charities



www.COPA.ORG.UK

Bringing new hope to needy communities in the Dominican Republic

www.NACCA.ORG.UK

Promoting Safe Child Contact within a framework of Child Contact Centres at the Trowbridge Contact Centre.



*Come to **THE SPARKLE 'N' SHIMMY NIGHT***

dance to

'SHAKE THE BUCKET'

and enjoy a SPICY SUPPER, BAR, RAFFLE

Dress to sparkle!

Saturday 2nd November 7.30-midnight

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE, RUSTY LANE

*Tickets £20: available from Seend Village Shop, Jeanne Bergin 01225 709757
or Jo Miness 01225 706551*

RURAL ARTS WILTSHIRE

Friday 15th November at 6 pm at Seend School

Alice in Wonderland

Proteus Theatre Company invites you to come down the rabbit hole for a mad-as-a-hatter adventure! Suitable for all ages from 5+.

Tickets £7.00, £6.00 concessions, £4.50 children, £18.50 Family of up to 4
from Penny England 01380 828949/07855 075780
or Jo Waldeck 01380 828946/07939 119236 or from the school

Advance notice:

Friday 14th March 2014 in Seend Community Centre

Bowjangles on the Box

An all-singing, all-dancing string quartet presents a witty and dynamic TV stage show with a difference! Read all about it on www.bowjangles.org

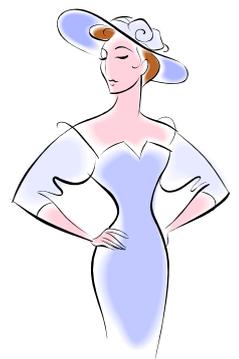
Coming Soon!

Swishing party

in the Community Centre on November 14th

Have your nearly-new/unworn gear ready to swap!

More details in November Spotlight.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*** SEEND 100 CLUB IS LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEER ORGANISER ***

Currently the 100 Club is – and has been since about 2003 - organised by me, but after all these years I would now like to hand it over to a new custodian, preferably within the next couple of months.

As you probably know, we do 12 draws a year – so we're not exactly overworked. In fact the most time-consuming task is writing the cheques and envelopes – approximately 75 per year. The year starts in May with subscriptions, and from this rather modest effort we raise about £1,000 each year to help support the Lye Field & Pavilion, so it's a very worthwhile activity.

All the Club data is installed on a database (Access, part of the Microsoft Office suite) which is very straightforward to administer and which makes the organisation very easy. If you are comfortable with IT but don't know Access, I would be happy to give you a crash course in its use and plenty of support while you're getting up-to-speed.

Additionally – and alternatively - the data is all held as a single-sheet paper copy within a folder and the Club can be managed perfectly well in this medium, without the need for using IT.

If you feel you would like to make a small but essential contribution to the well-being of the village, please give this some thought. You can contact me directly on 01380 828391 or at bjprolze@seend.wanadoo.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bernie Prolze, 100 Club Organiser

Thanks to sponsors

On a bright and dry Saturday in September, Liz Futter and I set out on our bikes to cycle round as many churches as we could in the day to raise funds for our churches.

We planned a route that took in Seend, Melksham, and Semington, then to Rowde and Devizes, and back via Poulshot and Bulkington. We were made very welcome at the manned churches and were able to see inside some that are often locked. The undoubted highlight of the day (aside from the cakes and coffee at Rowde) was the opportunity to climb up the tower of St. Mary's in Devizes. The views from the top were fantastic even if it was 110 steps up and back down again. All in all we visited 15 churches and cycled over 25 miles. As a result of this effort Liz has raised £122.20 and Anne £450 to date (the JustGiving page was worth doing!). Some people have gift-aided their sponsorship so the final figure will be higher. Half of the money raised comes back to our churches and the other half to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Thank you again to everyone who sponsored us, we are most grateful for your support.

Anne and Liz

Seend Fete – 10th August 2013

As Chairman of the Lyefield Committee I am privileged to let all Spotlight readers know of my immense pleasure in formally thanking all the good people of Seend and beyond in making this year's fete an outstanding success. First and foremost in this list of hard working volunteers is the Fete Committee, led by Jo McManus and ably assisted by Nicky Bartholomew, Julia Payne, Rebecca Rowan, Jo Sutton, Steven Gee, Kerrin Theron, Yvette Rowe, Nick Vaux, Lizzie Simes, Debs Talmage and Kath Steggall. It is skilful and time consuming to plan and put into operation the biggest event in the village's social year. They are already planning the 2014 show. The logistics of the fete are complex and have to be brought together rapidly in the few days before the big day. This is accomplished by a great numbers of volunteers who appear, as if by some subliminal signal, to complete the final arrangements with military precision.



Special thanks to all the village clubs and associations and individuals who manned the stalls, games and amusements which attracted the large numbers of visitors. They volunteer for these tasks year after year and are essential for the success of the fete. Also thanks to the generous sponsors who make significant donations to the Lyefield at fete time every year. I think I can safely say that the joint efforts of all the people who contribute their time, expertise and goodwill make up a total greater than the sum of the parts. Thank you all.

I am happy to tell you that the total revenue (provisional) was £10,267.98 with a surplus of £7,329.05 which is only slightly less than last year. Considering the economic times we live in at present, this was a magnificent result.

I would also like to let you all know that we have undertaken some major refurbishments of the Pavilion which include a new ceiling, replaced attic insulation, new emergency and fire doors, new curtains, roof repairs and re-decoration of the main hall. This will brighten and re-vitalise this precious village resource for the future enjoyment of the village and make the work of "The Last of the Summer Wine" a little easier as they grow older!

Philip Proven
Chairman, Lyefield Committee.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Wardens' Warbling.....

In the absence of our Vicars the Churchwardens were asked to write a few words on behalf of the church. We also wanted to say a few words about our friends John and Lilian Smallshaw who are leaving Seend after nearly 40 years, to be nearer family. We have tried to link the two. The Lord gave us two commandments - to love the Lord and to love our neighbour as ourselves. John and Lilian have been the embodiment of this both within the church and the wider community. John was a

PCC member and the church's treasurer for a number of years after retirement. Lilian has served the church in a great many ways - quietly getting on with things without being asked - seeing a need and plugging it whether that is by arranging church rotas, flower arranging or church cleaning. Her major contribution however was probably the introduction and development of Spotlight magazine, initially as a church magazine but more recently into a village-wide one. Lilian was awarded a British Empire Medal last year for services to the church and community. John and Lilian have lived their lives helping and supporting their neighbours, offering a friendly smile, practical help or just tea and sympathy. We cannot begin to list how their lives have touched so many - they have truly lived their Christian values and we and the community will be poorer for their loss. We wish them every happiness and contentment in their new home.

Anne and Steve
Seend Churchwardens

Church Services during October

Sunday 6th October

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

Sunday 13th October

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 20th October

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

Sunday 27th October

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

From the Church Registers

Baptism:

Lily Buckle at Holy Cross on 1st September

Marriage:

Benjamin Burnett and Jennifer Long at Holy Cross on 27th July

Funeral:

Anthony Lake at Holy Cross on 5th July

Peggy Yeates at Semington Crematorium on 26th July

Olive Todd at Holy Cross on 28th August

Mary Mattock at Holy Cross on 13th September

Peter Dearling at Semington Crematorium on 18th September

The Ringers' Plea



From Seend, the Cleeve, Inmarsh and Sells,
There are not enough ringers to sound the church bells.
The methods and rounds, the bob and call changes,
Are threatened by silence which then rearranges
The wedding, the memoriam and Sunday prayer,
All hark to the tower but there's nobody there.
With ropes hanging limp and the belfry dumb,
Holy Cross is still hoping the faithful will come.

So have you the gleam of an urge to pull
On a striped coloured sally all comfy of wool?
Your name held in history for ringing a peal
For calling the villagers on Sunday to kneel?
Then ring my bell, I'm at number two,
Show that you're willing to be part of the crew.
Learn a skill and a joy which bucks all the trends
And wherever you go you will always meet friends!

Call: Len Murray on 01380 828513
highstreet@mypostoffice.co.uk

SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL

Services for October

October 6th	6p.m. at Chittoe Heath Methodist Church for their Harvest Service with Revd and Mrs Stanley Pipet
October 13th	10 a.m. Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion
October 27th	10 a.m. local arrangement (please enquire nearer the date)

Thank you
Anne Salter

From Roy

The Voyager-1 spacecraft, launched in 1977, has just become the first man-made object to leave the solar system. It is 12 billion miles from earth and its radio signals take 17 hours to reach us. Like Star Trek's Enterprise, it is boldly going where no-one has been before. Who knows what we will learn as it travels through inter-stellar

space. I find it inspiring to think we can still explore unknown places, however remote they may be.

We all need to be inspired to keep on pushing back the boundaries of our knowledge. We need to be inspired to not give up on the problems that sometimes seem insolvable to us. We can't give up on seeking a way of our economic problems. We can't give up on seeking peace, not least in Syria. We can't give up on wanting to see a just society. At the end of August, it was fifty years since Martin Luther King gave his famous 'I have a dream' speech that was so inspirational for the civil rights movement in the USA. Let us never give up dreaming great ideas.

Don't give up. Don't lose hope. Just as we are still exploring the vastness of the universe, we need to go travelling ever deeper into the being of God, the inexhaustible ground of all our hope.

God bless you all,



BULKINGTON NEWS



There will be no Buzzz Group in October because Maureen Allchin will be in Israel/Palestine leading a pilgrimage. However, it will be back on November 6th and December 4th at 7.30pm at 4 Northfields, Bulkington.

A HUGE THANKYOU to all who supported Bulkington's "Songs from the Shows". It was a great success and over a £1000.00 was raised for Christ Church, Bulkington. So many people enjoyed it that we have invited the duo to return in 2014 – with different songs from different shows – so listen out for details.



KEEP
CALM
AND
PUB
LUNCH

*The church hosted **Bulkington Lunch** takes place on Wednesday October 2nd at 12.15 at The Well. 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). New people are always welcome to join us.*

A NEW SOCIAL GROUP IS BEING STARTED IN BULKINGTON.....

This is an open invitation to all "crafters" – whether knitting, sewing, paper craft or anything else to **TEA, CHAT AND CRAFT** at 4 Northfields, Bulkington (828931) from 2.00 – 4.00pm on Monday, 7th October. Bring your own craft item or come to get a new idea of something to do.

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on the 7th and 21st October from 10.55-11.25 at The Well. Please support this.



Bulkington Murder Mystery Players

present another of their fun and entertaining Murder Mystery Plays

“Who murdered the Football Coach?”

on Saturday, 19th October in Seend Pavilion at 7.30pm. There will be a raffle, a bar and nibbles available during the interval. Tickets are £8.00 (under 16s £5.00) from Seend Post Office, Liz Futter (828485), Jane Coles (828145) and Anne Saywell (828931). This will be a great evening so get your tickets a.s.a.p and your detective skills sharpened!

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



SEEND WI

We held another of our very popular Craft Evenings in September. Seend WI is so fortunate to have such talent amongst its members.

We're now experts in crochet, paper snowflakes, and handmade

Christmas decorations! All of our amazing creations will be on sale at our Christmas Bazaar which is on 23rd November, do keep the date free and come and join us.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th October which is our Birthday meeting. We're looking forward to being entertained by the Seend Singers and the Seend Flautists.

Our 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 WINE CIRCLE

Our next Wine Circle event is on the 12th of October at the Community Centre. This time we will be exploring wines of the Loire Valley from the Muscadet region to the Atlantic coast at Nantes.



The evening costs £10 per person and because we purchase the wine for the number of confirmed bookings we need payment by Monday the 7th of October.

For anyone unfamiliar with the Wine Circle, it's an informal evening where people can get together in a convivial atmosphere. We usually taste three red wines and three white wines and there will be bread and cheese to nibble on (not a substitute for dinner). The evening starts at 8.00 pm but it's advisable to get there at around 7.45.

If you would like to join us, drop a cheque with a note of the attendees' names in to Steve Parsons at Seend Bridge House, Inmarsh. (Phone 07974 347487.)

Steve Parsons

Wessex Fuchsia Group

October 17th - Annual General Meeting 7.45pm in the Pavilion, followed by an American supper.



SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Well it does seem as if summer is slipping away but, on the plus side, our season of Gardening Club meetings has started again. We had a most interesting, informative and practical talk from Alan Christopher who gave us many extremely useful tips specific to autumn. It was also heartening for the less accomplished gardeners that even Alan, with his 60 years of experience, still has failures and disappointments – gardening is not an exact science! This month's competition, Three Flowering Stems, was won by Jackie Kilduff, with Tony Hill second and Sylvia Ewin third.

Next month's meeting, on October 8th, is an afternoon visit to Kilver Court – if you're interested contact Sue Johns on 01380 738129.

The November meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th at the Irene Usher Pavilion, with an opportunity to bring and swap plants. Carl Sadler will speak on the subject of 'Besoms and Gypsy Flowers'. The competition theme is 'My idea of a gypsy flower'.

A big thank you to everyone who brought plants to sell on the Gardening Club stall at the Seend Fete and also to all those who helped on the stall.

Good news! We had two new members at Tuesday's meeting – room for plenty more!

Tim

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

If you read this in time, please come along to the Macmillan coffee morning at 10am on Friday 27th September, and/or bring a team of four to the Autumn Quiz Night on Saturday 28th.



See the events section for details of Acoustic Club, Nosh & Natter, charity dance etc. (If your business would like to sponsor the Wine & Food Fair, please ring 828617.)

Annual Meeting

All users of the Community Centre – Club members, skittlers, zumbaistas, artists, short-mat bowlers, WEA students etc – are invited, nay encouraged, to attend our Annual Meeting on Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm in the upstairs Village Room. The Committee very much wants to hear your views on the current management of the Centre and its future direction.

John and Lilian Smallshaw

Everyone at the Community Centre would like to wish John and Lilian Smallshaw all the best for their move to be near their daughter. Together they have been responsible for getting the Nosh and Natter lunch club off the ground – and are continuing to help run it right up until they leave the village. They also revived the Summer Saturday Breakfasts, which used to take place in the WI Hall and successfully moved them into the Centre. John, of course, was largely responsible for our successful applications for grant funding which made most of the refurbishment of the building possible, and was a regular on the Friday morning maintenance team until a recent illness prevented him from continuing. We owe them both a lot.

Planning Application for Seend Community Centre

Seend Community Centre has recently applied for planning permission to extend the Centre in order to provide additional storage. We wanted to inform residents as early as possible and to highlight the following points:

* The building work will be at the far end of the Centre, along the North-facing back wall (gable end) and will not be visible except from the canal side of the centre.

* We are only applying for planning permission at this stage and the work is by no means imminent. When – and if – we receive planning permission, we will then embark on the process of applying for grants and raising funds for the building work itself. This process is likely to take months if not years.

* The extension will not make a material difference to the activities of the Centre. It will be a storage area only as the large amount of equipment we have accumulated over the years (and continue to accumulate) is becoming difficult to accommodate in our existing storage area.

Once the Council confirms that our plans have been received, they will, of course, be available to view, but in the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, do feel free to get in touch with any committee member.

Maintenance of the Community Centre

Is there anyone out there of a practical nature - possibly from a construction background - who is willing to take over the volunteer responsibility for an on-going maintenance schedule for the Community Centre from Frank Teasdale? Call him on 01380 828617 to find out what is involved.

100 CLUB RESULTS AND NEWS

The draw for July and August took place in July at a Prolze-family gathering in Staffordshire, when the numbers were drawn by (closely scrutinised!) junior members of the Clan; the results are as follows:

July Prizewinners

1st £35 48 Mrs Jo Sutton
2nd £30 106 Seend Short Mat Bowls
3rd £25 11 Mrs Jane Martine
4th £20 104 Mrs Joyce Iles
5th £15 58 Mrs Jean Allen
6th £10 125 Michael Manser

August Prizewinners

1st £35 47 Dave Sawyer
2nd £30 59 Roger Minton
3rd £25 11 Mrs Jane Martine
4th £20 26 Mrs Nicky Bartholomew
5th £15 203 Mrs Louise Proven
6th £10 8 Mrs Jenny Phillips

Bernie Prolze, 100 Club organiser



W.E.A. course on 'Graphology'

A reminder that our autumn course with John Jameson-Davis will be starting on Monday 7th October for six sessions, normal cost £45. We will be using the Kennet Room downstairs this time so numbers may be limited.

Bookings or inquiries can be made to Pam Church on 01380 828597.





SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

On **Sunday 28th July** 17 members enjoyed a 5½ mile circular walk commencing from the layby opposite the entrance to Bath Racecourse at Lansdown. The temperature was a tad cooler after a very hot spell. Lane, field and tracks were followed passing through the hamlet of Langridge. We travelled down the western side of the valley, then climbed steeply back up. On reaching the top – passing the Sir Bevil Grenville Monument – some spectacular panoramic views included identifiable landmarks such as the Clifton Suspension Bridge and the two Severn crossings. An altogether super walk, with so much content. Thanks to Colin and Denise Noad for organising it.

The picnic at Lower Court Farm, North Wraxall, on **Saturday 31st August** was a great success with 19 members attending on a beautifully warm and sunny afternoon. The walk prior to the picnic was equally enjoyable, a circular distance of approximately five miles, leaving the village of Wraxall and making our way to Slaughterford then back via the Bybrook to Ford. Many thanks to leader Reg Cox and to Wendy, and to the Lywood brothers who make us so welcome at their property.

13 members enjoyed a circular walk of five miles commencing from the car park in Worton on **Sunday 15th September**. Jo and Colin Waldeck kindly organised a pleasant, flat walk over fields, on bridleway and lanes and past fishing lakes, taking in the hamlet of Marston. With the rain holding off until the end, this was a pleasurable morning amble.

October 4th-6th will be our weekend on Exmoor for 27 of our members.

The next walk is on **Sunday 10th November**, organised by Penny England (01380 828949), in the Salisbury Plain area.

The Ramblers Social will be on **Friday, 22nd November**, in the Irene Usher Pavilion at 7.30pm for 8pm. Winn Quinney will talk to us on ‘Bats’ and how she became involved in the rescue of them. Please keep this date free (further details next month). Visitors most welcome.

Lin Salter

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Our poppy sellers will be calling on you as usual during late October - early November. Please give as generously as you can to help the wonderful work the Legion does. For your convenience, a gift aid envelope is enclosed, if you wish to use it please remember to fill in your name, address, post code and signature. We are unable to claim the tax if this is not done.

If for any reason our collectors are unable to contact you, Seend Post Office has again generously agreed to act as a collection point for envelopes and donations. My grateful thanks to them and to all our helpers.

Joan Savage, Poppy appeal organiser
Tel: 01380 828108



Seend Flower Show 10th August 2013 – a great success!

There were 109 active exhibitors and 28 of those were children. The 558 entries together with the exuberant art pictures from Seend School and Seend Playgroup ensured that there was plenty to see for the 447 paying spectators (you). Thank you to both exhibitors and spectators for their essential participation in the show.

The system of collecting show entry forms and the staging of exhibits went well. We had hoped that delivering the show programme and schedule to all in the area would have brought in more entries; perhaps next year? Some of the unused schedules could have been returned to us or to the Post Office for those who didn't get one (or lost it!) since near to show day there were several requests for replacement copies. Perhaps some of you are a little shy and don't like what amounts to a competitive system? We assure you that since the show is a traditional village affair we don't promote it as an RHS event and do not expect world class exhibits; come on, next year do make an effort to enter! Actually the judges did comment that the standard of entries was high and it was a pleasure to be involved in the show – thank you judges.

There were displays complementary to the main show features and we thank those involved: Carol Bowles for her stunning Canal Art display, the Truscotts for their herb display and sales, Ralph Hickman for organising a beautiful display of wood carving from his group, Carl Sadler for his active trug making display, and Seend WI through Lynne Puntis for a display and sale of work by their members.

Thank you to the Show Committee for their hard work in organising the show. If you would like to get involved please contact me at 01380 827137.

An important aspect of the show is the award of prizes. In addition to the thrill, and don't knock it, of getting a 1st in class there are the special trophies and certificates. Here is a list of those awards and their 2013 winners: (certificates if not trophies)

Best Exhibit in a Section

- Section A - Vegetables and Fruit, D Hyde
- Section B - Flowers and Pot Plants, Carole Bowles
- Section C - Floral Art Display, *Seend WI Salver*, Andie Elliott
- Section D - Home Produce, Jackie Hamblin
- Section E - Arts and Crafts, Anthony Cousins
- Section F - Child <=8 yrs, Hugo Bines
- Section G - Child 9-12 yrs, Lily Steggall
- Section H - Photography, Alexandra Gray
- Section I - *Gardening Club Cup*, Sandra Collins

Most Points in a Section

- Section A - Vegetables & Fruit, *Challenge Cup A*, G Bowyer
- Section B - Flowers & Pot Plants, *Challenge Cup B*, Pauline Shea-Simonds
- Section C - Floral Art, *Challenge Cup C*, Andie Elliott
- Section D - Home Produce, *Challenge Cup D*, Janet Giles
- Section E - Arts and Crafts, shared between Julie Brokas and Anne Saywell

Section F - Child <=8 yrs, *Challenge Cup F*, Holly Westlake

Section G - Child 9-12 yrs, *Challenge Cup G*, Cliona Walker

Section H - Photography, Edwin Bowles

Single Class Awards

Best Collection of Vegetables, *George Noad Trophy*, D Hyde

Best Annual Flowers mixed, *Cricket Club Cup*, Lynne Puntis

Best Single Stem Flower, *Gwyn Hopkins Cup*, Joyce Brand

Best Victoria Sponge, *Dorothy Hopkins Cup*, Helen Breach

Class Group Awards

Most Points in Dahlias Classes, Gwyn Hopkins

Most Points in Roses Classes - *Ann Brand Cup*, Joyce Brand

Most Points in Begonias Classes, shared between Pauline Shea-Simonds and Lady Carola Thorpe

Most Points in Fuchsias Classes - Tony McLoughlin Trophy, shared between Pauline Shea-Simonds and Di Webb

Most Points in Pelargoniums Classes, shared between Pauline Shea-Simonds and Di Webb

Most Points in Sweet Peas Classes, Janet Giles

Most Points in Baking Classes, Jackie Hamblin

Most Points in Home Preserves Classes, Janet Giles

And then there are the really BIG awards:

Best Exhibit in Show – *The Wareham Cup*, Andie Elliott

This was a stunning floral art display based on the theme ‘A Harvest Collection’ and The Banksian Medal (Most Points in Horticultural Classes), Graham Bowyer.

A total of 53 entries in Sections A and B accumulating 76 points (from 3 for 1st, 2 for 2nd, and 1 for 3rd) ensured this award went to Graham. This RHS based medal is awarded biennially; next year will see the Grenfell Medal for Floral Art.

Most Points in the Show by a Lady – *The Colonel Dashwood Cup*, Janet Giles

Entries 34 that won 50 points gained this trophy for Janet.

Most Points in Show – *The Peter Fisher Cup*, Graham Bowyer

54 entries and 79 points earned this new trophy for Graham.

The prize of Most Points in Show is not new but this year saw the inauguration of The Peter Fisher Cup to replace the former trophy The Horse Show Cup. The new cup represents the work and memory of Peter Fisher MBE who did so much for the Flower Show, the Community Centre, and our community at large. It was fitting and gracious of Mrs Pat Fisher to award the cup to Mr Bowyer.

The Horse Show Cup is honourably retired and placed into the safe keeping of Di Webb whose father, with Mrs Frazer, started the Flower Show back in 1949.

The Show Committee will be meeting in October to start preparations for the 2014 show. If you have an idea to improve the show, which is already good, in any way, perhaps by including a new class of exhibit or other feature, we would like you to tell us; it is after all YOUR show.

Brian Jaques 01380 827137



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

ANNUAL LECTURE

The Annual Lecture will be held in the Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend, on Saturday 5th October 2013 at 7 for 7.30 pm. The subject is “Unending Vigil - The Commonwealth War Graves Commission”. 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 Minister’s Trustee of the Imperial War Museum from 1997-2002.

Tickets are £6.50 and are available from The Seend Post Office, Robin Heatley (01380 828491), Marion Whitehead (828612) or on the door.

The lecture is open to all. You do not have to be a member of the Royal British Legion to attend.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Members should note that the AGM will be held in the ground floor Kennet Room in the Community Centre on Thursday 31st October 2013 commencing at 1930hrs. Please put this date in your diary and endeavour to attend.

There will be a short Committee meeting on completion.

WARNING ORDER

The normal Remembrance Sunday Parade and service will be held in The Church of the Holy Cross Seend on Sunday 10th November 2013. There will also be the usual Act of Remembrance at the War memorial at 1100 hrs on Monday 11th November 2013. Further details will be published in the November edition of Spotlight.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Peter Darling. Peter was a long standing member of the Royal British Legion and passed away quietly in his sleep on 10th September 2013 after a long illness. Our thoughts go out to his wife Ann and his family at this difficult time.

Roger Brind



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

The staff and children at Seend School have returned from their summer holidays refreshed and raring to go! We are delighted to welcome 17 new children to Holly Class. They all look like they are very settled already and we hope the new families quickly feel just as welcome. The total number at the school is now 110.

Holly Class are learning about people who help us; Oak Class are learning about the seaside; Chestnut Class kicked off their topic on settlements by watching The Curse of the Were-Rabbit and Sycamore Class are going to be learning about the Tudors. We finished the last school year in style with a crime day on the last day of term. The children came dressed in crime suits and helped to solve the mystery of the

missing trophies! From fingerprinting to casting tyre tracks, from hair/fibre analyses to radio communications and from a fingertip search of the field to interviewing a witness, I think we can say that a memorable last day was had by all.

You may remember a couple of years ago we hosted a production of Arabian Nights. This year, through Rural Arts Touring, the same company are going to put on Alice in Wonderland on Friday 15th November at 6pm. Tickets will be available from school nearer the time. Please keep the date free as it promises to be a fun evening for the whole family.

Following on from the success of the last textiles collection we are once again appealing for old clothes. Bags can be collected from the school reception and you are asked to fill them with good quality second-hand adults' and children's clothing, sheets, blankets, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. All items collected are for RE-USE and not scrap so need to be of an acceptable quality. The collection date will be first thing on November 11th.

We are once again trying to send a box of 100 cds and dvds to help with fundraising. If you have any unwanted discs in boxes of a good condition then please bring them into school as they can provide a valuable boost to funds. This collection will be ongoing throughout the year so it is never too late to have a clear out – or encourage friends and family to do the same!

We have one vacancy on our governing body for a Foundation Governor. Foundation Governors, when helping form policies and making decisions, ensure the Christian foundations of the school are maintained. If you are interested in becoming a Foundation Governor and in taking on an important role in forming the strategic direction of the school, please contact the school for more information.

Nicola Coleman,(Deputy Head)

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

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 July** was attended by eight Councillors with Mr. J. Padfield in the chair. Apologies: Mr T James, Mr K Rigg and Mrs L Waylen.

CBM PC Emily Thomas said that things were fairly quiet at present. There had been some anti-social behaviour at The Lye, and some fly-tipping along the canal, but this matter was not progressed at the request of the Canal Trust. The Community Speedwatch was up and running again; the Clerk confirmed she had sent an email to those volunteers interested in participating on 15 July (forwarding an email from Angus Macpherson, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon), advising a proposed meeting on 16 September. There had been just one response, the Clerk to follow up with the volunteers.

Extinguishment of Footpath 24. There had been a meeting at the site of the footpath on 25th July with Janice Green, Rights of Way Officer, Wiltshire Council and her colleague, the Clerk, Martin Wiltshire and Mr Russell, the parishioner who objected to the closure of the footpath. The Clerk had agreed to place the matter on the agenda

again in order that the PC could reconsider matters. Mr Russell had agreed that he would not pursue his objections if the Ramblers Association and the Parish Council confirmed in writing that they did not object to the closure. The Mid Wilts Ramblers had sent written confirmation that they did not object, having visited the site and being satisfied that this path was not used (the exit was blocked by dense hedging 2/3 metres thick and did not appear to have been used for many years); the RA also commented that the exit is located on a dangerous bend on a busy A road. Mr Russell was not present at the PC meeting. Councillors again discussed the Order and the comments of the Ramblers Association and agreed unanimously with the Extinguishment Order and map modification. The Clerk to advise Rights of Way.

Bollands Hill – The questions of long lorries and a possible restriction on lorry length, traffic speed and a metro count and the overgrown hedge on the west side of Bollands Hill have been raised as a community issue. The latest update on 29/07/2013 Stuart Renfrew advises he will send the first request for hedge cutting to the land owner. This will be a fourteen day request and the commencement of the necessary legal processes to force action. The metro count form has been returned for action. The limit on lorry size is to be considered by officers and CATG.

WI Hall – Email received from Fiona Johnson to advise that the WI committee discussed the PC's concerns re the guttering on the WI Hall. The guttering has been missing for a long time. The hall is watertight and is only used for storage for the Lye Field Committee, Community Centre, Beer Festival and Fawltly Players. Unfortunately, the WI does not have any funds available to make good the guttering. They do not have a maintenance schedule for the WI Hall and at some stage, in the future, the village will have to make a decision on the Hall's future.

Possible skateboard park – Mr Murch reported on the meeting held on 17th July, this had also been attended by Darren Nichols, Paul Manning and Louise Waylen. There were 25-30 people in attendance, split between parents and children. Mr Conboy had looked up the Charter of the Lye Field, which stated that its purpose was for all of the village to enjoy; there was currently nothing available for teenagers. The preference appeared to be for a multi activity area that could be used for skate boards, BMX bikes and scooters. Children stated that they currently go out of the village to Rowde, Devizes or Lavington. The major stumbling block is the location; suggestions are the Lye Field, behind the Community Centre or the top end of the allotments (not considered suitable because of proximity to road). The question of a children's committee was discussed. It was also suggested inviting representatives from the Lye Field and Community Centre to meet with the PC to discuss. The next step is to get information from villages that already have this kind of facility (Rowde/Bromham) and find out how they went about obtaining the land and funding the costs. It was agreed that the PC would book and pay for a room for an inaugural meeting of a Youth Committee, and this would be facilitated by Sarah Howes, the Youth Development Coordinator - Melksham Community Area Integrated Youth Services.

Meeting re. Keevil Airfield – This meeting had been attended by Darren Nichols and Georgina A'Bear. Having heard the presentation, they did not feel that the operation

would have a huge impact on Seend. The airfield is currently used for 240 days a year; with the new runway this would increase by about 10%. The biggest impact would be on villages close to the airfield that will be affected by the construction work. It was estimated that 40 lorries a day would go into the site using two routes. In September there is an open day at the airfield, the work will take place from May 2014 to February 2015.

Allotments – The Clerk advised that invoices had been sent to all allotment holders, asking for payment by the end of August (two have already paid); this should bring in the sum of £300. A quote has been obtained from Jamie Hiscocks in the sum of £130 to clear the top end of the allotment. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of accepting this quote.

Seend Shuttle:

Mr. Murch had received an email from Pete Wallis to advise that the draft accounts for 2012/13 have now been drawn up, and they are now also in a position to apply for the Council grant. He is going to talk to Paul Stratford at Wiltshire Council about a quote for a new bus, and it was hoped to go ahead with the purchase.

Planning Matters:

- 13/00332/FU Rew Farm, Seend Cleeve
Change from holiday let accommodation to residential use
Councillors discussed this application and agreed, subject to the barn conversion being tied to the farm.
- 13/01327/LBC Roberts Cottage, High Street
Rebuild the garage roof structure. Repairs to kitchen roof.
Repairs to new garage door and pedestrian door to the kitchen.
Repaint front of building and additional internal repairs
This application had been agreed at the 25th June PC meeting.
- 13/01800/TCA Seend School, School Road
Weeping Willow – Salix Babylonica – re-pollard to where done previously. Unanimously agreed.

Email received from Stuart Renfrew, Highways Dept., to advise that from September there will be the option of a scheduled **community day** to address problem Highway or Council owned land areas. It would also be beneficial if the Parish can gather volunteers that might assist. This is in addition to the routine visits by the Parish Steward, not a replacement. Councillors suggested spraying the footpath from The Bell to The Stocks along the A361, and cutting back vegetation in Love Walk.

The Clerk had contacted Mark Stansby about a possible “Unsuitable for motors” sign for the top of **Pelch Lane**, to discourage motors from going down this narrow winding lane. This had caused problems recently when Bolland's Hill was closed due to the works to the railway bridge. Mark Stansby had declined the request. However, Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to go back and ask if a sign could be placed advising that the lane was unsuitable for wide vehicles (similar to that placed at either end of Row Lane).

Email from Wiltshire Council to advise that strengthening works were to begin in late October to **Lutsey Bridge, Poulshot** and the road will be closed.

Letter received from Mr J MacDonald, enclosing a Police investigations document relating to a civil dispute that he has with Seend Lye Recreational Field Committee. As this was not a PC matter, the Clerk was asked to return the document to Mr MacDonald.

The meeting held on **Tuesday 27th August** was attended by six Councillors with Mr. T. Murch in the chair. Apologies received from Mr P Manning, Mr D Nichols, Mr J Padfield, Mr K Rigg and Mrs L Waylen.

Councillors expressed concern that the incidents of **mobile homes** on sites around the village, possibly being lived in, are often explained away by the reason of them being needed as a rest area, and there seems little that can be done to stop them becoming a residence. Cllr Seed explained that if these incidents are reported to the Enforcement Officer, he will issue a certificate which will prevent the mobile home being treated as a dwelling.

It was noted that small **blue signs for G & S Patios** have appeared on the new fence posts on both sides of the road where the old railway bridge has been removed. The Clerk to check with Mark Stansby if the signs are legal.

The **large signs for local businesses at Redstocks crossroads** were also noted and felt to be unsightly, but Councillors were not sure whether these are in Seend parish. The Clerk to check parish boundary.

Community Speed Watch – An email had been sent again to all volunteers and three responses have been received, all of whom have expressed the view that they are happy to attend the meeting on 16 September, although no-one has yet offered to be the group co-ordinator.

Bollands Hill – A Councillor noted that, although the hedge has been trimmed back, there are still tree trunks sticking out in places, also the sign for walkers in the road is partly obscured by hedging. The Clerk to ask the Parish Steward to deal with the sign on his next visit to the village, and also to trim back the hedge where pedestrians emerge onto the road from the canal. It was noted that **verges in Seend Cleeve** have not been trimmed by the Council this year, the Clerk to check with Highways if something can be done this year.

WI Hall – Following on from last month's discussion about the state of repair of the WI Hall, Councillors discussed what the likely long-term outlook was for the hall as the WI had indicated that they do not have a maintenance schedule. It was suggested that an approach be made to the WI to suggest a meeting between them, the Lye Field and the Community Centre to discuss the future of the hall.

Possible skateboard park – Mr Murch advised that a meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 28th August, to be led by Sarah Howes, Youth Community Co-ordinator, together with Melksham Youth Community Advisory Group to discuss setting up a

Youth Council in Seend. It was agreed that the PC would like to help to develop this and would, therefore, agree to fund the cost of a meeting room until the group was established. Mrs Carr expressed the view that it would be a good idea if the young people made the case to Wiltshire Council why Seend was the right place for the relocation of the Melksham skateboard park equipment.

Additional runway at Keevil – nothing further has been heard about this topic.

Seend Shuttle - Mr. Murch advised that a meeting had taken place with Paul Stratford of Wiltshire Council to talk through the possibility of purchasing a new bus. It was noted that all drivers have to have a D licence, and that just one driver needed to upgrade his licence. It will be possible to arrange a trade-in of the current vehicle. The Clerk to check that the purchase can be made through the Parish Council and that the VAT can be re-claimed.

Planning Matters

E/2013/01982/TCA

Wiltshire House, High Street

Work to trees in a Conservation Area. T1 to be removed.

Councillors discussed the removal of this beech tree; the tree is not diseased or affecting foundations. Councillors voted unanimously not to support this application, but to support the reduction in size of the tree.

Canal bridge at The Barge Inn – A Councillor asked if the Clerk could get an update on the condition of the bridge, as the gap in the parapet wall is widening, and there is a large V shaped crack on the canal side of the bridge.

Dial Close – The Clerk was asked to add the clearing of weeds in Dial Close to the Parish Steward's job list, and she confirmed this had already been done at the request of a parishioner.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24th Sept 2013, at Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm. Parish Council minutes can be found on www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed

Unfortunately the Council cannot just go on holiday in August; there are some parts of our business which work especially hard over the summer months. These include our leisure and library services which are part of my Cabinet portfolio. So I thought it would be a good time to visit every one of the 23 leisure centres and 31 libraries which the Council runs in Wiltshire and see what is going on at this busy time. I feel that it is important to have first hand knowledge of all parts of my responsibility.

I found the whole experience thoroughly positive and hugely rewarding. What a great team we have running these services and I was greatly impressed by the dedication of all those who were operating these facilities, including the small army of community volunteers who help to run our libraries.

It was great to see the success of three initiatives for young people launched by officers and volunteers over the summer. This involved youngsters taking part in

50,000 free swimming sessions, 360 free tennis sessions and 8,900 free Reading Challenge successes in libraries - a really positive way of helping to get our youth out and about during the long summer break.

Council business for the autumn started with a meeting of the full Council on 3rd September where the Business Plan, which provides a framework for our activity over the next four years, was approved. The Plan will enable delivery of the services that residents want, delivered locally and in the way they want them delivered.

Locally we seem to be having an interesting time with planning issues and particularly big projects that will affect the residents of Summerham and Seend. The RAF Keevil tactical runway seems to have a delay whilst the Council obtains answers to the impact of construction on villages and the surrounding areas. In addition a number of proposed large solar panel developments are currently being discussed by consultants, applicants, residents and Parish Councils. I am looking at the plans and listening to the arguments for and against. I am conscious that if communities object so strongly to wind farms then we must at some stage go some way towards meeting our renewable energy targets for Wiltshire, and solar panel developments may well be the least intrusive form of sustainable energy generation that we can live with. There is a long way to go with all of these developments and it is for the Council to decide and residents to make their views known to the Council to help that decision to be made.



Seend Sports Results and Fixtures



It has been a quiet summer sports wise but many of the teams are now getting back into action for what will hopefully be a busy and rewarding few months.

Tennis : Chair Elaine Davies

Whilst the spring/summer leagues are finished the winter league starts on the second weekend in October. We enter just the one team. The format is mixed doubles. Matches are played every other weekend, usually on a Sunday. If any outside of the usual suspects are keen to put on the green flashes over autumn/winter please contact the winter captain Frankie Goddard.

Short Mat Bowls: Chief Whip Colin Waldeck

I am told that the team finished mid-table in the main summer league and, unfortunately, bottom in the minor summer league. This I am told is only a small blip and we should not start worrying that the boys might have passed their prime. Colin remains confident.



Freestyle Ferret Foraging : Chief Scout Henry S-C

This is a new sport for Seend, but one which I understand could become the latest fad. The rules are quite straightforward. Clearly each competitor needs his or her ferret, preferably house trained. Said ferret is then released anywhere along the High

Street by its owner, then it is a matter of just sitting back and waiting hours, or even days, for that telephone call that declares success.

Oh yes I forgot to mention how a ferret, let's just call our example Florence, wins. Quite simple really. First ferret to make it to the dining room at Manor Cottage triumphs!



Cricket: Captain John Wiltshire

Seend lost their only match of the season to Box in July by 5 wickets but immediately picked themselves up before the month was out with a satisfying win over the old rivals Keevil, this time by 53 runs.

August was a good month for the club with a victory over The Golden Fleece scoring 279 against the Fleece's 134 with a captain's innings of 102 not out from John Wiltshire.

Next came the Bob Dolman Memorial Cup with a 20-20 format. Seend beat The Peterborough Arms in the semi finals then scraping past Melksham and Beanacre in the final, a great team effort with Mark Wiltshire's 72 not out one of the highlights.

So to September and the team faced Erlestoke overtaking the opposition's 156 with the loss of only 4 wickets. September also saw a replay of the Bob Dolman Cup final when again Seend beat MCCC this time by 7 wickets.

The season's statistics were played 12, won 10, drawn 1 and lost 1.

The end of season presentations will be on 28th September in the Seend Community Centre starting at 7.45. Details of the awards will be in our next edition. Congratulations to this great village team from all at the sports desk !

All Sports News for next month's Spotlight by October 15th please.
frankiegoddard@gmail.com

'The Badgers'

This well established Club offers training/matches for all age groups from age 5 to Adult (14 age groups represented). If your child is interested in joining, you are welcome to contact one of our club coaches, with contacts shown on: www.pitchero.com/clubs/wortonandcheverellfc/

Steve Dagnall, 01380-727976 - <http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk/>



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

White Horse Opera presents

***A Masked Ball* by Giuseppe Verdi**

Devizes Corn Exchange

Wednesday 9th, Friday 11th & Saturday 12th October at 7.30pm



Described by one critic as Verdi's greatest opera, *A Masked Ball* is a gripping tale of forbidden love, black magic, plots of vengeance, wild parties and a royal assassination – all brought vividly to life through some of Verdi's most thrilling and emotional music.

Tickets from £5-£15 on sale at Devizes Books and online from:
www.whitehorseopera.ticketsource.co.uk

CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday November 2nd 10am to 2pm

MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL

Start your Christmas shopping with us! Local handmade crafts
Free Entry - Donations to The Soldiers' Charity - Coffee and cakes!
To book a stall, please contact Sue Bonney on 01380 812757
or email: thebonneys@waitrose.com

A PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE - 21st - 30th May 2014

with the Right Revd Nicholas Holtam

THIS IS A LAST CALL FOR BOOKINGS FOR THE DIOCESAN 10 night pilgrimage and holiday to Israel/Palestine from 21st-30th May 2014. It is proving to be a popular trip and there are not many places left!

The tour includes six nights in the Golden Walls Hotel in Jerusalem with its splendid view of the old city walls, and three nights at the Ron Beach Hotel, just outside Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee, with sea views and a swimming pool. Visits will include sites in and around Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. We will walk along the Via Dolorosa, float on the Dead Sea, take a cable car up the Mount of Masada, visit one of the sources of the River Jordan, meet with local people and worship with the Christian community. There will also be some time for relaxation and personal exploration. There is an optional three-day extension in our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee - a chance for relaxation, reflection or further exploration before returning home on June 2nd. Please don't be put off going to the Land of the Holy One because of all you see in the media. The reality 'on the ground' is often far removed from what we see and read in the news. We consider it a safe place to visit, take daily advice from our local Agent in Jerusalem and will not travel if the situation becomes dangerous or threatening in any way.

The cost of this tour is £1,895 based on twin sharing including full-board with buffet breakfast, lunch and table d'hôte evening meal, touring in air-conditioned coaches with a local guide; all entrance fees and gratuities; scheduled flights between Heathrow and Tel Aviv; all airport and security charges and a complimentary visa which is issued on arrival in Israel. There are limited places available. Please download a brochure and booking form from the Diocese of Salisbury website, from the Bishop's Office (01722 334031) or from Maureen Allchin (828931).



State of the Environment Report published
Kings Farm Wood officially opened
First Aid training offered
Rare barbastelle bat spotted at Blackmoor Copse
Find out more on www.wiltshirewildlife.org

Modern Sequence Dance Club

Manor School, Ruskin Avenue, Lowbourn, Melksham SN12 7NG
Every Friday 7.30pm to 9.45pm
Leaders Mike & Gwen Knight AUKA(HC)
New Members and Visitors Welcome
contact Michael Taylor 01225 754321, Brian Cottrell 01225 863795
or Pat Hazelhurst 01249 447929

STOP PRESS:

Cliff Bainton seeks more crib teams - ladies or mixed - to play in the Devizes League for Seend Club. Please call him NOW on 01225 703807 as the season is about to start.



And another Stop Press:



Don't forget **Pumpkin Day** at the Brewery Inn on Sunday 27th October from midday. Too late to enter if you didn't buy your seeds from them back in the spring, but come and admire and join in the fun! Proceeds for the benefit of the village.



And finally ...

A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been discovered in Egypt. Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh Roché

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: L Murray 828513

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: Bookings and drivers: Alison Cobbing 07951030491

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, 01380 729358 (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 07702 967150 - 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

Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Fete Cttee - Jo McManus 828870 (www.seendfete.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

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 07974 347487 or Malcolm Shipp 07702 967150

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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

* note early closing