

SPOTLIGHT

Seend and Bulkington



'April showers bring May flowers'

APRIL 2008

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

- 24th Great Bulkington Railway - 1pm-4pm
- 25th Tennis Club pre-season drinks - 8pm at The Barge
- 25th Seend Parish Council - 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre
- 29th Skittles competition - mixed pairs - in the Community Centre
- 31st Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

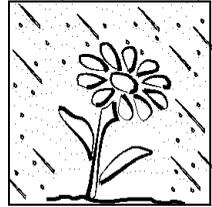
- 2nd First Wednesday shopping trip - ring Terry on 828203 by Mon 31st March
- 2nd Seend WI AGM - 7.30pm in the Pavilion
- 6th Seend Ramblers AGM 3pm in the Pavilion after walk at 1.30pm
- 8th Gardening Club AGM in the Pavilion
- 11th Rural Arts Wiltshire /Watermill Theatre - 8pm in the Pavilion
- 12th DEADLINE FOR MAY SPOTLIGHT**
- 14th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 16th Big Bulkington Quiz - 7.30pm in the Pavilion
- 16th MU's 120th birthday - 11am Communion followed by lunch
- 18th 'Waking the Witch' at Devizes Conservative Club (5% of takings to Seend
Community Centre)
- 23rd St George's Day Dinner - 7 for 7.30pm in the Community Centre
- 24th Link AGM - 8pm in the Pavilion
- 26th Plant sale and craft fayre at Keevil School
- 27th Seend Ramblers meet 9.30am Rusty Lane or 10am Broughton Gifford Common
- 28th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 3rd Seend Beer Festival - midday till 11pm in the Community Centre
- 7th First Wednesday shopping trip - ring Terry on 828203 by Mon 5th
- 8th Theatre Club visit to Theatre Royal, Bath
- 10th Keevil 10k run and Family Fun Day
- 12th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 13th Tennis Club AGM - 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre
- 17th Teddy Bears Picnic in the Pavilion
- 18th Historic Houses Club visit to Chavenage House
- 26th Craft Fayre at Cleeve House
- 31st Concert at Christ Church Bulkington.

Welcome to the April issue

Well, will we have a traditional showery April - or will it be another unseasonably warm and dry month as it was last year? We shall soon find out!



Whatever the weather, as usual there is plenty to do in and around our villages. If you want a gentle introduction to rambling, there is a circular walk for about an hour and a half, from 1.30-3pm, starting and finishing in Rusty Lane, before Seend Ramblers' AGM on 6th April. If you prefer to exercise your brain cells, there's the Big Bulkington Quiz on 16th April. Other attractions this month are the St George's Day Dinner in the Community Centre on 23rd April, and the famous Watermill Theatre's production of 'Micky Salberg's Crystal Ballroom Dance Band' in the Pavilion on 11th April. And don't forget Keevil School's Plant Sale and Craft Fayre on 26th April.

It's the time of year when a lot of village organisations hold their AGMs, telling members what's been happening and what future plans are - so try not to miss any that are of interest to you.

The annual envelope collection for Spotlight

The April issue of Spotlight is traditionally the month we ask you for money! If you value Spotlight, please use the enclosed envelope to make a contribution to its running costs. Unlike many village magazines, Spotlight is not a priced document, so ensuring everyone gets a copy. The reason it remains so is because our loyal team of volunteer printers, collators and distributors enable us to keep the production costs to a minimum.

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The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the May issue (***copy deadline is 12th April***) can be e-mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to the Post Office, High Street, Seend or, for Bulkington contributions, to Jo Bell at 1 Northfields, Bulkington (e-mail to trevor@bell8490.freeserve.co.uk). Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

EVENTS IN APRIL

The Big Bulkington Quiz

Wednesday 16th April 2008

At 7.30pm

At The Irene Usher Memorial Hall, Rusty Lane, Seend

Teams of 4 - 6

Tickets £6 per person to include Ploughman's Supper
Licensed Bar available

Tickets from Seend Post Office,
Liz Futter - 828485, Audrey McDonald - 828376,
Anne Saywell - 828931, Jane Coles - 01380 828145,
any member of Bulkington PCC or on the door

Tables may be booked in advance!



Friday, 11th April at 8 pm in the Pavilion
Watermill Theatre, supported by Rural Arts Wiltshire, presents

Micky Salberg's
Crystal Ballroom Dance Band!



It's the early 1950s and the world is changing fast.
 How long will the old music last and what will the new tunes sound like?
 Another excitingly different evening from Rural Arts Wiltshire.

Tickets £6 (£5 pensioners)

available from Shop/PO or phone 828778, 828687 or 828617

Interval refreshments available

Proceeds to Seend Community Centre



St. George's Day Dinner

at Seend Community Centre

Wednesday 23rd April at 7.00 for 7.30pm

Tickets £15 from Peter Fisher

Guest speakers: Air Commodore Paul Osborne
 and Colonel Nigel Knocker.

EVENTS IN MAY



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Saturday 17 May 2008 3.30-5.30pm
in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion Seend



Activities include:

Best Dressed Teddy Bear, Most Unusual Teddy Bear
 and Most Loved Teddy Bear Competitions

Collage and Teddy Bear Making and Decorating; Teddy Bears' Hospital;
 Face Painting; Bouncy Castle; Singing and Games

Tickets: £5 per child to include a picnic tea and activities
from: Rachel Burton, Margaret Coley, Helen Hook, and Sue Taylor
or call Yzanne Martin Hallett 01380 827 086

**Parents may stay and join in the fun, or leave children with CRB-
 checked carers. Please advise when buying tickets of your intention.**

Any profits will go to Church Funds

Saturday 3rd May - Seend Beer Festival
Noon-11pm in Seend Community Centre

Marquee Weekend at Bulkington Church

Saturday 31st May

Concert by
 'Barbershop'
 and the

'Phoenix Consort Choir'

Fork Supper Included Licensed Bar Available Tickets £10

Sunday 1st June at 3pm - Family Beetle Drive

See May Spotlight for full details

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This section in Spotlight is for general announcements be it births, deaths or marriages, wedding anniversaries or any other kind of celebration which you would like to share with Spotlight Readers. Do let us know and, space permitting, we will try to print all your announcements.

Michael Warren

Les and Mary, Christopher, David and Richard, and Michael's family, would like to express their gratitude for the totally overwhelming number of messages of sympathy, and offers of help received since news of their sudden bereavement became known.

It has been a wonderful comfort to realise that he was remembered and liked by so many of you, and your prayers and comments have been a great consolation.

Thank you all for having Michael and his family in your thoughts.

Les and Mary Warren

Congratulations!...

... to Lisa and Elliott Perrigo, of Jumbly Cottage in Redstocks, on the birth of their daughter Lily-Mischa (7lb 6oz) born on Valentine's Day.

CHURCH NEWS

Beautiful Bone China Mugs For Sale

*Depicting the Churches of
Seend, Bulkington & Poulshot*

The perfect gift for all occasions

£6.00 each

Contact Tina Yockney
01380 827139

From where I stand...

... it seems that we're always looking forward in the hope of brighter days! Writing this sometime before Easter, and so several weeks before our readers will see it, there have been storms up and down the country, especially in the South West, rivers are flooding once again and coastal villages are under threat. Here it's dark and raining at the moment - and before I go out this afternoon I must just write this!

A moment or two ago, standing in the kitchen eating soup for my hasty lunch, I noticed again how despite the heavy rain, the dark clouds and the trees weighed down with rain water, nevertheless the daffodils are still standing in the garden. Bright and yellow, flashes of Spring among the darkness of the weather, they offer signs of brighter days.

As we cope with the weather, and the climate changes that seem to be occurring, so we wonder at the effect on the natural history of our wildlife. It seems though that the stoical daffodils, standing fast against the rain, are a sign of courage and hope! After all, this is also exactly what the Easter story offers us. The weeks of Lent leading up to Easter remind us of Jesus suffering in the face of those who failed to understand Him, the betrayal and torture, the humiliation and the journey carrying the cross to the place of His crucifixion – all of which tells us that God shares in all that we can experience in human suffering. We remember that God's presence is with us always, walking with us, sharing our lives. We recall on Easter Day, with Jesus alive, that there is hope as He offers us a feeling of new life, of change,

inside our own inner being as we get to know Him a little more, and discover the difference He makes.

From where we stand, today in the rain, we remember at Easter that we are offered the sunshine of God's presence within our own, His hand in ours, in our heart and mind, in our daily lives, and for always!

Happy Easter-tide!

The Rev'd Sacha Pearce

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 30th March 2008 *5th Sunday of the month*

10.00 Joint Benefice Eucharist Christ Church Bulkington

Sunday 6th April *1st Sunday of the month*

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend

09.30 Family Eucharist Bulkington

11.15 Parish Eucharist Seend

18.00 Evensong Poulshot

Sunday 13th April *2nd Sunday of the month*

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend

09.30 Mattins St Peter's Poulshot

11.15 Parish Eucharist Holy Cross Seend

18.00 Evensong Christchurch Bulkington

Sunday 20th April *3rd Sunday of the month*

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend

09.30 Parish Eucharist Bulkington

11.15 Parish Eucharist Holy Cross Seend

18.00 Holy Communion St Peter's Poulshot

Sunday 27th April *Rogation Sunday 4th Sunday of the month*

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend

09.30 Family Eucharist St Peter's Poulshot

11.15 Family Eucharist Holy Cross Seend

18.00 Songs of Praise Evensong Bulkington

Thursday 1st May *Ascension Day*

19.30 Joint Benefice Eucharist Holy Cross Seend

Sunday 4th May *1st Sunday of the month*

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend

09.30 Family Eucharist Bulkington

11.15 Parish Eucharist Seend

18.00 Evensong Poulshot



First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service

The next First Steps service will be held on Tuesday 1st April 2008 at 2.15pm in Holy Cross Seend. As usual everyone is welcome, from tiny babies right up to school age. The Rector will tell us the Easter story, of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday, the last meal he had with his friends on Maundy Thursday, his death on the cross on Good Friday and his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. There will be an opportunity to take a look at the beautiful things that were made at the Good Friday Workshop. Tea, coffee and squash will be served after the service, and who knows, we might even find some Easter eggs to take home. If you would like some more information about this happy little group, which is growing rapidly, please contact the Rector on 838615 or Jo on 828550.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

- 6th April - 5pm. United area service at St Aldhelm's, Corsham
 13th April - 10am. Mr Douglas Colborne
 20th April - No service
 27th April - 6pm. Ecumenical service with Revd Roy Fowler and Mr Brian James.

Everyone always welcome.

FROM ROY

The truth is out. We are celebrating the Easter Bunny. Let me explain. I was at a local school recently, not Seend's, helping a class with their R.E. I asked what we celebrate at Easter. A child put their hand up and all excitedly, almost before they had thought, blurted out, 'The Easter bunny.' And then they realised that maybe that wasn't the answer I was expecting. But before they were too embarrassed, I said, 'Well, that's not so far from the truth. The reason we often think of chicks and eggs and bunnies at Easter is because Easter is all about new life.' They had been learning about Lent and I was able to remind them that Lent comes from an old English word for spring. And then we could have a simple conversation about Jesus' dying and rising again.

Now bunnies can get sentimental. Easter eggs can be over indulgent. And by now you might have thought that I have been seduced by the trivia of Easter.

Yet when I think how much sorrow there is around us, how many people still die young through hunger and disease, how much hatred and violence there is in the world, I still want to believe in new life. I still want to grasp the hope that comes from trusting in the risen Christ.

God bless,



CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

SEEND AND DISTRICT LINK SCHEME

Seend Link AGM - Thursday 24th April at 8pm in the Irene Usher Pavilion
Everyone welcome.

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

St George's Day Dinner – 7pm for 7.30pm on Wednesday, 23rd April.
Tickets £15 from Peter Fisher. See 'Events' section for more details.

8th Seend Beer Festival - Saturday 3rd May from midday till 11pm.
Real ales and ciders, live music and plenty of food. Unmissable!

New Hon Sec

We are delighted to announce that Jeremy Hawkins has volunteered to join the Community Centre Management Committee as Honorary Secretary. He brings a wealth of experience to the role and we look forward to working with him.

Community Centre improvements update

Thanks to the grant funding reported in last month's Spotlight, quotes are now being sought for building an extension for storage space, and we are on the verge of ordering new chairs – encouraged by the amount of chair sponsorship we have already received with hopes of much more to come. **(If you'd like to sponsor a chair for £20 – as an individual or as an organisation – please contact Tessa Doe on 828617!)**

We are also looking into suspended ceilings and new lighting and sound systems. It's all very exciting!

The Dregs, our volunteer maintenance team, have been busy on Friday mornings painting the shelves behind the lounge bar and doing running repairs in the loos and other parts of the building. The proposed improvement schedule will need a lot of voluntary labour to make it all happen, so, if you have any skills to offer, please contact Frank Teasdale on 828617.

Club Membership

If you read this before the end of March, you still have time to take out or renew your membership of Seend Club (which supports the Community Centre and entitles you to drink in the lounge bar any evening - and to play pool for free on Mondays!) at the bargain price of £7 instead of £8 (or half price for over-60s and 14- to 17-year-olds).



RURAL ARTS WILTSHIRE

Seend is very lucky to have the renowned Watermill Theatre's touring production of **'Micky Salberg's Crystal Ballroom Dance Band' in the Pavilion on Friday 11th April at 8pm** – thanks to the Rural Arts Wiltshire touring scheme. Described as 'a comedy with music', the play is set in the early 1950s and follows the story of Micky Salberg, a middle-aged, post-war Jewish immigrant who reminisces about his old days in a dance band. The story covers the issues of love, loss, talent, self-discovery, loyalty and doing what's right. The play is not considered suitable for under-14s. Interval refreshments available, or you can bring your own alcohol and glasses - but please note that for this performance seats will be in rows and not around tables as usual.

Tickets (£6 or £5 for pensioners) are available in the Shop/PO or by phoning 828778,828687 or 828617. Proceeds will be donated to Seend Community Centre.

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact Ric Ellinger, Jan Crabtree, Tessa Doe or Simon and Jan Harding.

'Waking the Witch'

For those people in Seend who enjoyed the all female folk/rock band "Waking the Witch" last year, they are appearing at Devizes Conservative Club on April 18th as part of their farewell tour - time to be finalised.

As I helped them to get this gig, they have agreed that 5% of the takings will be donated to Seend Community Centre.

Tickets will be available from Devizes Conservative Club, but if anyone wants more information, please call me on 828683.

Ric Ellinger



SEEND SHUTTLE

If you are interested in the first-Wednesday-of-the-month shopping trips to Bath or Salisbury, ring Terry on 828203 by the previous Monday. If you can join the bus-cleaning rota, phone Tessa on 828617, or if you can drive the Shuttle please ring Pete on 828757.

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Sunday 17th February - There was a very good response for Ron Westacott's walk from Westbury White Horse, taking in the plains, downland and hills for a distance of approximately seven miles. It was a very bracing day and much enjoyed. Our thanks to Ron and Steve.

Sunday 6th April – The **AGM** will take place at 3pm in the Pavilion, after a short walk within the village starting in Rusty Lane at 1.30pm. If you are unable to make the walk, please try to attend the meeting, which will commence with a cup of tea and cake. A list of future walks and events will be on hand. Members please be aware that subscriptions will be gratefully received at this meeting.

Sunday 27th April - Meet in Rusty Lane at 9.30am or at 10am on Broughton Gifford Common (by The Bell pub) for a walk of six miles taking us through Great Chalfield, Little Chalfield, Wraxall and Holt. Two slight inclines, six stiles, pleasant track and Greenfield pastures. Three hours approximate duration. Bring refreshments for coffee stop. Leaders Lin and Gerald. Tel: 01225 706451.

Lin Salter

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS

Thanks to all those who supported us by coming to watch our Fawlty (but home-grown and therefore good for you) production of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We hope you enjoyed it. It looks like we'll have getting on for £600 to divide among our three chosen charities - Dorothy House, Children's Hospice South West and CLIC Sargent.



SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

This month Lyn Miles came to talk about Campanulas, Foxgloves and Euphorbias illustrated with slides of some of the many species of these plants.

Campanulas range from tiny alpine varieties to giant 'bellflowers', from tiny flowered varieties to those with large bells, some have single flowers and some double, in all shades of blue and white.

Foxgloves similarly vary a great deal and are not just purple but white, cream to mustard, or an orange/chocolate colour. The individual flowers also often resemble orchid flowers. The native purple foxglove likes woodland/shady conditions and is a favourite but every part of the foxglove is poisonous so not to be recommended where there are small children.

Euphorbias leak sap when they are cut which is an irritant, as I know to my cost, but not fatal! It is a good plant for this time of year with yellow/green

flowers, which look well with narcissi and last from late Spring to early Summer followed by good foliage.

We have been pleased to welcome some new members lately, not all from Seend. One of them is our flower arranger from last December. All newcomers are welcome. Next month is our AGM and social evening. Please bring a plate of food if you are able.

The competition in February was won by Jane Goman and not by Sylvia Ewin as I incorrectly stated. I send them both my apologies.

Sue Johns

SEEND TENNIS CLUB

Once again spring is in the air, so it's time to dust off the cobwebs from your rackets and start thinking about hot summer days and balmy evenings playing tennis.



The tennis club has been very active over the winter months. We have erected our own mini pavilion by the side of the courts, with a patio in front to watch the matches. The pavilion will also provide shelter should the heavens open up while members are playing.

The courts have been refurbished in an effort to prolong their lives. We estimate that the repair work and painting, carried out this spring will mean we have another 5-8 years before the courts will need fully re-surfacing. The courts were last re-surfaced in 1998 so they have done well lasting this long

As in previous years we will be running LTA qualified coaching sessions for the kids but if there are any people - of a slightly older age - who would like to start playing tennis or wish to improve their standard, then please get in touch with Ric Ellinger and it may be possible to run some adult coaching sessions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PRE-SEASON DRINKS

Tuesday 25th March, 8pm, The Barge.

All welcome – existing members, potential new members, team players, casual players, any standard, anybody interested in tennis.

An informal get-together to launch the new season.

LEAGUE TENNIS

The Chippenham & District League matches will commence on April 21st (Mixed) & April 23rd (Mens/Womens)

AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May, 7.30pm, in the Social Club. All welcome. Please come along if you can.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in joining the tennis club this year, please contact Victoria Bowes - the treasurer - to receive a membership form. As in previous years, anyone using the courts, whether for private play, coaching or club play, is required to be a member.

Membership fees have been kept at the same level as last year: Adult £27; Junior £6; Family £60.

Tennis Club Contacts:

Chairman – Ric Ellinger 01380 828683 / 07802 399565

Treasurer – Victoria Bowes 01380 827264 / 07711 934378

Secretary – Elaine Davis 01380 828942 / 07894 586936

Mixed A Captain – Elaine Davis 01380 828942 / 07894 586936

Mixed B Captain – Ric Ellinger 01380 828683 / 07802 399565

Men's Captain – Frankie Goddard 01380 828488 / 07973 981736

Ladies' Captain – Carol Whiteley 01380 828806

Ric Ellinger

MOTHERS' UNION - SEEND AND BULKINGTON BRANCH

At our February meeting, we welcomed two well-known Seend residents – Elizabeth Mooney and her dog, Queenie. Elizabeth had been invited to talk to the Branch on the work of 'Canine Partnership', and Queenie was quite happy to demonstrate how she could obey Elizabeth's commands.



Queenie, a golden labrador now five years old, began her training with puppy walkers before moving to Midhurst in Surrey. Elizabeth met her there and they trained together. Finally, Queenie chose Elizabeth and they are happy working together.

Elizabeth discovered that life in her wheelchair was so much easier. Queenie does so many tasks. She picks up the mail and brings it in, she helps with shopping, carrying the purse and list to the counter. If there is an emergency, Queenie will keep Elizabeth warm by lying against her and then barking for help. Neighbours know that she does not bark otherwise.

Because she is a working dog, Queenie has free time each morning by the canal. After that, she wears a Canine Partnership coat and continues her daily tasks of enabling Elizabeth to live independently.

April 1st - 2 pm. Deanery Service at Derry Hill, then tea in the church.

April 16th - Our birthday – 120 years – 11am Holy Communion in Church, followed by a buffet lunch in the Community Centre. There will be a raffle.

SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB



The AGM was held on 7th February, when we enjoyed a very entertaining talk by Jim Hodges, former Head of English at Dauntseys for many years. All past members who were not able to attend and re-join, should have been contacted with the opportunity to pay their annual sub of £5. All paid-up members will receive details of forthcoming theatre trips, either by e-mail, snail mail (apologies to the Royal Mail!) or hand mail drop.

Members will have received notice of the next trip which is to see Joe Orton's hilarious play, "What the Butler Saw", at the Theatre Royal Bath on Thursday 8th May.

Fifteen people have already booked for the Lacock Proms on Saturday 5th July, so let's hope the weather is as good as it was last year. We are told the music will be as good as ever, and the fireworks and laser shows even better than ever!

In due course you will receive booking slips for our summer outing to the Watermill Theatre at Newbury on **Tuesday 19th August**. As this will be the usual supper before the show event, the coach will leave Dial Close at 5pm. The play will be Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Boulevard". So do get this date firmly in your diary!

For any queries or to join this thriving club, ring Tony & Sylvia on 828325.



SEEND WI

Members are reminded that the next meeting is the A.G.M. - to be held in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, Rusty Lane, on Wednesday 2nd April starting at 7.30p.m. The Competition is 'A Pot Plant' and the Tea Hostesses will be the Committee.

Mrs Betty Smith

SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

We are now in our 11th year and we once again look forward to another four interesting and enjoyable visits, two new, and two old favourites last visited in the summer of 2001. We have of course many new members since that time.

On Saturday 18th May we travel to the wonderful Elizabethan Chavenage House with a personal tour by the owner.

Saturday 7th June we will visit Mottisfont Abbey, once a 12th century priory, which has the added attraction of the National Collection of old fashioned roses; at their best in June.

For the first time we will visit Chastleton House on Saturday 12th July, which is a unique 400-year old time capsule in an idyllic Cotswold setting.

Lastly, we are visiting a city, namely Salisbury, to go to places which we may not have had time to explore before.

On each visit we have lunch and tea out, often at the house in question.

Each summer we have a walkabout. This year it is Bradford-on Avon on Thursday evening 14th August. If the interesting talk and the pictures we saw presented by Mrs Margaret Dobson on the 28th February are anything to go by, we shall find many fascinating things to see not noticed on a casual visit to the town, such as medieval buildings hidden behind Georgian facades. We always end the evening with dinner at a local hostelry.

If you want to have a pleasant day out in good company this summer, please join us by becoming a member.

Tony Ewin
01380 828325

SCHOOL NEWS

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

We are now nearing our Easter and for the first time we will be having the holiday at a different time from the Easter bank holidays, due to the early Easter. This year our theme for Lent has been saving resources and the children have been encouraged to turn lights off in our school and save electricity and in turn natural resources.



Over the last week the footballers played in the South-west Counties Final and won two games and lost two. We played well and the team didn't give up until the final whistle and I would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment. Our recently formed Hockey Club, run by Mrs Elaine Davis, one of our parents, entered the Local Schools' Hockey Tournament winning all but one of their matches. Mr Addicott took some Year 5 and 6 children to the area schools' cross country event; the determination of the children placed them in the top 25 finishers out of 80. This includes a Year 5 girl runner who ran against Year six pupils. So we are all very hopeful of even better results at next year's event.

On the arts side of school, Holly Class have been working with a professional dancer who will be coming into school to work with them on a number of sessions, and we would like to thank Kennet District Council for supporting this initiative. Chestnut Class have been out to an open air art gallery in Salisbury. The class spent time looking at and sitting on interactive sculptures at Roche Court New Arts Centre. All the children were enormously enthused

by the trip and the staff at the Centre commented on how well behaved they were.

Out of school, curricular trips and sporting events add to the breadth of education that the children experience and I would like to thank the staff and parents who work hard to make these events possible.

In conclusion, our P.S.C. has now changed its name to the Seend School Fundraising Group (see below). They recently ran a successful school disco and are running two coaches to London after the Easter holiday for parents and children to go sightseeing.

This year they are providing a substantial donation to the building of our outdoor shelter and classroom, that is being funded by our Travel Plan. This will serve a double function as it will give the parents an area to shelter in bad weather, if they walk to school to pick their children up. During the school day it will provide the staff and children with an outdoor education resource.

Steven Bennett
Headteacher

Seend School Fundraising Group

Since the start of the new school year in September 2007 there have been some significant changes to the Seend School fund-raising group. We now have a new chair, Rachel Lewis, who filled this role once before when her eldest son attended the school. In addition we have a large number of new faces in terms of committee members and helpers, so much so that we now have a fund-raising representative for each of the four classes. This has greatly improved our contact with parents in terms of fund-raising matters. We also now have a new name - "Seend School Fundraising Group".

A direct result of this new impetus was the enormous success of the Christmas Fayre. We were quite overwhelmed with support and offers of help and managed to raise £820. It was wonderful to see support from all members of the community: parents, villagers and church members alike.

One of our more popular fundraising events is the school disco. The one held before Christmas was very enjoyable. Plans for other events this year include after-school bingo and a coach trip to London this coming April. The biggest fundraiser of the year will be our summer barn dance on Friday 13 June.

At every school, funding from the government has to cover so many different educational needs. Without our fundraising efforts we would be unable to provide some of the "extras" that children at Seend school have enjoyed over the years. This year our fundraising will be focused on the ongoing outdoor classroom project, a P.A. system for outdoor events such as Sports Day and support of the school's Arts Week in the summer.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supports our fundraising activities, whether it is through the supply of cakes and items to sell at our fayres; the making of teas and coffees at our open events; or the work of teachers, parents and villagers that goes on behind the scenes. Without this kind of backing our job would be a great deal harder!

KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our team of runners who ran extremely well on Friday 29th at Southwick Country Park (after a morning of sponsored skipping!). The girls' team came in 3rd overall and the boys' team came in 11th. Very well done to you all. As always the children were a credit to the school in their attitude and commitment. We are hoping for similar success at the football tournaments that are coming up.

No sooner does one lot stop, when another lot starts! We are now collecting Sainsbury's Sport Vouchers, Asda Go Green Vouchers and Tesco Computer Vouchers along with the Nestle Box Tops. From the previous Tesco Sport Vouchers we have taken delivery of a large number of footballs, a new netball set, some marker cones and a play tray. Our last collection of Nestle Box Tops netted us £49. Please help us in achieving another high target by dropping through the letter box, any vouchers you may have. They really do help to enhance what we provide at school.

Anyone who has a younger child that is due to start with us in future years please could you contact us and register your interest with us as soon as possible. Whilst this neither guarantees a place or commits you to choosing the school, it does give us an early indication of what our numbers may be in the future and also enables us to send the county admissions form when the time comes. Many thanks.

Jackie Chalk
Head Teacher

F.O.K.S. (Friends of Keevil School)

THE GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY EASTER MONDAY 24TH MARCH

The Great Bulkington Railway has very kindly offered to open up the railway for train rides on Easter Monday 24th March and raise funds for Keevil School. Rides will be operating from 1pm until 4pm. This is a great opportunity to raise funds as well as a wonderful treat for all your friends and family. So come along and enjoy the fun of the railway and refreshments in the village hall.

PLANT SALE AND CRAFT FAYRE – SATURDAY 26TH APRIL

We will be holding our annual plant sale and Craft Fayre at the school again this year. Any plants and shrubs that you would be willing to donate would be very much appreciated.

As always you will be able to buy refreshments and cakes from our ever popular cake stall. We will have a variety of children's outdoor games and entertainment, so there will be something for all the family!

If you would like to hire a table at the craft fayre, please contact me as soon as possible.

KEEVIL 10K & FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2008



Our website www.keevil10k.co.uk is now up and running, so if you are planning to run in the 10K, you can now enter directly or through Runners World www.runnersworld.co.uk. You will be able to find all the information about the day on www.keevil10k.co.uk as well as last year's photos. Telephone contact number for information is: 07757 650684.

We do hope you will all come along and support us on the day as we will have lots of family entertainment and refreshments and we are planning to entertain you with some afternoon activities which will make the event a real fun filled day for all the family.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN ALL AREAS! Can you come along for a few hours and offer your services by marshalling, car parking, and general help on the day or even leaflet dropping. Whatever you can do to help, we would be very grateful. Please give me a call asap.

Debbie Scott
Chair, Friends of Keevil School

If you require further details on any of our activities, please contact Debbie Scott on 01380 870410 or Keevil School on 01380 870376

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the February meeting

The meeting on 26th February was attended by nine Councillors, with Mrs Savage in the chair. Also in attendance were three members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs.Heatley as a new member of the Parish Council.

Seend has been entered into the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition again this year. The first round of judging usually takes place in early summer. Last year, the village lost points due to some litter problems, so please try to ensure that all areas of the village are kept tidy and litter free.

There were several areas of the village highlighted as being in need of urgent attention from Highways Department, including Rusty Lane, Station Road between Redstocks crossroads and the bridge, and the drains in Spout Lane, which are now very badly blocked and have been referred to the Highway Engineer by the Parish Steward. It was also noted that the road surface on Bath Road between Totterdown Farm and Broad Lane was becoming raised.

Planning Permission has been refused for the following application:

K/57851/F Shearmon, Spiderweb Paddock, Rusty Lane, Seend
Pole barn for storage of hay, straw and farming machinery

The PC will be following up the question of the court order already in force on this site with Kennet District Council.

The following application was considered, and no objections raised:

K/57880/F Trustees, Seend Club & Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend.
Single storey front extension to form store room

Conservation Area Consent has been granted for the following application:

K/57099/CAC Trustees, Seend WI, WI Hall, Rusty Lane, Seend
Removal of existing hall, to be replaced with 3 new dwellings and garages

Dates for the next Parish skips will be:

March 28th Three Magpies
April 25th Wessex Water site

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 25th March 2008 at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher
Parish Clerk

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS & FIXTURES

CRICKET

The first match of the season is on Sunday 11th May at home against Lavington (winter kit optional). The next match will then be on Saturday 24th May at home to Trinity - a touring team from Southend.

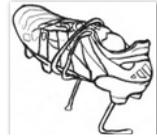


FOOTBALL - results16th Feb-8thMarch

1st Team - (Coach Matt 'Boxer' Pearce)

16th Feb - beat Blue Circle 5-1; 23rd Feb lost in the cup 1-2 to Frome Town; 8th March beat Warminster Town Reserves 4-0.

Top scorers: Chris 'Nobby' Stiles - 12 goals; James Eatough - 7 goals. The team are now top of the 1st Division of the Trowbridge & District League.



Reserves (Coach Keith Anteney)

In February lost 1-3 to F.C. Chippenham Youth, but beat the Stiffs 3-1. On 8th March drew 1-1 with Bromham reserves. Top scorers: Dave Castle - 11 goals; David Humphries - 7 goals. The Reserves are 3rd in Division 3 of the Trowbridge and District League.

Seend Tigers (Coach Luke Ballinger): Sundays at 10am on the Lye Field for 4- to-7-year-olds; Fridays 5pm at Christie Miller for the 8- to 16-year-olds.

TENNIS

The Club's first matches this year in the Chippenham and District League are: Monday 21st April - 2 teams of mixed doubles; Wednesday 23rd April - men's doubles and women's doubles.

SHORT MAT BOWLS (Fitness trainer and dietician Colin Waldeck)

Won the last two matches of the season, beating Melksham and Shaw (the league champions) 5-1, and Crudwell 6-0, thereby finishing as runners-up in the league and gaining entry to the league finals - well done!!

SKITTLES

Men's A (Captain John Wiltshire)

15th February - beat Cavaliers 6-1; 22nd February - lost to Spencers A 2-5; 29th February - beat Cons A 6-1. Also beat Cavaliers by 243-234 on 28th Feb and Cons A in the semi-finals of the front pin first competition by 261 to 232.

Men's B (Captain Walter Mayell)

Beat Melksham Casuals 6½-1½ (top scorer Alan Freegard with 42); won in the cup by 11 pins against Avon D (Nick Easton scored 30); lost 2-5 to Melksham Legion (top scorer Dave Woodroffe with 33).

Men's 'C' (Captain: Sam Sainsbury)

Sadly lost 0-7 to Melksham Sports on 28th February and 2-5 to Melksham Casuals on 7th March. Top scorers: Jake Sainsbury, Andy Tilbury, Paris Goddard, Sam Sainsbury.

Men's 'D' (Captain Luke Ballinger)

Won two matches 6-1 and lost one 2-5.

Results for next month's Spotlight to the dugout by 12th April please!

Frankie Goddard 828488

BITS 'N' BOBS

Items for sale?

We thought it might be useful to have a 'small ads' column in Spotlight. So, if you've got something for sale, we can offer you up to 25 words for £2. (This is a column for individuals, not businesses.) Please place your ad, plus £2, in a sealed envelope and deliver it to the Shop/PO or to Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings.



No matter how big or how small you are invited to participate in

Seend Cleeve Open Gardens

Saturday 5th July 1pm-5pm

This will be a really enjoyable occasion.

If you love your garden please contact Tina Yockney 01380 827139

All enquires most welcome

More dates for your diary

Every now and then, when space permits, we shall include a list of coming events much further ahead than the diary dates on the inside cover. If you are planning a major social event in the coming months and would like us to try to include it, please get it to Spotlight in the usual way.

- Sun 1st June Beetle Drive, Bulkington Marquee weekend
 - Fri 13th June School Barn Dance, Seend Community Centre
 - Sat 14th June Church Fete and summer soiree in the Rectory Garden, Seend
 - Sat 28th June Fete and Proms in Park, Village Green, Poulshot
 - Sat 5th July Seend Cleeve Open Gardens
 - Sat 12th July Barn Dance, Leaze Farm, Poulshot
 - Sat 19th July Table Top Sale, Village Green, Poulshot
 - Sat 19th July Start of summer Saturday breakfasts, Seend Community Centre
 - Sat 9th Aug Annual Fete and Flower Show
 - Sat 16th Aug Charity disco, Seend Community Centre
 - Sat 13th Sept Patronal Festival Barn Dance, Seend Community Centre
 - Sat 27th Sept Next one of Sam's shows, Seend Community Centre
 - Sat 4th Oct Barn Dance, Poulshot
 - Sat 25th Oct Charity Dance, Seend Community Centre
 - Sat 1st Nov Craft Fayre, Pavilion, Seend
 - Sat 8th Nov Wine and Food Fair, Seend Community Centre
 - Sat 15th Nov Quiz Night, Pavilion, Seend
 - Sat 29th Nov Craft Fayre at Cleeve House
 - Weds 3rd Dec Christmas Bazaar, Village Hall, Poulshot
 - Sat 6th Dec Concert in Holy Cross Church, Seend
- Watch out for further details in Spotlight and on noticeboards nearer the time.*

USEFUL CONTACTS :

Rector - Revd Sacha Pearce 828615

Churchwardens: Holy Cross; S Taylor 01225 709360 Mrs T Yockney 827139

Christ Church: Mr J McDonald 828376

St Peter's: Mr B James - 724944 Paulette Bremner Milne 828527

Lay Reader: Pam Muller 01225 707804

LPA's: Audrey McDonald 828376 and Jo Bell 828550

Director of Music - David King 01225 710127 Bell Ringers C Mayell 828627

Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340

Irene Usher Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250

Bulkington Village Hall - Spike Flynn 828348 or Roger Futter 828485

Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583

100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391

Seend Fete Committee - Bernie Prolze 828391

Seend Community Centre & Club - Bookings - Stan Wiltshire (Skittles only) 828559.

Hall bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617.

Seend Shuttle. Bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568

Seend and District LINK Scheme - Coordinator 828190

Seend and District Ramblers - Bob Howe 828554

Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Ester Daly 01672 513157

Seend and District Theatre Club - S Ewin 828325 M Whitehead 828612

Seend Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325

Seend and District Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433

Seend Book Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325

Seend's Other Book Club - Frank Teasdale 828617

Seend Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend School - 828334

Seend Playgroup - Liz Futter 828485

Seend Bouncy Club - Kate or Kevin 828770

Seend Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Ellie Purdy 828035

Seend WI - Judith Bigg on 736358

Seend Fawltly Players - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451

WEA - Pam Church on 828597

Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830;

Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson on 828545

Seend Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 828757

Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067

Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - Tony Ewin on 828325; Owen Burton on 828820

(Seend Cleeve)

Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281

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

Bulkington Website: bulkington-village.co.uk Contact :- Angela Read 828925

PC Andrew Horman, Community Beat Manager for our area, can be contacted at devizesnorthruralpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or on 0845 408 7000.

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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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