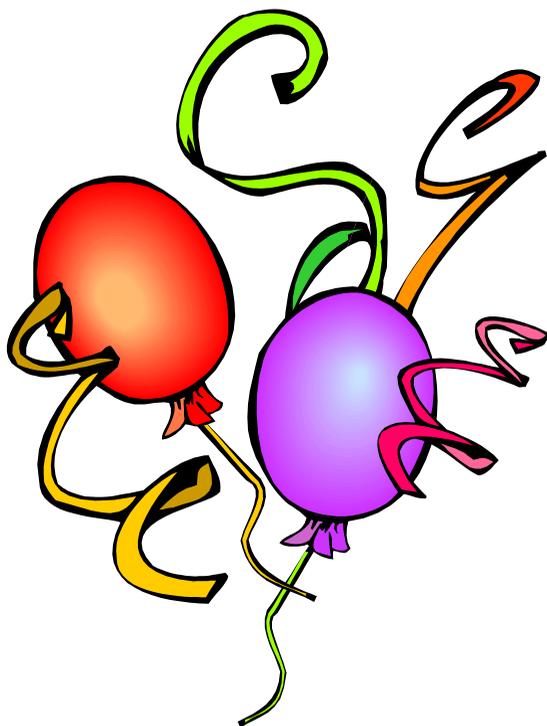


SPOTLIGHT

Seend and Bulkington



JULY 2007

DIARY

DAIRY DATES FOR JUNE

- 25th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
- 26th Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre
- 27th Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12 noon at 15 Dial Close
- 29th Caribbean Night, 8pm in The Pavilion organised by Seend School PSC
- 29th Village Skip, Three Magpies

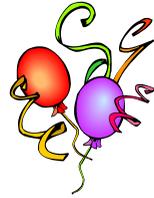
DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 7th Great Bulkington Steam-Up - 1pm - 4.30pm next to village hall
- 7th Seend & District Theatre Club trip to Lacock Abbey Summer Concert
- 7th Wimbledon final showing on big screen at Seend Community Centre
- 8th Wimbledon final showing on big screen at Seend Community Centre
- 9th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
- 9th Seend & District Ramblers walk and meal - meet 3.15pm Rusty Lane
- 11th Seend WI meeting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.
- 12th Royal British Legion committee meeting at 8pm in Community Centre
- 14th Seend Church Fayre - 1pm at The Rectory
- 14th Bulkington Barn Dance - 7.30pm at Leaze Farm, Bulkington
- 14th Star Party, Seend Social Club from 7pm
- 18th Seend MU meeting
- 21st Seend Gardening Club visit - Hidcote & Kiftsgate
- 21st Saturday breakfasts begin at the Seend Community Centre from 7.30am-10am. Every Saturday until 1st September
- 22nd Seend & District Ramblers, meet 9.30am at Rusty Lane
- 23rd Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
- 23rd Parish Steward to visit Seend
- 25th Keevil & Bulkington MU meeting at Olcote, Martins Road.
- 27th Seend MU Wave of Prayer 10.40-11am
- 28th Historic Houses Club trip - Kingston Lacy

ADVANCE DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

- 3rd Seend & District Ramblers canal cruise, 6pm Bradford on Avon
- 6th Seend Fete bottle collection in Seend
- 7th Seend Fete bottle collection in Sells Green
- 8th Seend Fete bottle collection in Seend Cleeve
- 11th Seend Flower Show & Fete
- 15th Seend MU Cream Tea at Cleeve House
- 19th Seend & District Ramblers walk
- 20th Theatre Cub to Watermill Theatre, Newbury, 5pm
- 25th Bulkington Church Clean Up from 10am-12.30pm

Welcome to the July edition of Spotlight



This month you do not have to travel far to find fun things to do for all the family. Bulkington offers its very popular steam train rides on the 7th, when Station Master Nev hosts another Great Bulkington Steam-Up. A week later, Leaze Farm is the venue for a Barn Dance featuring the highly-regarded Wiltshire Klof.

Seend offers you its Church Summer Fayre on the 14th in the Rectory Garden. This year it starts at 1pm and there will be a barbecue so why not let someone else cook Saturday lunch for a change. Give it a try! Then, from the following week until September 1st you can have your Saturday breakfast cooked for you at the Community centre. What a nice lazy start to summer week-ends that could be.

July signals the start of the new advertising year for Spotlight. We welcome back advertisers from previous years and say hello to a number of new ones. Thank you all for all your support. If any one, who has placed an advertisement, requires a formal receipt please get in touch as these are not issued automatically.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the Aug/Sept issue (*copy deadline is 7th July*) can be sent by e-mail 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 – Meg Combs 828229 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

EVENTS IN LATE JUNE

CARRIBEAN NIGHT

Seend school PSC are organising a Caribbean Night at The Pavilion on Friday 29th June at 8pm, to raise funds for our "Outdoor Classroom". The evening will include a 3-course meal, quiz and music. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets, priced £12.50 will be available from Seend Post Office, or Jacqui on 859197.

EVENTS IN JULY



GREAT BULKINGTON STEAM-UP

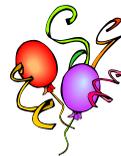
There will be a steam up on the Great Bulkington Railway (GBR) on Saturday 7th July (next to the Village Hall) from around 1 pm until 4:30pm. We hope to serve some teas & light refreshments, (possibly beer and wine too) and all profits will go to local charities including Christ Church, Bulkington. Train rides will be available for children and adults at a modest charge of 50p. Any children who would like to learn to drive please turn up around 11 am and make themselves known to me.

Nev Boulton, Engine Driver

CHURCH SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 14th July in the Rectory Garden, open at 1pm

You are not too old, nor any child too young, to come to this Fayre and have a good time - we don't think so anyway! You can start off with a barbecue lunch, before strolling round the stalls to view all the goodies for sale, including new this year a toy stall and custard throwing. Then buy a Raffle ticket or have a go at the Pirates' Treasure Hunt - yes it is popular with grown-ups too! You can, if old enough, enter the spirits draw (Wheel of Fortune). The children will have plenty to do including the Bouncy Castle and their own games. Then relax with tea and a home made cake, or lick an ice cream. We don't mind, we just aim to please.



YOU can help to make this Fayre a success by bringing to Cranbelle, Rusty Lane as from Saturday 30th June, any items you no longer want for the stalls - someone else will want them on the day! You can bring them on the Saturday, before if possible. Just phone me on 828325. Do you have time to help Saturday morning to get the Fayre set up?

Tony Ewin



BARN DANCE



On

14th July 2007

7.30pm - 11pm

At

Leaze Farm, Mill Lane,
Bulkington, Nr Devizes



Dancing to:

'WILTSHIRE KLOF'

With Caller

Licensed Bar & Barbecue

Tickets: Adults £7.00, Under 16 £3.50

Available from Seend Post Office

Jane Coles: 01380 828145

Audrey McDonald: 01380 828376

Any member of Bulkington PCC



EVENTS IN AUGUST

The 58th SEEND FLOWER SHOW Saturday 11th August



Saturday August 11th, the day of Seend Flower Show and Fete, grows ever closer and after the mixture of sunshine and the rain, (wonderful growing weather), the gardens are a joy to behold (unless, like mine, yours is over-run by voracious rabbits) .

The Flower Show Committee, who stage this Show every year, is looking forward to receiving a bumper crop of entries and the never ending pleasures of admiring the splendid range of talents that we have in Seend and our neighbouring communities.

For there are so many sections you can enter:- Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Floral Art (the winner of this section is awarded the R.H.S.Grenfell Medal), Home Produce, Tapestry, Paintings, Photography and of course, there are the various opportunities in the Children's sections. All the details and the entry forms are shown in the Flower Show programme which are available from the Village Shop, the Community Centre, The Bell, The Brewery and the Three Magpies.

This is the one occasion in the year when you can show to all of us the results of your skills and hard work. However, even if you have nothing to enter, just come along and see the Show and admire, envy or laugh at what others have produced. You may even get some ideas for an entry or entries for next year's Show but I think that you will find it much more rewarding to put at least one entry into which ever section appeals to you and to compare your efforts for size, taste, colour, skill or imagination with those of the other entrants. And there is always time in the Show to collect some useful tips and to exchange thoughts with the other enthusiasts. It is your efforts that make the Seend Flower Show one of the best in the West Country and hopefully, with your enthusiastic support, we can again raise the standards even higher this year.

One final note:- Will all of the Cup winners from last year's Show, please make sure that they notify or return their cups in the first week of August to Mrs Di Webb, 12 Park Lane, Seend Clevee, Tel. 828504.

Peter Fisher
President
Seend Flower Show

FETE 2007

As you would expect, at this time of year, the Fete planning is moving along nicely. Acts and entertainments are booked and confirmed, new stalls, new faces and new attractions are work-in-progress, sponsorship, advertising and Grand Draw prizes are flowing in, and the Fete Programme is in preparation. Notwithstanding all this, we do of course have some problems:

- **Breakfast Cooks:** our solution to 'where to cook and serve the early breakfast' will of course need some volunteers to be there about 7.00am to cook the breakfasts ('there' being the Pavilion kitchen) to be served from 7.30 am onwards. 3 or 4 people will be able to do the job, but where are they? Are you one of them? If you are, call me on 828391 or Sonja on 828535.
- **Tombola Prizes** - there must be some unopened gift in your house that someone else would treasure! Call Tina Yockney on 827139 and she will collect.
- **The perennial need for helpers** to do an hour on a stall on the day - call Sonja on 828535
- **Bottle Collectors** we have real need for help in this area, especially for Seend Cleeve and Sells Green. Collection takes place in the week immediately prior to the Fete (i.e. Monday 6th August)

With all the above I almost forgot to tell you about the **Special Appearance** at this year's Fete of **Paul Martin**, the Host of the BBC-TV show '**Flogg It!**' Paul, who lives in the village, has very kindly agreed to attend the Fete, initially to glance at the many 'gifts' to the White Elephant Stall and give Ron Apted the nod whenever something could use a price-hike - thus giving us at least an equal chance with the knowledgeable enthusiasts who return each year - and also to spend sometime during the afternoon enjoying the fun, and meeting and chatting with his fellow-villagers - and perhaps signing an autograph or two ...

More next month ...

Bernie Prolze

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The editorial team apologises for omitting the following report on the Flag Day collection from the last issue of Spotlight.

RNLI – FLAG DAY COLLECTION - 5th April 2007

First – I'm sorry this didn't make the May issue. I had to work abroad for two weeks immediately after the Flag Day and missed the deadline. Also, the

acknowledgement in the July issue was the incorrect one – we'll try again!
Thank you everyone from Seend, Seend Cleeve, Sells Green and Bulkington who gave their time and effort to collect for the Life Boats. The following figures in brackets show last years totals.

In the village, you collected £447.01 (£370.46). The total house-to-house amount for all areas was £4542.28 (£4116.27). The Flag Day in Devizes raised £934.85 (£1094.01). Collectors from the Seend area contributed £395.20 of this – 42.3% - excellent!

Although the Flag Day total was slightly less than last year, the overall total (Flag Day and villages) was the highest yet - £5471.87

Thank you once again everyone for this superb effort.

Bob McCulloch

BRITISH RED CROSS

A grateful thank you to all those who helped with the house to house collection around the village for the Red Cross in May. Also, thank you to those who gave so generously. Your work helps the Red Cross to continue to make a difference to those who need help, both locally and around the world. The village total was £340. Special thanks are due to Monica Ridgway who took over the task of distribution.

Joyce Brand

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thank you to everyone who collected the red envelopes and to everyone who contributed. The total for Seend and Bulkington was over £938, including tax that can be recovered.

Margaret Coley

THANKS

Joyce Brand would like to thank all the kind people, who visited her both at the RUH and Melksham hospitals. Your visits were much appreciated, as were the cards, books, magazines, other useful goodies and telephone calls. All these helped to pass the time and to keep me in touch. Offers of help oiled the wheels of progress towards a return home. Thank you everyone.

Joyce Brand

WANTED

Honorary Treasurer of Bulkington Sports Field.

On Easter Monday the Great Bulkington Railway raised £200 for the Sports Field funds. As we do not know who the treasurer is the money is banked with the Parish Council. Would the Honorary Treasurer (who ever you are!) be so kind as to contact Nev Boulton 828101 so that we can give you a cheque please? Many Thanks.

Nev Boulton

CHURCH NEWS

BULKINGTON CHURCH CLEAN-UP

On Saturday 25th August from 10.00 am–12.30pm Christ Church Bulkington will be holding a workday to clean and tidy the church, both inside and out. If you have any time to spare – even if it is an hour or so, we would be extremely grateful of your help. A Ploughman’s Lunch will be provided.

Church of the Holy Cross with Seend School

The Family Eucharist is coming to our school!
Our monthly informal Service will be held on

Sunday 22nd July at 11.15am

In the School Hall

Bring a picnic for lunch after the service

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

CHURCH SERVICES

1st July	10.00am Benefice Service to celebrate St Peter’s Patronal Festival	(Poulshot)
8th July	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am BCP Mattins 11.15am Parish Eucharist 6.00pm Evensong	(Seend) (Poulshot) (Seend) (Bulkington)
15th July	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Eucharist 11.15am Parish Eucharist 6.00pm BCP Holy Communion	(Seend) (Bulkington) (Seend) (Poulshot)

22nd July	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Family Eucharist	(Seend School)
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise Evensong	(Bulkington)
29th July	10am	United Benefice Service	(Seend)
	No services at Bulkington or Poulshot		

First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service

The next Parent & Toddler service at Seend will take place on Tuesday 3rd July from 2.15pm—2.45pm. All welcome.



SEEND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

1st July	10.00am	Mr Andrew Pye
8th July	10.00am	Mrs Michelle Gard
15th July	6.00pm	Ecumenical Service led by Revd Graham Hoslett
22nd July	10.00am	Holy Communion led by Revd Roy Fowler
29th July	No service at Seend. We are joining our friends at Whitley Methodist Chapel for a 10.30am worship, together with Bromham, Melksham Forest, and Broughton Gifford/URC Congregation.	

Everyone is always welcome.

FROM YOUR MINISTER

Hello from Roy

I'm looking forward to a holiday. It's that time of year. Christine and I are going to hide ourselves away for a few days. We'll enjoy being together, walking, taking our time over our meals, reading our books, and catching up with old friends. We will adopt a different pattern of life. The change of scenery and routine will be refreshing.

The Bible talks quite a bit of breaking out of routine. Sabbath is a day to pause in the week to stop working and reflect on God. Maybe in our 24/7 world that's not so easy. A Lent course I led a couple of years ago suggested that even if a whole day is impractical, we should all look for Sabbath

moments in the busyness of our lives. These are times to pause, to follow our own interests, to look for God. We shouldn't be surprised though if God doesn't catch up with us even among the hustle and bustle of life. We even catch Jesus finding time to be alone with God and relaxing with friends.

The long warm days of summer naturally make us more languid. It's good that we enjoy them – maybe a picnic or a barbecue. Refreshment for our bodies and Spirits are God's gift to us.

God bless,



CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Bulkington Village Hall took place on Thursday 19 March 2007. The Chairman Mr Nev Boulton presented the meeting with the yearly report of activities and the financial report. Mr Nev Boulton and Mr David Reynolds stood down as the Chairman and Treasurer respectively after many years dedicated work and service.

The election for the 2007 committee took place as is as follows

Chairman – Mr Simon Flynn
 Vice-Chairman – Mr David Strling
 Treasurer – Mr Terry Bell
 Secretary – Phyl Yarde

Committee Members:

Mr Neville Boulton, Mrs Thelma Boulton, Mr Tony Bradford, Mrs Gill Breach, Mrs Rosie Forsey, Mr Liam Quinn, Mrs Angela Reid, Mr Daniel Swift and Mrs Jill Topp.

The committee are currently planning a number of events for the coming year and details of these will be published in the coming months.

Liam Quinn

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SOCIAL CLUB

Summer BBQs on the patio

These friendly events take place nearly every Friday evening from 7.30 pm (weather permitting!). You can phone the bar on 01380 828796 early in the evening to check if it's on. A veggie option is available. And Friday night is still Loopy Light Night too, with certain drinks at reduced prices when the Loopy Light is on!

The newly furnished, planted and illuminated patio is a perfect place for a drink and a chat on other evenings too.

Star party!

Wiltshire Astronomical Society invites you to stargaze through around 20 different telescopes, from 7 pm on Saturday 14th July at the Community Centre. There's even a specialised telescope that allows you to look at the sun before it goes down. (Never, never look at the sun through anything else or you will damage your eyesight!). £7 admission includes a barbecue supper. Please let Philip Proven (01380 828407) know if you want to attend, to help him to estimate numbers for catering purposes.



Saturday breakfasts are almost here!

The weekend starts here, with Saturday morning breakfasts at the Community Centre – 7.30-10am from 21st July to 1st September – everything from tea and toast to a full English. If you've got friends or family staying, bring them along and save yourself from cooking!



Wimbledon Finals on big-screen TV

Watch Wimbledon Finals on 7th and 8th July among friends (with strawberries and cream available of course)! If there are other sporting occasions you would like to watch on a big screen, talk to Russ, Luke or BJ at the Club.

Village History Exhibition and Table Top Sales

Would anyone who might like to get involved in helping to organise either of the above please contact Tessa on 01380 828617.

Looking for a party venue?

Phone Frank Teasdale on 01380 828617 to find out about hiring the Community Centre hall or the upstairs room.

The Dregs

The Community Centre's aptly-named equivalent of the Pavilion's 'Last of the Summer Wine' team would welcome anyone, skilled or unskilled, who can help with basic maintenance chores on a Friday morning. Just turn up at

the Centre between 9.30 am and midday, or ring Frank on 01380 828617 to find out more.

Tessa Doe

SEEND SHUTTLE

Seend Community Bus AGM



The Committee were joined by interested individuals at the AGM on 22nd May. Chairman, Pete Wallis, reported another successful year. He expressed some concern that if there is a new unified Wiltshire Council, it may not support community buses in the way that Kennet District Council has.

The trial timetable to Devizes via Bromham on Thursdays has proved popular, but the trip to Melksham on Tuesdays has had a disappointing take-up. The Chairman and Treasurer are talking to Bromham representatives to decide what to do about the timetable in future. Pete thanked Anne Hiscocks, who retired from the Committee this year, for her work over the years.

The Treasurer, Terry Sleightholme, reported a healthy bank balance. Private hire income has been slightly down, but fares from scheduled services are up.

The existing Committee was re-elected for another year.

First Wednesday shopping trips

Join in the Shuttle's popular shopping trips to Salisbury (or occasionally Bath) on the first Wednesday of every month. The bargain return fare is normally £3 – but may depend on numbers. Phone Terry on 01380 828203 by the previous Monday morning to be sure of your place.

Volunteers

To find out about becoming a volunteer driver please ring Pete on 828757. Tessa on 828617 would love to hear from groups or individuals who can join the bus-cleaning rota.

Over 60?

Don't forget you can use your bus pass on the Shuttle's scheduled services (but not private hire and Wednesday shopping trips). You can see the Shuttle timetable on www.seend.org.uk

X71/2 bus to Bath

Please note that the bus station in Bath has closed due to the Southgate redevelopment. The X71/2 now terminates in a temporary bus station at the eastern end of Avon Street car park. If you need a map of the new Bath bus stop arrangements, ring Tessa on 828617.

Tessa Doe

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Monday 9th July - An afternoon walk, meeting at Rusty Lane at 3.15pm. We will proceed in cars to start the walk at 4pm from outside the church in Great Wishford. Walk distance is 4 miles. Leader: Ron Apted (828477). On completion of a circular walk, we will proceed to Berwick-St-James' Guiding Activities Centre, to partake in a Bar-B-Q meal which has been organised for us at approx £6 per head. This comprises of a buffet style main course, with scrummy desserts to follow. For those attending the meal, please can they try to get to the Centre for 7pm. Our club would like to thank Anne Salter and her dedicated team for arranging and laying on such a wonderful venue for us.

Sunday 22nd July Meet in Rusty Lane at 9.30am, for a walk organised by Pam and Derek Chapman. Destination details not yet finalised at time of going to press. Should you wish to know the exact location of this walk, please contact Pam or Derek nearer to the time on 01225 793227.

Friday 3rd August - Chartered Canal Cruise on the "Barbara McLellan"

A good response has been received for the above evening on the Canal, and, indeed at this stage, there may still be a few places left should anyone wish to enquire 012225 705355 (home) or 01249 652573 (work). The narrowboat will be leaving the Wharf, Frome Road, Bradford on Avon at 6pm for a 3 1/2 trip, taking in Avoncliffe and the Limpley Stoke Valley. The cost is £12.50 per head, which includes the boat trip and a 2-course light meal. There will be a licensed bar on board. For any further information, please ring Wendy or myself, Lin, on 01225 706451. Let's hope for a pleasant evening's cruise!

Saturday 11th August is Seend Fete Day

Our Club has been asked to 'staff' the 'teas'. Last year's Beer tent will this year become the 'Fete Tea Room', and will be serving tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, etc. I should be very pleased to receive offers of help on the day, even if it's just an hour's shift. Any time you are able to spare on this day would be appreciated.

Saturday 19th August - A walk organised by Penny and Ron England is scheduled for this day. Details in the next issue of Spotlight.

Lin Salter

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

A reminder that the day trip to Hidcote and Kiftsgate Court gardens is on Saturday 21st July, leaving The Bell layby at 8.30 am and returning by approximately 7.00pm. Please give your cheques to Joe if you haven't yet paid - £15 for members and £16 for non-members. Here's hoping for a rain-free day!



The new season starts on Tuesday September 11th with a talk by Jenny Pape on shade in the garden. The competition will be a vase of garden foliage.

Flower Show

Please note the times for judging etc. which are also printed in the schedule.

August 1st -

All cups to be returned by this date.

10th August -

Entries to be in by midday. Hall open from **6.30 to 7.30 pm** for exhibitors unable to stage on the day.

11th August

8.00 – 11.30am hall open for normal staging.

11.30am judging commences and hall will be closed.

1.30pm Hall open to the public.

4.30 pm presentation of cups.

5.30 pm remaining exhibits taken to The Brewery charity auction.

Seend Fete We still need helpers for the gardening club stall at the fete. So if you can help, even for a short time, please let Joyce know.

Sue Johns

Visit to Seend Bridge Gardens

Seend Bridge House gardens is a relatively young garden started in 1996. It was designed by Bunny Guinness, multiple gold medal winner at Chelsea, and landscaped and planted by the owners, Terry and Susan Symons. The garden has been laid out in a series of interlinked compartments – all beautifully executed. The gravelled entrance yard with its well, box hedges, yew topiary and espaliered fruit makes a fine setting for the house, covered on this side by the Eden rose- 'Pierre de Ronsard'.

Leading from the yard was the Bothy Patio – a welcome shady spot later in the afternoon for tea and a selection of home made cakes that would put any tearoom to shame! The roses on the pergola, in the rose garden and covering the walls of the house were looking splendid and included such old varieties as Madame Alfred Carriere, Zephirine Drouhin, Golden Showers and Kathleen Harrop. The vegetable garden, growing a variety of fruit, flowers and

vegetables in raised beds, uses companion planting as its main method of pest control.

In addition to the beautifully maintained formal areas of the garden, we were able to roam through the wild flower meadow, the field with its copse areas, the shrubbery, the nuttury and the orchard. In all about 2000 trees and shrubs have been planted since 1996 – a magnificent feat for Terry, Susan and head gardener Pauline Misselbrook. All were on hand to show us around and answer our questions. Joan, Terry’s mother, also plays an important role with her own charming cottage garden, not to mention the dead heading and delicious cake recpes she sources for Anna – the housekeeper.

All the club members who visited would like to say a huge thank you to Terry and Susan for allowing us to visit. Thank you also to Roger Allen for organising the visit and to Joe Hardstaff for transporting us all there in the Shuttle.

Monica Ridgway

SEEND’S OTHER BOOK CLUB

If you can read ‘Snow Falling on Cedars’ before 19th July, or have read it already, and would like to join our book group, ring Frank or Tessa on 01380 828617.



Frank Teasdale

SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB

5pm Theatre Club to Watermill Theatre, Newbury.



SEEND 100 CLUB

Subscriptions

With all the membership applications received (a statement which will probably be wrong – it was last year!), we have 191 subscriptions – which is exactly the same number we had last year, this despite the fact that we gained another 20 new members – who precisely offset the 20 members we lost! The total subscribed was £2865, which means £955 for the Lye Field and £1910 for distribution as prizes.

Additionally, thanks to the 147 subscribers who gift aided the £5 donation part of their subscription, the Lye Field will benefit by a further £205.80p in reclaimed tax, making a total received from the 100+Club of £1,160.80p, a record sum by some way. Thank you all for your support – especially those existing members still waiting to win! – and your generosity. And to the 20 new members, welcome – you couldn’t support a better cause.

Prizes

Monthly prizes will remain as at last year's levels, viz: £35, £30, £25, £20, £15 and £10. Details of the Christmas 2007 prizes will be provided in a later issue of Spotlight. First draw of the new year will be on Sunday 10th June during an Historic Houses trip to Wilton House. Results in next month's Spotlight.

New Member numbers

Numbers have been allocated to the 20 new members as follows:

Mrs Jenny Phillips	8	Mr Ralph Newman	10
Mrs Joyce Brand	12	Mrs Janet Giles	18
Mrs Anne Ransted	46	Mrs Hilary Hutchings	49
Mr Carl Orlans	94	Mrs Clare Stynes	104
Mrs Joan Greenwood	110	Mr John Tilley	113
Mrs J Godwin	116	Mrs Jane Borwell	118
Mrs Sue Johns	119	Mr Dick Church	139
Mrs M Combs	148	Dr Simon Phillips	168
Mr Nick Borwell	177	Mr Terry Symonds	181
Mr Roger Anstey	191	Mrs Susan Symonds	196

On behalf of the Lye Field Committee and all users of the Lye Field and Pavilion, I thank you all.

Bernie Prolze
100+ Club Organiser

SEEND WI

Several members attended the Sheepbells Group meeting viz held at Urchfont Village Hall on 30th May. The Speaker was Mr. Richard Angwin who is the well known 'Weather Man' from the BBC Points West programme and he gave a very amusing and interesting talk about 'Weather Forecasting' and how it has developed over the centuries. He answered many questions from the large audience who enjoyed an evening very well hosted by Urchfont WI who are responsible to the Sheepbells Group for the next two years.



Our next meeting is on July 11th when the Speaker, Mr P Rule, will talk about... 'Weather Forecasting'! It will be very interesting to hear another expert's opinion on this subject. The competition is 'A Pretty Umbrella'.

We warmly welcome visitors to our meetings held on the second Wednesday in the month, starting at 7.30pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion in Rusty Lane. Why not try the Seend W. I. for Fun and Friendship?

Betty Smith

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The next Committee Meeting will be held in the upper room of the Community Centre on Thursday 12th July commencing at 8pm. All members are requested to make every effort to attend as there are important matters to discuss.

Seend Fete - Bottle Stall

The annual house to house collection of bottles, tines, etc will take place from 7.30pm on:

Monday 6th August	Seend	Meet at Community Centre
Tuesday 7th August	Sells Green	Meet at Three Magpies
Wednesday 8th August	Seend Cleeve	Meet at The Brewery

If anyone knows that they will be out that evening and wishes to donate a bottle, they can do so either by contacting Roger Brind (828380) prior to the collection, or by bringing their donation to the Stall on the day of the Fete.

Finally, if anyone would like to volunteer to assist with the collections on one or more of the dates, please let Roger Brind know. The more people we have, the quicker it gets done and the "Press Gangs" will be out nearer the time.

Roger Brind

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch contact for Seend Cleeve is Owen Burton who can be contacted on 828820. The Seend contact is still Anthony Hodgkinson (828545).



MOTHERS' UNION - SEEND AND BULKINGTON

Seend Mothers' Union

At the meeting on 16th May, members welcomed Brian James who took as his subject the work of the Alabare Trust. This is a small charity which works in Devizes to rehabilitate people who have become addicted to drugs and alcohol, or for various other reasons, have dropped out of society.



Working in cooperation with Sarsen Housing, it has been possible to provide a house for four residents and a central drop-in centre. Social workers make daily visits to support and encourage those who are rebuilding their lives.

There have been many success stories and a few disappointments. From small beginnings in 1991, the charity has continued to grow. There are centres in Trowbridge, Salisbury, Clevedon, Andover and Swindon.

Alabare is Spanish for “I will praise” - an indication of the christian inspiration behind this work.

Future Dates:

- 14th July Seend Church Garden Party. MU Stall - Toiletries
- 18th July Bobby Van talk and information from the Police.
- 27th July Wave of Prayer—10.40-11am
- 15th August Cream Teas at Cleeve House. Please book in advance for members, husbands and friends.

Keevil & Bulkington Mother’s Union

The meeting will be held at ‘Olcote’ Martins Road on Wednesday 25th July. The speaker will be Lionel Dove.

The Great Cycle Ride

What do you do in the school holidays? Walk, ride your bike or horse ride? If the answer is yes to any of these, would you like to raise money for Seend Church and the churches in the diocese by being sponsored on Saturday 8th September for the Great Cycle Ride? You could also enter the diocesan competition by visiting as many churches as possible and perhaps winning prizes. If you are able to take part, please ask for details and get a sponsorship form from the end of August from Margaret Coley, 25 Dial Close, Seend (828189).



Margaret Coley

SCHOOL NEWS

SEEND SCHOOL

Living in a Wiltshire village children have less of a chance to visit theatres and galleries, therefore the teachers make great efforts to take the children to these resources. Recently Mrs. Kettler took Oak Class to Swindon Art Gallery to look at the exhibition of modern painters. The children, as usual, were really enthused during their visit and came back with lots of ideas on which to build their future work.. We are all looking forward to seeing the results in the next weeks. During July the Year 5 and 6 pupils will be going on a residential holiday to Dorset for three days,



The whole school took part in the annual Sponsored Walk on the canal and the last group came in just as the rain started to fall. The weather was ideal as it was overcast and not too hot. This year the proceeds from the sponsored walk will be going to support an artist in residence for our Arts Week. He will be leading the children in painting a three metre mural for the back of the school hall. Make sure you come and look at it when we have school open events. We have also had a very generous donation of £250.00 from the Sarcen Housing Association Community Chest towards our Arts Week and are very grateful to the panel for supporting our school.

On the sporting front we took two five a side teams to the St.Peter`s School Competition on Saturday and were really successful with Seend Versus Seend in the final. The boys played brilliantly and all did there best. In fact the final was a real nail biter with loads of action and suspense. No one could decide who to cheer for so we all cheered Seend on!

Our school is now nearly full and we are really pleased to welcome new children over the term. Unfortunately we also have more cars trying to access the school. If you are a visitor or parent please do make an effort to walk to our site as much as possible. This will help to cut car pollution and congestion around our school.

I am really pleased to say that the anti-social behaviour in the school grounds out of school hours has stopped and they are continuing to be used in a responsible manner by our local children.

Steven Bennett
Head Teacher

Since writing this article, the school has experienced a further bout of graffiti, Mr Bennett has had to spend a great deal of time scrubbing tables to remove graffiti and all concerned with school are very upset.

KEEVIL SCHOOL

At the football tournament held at Worton last term the girls and boys played very well and showed good team spirit, determination and resilience, despite winning just the one game.

The children also performed brilliantly at the recent small schools' swimming gala on the last day before the holiday. Competing against 3 other local schools our team came first and will now go through to the final on Friday 5th July. We wish them continued success.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the whole school, the FOKS for their hard work in organising the plant sale (in rather inclement weather) and the superb 10K run (in glorious weather!) These have had a massive boost to our funds

which will be desperately needed to help equip our new classrooms. I know these events take a huge amount of organisation (particularly the run) so many thanks to everyone who helped and to those of you who attend any of our events. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks also must go to Mr & Mrs Goodwin for allowing us the use of their garden and kitchen for the plant sale, whilst the school is undergoing the building work. I know the children certainly enjoyed having the grounds to explore!

Talking of building work, it continues at a pace (!) and we are assured it is still on schedule so we are keeping our fingers crossed for a bit of a move into the first 2 classrooms at the end of this term.

Many thanks to everyone who has been dropping in school vouchers as they pass. Tesco have stopped issuing theirs now but please dig around and find any discarded ones as we have until the middle of July to send them in. Thank you.

This is a term of trips. The infants are going on a canal barge and a trip round a fire station; the lower juniors are going to Braeside to develop their map and orienteering skills whilst the upper juniors are planning a trip to the Hills Recycling Plant in Compton Bassett followed by a visit to one of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust sites. All this and trips to secondary schools for the year 6s and visits to us from the new reception children! How we are going to prepare for an end of year production (our version of Grease) I will never know! Wish us luck!

Jackie Chalk
Head Teacher

F.O.K.S. (FRIENDS OF KEEVIL SCHOOL)

A very big thank you to all who came along and supported us at the Keevil 10K on the Airfield. We had many volunteers who helped us marshal, collect goods etc., and if it wasn't for these people, our event wouldn't run quite as smoothly as it did, so a very big thank you to you all.

Another huge thank you also goes out to our Prime Sponsor Stephen Graver from Steeple Ashton, who came along to the event with his team and awarded the main trophies on our behalf. We had many other sponsors of the event and we would also like to thank them too.

Once again, this was a very successful event, with very positive feedback from runners and all who attended. We don't have a final profit figure yet, but it was well worth all the hard work!

It was again a very hot day, but everybody seemed to enjoy the event and stayed around for the post race family entertainment.

SEEND BOUNCY CLUB

All children aged 0 to 5 years, parents, grandparents and carers welcome. Come along and join us on Wednesday mornings between 9.30am and 11.15 am (term-time only). We meet in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend. The session is very informal with plenty of activities and toys for the children to enjoy. We sometimes do baking or other group activities and always include singing at the end of the session.



Tea, coffee, milk, fruit and a healthy option snack are provided, all for just £1. We look forward to meeting you. For further details, please ring Kate or Kevin on 01380 828770.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The May meeting was attended by 6 Councillors, with Mrs Savage in the Chair.

Mrs Savage was proposed and seconded for re-election as Chairman, there being no other nominations, Mrs. Savage was duly elected.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Anthony Lake (Conservative) had been elected as District Councillor. The Parish Council election was uncontested.

Permission had been granted for the following applications:

K/56139/F Dr & Mrs S Phillips, 28 Dial Close, Seend

Alteration/extension to front hallway necessary for wheelchair access

K/56193/F Dr & Mrs S Phillips, 28 Dial Close, Seend

Enclose a small area of open space (belonging to site at the front/side of the property and change its use to vegetable garden

K/56248/F Tullor Ltd, Great Thornham Farm, Trowbridge Road, Seend

To convert an old farm building into an extension to the existing farm shop, adding a lean-to and porch to the front (north) end.

The following applications were considered by the Parish Council, and no objections raised:

K/56449/F Mr & Mrs M Moore, Brookes Farm, Bath Road, Seend
Proposed conversion and extension to outbuilding to form dwelling

K/56498/F Mr J McCormack, Good Rest, High Street, Seend
Form vehicular access to side off roadway

K/56499/LBC Mr J McCormack, Good Rest, High Street, Seend
Remove part of the boundary wall to form opening for parking vehicle off the road

K/56502/F Sir & Lady Thorpe, Beech House, High Street, Seend
Erection of single storey timber & double glazed porch

K/56503/LBC Sir & Lady Thorpe, Beech House, High Street, Seend
*Erection of single storey timber & double glazed porch.
Replacement access door. Heightening of wall by approx.
400 mm*

K/56524/LBC Mr S McManus, 5 Weavers Cottages, High Street, Seend
Replacement of windows and frames throughout dwelling with the exception of one window

K/56540/F Miss R Body, 4 Row Lane, Seend Cleeve
Provision of outside WC to the side of the existing property

The dates of the next village skips will be:

Friday 29 th June	Three Magpies
Friday 27 th July	Wessex Water Site

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 26th June 2007 at the Seend Community Centre at 7.30 pm.

PARISH STEWARD VISIT

The Parish Steward will be in Seend on 23rd July, there will not be a visit during August. If you are aware of any area in the village that needs the attention of the Parish Steward, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

BITS'N'BOBS

TWO VILLAGE CHARITIES

Seend has two funds that exist for the benefit of parishioners and which have roots going back a number of centuries; one for example relates to William Tipper in the early 17th century. Income from the assets, which are small amounts of capital and two pieces of land, one off Row Lane and the other at Inmarsh, has historically been used to provide coats and blankets and, even up to the early 1990s, SEB or coal vouchers (a precursor of the government-paid winter fuel allowances that many people nationally now receive). More recently within the village, annual donations have been made by cheque to a number of parishioners in need.

The present governing scheme, drawn up by the Charity Commission in 1972, determines that there will be seven trustees, chaired by the Vicar (or now the Rector). These are at the moment, Rev Sacha Pearce, Andrea Tilley, Anita Shea, Bet Doig, Pam Muller, Steve Taylor and me, as treasurer. Investment income and rent for the two charities together has typically been less than £700 a year, so it's all very small stuff but the charities are part of the village. The scheme itself does not require that the accounts are presented at the Annual Parish Council Meeting but it has long been done. These accounts, which are available for anyone to see, do not identify the recipients.

Because we have become increasingly aware that the number of qualifying recipients is dwindling rapidly and that in modern life the donations often no longer play the crucial role they once did, the trustees have been looking at ways of making these funds more relevant to the present day. With this in mind it has been decided to sell the two pieces of land and review the objectives of the charities. It was also decided to tell the village, through this article, what is happening.

The decision to sell the land has been made on the grounds that it will give us much more flexibility, and the realistic expectation that income from the capital will be greater than the rent obtainable. All of this of course is firmly controlled by Charity Commission rules, but broadly speaking, we will have three options:

1. alter the objectives of the charities
2. transfer the assets to another charity, and wind ours up
3. spend the capital of the charities - which will also wind them up.

We are examining ways of supporting educational and training needs. Even with capital from the land, the sums available would make very little impact on modern higher-education costs, so the direction in which they can be most useful may well prove to be at earlier education levels.

Frank Teasdale

PAST TIMES

The following are the memories of Joan Northcote who grew up in Seend and has been sent to us by her daughter Suzette Milner who lives in Canada.

My mother, Joan Northcote, was born and raised in Bulkington. Her father, John Northcote, was the proprietor of the Bell Inn for over twenty years. His son Hartley ran it until the late 1950's after him. Thus she came to know and fondly remembers many of the people that have lived there all those years ago.

The Hughes

Most fondly she remembers the Hughes. Emma and Teddy Hughes purchased the land across from the The Bell Inn before my mother was born. They had 5 children. Molly, Callie, Frennie, Violet and Mikey.

They converted a huge galvanized barn into living quarters. Half the barn was their home and half was storage. They slept in their Gypsy Caravan. Later, after Teddy Hughes had passed away, Emma built the bungalow that sits there today.

My grandmother passed away when my Mum was only eleven. Emma Hughes was a great comfort to her. She would go to their galvanized barn home to visit Emma. She remembers the large black lead cooker and cocoanut mat floors. Emma would treat her with tea, jam butties and cake. Mum always remembers how nicely it was furnished. She had lots of antiques and silver.

The Caravan, incidentally was burned upon Emma's death.

Frennies pride and joy was his garden. He and Mikey also had a fire wood business. He was an excellent dancer. He dressed to a "T" in tailor made suits. Frennie also had a small business in Swindon and would travel there often. Though they never travelled outside the county much. Violet was in the land army during the war. She was one of Mum's best friends. She, as Mum says, was always a happy person. Callie travelled all over painting barns. Mikey could sing very well and would sometimes entertain during events at the village hall. All the Hughes like to socialize at the Pub.

Mum last visited Frennie and Violet in 1995, I had the pleasure of meeting them then. They were truly kind and sincere people. Mum misses them very much.

Miss Willis

Miss Willis was a spinster who lived in the house behind the Bell Inn. She always dressed in the long Edwardian skirts and worn button up boots. She had a big garden. Mum says the neighbourhood children loved her strawberries. She played the church organ on Sunday at Christ Church, Bulkington. Though she did lead a solitary life her best friend was Miss Brooks who ran the village shop.

Miss Brooks

Miss Brookes ran the village store as her father did before her. Every year at Christmas a big black car would be seen pulling up to the store. A well-dressed lady, in furs, would visit her for a few hours and leave. It was always thought that this was a relative, though no one seemed to know for sure. People round about found it quite interesting.

The Breach's

John Breach was my grandfather John Northcote's best friend. His son Bill purchased my grandfather's motorcycle and side car. He had at least 4 sons. Bill, Tom and 2 whose names escape her. Their Mother I'm told died tragically. The boys all worked on the farm. The farm, my Mum, remembers was noted for the smell of the silage plant. Lots of comments about it wafted about the Pub.

The Village

The minister of the Wesleyan Church, Mr. Brimbel, also ran the village Post Office and Library. The books in the library were changed about every three months. It was Mum's goal to read all the books before they were changed. It never happened. During the war spies were found. They were in their vehicle parked in the lane between the Village Hall and the Shop. The lane went down to Miss Willis's garden. They were apparently taking wind measurements. My Uncle Victor and his friend Eddy Rose were getting in their vehicle to go to work when a German fighter swooped down and machine gunned them. They missed. My Uncle and Eddy Rose dove into the shed to escape. The same plane went over Mill Lane farm and targeted Mr. Golding. He dove into a ditch, unfortunately his cows didn't fair so well. One was hit and killed.

There are so many stories from my Mum's years in Bulkington. These are just a very few of the people she grew up with and remembers.



Importance Of Clearing Up After Us Dogs



Urrrgh what's that stuck to his shoe?
 Oh no, it smells like a dog's poo!
 Why can't owners clear up their dog's mess
 I'm at a loss – they're just lazy, I guess.

Have these owners never stepped in dog poo
 Does this stuff not stick to their shoe?
 Have they no conscience for the mess that they leave?
 Obviously not, this irresponsible breed.

Irresponsible owners don't seem to realise
 It's a thing everyone seems to despise.
 These owners just don't seem to care,
 That what they leave is another's nightmare.

If we dogs could just sit on a loo,
 And have a big poo like you humans do,
 Wipe our bottoms and flush it away?
 Nobody would have anything bad to say.

But life has made us the four-legged kind,
 Who tend to leave our poo behind.
 Its often smelly, and perhaps not very nice,
 So scoop and bag is my advice.

Its just nature for me to poop as and when,
 And most of the time, in the way again.
 Its up to my owner to do the right thing
 Like bag it and bin it – that sort of thing!

So, let us dogs do what we want to do,
 Avoiding leisure areas and kids places too.
 Use a poo bag to clean up our mess
 And stop adding to others distress

Debbie Mackay MAPDT 00912
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USEFUL CONTACTS NUMBERS:

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St Peter's: Mr B James - 724944 Lay Reader: Pam Muller 01225 707804
LPA's: Audrey McDonald 828376 and Jo Bell 828550
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Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340
Irene Usher Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250
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. Sec - Robin Heatley - 828491
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 - Kath Steggall 828821
Seend Brownies - Helen Hook 828477
Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Andrea Dobson 827126
Seend WI - Judith Bigg on 736358
Seend Fawltly Players - Tessa Doe 828617
Seend Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451
WEA - Tessa Doe on 828617
Royal British Legion and Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545
Seend Cricket Club - Mr P Wallis 828757
Football Club - Darren Nichols 828535
Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407
Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545; Owen Burton on 828820 (Seend Cleeve)
Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281
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Sat	8.30 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Sun	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
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