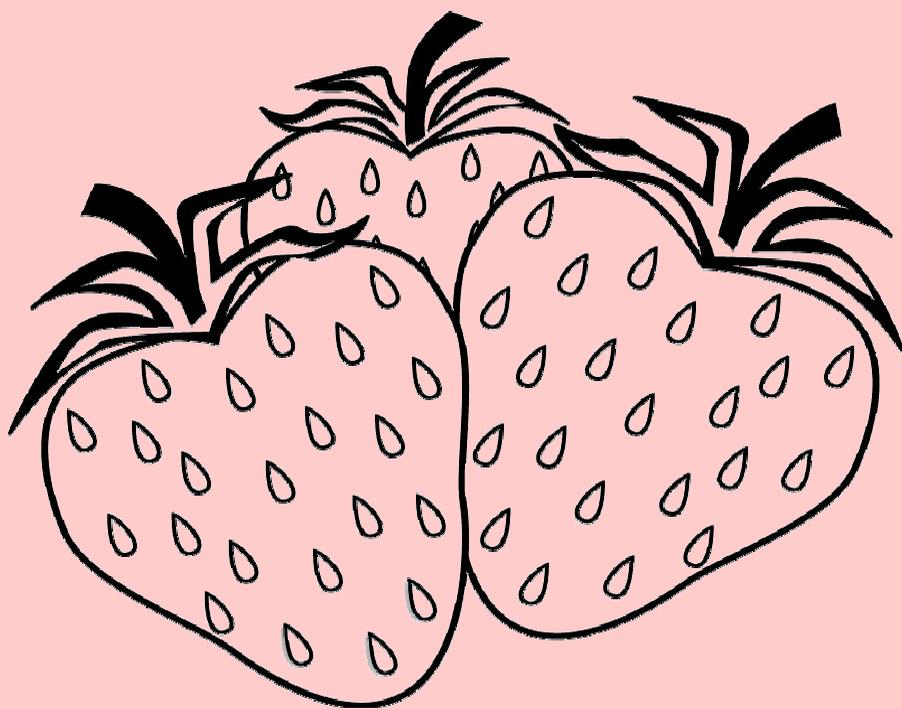


SPOTLIGHT

Seend and Bulkington



June 2008

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 26th No mobile library because of Bank Holiday
- 26th Craft Fayre at Cleeve House
- 27th Parish Council, 7.30pm Community Centre
- 31st Concert at Bulkington.Marquee, 6pm for 6.30

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 1st Beetle Drive and cream teas, Bulkington Marquee, 3pm
- 4th First Wednesday Shopping Trip (phone Terry on 828203 by Monday 2nd)
- 5th Seend Shuttle AGM, 7.45pm in the Pavilion
- 5th Seend's Other Book Club, discussing 'Ghostwalk' by Rebecca Stott. Ring 01380 828617 for info.
- 8th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane 9.30am
- 9th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 10th Gardening Club Members' open gardens from 6pm
- 13th School Barn Dance, 6-10pm, Seend Community Centre
- 14th DEADLINE FOR JULY SPOTLIGHT
- 14th Church Fete, 12-4pm, and summer soiree, 7-10pm, in the Rectory Garden, Seend
- 18th Vintage vehicles on Lye Field from 6pm
- 23rd Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 27th Seend Ramblers meet 6pm Rusty Lane
- 28th Fete and Proms in Park, Village Green, Poulshot

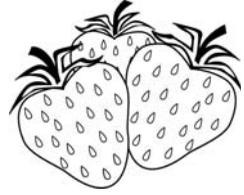
DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 2nd First Wednesday Shopping Trip (phone Terry on 828203 by Monday 30 June)
- 5th The Cleeve Open Gardens 1-5pm
- 7th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 8th School concert in the church
- 19th Start of summer Saturday breakfasts at the Community Centre
- 19th Gardening Club outing to Hidcote and Kiftsgate Court
- 19th Caribbean evening at the Community Centre
- 23rd Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington

Newcomer to Seend?

Call in at the shop/PO and ask for your copy of the Welcome booklet, which tells you all you need to know about the village.

Welcome to the June issue



This month's Spotlight includes a bumper crop of sports news, following the end of the season for football, rugby and skittles.

And there are several triumphs to celebrate. Special congratulations to Seend United Football Club, who finished top of the Trowbridge and District League, and to Seend School's tag rugby team who won the West Wiltshire finals. See ace sports reporter Frankie Goddard's pages towards the end of the magazine for news of how our other teams have been getting on.

As well as the summer sports of tennis and cricket (and short-mat bowls and some skittles continue into the summer) we now have the season of outdoor summer events to look forward to (weather permitting!). Bulkington Marquee weekend offers a beetle drive and cream teas on 1st June, the Church Fete and summer soiree is on 14th June, and you can see vintage vehicles displayed on the Lye Field on 18th June. You can join Seend and District Ramblers for a morning walk on 8th June and an evening one on 27th.

You can move indoors to hear a report on a year in the life of the Seend Shuttle - including news of likely changes when Kennet District Council is replaced by the new unitary authority - by attending the AGM in the Pavilion of 5th June. There's a school Barn Dance in the Community Centre on 13th June, and advance notice of Seend Cleeve Open Gardens on 5th July and a Caribbean Evening in the Community Centre on 19th July. You can keep up to date with what's going on by viewing www.seend.org.uk

There are also the usual pleas for more volunteers - Shuttle and Link drivers, Spotlight collators and printers, helpers and committee members for the village fete and a Fire Safety Officer for the Community Centre are all needed, among others. If you have some time to spare - however little - do please contact the relevant people to offer support, so helping to keep our villages the active communities they are.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the July issue (*copy deadline is 14th June*) 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.

N.B. Please ring Tina if you can help with printing or collating the magazine.

EVENTS IN LATE MAY, JUNE AND JULY

Seend Church Summer Fete

Saturday 14th June 12-4pm
In the Rectory Garden

BARBECUE
Licensed Bar

Stalls * Games * Bouncy Castle * Face
Painting
Raffle * Wheel of Fortune
Vintage Car Rides * Buskers

And many other exciting events.

Come and join in the fun!

Teas, homemade cakes and ice cream also
available

In aid of church funds

To be followed by
MUSIC for a SUMMER EVENING

Supper & Soiree

7-10pm in the RECTORY GARDEN

Make a note in your diary as numbers will be limited

Marquee Weekend
At
Bulkington Church

Saturday 31st May

Concert By
'Barbershop'
and
'The Phoenix Consort'

Doors open 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. start

Fork Supper Included

Licensed Bar Available

Tickets £10

Sunday 1st June at 3 p.m

Family Beetle Drive 50 p each
Cream Teas



Annual General Meeting

Thursday 5th June

7.45 pm in the Pavilion

**Your chance to have your say about
 your community bus.**

All welcome. Refreshments will be served.

*Want to ride to the meeting on
 Seend Shuttle Mark III?
 Ring Pete on 828757*

The Cleeve Open Gardens

at

Seend Cleeve



Saturday 5th July 1-5pm

Beautiful gardens; stunning views;
cream teas;
ice creams; plants for sale.

Tickets £5 per adult (children free)
to include parking & Shuttle service

Limited wheelchair access

In aid of Church funds





Barn Dance

(Organised by Seend School)



Friday 13th June
from 6pm to 10pm
Seend Community Centre

Entertainment by the famous
'Wiltshire Klop' Band
 Barbeque from 6.15pm-8pm

Tickets: £6 adults, £4 children

(Available at Post Office or by phoning 828293)

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.

Congratulations!...

Shaun, Susie, Kauri and Millie Barnett are proud to announce the birth of Oscar Stanley Barnett. Born at home in Seend on April 18th 2008, weighing in at 7lbs 5oz.

and thanks...

Many thanks to all the kind people who came to my Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7th May in aid of Seend Church Flower Fund, and to all who have given donations. A sum of £231.71p was raised.

Thank you also to Anne who capably looked after the raffle, to Nancy and Ann who kept the coffee flowing and to John and Hazel for looking after the Bring & Buy Stall.

It was a very pleasant morning.

Lilian Smallshaw.

Also, **The Old Mill at Worton** would like to thank all those visitors who came during Cloth Roads Art Week in May, and look forward to welcoming them again!

CHURCH NEWS

From where I stand...

... writing a monthly magazine article is a very interesting challenge and like many of my written endeavours an opportunity to make connections with the issues of today for us all! As the sun begins to shine and the smell of BBQs comes into the garden, as the grass grows visibly almost daily, as the trees and flowers begin to bloom, as we try to spend more time outside, so we know that summer is here! June, the 6th month of the year in the Gregorian calendar, is here and so is the halfway mark of the year 2008! The month is named after the Roman goddess Juno, wife of Jupiter and is the month of the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere also known traditionally for the having the greatest number of weddings!

From where I stand the month heralds the wedding season as well as some spectacular saints' days and the promise of sunshine and summer. Half way through the year it is a good time to take stock of what we have achieved over the last 6 months and what other projects may be appropriate for the rest of this year. So June is a good time to enjoy the summer but also to think about the future and new beginnings.

In the life of the Church we remember three particular saints who knew their need of God and turned from an ordinary existence to a new life. St John the Baptist, remembered on 24th June, was the herald or messenger of Jesus encouraging people to turn back to God and discover what a difference getting to know Him makes. On 29th June we remember both Saint Peter and St Paul. Paul of course had led a life persecuting Jesus' followers but experienced God's call to be a better more loving person and so his life was changed. Peter was an ordinary fisherman and yet it was on his human frailty that Jesus was willing to start His Church.

So from where I stand June is about new beginnings, reviewing who we have been and what the future may hold...

The Rev'd Sacha Pearce

Benefice of Holy Cross Seend, Christchurch Bulkington and St Peter's Poulshot - Diary of services for June

Sunday 1st June 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 8th June 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

No service at Bulkington – the choir is at Salisbury Cathedral at 18.00 for the Diocesan Choir Festival. All welcome!**Sunday 15th June 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 Parish Eucharist St Peter's Poulshot

Sunday 22nd June 4th Sunday of the month

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend

09.30 Family Eucharist St Peter's Poulshot

11.15 Family Eucharist ***in Seend School***

18.00 Songs of Praise Evensong Bulkington

Sunday 29th June Feast of St Peter 5th Sunday of the month

10.00 Benefice Eucharist at St Peter's Poulshot Patronal Festival

Sunday 6th July 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

SEEND CHURCH SUMMER FETESaturday 14th June 12-4pm in the Rectory Garden**If you have any unwanted items or gifts****PLEASE HELP** to make this afternoon a success by giving them to us for the various stalls :- DVDs / CDs Books Bric a Brac Toys/Games

Toiletries Cakes Stationery etc etc

Anything and everything appreciated !!

Contact Tina Yockney 01380 827139 / Hatty Stafford Charles 01380 828380

Ian Bolton 01380 828960

THANK YOU



First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service

Our June service will be held in Holy Cross on Tuesday 3rd June 2008 at 2.15pm. Come and hear the story of how Jesus had a picnic with a huge crowd of people, and all he had to give them to eat were just five loaves and two fishes! After the story there will be something to make to take home. Refreshments will be served at the back of the church after the service as usual. If you would like more information about our growing group, please contact the Rector on 838615 or Jo on 828550. Everyone is always welcome.

Christian Aid Week - 11th-17th May

Thank you very much to the collectors and generous donors to Christian Aid. We hope to publish a final figure in July Spotlight.

FROM ROY

The other weekend my home was invaded. Every bed in the house was occupied and some of the floor space too. My daughter and several of her friends came to stay so they could go to Badminton for cross country day. One evening, they all gathered around my dining table. The next evening they invited me to join them in one of the local pubs for a meal. One of them said it was good to stay in a proper home rather than the rather sterile flat she rents and shares as a post-graduate student. It's good to welcome guests in our homes. It's good to be welcomed into other people's homes.

I was talking with one of the chaplains at Erlestoke prison the other day. She said that it was her policy to make the chapel a place where there was an unconditional welcome. Many of the prisoners had only known rejection all their life. They didn't need to be turned away again.

And then I thought of the words of Christ in John's Gospel: "Any one who comes to me, I shall never turn away." I remembered how many times I had used those words as an invitation to communion. I pondered God's hospitality to me. I was challenged to think of what kind welcome we give to others in God's name.

God bless,

Seend Methodist Chapel Services for June

- 1 June 10am Mrs Janet Tanner
 8 June Area Service in Devizes Corn Exchange at 10.45am
 15 June No service here
 22 June 6pm Ecumenical service with holy communion led by
 Revd Roy Fowler
 29 June 10am United Small Chapels service (Bromham,
 Broughton Gifford, Melksham Forest and Whitley).
 Jeanne Bergin will update us on the work in the
 Dominican Republic schools of La Hoya and Bombita
 after the disastrous floods in October 2007.

CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

All Committee members are reminded that the next meeting will be held in the Upper Room of the Community Centre at 2000hrs on Thursday 12th June 2008.

Roger Brind

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

17 ramblers attended the walk organised by Gerald Salter from Broughton Gifford on Sunday, 20th April. For a distance of six miles we covered road, track and field, passing Chalfield, Little Chalfield, Wraxall and Holt making our way back to the Common – and the rain stayed off! Thank you, Gerald.



And a slightly larger group enjoyed a 5½ mile walk through the bluebell woods at West Woods on Sunday, 11th May in glorious sunshine. Thanks to Ron Apted for leading this lovely walk.

Next walk – Sunday 8th June: Meet in Rusty Lane at 9.30a.m. Proceed in cars to commence the walk (map ref. SU 107637 on the Ordnance Survey Explorer 157). The walk will be approximately seven miles in the Wansdyke/Alton Barnes vicinity. There may be an opportunity for a drink at the pub in Honey Street, but nevertheless bring refreshments. Leaders: Brian and Geraldine De' Ath (01225 705806).

Friday evening 27th June: A two-and-a-half hour walk leaving at 6pm from Rusty Lane is being organised by Ron Apted. The walk will commence by the crossroads at Bishops Cannings, and will cover some of the Wansdyke and canal at Horton, with a pub stop to finish. Should you wish for more information, contact Ron on 01380 828427.

Lin Salter

100+ CLUB DRAW - January, February, March and April

Although the winners of the above draws were notified and promptly paid, I confess that I have been rather slow in keeping you up-to-date with the results. Apologies for that and here they are:

January - drawn by Seend Fete Committee

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| 1 st Prize | £35 | 124 | Mrs A Bottomley |
| 2 nd Prize | £30 | 148 | Mrs M Coombs |
| 3 rd Prize | £25 | 161 | Roger Ames |
| 4 th Prize | £20 | 179 | Mr P Wood |
| 5 th Prize | £15 | 9 | Mrs M Burden |
| 6 th Prize | £10 | 72 | Mrs Cathy Pond |

February - drawn by Lye Field Committee

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|------------------------|
| 1 st Prize | £35 | 68 | Bob Smith |
| 2 nd Prize | £30 | 160 | Peter Wyatt |
| 3 rd Prize | £25 | 197 | Mrs Christine O'Reilly |
| 4 th Prize | £20 | 128 | Roger Allen |
| 5 th Prize | £15 | 124 | Mrs A Bottomley |
| 6 th Prize | £10 | 150 | Andy Waylen |

March - drawn by Lye Field Committee

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|
| 1 st Prize | £35 | 111 | Mr P Grinham |
| 2 nd Prize | £30 | 54 | Mrs Nancy Hutchinson |
| 3 rd Prize | £25 | 1 | Norman Pike |
| 4 th Prize | £20 | 133 | Mrs J J Hardwidge |
| 5 th Prize | £15 | 74 | Mr M G Hardwidge |
| 6 th Prize | £10 | 153 | Mrs Diana Louca |

April - drawn by Seend Fete Committee

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|-----------------------|-----|-----|--------------------|
| 1 st Prize | £35 | 45 | Seend Cricket Club |
| 2 nd Prize | £30 | 8 | Mrs Jenny Phillips |
| 3 rd Prize | £25 | 177 | Nick Borwell |
| 4 th Prize | £20 | 153 | Mrs Diana Louca |
| 5 th Prize | £15 | 39 | Miss E G Burrard |
| 6 th Prize | £10 | 38 | Roy Sawyer |

Bernie Prolze, Organiser

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Fire Safety Officer

Is there anyone in the village – preferably with some experience of fire service or health and safety issues – who would be willing to act as the Fire Safety Officer for the Community Centre in a voluntary capacity? If so, please contact John Smallshaw (828540) or any other member of the Committee.

Grant funding and refurbishment of the Community Centre update

Last year saw the first stages of much-needed refurbishment, when a replacement central heating system and new kitchen were installed. Now, thanks to very generous grants, work has commenced on the next phase. The donations were kindly made by Kennet District Council, Viridor Credits and the Community Foundation. Viridor Credits distributes the landfill communities fund in Wiltshire through Community First. Additionally, the Community Centre has raised funds through its own efforts.

The construction of an extension that will provide considerable storage space has already begun. This, in turn, will free up other areas than can then be used for other purposes. Work will soon also commence on a new ceiling with modern lighting, plus a new sound system containing a loop for those with hearing difficulties.

Most importantly, it is very encouraging to note that the activity level in the Community Centre is steadily increasing and adding to the community spirit in the Parish.

The ‘**Sponsor a Chair**’ campaign has probably just about run its course, with around £1,000 generously donated by individuals and village organisations! But you can still join the long list of sponsors by calling Tessa on 828617. The new chairs should be with us by the end of the summer.

Recent events at the Community Centre

The **8th Seend Beer Festival** was a memorable and successful day; good beer, good music, food to feed the masses and not bad weather. What more could anyone want? Wholehearted thanks to the organisers of the festival (mostly members of Seend Cleeve Sailing Club skittles team) and their helpers for all their hard work, making this a much-appreciated source of income for the Centre and a major date in the social life of the village.

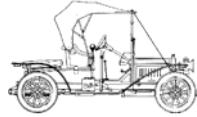
The **St George’s Day Dinner**, organised by Peter Fisher, was another well-supported and enjoyable event. Thanks to all those who helped make it so.

Coming events at the Community Centre

The **three-a-side skittles** competition is ongoing at the time of writing. Well done to Ray and June Willis for organising this popular event.

The Centre plays host to the school **Barn Dance** on 13th June - see the Events section at the beginning of Spotlight for details. 19th July sees both the start of the summer **Saturday breakfasts** and a **Caribbean Evening**. More details next month. And look out for occasional big-screen sports events and (weather permitting!) perhaps a BBQ or two.

VINTAGE VEHICLES AND HEARTY CYCLISTS ON THE LYE FIELD



Don't forget that on Wednesday the 18th of June there will be a **gathering of vintage vehicles** etc on the Lye Field, commencing at 6pm, organised by the Lackham Vintage Society, as a get-together for their members.

The public are also very welcome to attend, free of charge. Parking will be available on the field. A raffle will be held in aid of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, a favourite of the Society.

Anyone with a vintage vehicle is welcome to take part. For details, call Keith and Pauline Day on 01380 828459.

And on Sunday, 21st September 2008, the British Heart Foundation will hold their fifth annual **Hearts First Cycle Ride** around central Wiltshire, starting from the Lye Recreation Field.

Dave Sawyer, Hon.Secretary
Seend Lye Recreation Field Committee

URGENT HELP REQUIRED

Seend Bouncy Club is a thriving parent and toddler group that meets every Wednesday in the Pavilion from 9.30 to 11.15am.

We are urgently seeking someone to join us between 10.00 and 11.00 to prepare healthy snacks for the children and teas and coffees for the parents.

There will then be the washing up when snack-time has finished.

This role would be term time only.

Please contact Rachel Burton on 01225 700544 if you are able to help and to discuss remuneration.

A "job share" is also a possibility if you are not able to provide a weekly commitment.



SEEND SHUTTLE

To book for the first-Wednesday-of-the-month shopping trips, ring Terry on 828203 by the previous Monday. To join the bus-cleaning rota, phone Tessa on 828617, or to volunteer to drive please ring Pete on 828757.

Community Bus Annual General Meeting

Please come along to the Seend Shuttle AGM on **Thursday 5th June at 7.45pm in the Pavilion** to hear the latest about your community bus. All volunteers, passengers and other interested persons will be very welcome. Refreshments will be served.

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



The next event in our summer calendar will be open gardens for members only. On Tuesday 10th June, from 6.00pm you can visit the gardens of 5 and 9 Cook's Close, The Cottage in High Street, Measham House and 22 Dial Close.

On July 8th you can visit Wiltshire House, Gate House in Dial Close, Inmarsh House, 422 Redstocks and Owl Cottage.

These should be an interesting sample of village gardens from tiny to very large, modern to cottage style.

We will have a stall as usual at the Church fete on 14th June, so gifts of plants will be gratefully received.

On Saturday 19th July we will leave The Bell lay-by at 9.00am for our visit to Hidcote and Kiftsgate Court. There are still a few spaces left on the coach for anyone else who would like to come. The cost is £18 for members, £19 for non-members. **NB.** If you don't belong to the National Trust you also have to pay the entry fee at Hidcote.

Joe is eager to receive payment for this trip if you have not yet paid! Let us hope that we make it this year.

Sue Johns



MOTHERS' UNION **SEEND AND BULKINGTON BRANCH**

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Meriel Taylor, a long-standing member of the branch. Until her illness in the autumn of last year she was active in all the MU activities. The most frequent comment made about her was that she was helpful and friendly to everyone.

In April, our branch celebrated 120 years. Our Enrolling Member, Elizabeth Campbell, welcomed representatives from MU branches in the Deanery and also friends from the village. The day was marked by a service of Holy Communion taken by the Rector, Rev S. Pearce, followed by lunch in the Community Centre. The beautifully decorated cake was cut by Margaret White and Pam Muller.

The MU stall at the Church Fete on 14th June is going to be stationery and toiletries; please give something to support our stall to Mrs E. Campbell, M. Coley and K. Beasley.

We also hope to support an MU project to send poor families on holiday. This is to either a caravan at Durdle Dor (sleeping 6) or a cottage on the Isle of

Wight. We have a box in church for small gifts (toothpaste, shower gel, soap etc) to help with this work.

June meeting: Wednesday 18th - Mrs Angela Grist: 'Mercy Ships'. There will be a 'Bring and Buy' stall.

Ride and Stride

Would you like to raise money for your church? On Saturday, 13th September, several people, sponsored for the number of churches they visit, will cycle or walk around the area. Would you like to help? Details in July Spotlight.

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS

We have now despatched cheques for £200 each to Dorothy House and CLIC Sargent and £120 to Children's Hospice South West - the profits from our pantomime last February.

SCHOOL NEWS

News from Seend C.E. Aided Primary School

We are now in the Summer Term and at last enjoying better weather. The children have been able to eat their lunches outside on a couple of occasions and the football pitch is making way for the athletics track in preparation for Sports Day. This year our Sports Day will be taking place on Monday 23rd June in the afternoon.



On the sporting front our girls and boys tag rugby team has had some success winning the West Wiltshire Finals. We went on to play in the county finals and came third and won the Wiltshire County Bowl.

We have now made contact with two schools in Africa and have received letters and photographs from across the sea. One of the schools is hosting our music teacher's son, Tom Schonfeld, and he is hoping to fund raise for the school to help them to build a toilet block. To raise funds for the project Mrs. Schonfeld and the choir will be holding a music concert in the church on Tuesday 8th July in the evening, the last concert was extremely well supported by the village and we hope this will be the case this time. Details will be put out nearer to the concert.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new members to our hard working team of school governors Mrs. Yzanne Martin Hallett and Mrs Jeanette Smith. Last week it was also time to say goodbye to Trudy Waylen, one of our Mid-day Supervisors. Trudy has decided to move on to a new challenge after looking after our children at lunchtime for many years. We have invited her back for our end of term service in the church to say goodbye.

In the next weeks will be arranging the delivery of our outdoor shelter/classroom. The building has two purposes it will provide shelter for parents and children who choose to leave the car at home, in all weathers, and walk to school and it can also be used as an outdoor teaching facility. The building was funded by a Wiltshire Travel Plan grant and a generous donation from the Seend C.E. School Fund Raising Committee.

Steven Bennett, Head teacher

(And don't forget the school Barn Dance on 13th June in the Community Centre!)

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

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us on Saturday 10th May at the Airfield. It was again a hot and sunny day which was really welcoming! We are still adding up the profits, and will let you know the totals shortly.

Our Guinness World Record™ attempt was a lot of fun and was enjoyed by the young and the not so young, and we have great pleasure in telling you that we did manage to break the current record, so it was history in the making!

I would like to thank everyone who came along and helped us during the day with whatever chore you were given – we couldn't have done it without you!

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.

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*** *The Snow Ball* ***

Friday 5th December 2008

Trowbridge Civic Hall

* Complimentary drink *

* Three-course dinner *

* Live music and disco *

Dresscode: black tie

Tickets cost £30 and are already on sale

Proceeds to Keevil Primary School

Contact Catharine Roberts (01380 871032)

or Christina Streeter (01380 871029)

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the April meeting

The meeting held on 29th April was attended by eight Councillors, with Mrs. Savage in the chair. Also in attendance were nine members of the public.

Terry Sleightholme was in attendance on behalf of the **Seend Shuttle**. He said that the village bus had been operating for 15 years, and was now on its third bus. With the new Unitary Council coming into effect in April 2009, Kennet DC has offered to pass the bus to the appropriate village committee. Mr. Sleightholme asked whether the PC would agree to take on the ownership of the bus. He advised that the present bus would probably need replacing in four or five years time. Councillors felt there could well be an alternative scheme of funding for local bus schemes under the Unitary Authority. Councillors agreed that they had no objection to Seend PC taking over ownership of the Shuttle, subject to sight of the current accounts.

The situation with **Spiderweb Paddock** has not been resolved to the satisfaction of the PC, and it was felt that the Enforcement Officer's response had been weak. It was noted that there are still vehicles on the site, two wooden buildings and large metal gates that have not had planning permission, and consequent damage to the land and hedgerows. It was agreed that a strong letter should be sent to the Chief Executive of Kennet DC, all members of the Planning Committee, the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol, the District Councillor, Anthony Lake, and MP, Michael Ancram.

The Chairman asked whether members of the public present wished to make any comments. It was clear that those present felt let down by the lack of action on the part of the District Council, as this situation had now been going on for two years.

Highways: It was reported that two holes had been filled in on the bridge in Station Road, but others had not been dealt with. This will be taken up with Highways.

Spout Lane continues to cause problems, and this issue will also be taken up again with Highways.

K/5709/F Mr & Mrs Moore, Brookes Farm, Bath Road, Seend
Proposed conversion and extension to outbuildings to form dwelling

The appeal hearing date is 24 June 2008.

K.58410/F Mr & Mrs Shearmon, Spiderweb Paddock, Rusty Lane, Seend
2 pole barns, one for storage of farm machinery and one for hay and straw

There have been two previous refusals of planning permission for a mobile home and barn on the land, and also a stop notice issued with respect to the unauthorised development of this site. The Parish Council deplores the visual impact this site is already having on its rural surroundings, and its effect on local amenity, especially regarding the safe use of the bridleway providing a vehicular access to the land. The Parish Council strongly objects to further development of Spiderweb Paddock. Local residents present at the meeting also made clear their objections to the proposed application, and their dismay at Kennet District Council's perceived reluctance to take action to ascertain whether Mr. & Mrs. Shearman are in residence at Spiderweb Paddock. It is felt there should be no further development before the current problems are satisfactorily resolved.

K/58463/TR1 Mr S Grimes, Manor Field, High Street

Crown raising of trees to the south of the property by removing the lower branches to a height of 2 metres to clear the adjacent footpath. The trees are protected by tree preservation order 229-G1 which is a group comprising beech and holly.

No objections.

K/58470/F Mr J Steel, Well Cottage, 92 Seend Cleeve

Demolition of existing conservatory, proposed single storey garage and rear two storey extension.

No objections.

Wiltshire CC advise that an application to upgrade **Public Footpath** Keevil 23 to u/c 6076 Seend has been prioritised, as it would meet the aims of the County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan by providing a safer environment for horse riders and cyclists.

Kennet DC advise that BT propose to remove the **payphone in The Lye**. Comments must be submitted before the consultation period ends on 2nd July.

The **Parish Steward** will be in the village on 23 June. The PC will request the cutting back of vegetation around the Horse Pond.

Dates for the next **Parish skips** will be:

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| May 30 th | Seend Community Centre |
| June 27 th | Three Magpies |

The **next parish Council meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 27th May 2008 at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher
Parish Clerk

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS & FIXTURES

FOOTBALL - End of season reports

Seend United 1st Team – Manager: Matt ‘Boxer’ Pearce; Assistant Manager: Steve Burns.



Out of 18 matches, won 14, drew 3 and lost 1. Scored 49 goals and let in 13. This excellent record resulted in Seend United finishing top of the Trowbridge & District League for the first time in 52 years! Congratulations all round.

The team were also in the semi-finals of both the KO Cup and the A&B Cup. Top scorer was Chris ‘Nobby Stiles (13 goals) with James Eatough, John Hubbard and Tom Robinson sharing second place with 7 goals each. Tom Drewitt (goalkeeper) made most appearances for the team, playing in 25 games. John Hubbard was Player’s Player of the Year, Tom Drewitt Manager’s Player of the Year, and Chris ‘Nobby’ Stiles won the Golden Boot.

The AGM is on 10th July at the Brewery Inn at 8.30pm. The new season starts in September.

Seend Reserves – Manager Keith Anteney.

The reserves played 20 matches in Trowbridge & District League Division 3, winning 9, drawing 2 and losing 9. They scored 51 goals and let in 42, and finished in a very respectable 6th position. They were semi-finalists in the Spring Cup. Top scorer was Dave Castle with 14 goals, with Daniel Humphries a close second with 13. Darren Anteney (goalkeeper) and Danny Griffiths shared the ‘most appearances’ spot with 25 each. Players’ Player of the Year was Nic Groves; Manager’s Player of the Year, Stuart Greatwood, and winner of the Golden Boot, Dave Castle.

Seend Tigers – Coach: Luke Ballinger.

The Tigers played in the Frome 6-a-side Under 12s tournament on 11th May. They played 5 matches on the way to the quarter-final where they lost 1-0. The team: Greg Bowen, Will Davis, Harry Waylen, Tim Manning, Josh Gingell, Josh Lewis, Will Purdy and Henry Hawkins. Top scorer: Harry Waylen with 3 goals. Well done Tigers!

SKITTLES – End of season report

Seend A – Captain: John Wiltshire.
Finished 5th in the league.

Seend B – Captain: Walter Mayell
Finished 3rd in their division. Highest average: Roger Allen.
Highest single match score: Alan Freeguard with 42.



Seend C – Captain: Sam Sainsbury

Won their last match against Semington A 6-1. Highest average: Paris Goddard. Runner-up: Sam Sainsbury. Highest single match score: Andy Tilbury with 37.

Seend D – Captain: Luke Ballinger

Finished 2nd in their division. Highest average: Russell Collins.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

The winter league has finished, with the team coming 3rd in the Championship Finals and 3rd in the league of 17. Congratulations! Indeed, the team coach and masseur/chief tactician, Colin Waldeck, has declared a summer training camp in the Seychelles – so expect to be approached to support a sponsored team slim to fund the trip!

RUNNING

Saturday, 12th July, at 3.30pm – Bishops Cannings 5000m dash – run as part of the Church Fete – the 26th running of this race. Tel: 828488.

TENNIS

Men's: Mark Newman, Will Newell, Dan Waylen, Laurence Jackson, Charlie Scott and Frankie Goddard.

Drew 4-4 with Biddestone C and beat Biddestone B 5½-2½.

Women's: Susie Meharg, Pam Ackerman, Sally Jackson and Jeanne Bergin. Lost 3-5 to Chippenham C. Any new players interested, please phone Carol Whitely on 828806.

Mixed A and B: Tim Hues, Carol Whitely, Mark Newman, Jeanne Bergin, Susie and David Meharg, Dan Waylen, Ric Ellinger and Frankie Goddard.

Mixed A: Beat Chippenham 6-2.

Mixed B: Beat Wylie 8-0; beat Corsham 5-3 and beat Cooper Avon 4½-3½.

**CRICKET**

Captain: Ben King. Teas: Anita Shea.

18th May - away to Canal Taverners. Chasing a total of 217, Jake Sainsbury hit the winning run off the very last ball of the match!

A sensational win! Luke Ballinger 55 not out: Tom Wallis 40.

Nathan King 2 for 11 off 4 overs (2 maidens). Next match 24th May at home.

Results to your man in the hospitality suite (828488) by 14th June please.

Frankie Goddard



P.S. Any sports teams who meant to sponsor a chair for the Community Centre but haven't got round to it can still contact Tessa Doe on 828617.

BITS 'N' BOBS

For Sale/wanted

(Personal ads only, not businesses thanks)

(Deliver your ads to the shop/PO or to Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings together with payment of £2 for up to 25 words.)

None this month - so look in your cupboards for something to include next.

RNLI House to house and Flag Day collection update

This is an up-date on the notice in the May issue.

A further £130.81 (village collections) was received but too late for me to make the copy date for the May issue. Figures in brackets are last year's totals.

The total house-to-house amount for all areas was £4471.27 (£4542.28).

The overall total (Flag Day and villages) was £5470.59 (£5471.87). As you see, only £1.28 less than last year. This was an excellent result – particularly since five collectors had to withdraw from the flag day collection at short notice.

Thanks again everyone.

Bob McCulloch



LATE NEWS FROM SEEND WI

Our May meeting commenced with a minutes silence for Meriel Taylor who died in April. She was a longstanding member of Seend WI and had been the Secretary for several years. This was followed by an very interesting talk by Steve Vaux about the USA National Parks he had visited. He gave us a presentation of amazing photographs and fascinating facts which was much enjoyed by everybody.

The competition 'A Holiday Souvenir' was won by Caroline Bowen.

Our next meeting on 11th June will be devoted entirely to discussing the future of the Rusty Lane site. To this end members were handed a discussion document setting out in detail the five options with the pros and cons of each option to help us reach an informed decision about what to do with the site. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend this meeting as the outcome will affect us all.

Our new President Sarah and her committee are always happy to welcome new members.

Susan Bolton

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

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 - Sarah Todhunter on 828730

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.

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| 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