

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



APRIL 2013

DIARY DATES FOR LATE MARCH

- 27th Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 27th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm
- 29th Good Friday – Children's Workshops in Seend Church 10am & see Church Services on page 8
- 31st Easter Day - see Church Services on page 8

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 1st Great Bulkington Railway, 1-4.30pm
- 3rd Shuttle Shopping trip – (call 01380 828118 by Monday 1st to book)
- 3rd Seend Acoustic Club, The Drystones, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.45 for 8pm
- 6th Quiz Night, Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 8th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 9th Gardening Club AGM and Social
- 13th LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY SPOTLIGHT
- 13th Organ Recital, Holy Cross Church Seend, 7pm
- 17th Seend Acoustic Club, The Bateleurs, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.45 for 8pm
- 18th Wessex Fuchsia Group, The Pavilion, 7.45pm
- 21st Seend Ramblers – depart from Rusty Lane 9.30am
- 22nd Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 23rd Shakespeare's Birthday & St George's Day, Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 24th Nosh & Natter lunch, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 25th Meeting about changes to Seend Church, 7.45pm in the Church
- 30th Start of 3-a-Side Skittles competition, Community Centre, 8pm

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 2nd County and Parish elections
- 4th Beer Festival, Community Centre 12 noon-11pm
- 12th Bulkington Open Gardens, 2-6pm
- 15th Historic Houses Club outing to Montacute House
- 20th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington

Newcomer to Seend?

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

Welcome to April Spotlight

Our choice of cover picture this month indicates the fact that we have absolutely no idea what April will throw at us weather-wise this year. Two years ago we sizzled, one year ago we were soaked. So who knows? At the time of writing it looks like this year we could freeze.



Fingers crossed that we will get enough decent weather to get stuck into some gardening, and maybe a few outings to see spring flowers in other, statelier, gardens. Sporty types will be keeping a close eye on the weather too, as the tennis and cricket seasons begin.

While many of you will spend much of early April finishing off those Easter eggs (a favourite time of year for all chocoholics) you can also indulge in an Easter Great Bulkington Railway ride on 1st April. Next comes a real treat at Acoustic Club; those of you who heard the talented young musicians The Drystones play at last year's Beer Festival will want to hear them again upstairs in the Community Centre at 8pm on 3rd April. Then there's the monthly shopping trip, the Grand Springtime Quiz, Saint George and Saint Shakespeare celebrations, organ recital, lunch club, rambling, skittles (with or without the beer) and plenty more.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the May issue (**copy deadline 13 April**) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Sue Isaac on 828461. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO. Sasha Heseltine – sfheseltine@gmail.com - deals with advertising queries.

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

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Village events in April and beyond

(see page 10 for Bulkington events)

Grand Springtime Quiz Night

Saturday 6th April 7.45pm in Seend Community Centre

Teams of four - £2 per head entry

Cash 1st prize + other prizes, including best team name!

Licensed bar and interval snacks available

Call 01380 828617 to book a table.



Seend Acoustic Club

Upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 7.45 for 8pm

Admission includes a free chocolate!

Wednesday 3rd April - The teenage duo who amazed us all at last year's Beer Festival; not to be missed - **The Drystones** - entry £4

Wednesday 17th April – Folk/rock band **The Bateleurs**, entry £3
plus support acts and floor spots – all welcome!



Tickets for ** SEEND ACOUSTIC FESTIVAL ** on 6th and 7th September now available online or by phoning 01380 827041.

Buy now for early bird discount!

See www.seendacoustic.org and www.seendacousticfestival.org for further info

ORGAN RECITAL

Saturday 13th April at 7 pm

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, SEEND, WILTSHIRE

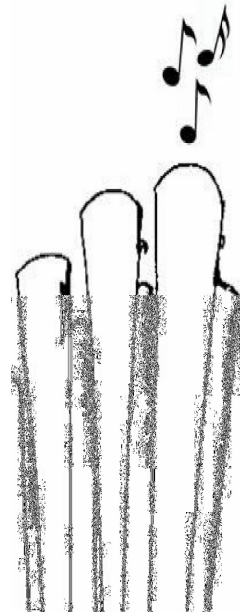
Featuring Gary Cook

a local Church Organist and Church Organ Builder
performing music by:

Bach, Handel, Schumann and more

Tickets £7.50 including a glass of wine/juice
Available on the door, from Seend Post Office
or Tina Yockney 01380 827139

In Aid of the Friends of Holy Cross Church

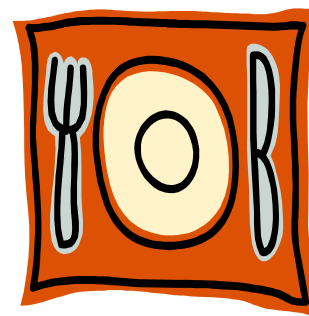


Nosh & Natter Lunch Club

Wednesday April 24th, 12 for 12.30pm

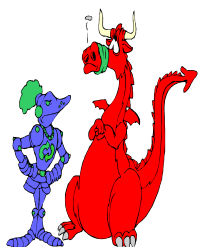
Please phone 828540 to book a place in advance.

(If you can spare half a day once a month and would like to help with cooking, serving or washing up for Nosh & Natter, please contact Lilian Smallshaw on 828540 or Pauline Robertson on 828638.)



St George's Day & Shakespeare's Birthday joint celebration

Tuesday 23rd April at 7.45pm in Seend Community Centre



Cold buffet supper plus words from Seend Fawty Shakespeareans and music from the Seend Singers.



Tickets £6 (£5 Seend Club members) available from
Seend Community Centre, Seend Shop/PO
or phone 01380 828617.

Please book early as, if numbers dictate, we may move from the upstairs room to the main hall.



Sunday 21st April in The Brewery Inn St. George's Day Celebrations

2 course lunch for only £8.95

Roast Beef with all the trimmings and
home-made traditional trifle.

(Vegetarian option available on request. Please state when booking.)

To please call 01380 828463. Dress code: Red and white.



The Brewery Inn Monthly Fun Quiz!

Wednesday 24th April. 8pm start. All welcome.

Will you be the brains of The Brewery?





Seend Three-a-Side Skittles Competition

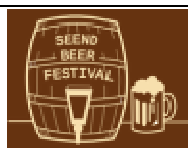
It's that time of the year again - the return of the three-a-side skittles at Seend Community Centre, running this year from 30th April to June 25th inclusive. The competition is in its 32nd year and still going strong.

Attracting regular skittlers, part timers and newcomers alike, it's an opportunity to practise your skittling skills as well as partaking of the refreshments on offer at the bar and meeting like-minded people for a social evening and maybe even win a prize (maybe the raffle).

Last year's winning team was captained by Russell Collins, ably assisted by Messrs Wiltshire John Sr, John Jr and Mark (yes that's four, you can play as many as you like but just three in each game) .

Anybody wishing to take part in this year's competition should pop into the Community Centre and pick up an entry form. Entry fee is £7.50 per team (all to the prize fund). Anyone new to the game who doesn't know their spares from their floppers could call in at the Community Centre during the evening and I'm sure we will be able to arrange a trial run.

Thanks, Paul.
pawaylen@aol.com



Seend Beer Festival

Saturday 4th May - Noon till 11pm

It hardly seems possible, but we are approaching that time again. Hard work organising entertainment, food and, of course the dirty work of sampling beers is already underway!!!

Remember this is a ticket only event and you will be taking a risk if you do not buy in advance.

Tickets are on sale in Seend – at the Post Office, The Brewery Inn and the Community Centre - and are available online from 1st April 2013!

Beer drinkers tickets are £10.00 to include a glass and 2 beer tokens. Entry for non beer drinkers is £5 and are available on the day (please note these are not available in advance)

Online tickets (www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk) will attract an additional £1 booking fee.

So no excuses – get your tickets now!!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Elections : Parish and County : 2nd May 2013

Please note that the **Polling Station for Seend** has changed and will be in the Kennet Room on the ground floor of the Community Centre instead of in the Irene Usher Pavilion. This avoids having to evict the Playgroup. See you there.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Wiltshire Council Unitary Elections and Town and Parish Council Elections

Thursday 2nd May 2013

Elections will be held for all the seats for all the town and parish councils within Wiltshire Council authority on Thursday 2nd May 2013. Elections will also take place for all 98 Unitary Divisions of the Wiltshire Council authority on the same day. All candidates (including existing councillors) will need to complete and return a nomination pack.

Forms for nomination can be downloaded from the Wiltshire Council website at: [http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/elections/forthcoming elections/unitary and parish elections.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/elections/forthcoming%20elections/unitary%20and%20parish%20elections.htm)

From the Reception Desk at the following Wiltshire Council offices:

- Snuff Street, Devizes
- Monkton Park, Chippenham
- 27-29 Milford Street, Salisbury
- County Hall, Trowbridge

By telephoning Electoral Services on 0300 456 0112 to request forms to be sent by post.

Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer no later than **NOON on Friday, 5th April 2013.**

Advance Notice: 'Ride and Stride' event

Are you looking for an event that will get you fitter and raise some much needed funds to maintain our historic church buildings? Then participate in this year's Ride and Stride event on Saturday 14th September. The idea is to ride your bike (or walk) to as many churches as you can during the day and get sponsored for doing so. Half the funds raised go to the participant's own church and the other half to go the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Please contact your churchwarden if you would like to participate and to get more information.



ADVANCE NOTICE OF SEEND OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June 2013

It's that time of year again for the many kind garden owners to open their gardens in Seend and their support is so much appreciated. Gardens of all shapes and sizes are to be seen, and for those who would like to participate and haven't done so before, or for any other query, please contact Tina Yockney on 827139.

This is a hugely popular event attracting visitors far and wide and subsequently raises much needed funds for Seend Church.

Teas are held in The Pavilion and all volunteers to help either to bake cakes or to assist on the day will be welcomed with open arms. Again please contact Tina on the above number.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Maureen's Ramblings.....

Agatha Christie's play "The Mousetrap" opened in the West End in 1952. 63 years!! It keeps going because there is a general agreement that those who have seen in will not tell others **who dunnit!** If everyone knew the ending then it would not be so good or interesting. I hate it when people tell me how a film or a book ends. It spoils it for me – I no longer want to read the book or watch the film. This is one of the problems of Easter, the Festival we have just celebrated. We know the end of the story. We know what happens to Jesus. We know that he does not end up dead and in the tomb forever, but that he rises from the dead. This is good news. It is astounding news. It is wonderful news. But because we know the ending and we are so used to the story, we stop being surprised by God at Easter. The Easter message has become rather unimportant and maybe even irrelevant to us. There is a tendency to think, "*So what?*"

I want to challenge the "*So what?*" Our world is not always a happy or hopeful place. Life is painful and difficult for so many people. I doubt if there is one home in our area that has not had some experience of suffering and pain, some "*Good Friday*" experience. Maybe when I mention the love of the Risen Christ you will say "*So what?*" You may be feeling that it's always Good Friday, but *Sunday is coming!*

'It's Friday. Jesus was nailed dead on a cross.

... but Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. Mary's crying her eyes out 'cause her baby Jesus is dead.

... but Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. The disciples are running in every direction like sheep without a shepherd.

... but Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. Pilate's strutting around, washing his hands 'cause he thinks he's got all the power and the victory.

... but Sunday's coming.

It's Friday. People are saying, "As things have been, so shall they always be. You can't change anything in this world."

... but Sunday's coming.

It's Sunday. The angel, like dazzling lightning, rolled the stone away, exclaiming, "He is not here! He is risen!"

It's Sunday! It's Sunday! It's Sunday!'

(Unknown author)

The disciples on that first Easter morning did not know the end of the story.

Easter was over for them as it is now for us. Jesus was dead and that was that.

Their experience was of endings, despair, death, hopelessness and grief.

Resurrection! This just wasn't possible! I wonder if this is how you feel? Maybe your faith has been wounded? Maybe all you can see is death, all you feel is despair and emptiness? Maybe your tears, or the mists that have surrounded your heart, have blinded you to the great truth of the Christian faith or have stopped you believing the possibility that **Christ is risen! He is here! Alleluia!**

Easter gives us the hope that these Good Friday experiences in our lives are not the last word. In the risen Jesus, there is light in the darkness. There is hope for the hopeless. There is love for the unloved. There is peace for the disturbed.

There is a rainbow in the rain. Laughter does follow tears. There is new life following death. Emptiness and despair was not the end of the story for those first disciples, nor is it for us. Jesus came to them just as he still comes to us, time after time, whispering our name and offering us his love. I hope you have had a great Easter. If not, it will be here again in 2014 and again and again.....

The Revd. Maureen Allchin. Assistant Priest

Changes at Seend Church

Last month we reported that the Parochial Church Council was planning some changes to the church and that a public meeting would be held to share these plans with interested members of the village. The main drivers of the planned changes are to bring water to the church and with that some basic kitchen facilities and a toilet, both of which are much needed for larger events. Also, to improve disabled access within the church and to create a more flexible space. We are still a long way from starting work on the planned changes but we are much closer than we have ever been to achieving our goals and would now like to share our plans with you. If you are interested in finding out more please come to an open evening at the church at 7.45pm on Thursday 25th April. There will be a short presentation, a display of the plans, and an opportunity to ask questions.

Seend Churchwardens

From Reverend Renee Coulson

“So where’s the Vicar off to this year ?”

Lots of people have been asking me since my return from Tamil Nadu last November if I am planning another long-distance walk this year. Well, I’m booked for a trip to South Sudan, along with four or five other women, partly representing the charity CRESS (Christian Relief and Education in South Sudan), and partly Mothers’ Union. And yes, please, I will be **looking for sponsorship**, as usual. I know money is very tight at the moment but if everyone in our villages gave only £1 a head, that would amount to a lot! And again, as usual, I will be paying all my own expenses. As part of my sponsorship drive, I will be taking a skydive on Friday 7th June, somewhere near Swindon. Crazy? Well, considering I pale at the thought of fairground rides, this will prove to be a huge challenge for me, despite the fact that I’ll be attached to a strapping man when I take the plunge! Monies raised will be shared between Wiltshire Air Ambulance and CRESS. I will also match your gifts by making a personal donation of up to £500 to Seend School’s building fundraising appeal. Please look at CRESS’s webpage – it’s a very good one so please support me and make the jump worthwhile! Sponsorship forms in church, Seend Post Office, through the Vicarage letterbox or a churchwarden in an envelope marked with your name please. Cash up front would save me a lot of time and trouble later, gift-aided to either charity, if possible. Thanks ... and every blessing this Easter and always.

Renée

Church Services in April

Sunday 7th April

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

Sunday 14th April

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| 8.00 am | BCP Holy Communion | at Seend |
| 9.30 am | Matins | at Poulshot |
| 11.15 am | Parish Communion | at Seend |
| 6.00 pm | Evensong | at Bulkington |
| (followed by APCM) | | |

Sunday 21st April

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| 8.00 am | BCP Holy Communion | at Seend |
| 9.30 am | Parish Communion | at Bulkington |
| 11.15 am | Parish Communion | at Seend |
| 6.00 pm | Evensong | at Poulshot |
| (followed by APCM) | | |

Sunday 28th April

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

From Roy

There is nothing more delightful on a summer evening than to hear a blackbird singing. Perched on a chimney pot or on a fence post, he sings for all his worth. It is as if he is saying that this is what I am here for. I am here to sing my heart out and sing I will. It is my vocation. It is my passion.

I am sure that you all know people who have passions like that too. They come alive when they are out helping on a preserved steam railway. They become totally engaged when they are quilting. And it doesn't really matter whether anyone else is interested in what captivates them. When they are about their passion, they feel totally alive. They too may sense that this is what I am here to be. What is your passion?

A blackbird has a vocation to sing? A quilter has a vocation to stitch. What does it mean to be truly human? What are we all here for? We might all answer this differently if we answer this in terms of our work or our hobbies. What, as a blackbird appears to be made to sing, are meant to be the defining characteristics of us all? I believe I would answer this as a generosity of love, a deep desire for justice, and a passion for peace. This is what we are here for. It flows from our creation in God's image.

This is a breathtaking vocation. Sadly, loving, acting justly and seeking peace is not as simple for us as singing on summer evening is for a blackbird. We find we can never live up to our vocation. We have just celebrated Easter, where on the cross, God in Christ answered the hurt and the shame of our broken vocation. In Christ's passion, we find the renewal of our passion. And in the surprising re-birth of Easter, we too are reborn to be our true selves: full of generous love, longing for justice, and passionate for peace. We are fully alive.

Easter joy to you all.



SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL

Methodist Services for April 2013

14th April – 10am Rev D Whittall

21st April – 10.30am Villages Together at Whitley Methodist Chapel, Mrs P Clarke

28th April – 10am Rev Roy Fowler with Holy Communion..

Everyone always welcome

BULKINGTON NEWS

Bulkington Open Gardens

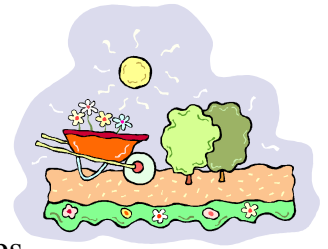
Sunday 12th May 2013, 2-6pm

Village Gardens in the Spring

There will be floral displays in the Church, train rides
by kind permission of Nev Boulton and refreshments in the village hall.

Lovely village gardens of all styles to view and be inspired by.

Proceeds to Bulkington in Bloom and Christ Church Bulkington



Devizes Food Bank Collection Point

There is a box at the back of the church for donations of non-perishable food for the Devizes Food Bank.

GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY - Easter Monday



For over 20 years the GBR has had the pleasure of 'playing open house' at least twice a year and offering rides behind our coal fired steam and electrically powered diesel outline miniature railway locomotives. This year (regardless of the weather) will be no exception when, supported by the West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers, we open for business on the afternoon of 1st April, from about 1 - 4.30pm. This fine sit-on-and-ride miniature railway is around 1000 feet long, has a 40 foot long tunnel and a proper signalling system to control the trains and ensure the safety of their operation.

Teas and sticky buns will be available in the Village Hall. We are located on the corner of Mill Lane, next to Bulkington Village Hall. Please park on one side of the lane. Don't forget to bring the children Dad!

Nev Boulton, Station Master GBR.

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL – Hire Charges

Polished wood floor area approx. 6m x 8m. Max capacity 60 with tables and chairs for 60 persons. Electric heating – £1coins. Kitchen with kettles, microwave, hot plates cutlery & china. M & F (disabled) toilets. Limited car parking.

Up to 2 hours (Regular Booking) - £8

Up to 2 hours (Casual Booking) - £9

2 to 4 hours (Casual Booking) - £10

All Day (Casual Booking) - £15 (Wakes & Parties)

All Day (Regular Booking) -£11

The hall may be hired for children's birthday parties (all Day) with two hours of train rides (about 170 rides) on the Great Bulkington Railway for £80.

Contact Roger Futter on 01380 828 485 or Nev Boulton on 01380 828 101.

Bulkington Village Hall Committee. March 2013

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



SEEND FETE SATURDAY 10th AUGUST 2013

Plans for a fantastic fete are forging ahead!

You can donate items to the White Elephant stall at any time.

Just give Trevor Payne a call on 07501 298819 to arrange delivery. And of course we're always happy to receive tombola and grand draw prizes so if you have anything special please remember us.

Also, if you'd like to volunteer to man a stall, even if it's only for an hour, then please contact Jo Sutton via email at joanna_sutton@hotmail.com or call her on 828586.

More next month on the entertainment we have in store!

SEEND SHUTTLE



To book your place on the monthly First Wednesday shopping trip on 3rd April, please ring Stephen on 828118 by Monday 1st. Thanks.

You can find the Shuttle timetable on www.seend.org.uk

SEEND WI

The March WI evening was a small gathering to hear Louise Jameson Hull, an Osteopath from Melksham. We learned that our posture had a great deal to do with our health; some small changes and gentle exercises could result in pain relief and better health.



Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 10th April when we will be holding our AGM followed by a Quiz Night. Visitors are always welcome.

All meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise notified. For more information please contact Gill Acornley on 01225 707218 or check the website www.seendwi.weebly.com

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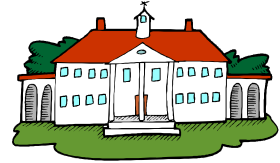


It looks like we will be able to give Alzheimers Support in Trowbridge £225 from the proceeds of our pantomime in February. Thanks to those of you who supported us and made this possible.

By the way, the person who actually got missed out of the programme for helping with make-up was Kath Steggall. Apologies and thanks to her. Thanks also to Roger and Angela Calcutt for making the excellent DVD recording, which the cast have since watched and much enjoyed.

SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

Important correction;



- Wed 15th May: Montacute House, Magnificent glittering, 16th century Mansion
- Wed 12th June: Tredegar House. One of the most significant late 17th century houses in the British Isles.
- Sun 28th July: Crofton Beam Engine & Wilton Windmill. Steam up day on 1812 engine pumping water into the Kennet & Avon Canal.
- Tue 13th Aug: Westwood Manor, a beautiful and elegant Manor House. Early evening visit, followed by a pub dinner.
- September: A special outing to Blenheim Palace, open to the whole village, organised by Tina Yockney.

We have had to change some dates, because the Shuttle was not always available. I am still sure that we have an interesting year ahead, and we can look forward to our visits together.

Tony Ewin



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Sunday 24th February – Eleven hardy ramblers gathered at Great Bedwyn station for a 5 ½ mile walk, taking them along the Kennet and Avon Canal, close to the Crofton pumping station, through Wilton village and past the Wilton Windmill, the only working windmill in Wiltshire. During the walk we were entertained by an aerial flight display from a red kite soaring above us.

The weather was dry but bitterly cold. The hard frost was a blessing, helping to firm the ground in areas that would have otherwise been quite muddy. Thanks to warm clothing, most of us looking like Eskimos, were able to stay mostly warm and enjoy the bracing air and varying scenery. Thanks to both Geraldine and Brian De'Ath for their leadership.

Sunday 21st April – will be our next walk of approximately 5 ½ miles. Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9:30 a.m. departure. We will make our way by car – convoy to commence the walk from the top car park at Castle Combe. Terry and Shelia Williams will be leading this walk, which will take in the Bybrook. There are approximately 10 stiles. Bring the usual refreshments. Terry and Sheila's telephone number, should you need to contact them, is 01225 704800.

A report on the walk and AGM on 24th March will be in the next Spotlight.

Lin Salter

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Dates to Remember

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday 25th April 2013

It will be held in the lower room in the Community Centre commencing at 1930 hrs.

The **annual lecture** will take place in the Community Centre on 5th October 2013. It will be given by Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert and the subject will be "The Commonwealth War Graves Commission". A light supper will be provided, the cost of which will be in the price of the ticket.

Once again **Armed Forces Day** (30th June 2013) will be celebrated with a Drumhead Service on the Lye Field. The service will commence at 1500 hrs and will be followed by a Cream Tea for those attending.

Please put these dates in your diary.

Festival of Remembrance. The DVD of the 2012 Festival can be obtained by telephoning 0300 1239 110. The cost is £10.75 plus £2.95 postage.

On Line Project. This project needs volunteers to help people get on line. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Project Team on www.wiltshireonline.org

Defence Discount Service. This allows members of the Armed Forces, their families and Veterans to make savings when shopping on line or in the High Street. Sign up for free at <https://www.defencediscountservice.co.uk/>

County Website: Members are encouraged to look at the County Website (www.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/Wiltshire/) which gives details of all future events in the county.



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

SEEND CLUB MEMBERSHIP

This is absolutely your final reminder that if you take out or renew membership of Seend Club by 31st March, it's a whole £1 cheaper than from the 1st April! £9, or £5.50 if you're over 60 or 14- to 17-years old, buys you access to the Lounge Bar every evening, with the snooker table, darts board and big screen TV.

COMING EVENTS

As well as the dates mentioned in 'Happenings!' in February (viewable on www.seend.org.uk) and in the Events section of this magazine (Acoustic Club and Festival, Quiz Night, Nosh and Natter, St George/Shakespeare celebration, Beer Fest and Skittles) we've also fixed the date for the Wine & Food Fair - November 30th.

The 2013/14 100+ Club – what is it and why should I join?

The 100+ Club: is a village lottery, which was set up many years ago to raise funds to support the upkeep of the village-owned Lye Recreation Field and Pavilion. Membership costs **£15** per person per year (comprising a **£5** donation to the Lye Field and **£10** to be returned in prizes), and is open to anybody in the village – or out of it; your money is just as good no matter where you live! Last year - **2012/2013** - we raised just over **£999** for the Lye Field, **£820** in donations and **£179** in Gift-Aid payments, leaving **£1640** in prize money to be distributed back to subscribers via the monthly draws.

Prizes: In addition to the donation to the Lye Field, an equally important aspect of the Club is the distribution of prize money via 12 monthly prize draws with the following 6 prizes on offer each month: **£35, £30, £25, £20, £15 and £10**. In addition to these prizes, and depending on the number of subscribers, there may be more valuable prizes available at the Christmas Draw. So the more people sign up, the better are the prizes to be won – and of course the better supported is the Lye Field. For example in the **2011/2012** Christmas draw there were **10** prizes, starting with a first prize of **£75** and totalling over **£450**! Since **2002**, membership has increased from **142** to **195**, and in this period **145** members have won at least once, so you can see that the odds of winning are pretty high.

Why I should join: Principally, to support the Lye Field and Pavilion which are owned by the village – that means you and me - for the use and enjoyment of everyone in the community. The upkeep is managed by volunteers who give their time and expertise free, but materials and equipment need to be paid for. Joining the **100+Club** is therefore a very good way to support a fabulous amenity, while at the same time giving yourself a sporting chance of recouping your stake – or even more! How often in life does this happen?

How do I join: Anyone can apply for a subscription, and you can buy as many subscriptions as you like – the more you have, the better your chances of winning, and the more support we receive. Membership runs from **May 1st** to **April 30th** each year, and application forms for **2013/2014** including Gift-aid certificates will be distributed to everyone with next month's Spotlight, but if you can't wait until then phone me or email me – details below – and I will personally deliver the form to your house, wait for you to complete it and collect your subscriptions!

Last year our numbers were a little down on previous years, so this year we're hoping to get back close to the magic 200!

So don't delay, and sign up today for membership of this really worthwhile Club!

Bernie Prolze
Tel: 01380 828391; email: bjprolze@uko2.co.uk



SEEND FLOWER SHOW 10TH AUGUST 2013

Seend Flower Show is gearing up for its 64th year - and it is going to be a good event.

Providing, of course, that you support it by entering your fluffy scones, your wonderful flower arrangement, your biggest marrow, your luscious tomatoes, your – well almost everything is catered for in the scheduled list of classes; you are bound to find a class that would take your endeavours whether horticultural, craft or home produce. There are more classes this year than before. You can get a sneak preview of the schedule at our new web site at <http://www.seend.org.uk/fshow>. There will be available a free paper version of the schedule, entry form, and programme later.

New Vegetable & Fruit classes of Section A are 'Potatoes Coloured Skin' and 'Potatoes Coloured Eyes' to replace 'Potatoes Coloured'; 'Peas Regular' and 'Peas Mangetout' to replace 'Peas'; 'Elephant Garlic'; 'Lettuce Looseleaf'; 'Climbing French/Italian Beans'; 'Any Other Vegetable'; and 'Gooseberries'. Deleted is the Sweet Corn class. The order of some classes has been changed to put related topics together.

Equally important to the exhibitors is the crowd of spectators who come to see the lovely results of all that hard work. We hope that if you have been a spectator in previous shows then we shall see you again this year; but haven't you thought 'I could do as well as that'? I'm sure you have, because this is not a show for professionals but for ordinary village folk. Sometimes an exhibit looks 'ordinary' and yet is the result and pride of diligent work so don't think that your effort would not be worthy of an entry. Come on, let's have it in the show. Mind you, I do think that sometimes my exhibits are there so that all the other entries in the class look good!

Brian Jaques

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting, on 9th April, is our AGM and social evening. We will be having Gardeners Question Time after the business with a mystery panel so have your questions ready! As usual we would like contributions of food even if you haven't signed the list and there will, of course, be wine available.



Our evening walk this year will be on June 11th. We are going to Windmill Cottage in Lavington, followed by a pub meal. If you haven't yet had the information sheet, please let me know and I will get one to you. They will be available at the AGM as well. Sue Jones will have fuchsia plugs for sale ready for our Flower Show entry and Jackie will have the information available for the trip to Kew on 13th July.

Our speaker this month was Mike Burgess who gave a clear and concise talk on growing soft fruit, with good photographs to illustrate each point, particularly pruning. Plant all soft fruit with lots of good compost or manure and mulch with fresh after pruning. Blackcurrants are pruned to encourage new growth from the base because the fruit grows on new wood. White and red currants and gooseberries are pruned by shortening growth to produce shoots on existing branches, as they fruit on old wood. Summer fruiting raspberries have their old canes cut out after fruiting leaving the new ones for next year and Autumn fruiting raspberries simply have all canes cut down in late Autumn to produce more canes for the next year (generally in all the wrong places). Cut off unwanted strawberry runners and also dead leaves after fruiting.

Lastly, we had some lovely entries for our Spring Bulb show which really cheered up that end of the room!

Sue.



Wessex Fuchsia Group

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

April 18th – Brian Carlson from Cullumpton. Brian is retired horticultural teacher and extremely knowledgeable on all plants and growing techniques including fuchsias. He will give us a talk on “Fuchsias”.

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

It's been a shorter term than usual at Seend School but we've still managed to fit lots of exciting activities in!

Holly Class parents were invited in to the classroom to share with the children information about their jobs. Last week's visit was from Mrs Steel from the opticians and this week was the turn of Mr Bown who came in to talk to the children about saving water.

Oak Class have continued to learn about the Victorians and treated their parents and the rest of the school to an assembly all about life as a Victorian child. With a mixture of song, dance, poetry, arts and facts they demonstrated how much they have learnt this term.

Chestnut Class are still enjoying learning about Africa and are now taking part in weekly African drumming lessons led by Mr Garcia from Wiltshire Music Service. They also took part in a lesson from Secondary School art teacher Mrs Sam Butter on Monday 25th March. Sam, from Melksham Oak Community School, taught a lesson on Batik, which supported the unit of work on African textiles and resist methods.

Sycamore Class continue to be enthusiastic about their topic on Rainforests. They have been learning about countries in South American and using the



computers to carry out their research and to help them present their findings. The children have also been updating their class page of our new school website so if you haven't had a look yet then please do as it's fantastic!
www.seendschool.com

A big thank you to Lyndsay Moon who has given up so much of her time in making our website. Anyone interested in having a website designed for them can go to **www.lyndsaysmoon.com**

Thank you to all the people who supported the Chocolate Bingo on Friday 8th March. It was so great to see so many families there. A special thank you to Chris Butter, one of our parent governors, for organising this. Thank you also to Thomas and Jess Smith who organised ALL the events for Comic Relief. There was a Chocolate Cake 'Bake Off' and children enjoyed buying cakes to have with their lunch.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Head

SEEND SCHOOL PARENT SOCIAL CLUB

We now have a new Secretary, Sally Anne Bown and a new Treasurer from September, Charlotte Watts.

Textile Collection – Thank you to everyone who donated clothing , shoes and soft toys. Another collection has been booked for 11 November.

Easter Raffle– An Easter Raffle took place on the last day of term – Thursday 21 March. Children were invited to choose their lucky number for 50p and four prizes were drawn out after the Easter Bonnet parade at 9.00am.

May Fair – Saturday 18 May, 2 – 4 pm – That time of year has come around very quickly. Please feel free to come along, spend some money and have Fun! There will be stalls, games, raffle, food and refreshments - in fact, something for everyone. Please come along and support us.

Thursday 23 May – Cake Stall in the Brittox – Yet again we would like to ask everyone if they would be willing to donate a cake or home produce for our table top sale in Devizes. If you feel that for whatever reason, you are unable to make a cake, donations of ingredients are always gratefully received by the busy band of mums who do!

Saturday 22 June - Quiz Evening with Cheese and Wine. More details to follow shortly, but please put the date in your diary for what will be a great evening.

NEXT MEETINGS – 7 pm The Bell – Thursday 11 April and Tuesday 7 May. All are welcome

Seend School 100 Club: We are looking for someone to take over the running of the 100 club as Victoria, who has looked after it very well for the last two years now feels it is time for someone else to take over. If you would be interested, please contact Victoria direct.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

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

The meeting held on **Tuesday 26th February** was attended by 10 Councillors with Mr. J. Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from PCSO Rose Baldock, Cllr J Seed and Mrs L Waylen.

Exiting from Weavers Cottages onto A361 – Mr & Mrs N Borwell

Mr and Mrs Borwell wanted to draw this matter to the attention of the Parish Council. They explained that it is difficult to exit at this point as it is not possible to see to the right, and it is necessary to stop and listen, but there is still the possibility that there could be a collision with a cyclist. The problem is exacerbated by vans being parked on the pavement, blocking visibility to the left as well. They have spoken to Highways who advise that they are unable to do anything, and have advised them to phone 121 and call the Police to complain when vans are parked on the pavement, however, this is not a satisfactory solution to the problem. There was a general discussion about possible solutions to the problem, including installing double yellow lines to stop vans parking on the pavement; it was not possible to use the small car park opposite The Bell. Mr Murch suggested that the Parish Council request a site meeting with Highways, Wadworths, the Police and Cllr Seed. The Clerk to contact these parties to arrange. It was agreed it would be useful to know who owns the land that comprises the small car park, this information should be available from either Wiltshire Council or the Land Registry.

Freight Survey on A361 – The Cabinet Member's Decision relating to the proposals on freight management on the A361 has been called in for scrutiny. Email received from Cllr Seed today; Cllr Seed advises that this does not relate to the actual decision, but to the process. Mr Murch asked that the PC notes in Spotlight should reflect that the PC will continue to pursue HGV traffic management measures along the A361 as it passes through Seend.

Drains in Inmarsh – the Clerk asked whether there was any significant improvement to the drains in Inmarsh. Mr Manning said that it was hard to tell as there had not been any heavy rain. Mrs A'Bear said that she believes that a drain is actually broken beneath the road surface and this is causing the problem. Highways to be asked to investigate.

Winter Emergency Response Plan – Phone call received from Simon Rowe; the severe weather response plan has been re-sent to him at Wiltshire Council, and he will advise machinery costs and the farmer's list in due course. Sarah Peterson who came to the PC meeting left Wiltshire Council suddenly and things have fallen behind.

Lorries in Row Lane – Email received from Kate Davey, Wiltshire Council are happy with the condition of the weight limit signs at each end of Row Lane, but

they will also install “Unsuitable for wide vehicle signs”. Work will take up to eight weeks to complete.

Metro counts, Seend Cleeve & High Street – Four volunteers have now been identified (need 6). Email sent to Alison Sullivan to ask for details of the scheme, the time taken to train, and how much time will volunteers spend on monitoring traffic etc. A further notice has been placed in Spotlight asking for volunteers.

Inmarsh Lane give-way lines at western end – email from Stuart Renfrew, to advise that he has found the markings to be in reasonable condition.

Drains in Inmarsh – Parish Steward has been re-advised about drains in Seend Cleeve, Row Lane and the High Street, also a litter pick along A361 from The Bell to Baldham Mill. The drain issues have been referred to Andy Cadwallader, no response yet received re. litter pick.

Allotments – The reflective strips for the barrier have not yet been obtained. The meter at the allotments has been checked and there does not appear to be a leak, the water to be switched back on and another check made for a leak.

Planning – Little Foxes – The next Planning Committee meetings are scheduled for 14 March, 4 April and 25 April, but the agenda is not yet up on the Wiltshire Council website. A request has been received from parishioners that a member of the PC attends the Planning Committee to speak when the application is considered. Mr Nichols agreed to attend.

Vehicles parked by The Barge – These seemed to disappear for two or three weeks, but have now re-appeared. An enquiry has been sent to Community Police about controlling parking in this area. An enquiry also to be made to Wadworths to see if they can assist, and to the Canal Trust to see if they can offer parking along the service road they own that runs adjacent to the canal.

Canal – boat movements – Email received from Geoffrey Walters, enforcement officer, Canal River Trust to advise that routine monitoring takes place on a frequent basis and boat movements are logged. However, in winter craft do get stuck between areas of operation unable to move, and recent engineering works at Lock 19 above the Barge Inn have also over run which was unexpected.

Bollands Hill – Email from Stuart Renfrew who advises that he has inspected this area and agrees that there are a number of gully gratings buried under soil and leaf mulch. He has raised a works instruction to clear these deposits and infill the overrun. He does not have any immediate safety concerns. Once the drain covers are cleared, they will decide which require clearance or jetting.

A361 The Bell to The Stocks – Email from Mark Stansby to advise that the metal posts were last used by the Camera Safety Unit to display a speed camera sign. He suggests that the Parish Steward be asked to remove them on his next visit.

Seend Shuttle: There had been an open meeting on 12th February which both Mr Manning and Mr Murch had attended. The Shuttle Committee Chairman had outlined the problems experienced, especially with the bank accounts and understanding the accounts spreadsheet. They had agreed they needed a simpler accounting system, and had contacted Holt Community Bus committee as they use a manual system. Frank Marshall has agreed to audit the accounts and explain the accounts to a new Treasurer. Graham Hamblin is to contact Wiltshire Council to see if they can assist with obtaining a quote for a new bus because they have greater buying power. It was agreed that the Shuttle Committee would need to advertise for somebody to undertake the bus accounts as a paid position.

Village Promotion: Mr Johnson advised that he had made enquiries about grant funding for the village website project, but had been told that funding was only available for small projects costing up to £350. The Clerk offered to build a website and show the webmaster how to update it. Mr Johnson has now obtained four planters and compost in readiness for planting out, and also obtained sponsors. Highways had been approached for advice on positioning of planters. Mr Johnson suggested that small plastic plaques be affixed, showing the names of the sponsors.

Planning Matters

E/2013/0158/FUL Wiltshire House, High Street
New detached swimming pool building

E/2013/0161/TPO 2 Somerset Close
Works to trees

Following discussion, Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the above two applications.

A Councillor had a query about works currently being undertaken at 19 Seend Cleeve, and asked whether Planning Permission had been sought. The Clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer.

Conservation Area – Mr Manning suggested that the PC should be proactive in helping to protect the village's skyline, and it was agreed to see if the Conservation Area could be extended northwards, although this had been refused when requested a few years ago. The Clerk to ask Cllr Seed if there was any action that could be taken.

Bus shelter at Sells Green – it was noted that this was progressing well.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 26th March 2013 commencing at 7.30pm.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Full copies of Parish Council meeting minutes can be found on
www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Closure of the C20.

N.B. We had received notice of the closure of the C20 for demolition of the railway bridge and building of replacement stretch of road starting on 8th April, but this has been postponed. Look on noticeboards for info.

Community Speedwatch

Are you interested in helping to keep traffic speed down in Seend? If so, could you spare time to volunteer for Community Speedwatch? This will entail training by the police in order to log the speed of vehicles passing through the village. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Rosemary Fisher on 01380 828281 or email owletts@care4free.net

Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed

As the local elections approach on **Thursday 2nd May** things change at Wiltshire Council. We have just had our Council Budget setting meeting and the Council has decided on a Council Tax Freeze for the fourth consecutive year. This is clearly good news for Council Tax payers locally and it was interesting that there were no alternative budget proposals or ideas presented on the Budget by the opposition and it all went through very smoothly. The last Council meeting of a Council term is always tinged with sadness as that is where retiring Councillors say farewell and are thanked for their service to the Council and their community. Wiltshire Council has lost the services of several well respected Members who have each served over a quarter of a century as Councillors and the Council will miss their wise advice and contributions. This year will also see elections for all Town and Parish Councils in Wiltshire and this is a mammoth task for the Wiltshire Council Electoral Services staff to undertake and will be one of the biggest elections in the country.

The business of the Council now enters what is known as a period of “purdah” which means that until after the Election no policy decisions that may affect voters views on the Council can be made unless they are made with all party agreement. Councillors also remain in office until they are either re-elected or replaced on 2nd May. As for the future, as soon as the election results are known each Party will hold a meeting of its newly elected Members and elect a Leader. The Leader of the Party with a majority of seats on the Council will appoint a Cabinet and seats in the new Council’s Committees will be allocated by the Party Leaders based on their share of Councillors. This will all be confirmed at the first meeting of the new Council on 14th May and then the business of governing Wiltshire can continue.



Seend Cricket Club

With all of the recent cold weather, it is hard to believe that the new cricket season is but a few weeks away, and once again we are all looking forward to a full season, and hopefully not decimated by the bad weather that blighted most of last season. A full fixture list has been arranged, with the first match taking place on 21st April. Any newcomers to the village who wish to play will be made most welcome, we play 40 over friendly matches on Sundays, in a competitive spirit of course. The membership is a modest £20-00 for adults and £10-00 for juniors. If the past 2 or 3 seasons is anything to go by, then we have quite a lot of skilful players in the team, and it is to be hoped that those members will be continuing with us. Anyone wishing to play or support the club in any way, should contact Brian Hunt on 01380 828581, or John Wiltshire on 07791 144248.

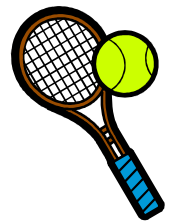
The usual wicket preparation will take place on Sunday, 7th April at 10am.

Brian Hunt, Chairman Seend Cricket Club

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Tennis: Chair Elaine Davis

We have just about come to the end of the Mixed Doubles Winter League where we had mixed fortunes whilst retaining the club's place in division two. The summer league will be starting in late April when we will be entering two mixed doubles teams along with a men's doubles and a women's doubles team. The matches will be every week from April to August so if anyone out there feels that they are ready and match fit we would love to hear from you. Just telephone Ric Ellinger on 828683.



Short Mat Bowls : Secretary in a State - Colin Waldeck

Whilst the rest of us have enjoyed a quiet winter doing very little sport and pretending that we are regulars down at the gym, Colin and the boys have been out there on the mat leading the way. Colin has also gone back to the University of The Third Age to study accounting, of the turf variety that is.



The team's results speak for themselves and if there is any space at the end of this section I will try to put them in.

I have been given strict instructions to avoid any mention of penalty points, smoke of whatever colour or processed food but I can at least thank Colin for his tip for the Gold Cup which had me hastily calling in at the local bookbinders and placing "a monkey on the nose" of Colin's recommendation which, he told me, came from a man who knew someone who had once been on the same bus as a chap whose cousin thought he recognised, in a crowd, another who bore a remarkable similarity to one of the stablelad's friends. What I was told was a dead cert.

Unfortunately Wayward Prince did not bring home the bacon for me, for all I know he is still out there! The National is on 6th April and I am confident that Colin will ignore this early setback in his new career as a tipster and be able to tell me where to put what is left of my wardrobe.

SMB Results: the team has avoided defeat in their last 5 matches with 3 wins and 2 draws. Many congratulations all round.

v Melksham and Shaw, won 6-2

v Crudwell, drew 4-4

v Kington Langley, won 6-2

v Bromham, won 6-2

v Trowbridge, drew 4-4

Seend are now second in the table meaning that they have booked a place in the League Finals Day on 28th April, a red letter day in my diary to be sure!

Football Seend United FC:

Manager Mike Hopkins: Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham.



The Seend footballers have had a great two months chalking up five victories in a row !

v North Bradley AFC in the A and B Cup won 4-3

v Melksham Town Reserves in the A and B Cup won 2-1

v Westwood News in the Knock Out Cup won 2-0

v Westbury United Reserves in the Knock Out Cup won 2-0

v Melksham Town Reserves in a league match won 2-1

The team's top scorer so far this season is Rob Manning with 10 goals followed by Nathan Walker who has netted 7.

Seend will now be playing in the semi-finals of both the Trowbridge and District League A and B Cup and the Knock Out Cup. The team are presently lying 5th in the league.

Harry Waylen's goal of the month goes to Mike Hopkin in the cup match against Melksham Reserves, Seend winning 2-0, when he lashed a 30yd drive into the top left corner leaving the goalkeeper, John Wiltshire, stranded.

Many congratulations to the whole team !

Athletics

Put a note in your diaries for Saturday 13th of July for the 32nd running of the Bishops Cannings 5000 Metre Dash which is run as part of the Bishops Cannings Fete.



Stop Press: Paris Goddard flew to Rome on 15th March and ran the Rome Marathon, his first, on St Patrick's day returning on the 18th to get on with his studies in Bristol. He was running for the cancer charity AICR and so far has raised some £1400. Many thanks to all who sponsored him.

Skittles

There are presently three Seend teams playing in the Melksham and District League. Positions and results are as follows:-

Seend A play in the Premier Division where they are 4th out of 11. They have played 60, won 36, drawn none and lost 25.

Seend C are in Division 1. They are 10th out of 11. Their best is yet to come. They have played 56, won 17, drawn 2 and lost 37.

Seend B play in Division 2 and are placed 8th out of 11. They have played 56, won 20, drawn 4 and lost 32.



Cricket: Captain John Wiltshire.

The new season for the Seend Cricket team starts on 21st April with a match against Nomads from Swindon.

Anyone keen on playing for the village please contact the captain on 07791 144248.

All results, sporting news and fixture details for next month's Spotlight to me by 12th April please. Francis I Goddard 828488 or to my iPad at frankiegoddard@gmail.com. Thanks.

(See Events section at the beginning of this magazine for details of open-to-all 3-a-side skittles competition at the Community Centre.)

PERSONAL ADS

(Small personal ads - not from businesses - can be left at the Post Office or delivered to Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings with payment of £2 please.)

Still wanted: Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area – for rent with a view to purchase. Please contact us at 108 Seend Cleeve or on 07885 103071 without any obligation at this stage. Thank you. S & J Wilfort.

Holiday Let - North Somerset Coast

Static caravan and parking space. Uninterrupted panoramic sea view. Quiet, family owned site, small indoor pool (heated), direct access to beach. Great walking country - Quantock & Brendon Hills, Dunster Castle, West Somerset Railway, Exmoor, coastal path starting at Minehead (11m). Regret no children or pets. £25 pn (incl). Tel: 827285

Livery for one horse required in Seend area. Do you have space for one extra and would like some extra cash? DIY, grazing and stable and ménage ideally. TB gelding used for dressage. Happy to help out / share chores. Owner professional; references available. Call Kate 07788168136 / 828487.

BITS AND BOBS

WALK TEN FOR MARIE CURIE

We will be holding our Walk Ten event at the Badminton Estate on Saturday 31st August. The event starts at 7pm and is a sponsored 10km twilight walk through the deer park and woodland of the Badminton estate as the sun begins to set. Following the walk you will be invited to settle down to your home made picnic by the Worcester Lodge or enjoy the food on offer from local caterers with live music and entertainment, culminating in a fireworks display at 10pm, to mark the time when Marie Curie nurses begin their night shift, caring for patients with a terminal illness in Wiltshire and throughout the South West.

Anyone who registers before June 30th will be included in a prize draw to win their picnic on the night, courtesy of Papadeli and The Organic Hamper Co.

Summer Visitors

House Martins: These lovely migrant birds fly from Africa to nest in the British Isles, many in our area. They spend a long time making their mud nests under the eaves of houses. Please be tolerant of their building habits. The birds do not cause too much mess and they become distressed if all their hard work is destroyed. If house martins cannot raise their brood, yet another species will become endangered.

Swallows: Always return to their old nest sites, so please make access to them. If for security, access has to be shut, swallows will fly through small openings in order to reach their traditional nesting sites.

Swifts: Their nesting sites, some of which are centuries old, are fast disappearing. They require an access tunnel of at least 18" long with a small entrance hole; please don't block them off. Swifts are believed to spend as much as nine months a year on the wing and are known to nap whilst flying.

Should you require any advice about these birds or how to obtain artificial nesting boxes and how to erect them, please contact Wildlife Trust Wiltshire, telephone 01380 725670. These birds are, of course, protected species. It is an offence to disturb or destroy their nest sites and environments.

Source to Sea is an exciting catchment scale project working to control invasive non-native species over the entire River Avon (Wiltshire, Hampshire and Dorset). It is funded by the Environment Agency and is in partnership with Wiltshire, Hampshire and Isle of Wight and Dorset Wildlife Trusts. For more information see:

www.wiltshirewildlife.org/what-we-do/The+Source+to+Sea+Project.htm

SEMINGTON EVENTS

Every Tuesday and Friday **Duplicate Bridge** takes place in the Village Hall. This is a friendly, EBU linked club that plays from 10.45 am sharp to 1 pm. If you don't have a partner, one can always be found on the day. Cost is £4 (to include coffee and cake, fruit and biscuits) if you play once a week and £3 if you play both days. There is always a lesson beforehand included in the cost which starts at 9.15 for 25 minutes to help you brush up or learn new techniques.

Egyptian Dancing

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

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Easter Explorers

Explore our nature trail and hunt for hidden clues. Along the way discover the sights, sounds and smells that our reserves have to offer at this time of year.

Don't forget your wellies!

Bring a picnic and stay on to enjoy exploring our reserve.

- **Dates and Venues:** (Time: 10am to 12noon)
- Lower Moor Farm, Oaksey : Wednesday 3rd April 2013
- Langford Lakes, Salisbury : Friday 5th April 2013

For more information and to book places please call: (01722) 790770 or email : pamelac@wiltshirewildlife.org

MAY COUNTRY FAIR MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL SATURDAY MAY 18th from 10am to 2pm

Local handmade crafts. Coffee and cakes!

Free Entry - Donations to The Soldiers' Charity

For more details, or to book a stall, please contact Sue Bonney on 01380 812757 or email: thebonneys@waitrose.com



PLANT FAIR

Barbury Racecourse, Barbury, Wiltshire
(by kind permission of Mr & Mrs N. Bunter)

SUNDAY 28th APRIL from 10.30 am to 4 pm
Adults £3; Children (under 12) FREE

*PLANTS, PLANTERS AND GARDEN SCULPTURES
TEA TENT, REFRESHMENTS*

In aid of Kennet Valley Carriage Driving Group RDA
Registered Charity No. 1074359

DAUNTSEY CHORAL SOCIETY

The Remembrance Concert featuring the Faure Requiem raised around £2,000 which was divided between the two charities the school has chosen to support this year – Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Children's Chance.

The next concert will be on 21st April featuring arias and choruses from many famous operas. Admission is free and tickets are available from School Reception (01380 814500; info@dauntseys.org).

Melksham Choral Society

Don't miss your chance to hear the final concert in Melksham for Musical Director Tom Worley accompanied by International pianists Maria and Inma Garcia. Melksham Choral Society will be singing Brahms' Requiem in the United Church on Saturday 27th April at 7.30 pm.

Tickets are £10 (accompanied children free) from Melksham Tourist Information Centre or choir members.

E-mail anitashea@hotmail.co.uk if you would like me to get you tickets.

GALA CONCERT in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance Saturday 25 May 2013 - 7.30 pm The Corn Exchange, Devizes

This is a fabulous concert featuring the internationally-acclaimed and award-winning Wessex Male Choir. The Choir will be joined by four very accomplished Opera Soloists singing a lovely selection of favourite and well-known opera arias and duets, including the gorgeous Pearl Fishers duet and the Flower Duet from Lakme and will conclude their programme with the famous quartet from Verdi's Rigoletto which featured in the film 'Quartet'.

The accompanist is Jon Driver.

Tickets £10 - from Devizes Books (Sidmouth Street, Devizes) 01380 725944
(available from 25 April)

English Heritage Community Workshops at Old Sarum

The workshops are at Old Sarum every Saturday in April and are suitable for ages 6 years and upward. There will be timber carving, wattle and daub making and tours around the new prototype Neolithic Houses being built by volunteers. The volunteers are experimenting with materials and ways of building the houses which will be rebuilt next year as an external exhibition at the new Stonehenge visitor centre.

Pre-booking is encouraged as the workshops are anticipated to be popular and booking can be made by emailing lisaholmes@english-heritage.org.uk

The Sarsen Trail and Neolithic Marathon is Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's premier fundraising event of the year and this year is an extra special one. It's the 25th anniversary of this popular event.

To find out more about the routes, and to book your spot please go to www.wiltshirewildlife.org and click on the Sarsen Trail link. To register with your dog, go to http://cani-cross.co.uk/cc_calendar.shtml

The 150th Bath and West Show
takes place from 29th May to 1st June.
For information see: www.bathandwest.com

THE SEEND FUND

The Seend Fund is intended to relieve hardship. If you think we might be able to help you, please send your details, the reason you need some money, how much you need and when you need it by to: Anita Shea , Secretary of the Seend Fund Trustees, 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY or e-mail anitashea@hotmail.co.uk

And finally.....

Following the discovery of King Richard III's remains in a Leicester car park, archaeologists are now digging up the local TESCO car park to look for the remains of his horse.

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

CHURCH: Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: Revd Maureen Allchin 01380 828931. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; St Peter's Poulshot: Mrs Janet James 724944, Mrs Paulette Bremner Milne 828527; LPAs: Mrs Jane Goman 827121 and Mrs Liz Futter 828485; Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627

Minister **Methodist Church** - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340

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

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

Seend Community Centre/Club - 828796 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: 07703 814111

Seend Shuttle: Booking: Alison Cobbing 07951030491; Keyholder: Gordon Galloway 828568

Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

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

Rights of Way Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01225 713000

Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255

Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. Tel: 101, or e-mail

melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. **Seend Fund (village charity):** 01380 828757

MP Claire Perry, 01672 512675 (M-F 9.30am-1pm) claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk

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

100+ Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391

Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 827041 - www.seendacoustic.org

Book Clubs - *the original:* Sylvia Ewin 828325 - *the other:* Frank Teasdale 828617

Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350

Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Cricket Club - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Fete Ctee - Jo McManus 828870 (www.seendfete.co.uk)

Flower Show – Brian Jaques 827137

Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067

Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433

Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583

Mothers' Union - Kay Beasley 828593

Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606;

Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.

Preschool - Liz Futter 828485

Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451

Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830; *Poppy Appeal* - Joan Savage

Seend Singers - Roger Brind 828830, Bob McCulloch 828508

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828683

Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA - Pam Church - 828597

WI - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Gill Acornley 01225 707218

Wine Circle – Steve Parsons 828814

Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446

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| 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