

SPOTLIGHT SEEND & BULKINGTON



MAY 2016

DIARY DATES FOR LATE APRIL

- 26th Wessex Fuchsia Group, speaker Geoff Oke, Pavilion, 7.45pm
- 27th Monthly Fun Quiz, Brewery Inn
- 30th 16th Seend Beer Festival, Community Centre, 12 noon - 11pm
- 30th Omniart show, Bulkington Village Hall, until 8th May (closed Thursday)

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 1st Café Church, Seend, 11am
- 2nd Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend The Lye; 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 3rd Start of Three-a-Side Skittles competition, Community Centre, 8pm
- 4th Shuttle shopping trip. Book by Monday 2nd.
- 4th Bulkington Village Lunch, Well Inn.
- 4th Buzzzzzz Group, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 4pm
- 5th Cluster Ascension Day Eucharist, Potterne, 7.30pm
- 6th The Great Big Seend Pudding Event, Pavilion, 7pm
- 9th Reopening of canal bridge (we hope!)
- 10th Annual Parish Meeting, Pavilion, 8pm
- 13th Deadline for submission of Spotlight advertising for 2016/17
- 14th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE SPOTLIGHT
- 15th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane 9.30am
- 19th WI Craft Afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm
- 21st Benefice Tea & Chat Group Cream Teas, Bulkington Village Hall, 2.30-5pm
- 25th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre 12 for 12.30pm
- 30th Great Bulkington Railway rides, 1-4.30pm
- 31st Wessex Fuchsia Group, Pavilion, 7.45pm
- 31st Seend Parish Council meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 1st Ladies' Night & Swishing Party, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 11th Seend Cleeve Open Gardens, 2-6pm
- 12th Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Party, Pavilion & Lye Field, 2-4pm
- 16th Lye Field AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 25th Midsummer Disco & BBQ, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 26th RBL Drumhead Servic, Lye Field, 3pm
- 29th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre 12 for 12.30pm

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.

Visit **www.seend.org.uk** and the Spotlight **facebook** page:
www.facebook.com/seendspotlight

Welcome to May 2016 Spotlight



No sooner do we get a rescued Seend Fete and Seend Link Scheme than it seems we lose the Gardening Club! It's a great shame when a long-established organisation bites the dust. Well done to those who have kept it going until now, and happy gardening.

On the subject of gardening, if you live in Seend Cleeve, it's not too late to volunteer to open up your garden on June 11th. Talk to Tina on 827139.

As well as a selection of social events featured in these pages, we are all looking forward to the reopening of the canal bridge in the Cleeve – now scheduled for 9th May. From the amount of concrete that's been poured into various apertures we reckon the bridge should now last a few years without further problems!

Finally, an article arrived too late for us, but please do take care of historic martin, swift and swallow nest sites and call Wiltshire Wildlife on 01380 725670 for advice.

ADVERTISING IN SPOTLIGHT

Another year gone, so it's time for the annual intake of new ads to be published in the ten editions of Spotlight between July 2016 and June 2017.

Rates are: £80 per half page and £45 per quarter page. We try to give preference to businesses that are local to Seend and Bulkington. Adverts and cheques (payable to Seend PCC) must be received by Chris Brooker **by 13th May**. Because of giving precedence to local businesses, and the fact that we are often oversubscribed, we cannot guarantee you a space. We will, of course, return your cheque as soon as possible if you are unsuccessful.

Please email your advert to spotlightads@btinternet.com or deliver it on a CD to Spotlight Advertising, c/o Chris Brooker, 2 Somerset Close, Seend, SN12 6QH. If you need to talk to him, call 01380 828047.

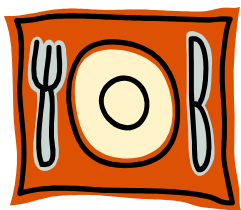
Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the June 2016 edition (copy by Saturday 14th May) can be mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Joanna Goddard (828488) organises printing Mondays. Juli Wilfort types up the items left at Seend PO. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401) and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising. Do let Joanna or Fiona know if you can help to print or deliver.

Lost emails: Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa or Sue (see above) to check if all is well. And please note the following. **When sending emails to spotlight@seend.org.uk** please include the word **SPOTLIGHT** in uppercase as the first word of the Subject. This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

PDFs: We cannot normally use PDF files of posters etc as they require a specific shape and space. Word documents give us the flexibility to adapt your wording and pictures to fit the space available. Thanks.

Village events in May and beyond

(For Bulkington events see pp.9-11)



Nosh and Natter Lunch Club

Wednesday 25th May in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

Please call 01380 828638 to book your place.

Friday 6th May 2016

7.00pm at the Irene Usher Pavilion

THE GREAT BIG SEEND PUDDING EVENT!

If you like a bit of pud before it's all gone then this is for YOU!

Delicious selection of puddings for custard! **Lashings of custard!**

Vote for your favourite at the end of the evening after trying each and every one!

Licensed Bar. Raffle and quiz!

£12.50 to include chicken hotpot or veggie option to start.

Tickets from Len Murray: 828513, Tina Yockney: 827139 & Seend PO

Proceeds to the Church of the Holy Cross improvements.



SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

THREE-A-SIDE SKITTLES COMPETITION

Starts Tuesday 3rd May. Each team plays a maximum of four matches on various Tuesday evenings before the final on 28th June. Teams can be male, female or mixed.

Call Paul on 07486 447604 to book your team in.

Ladies' Night & Swishing Party

Wednesday 1st June, 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre

Food stalls, beauty stalls, demos, nibbles, cocktails and a raffle

Bring some clothes to swap for the "swishing"

No entry fee (but donations are welcome!)



The Cleeve Open Gardens

at Seend Cleeve Saturday 11th June from 2-6pm

Beautiful gardens and views – cream teas – cakes – ice creams – plants for sale

£5 entry (children free) including parking and Shuttle service

Follow signs to car park (post code SN12 6PU)

Limited wheelchair access. In aid of Seend Church funds.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Closure of Seend Wharf Bridge

The following has been received from The Canal & River Trust on 21st April:

Further to my email dated Friday 15th April 2016 (*notifying us of anticipated reopening on 6th May. Eds*), I wish to inform you that the tarmac surfacing contractor is not able to mobilise to Seend Wharf Bridge until Saturday 7th May 2016.

Although the surfacing works will be completed on this date, the road traffic signs will not be removed until the morning of Monday 9th May 2016 thereby officially re-opening the road.

Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience this road closure has caused.

If you have any enquiries or wish to discuss the bridge works in more detail, please contact me at this office.

Regards,

Paul Kelly, Senior Project Manager, Canal & River Trust, The Dock Office,
Commercial Road, Gloucester, GL1 2EB
Direct Line 01452 318017 Ext 3517 Mobile 07710 175436

THANK YOU

I would like to thank one and all for the kind words and well wishes following my recent return home after spinal surgery, it has been of great comfort and raised my spirits, and a special thanks to our vicar for her visit.

Many thanks, Roz Hutchings

Seend Bell Ringers WW1 Remembrance

Seend Bell Ringers will ring quarterly through until early 2019, to commemorate those who fell during WW1 from within the benefice of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot. A list is on display at the entrance to the vestry in the Church of the Holy Cross in Seend showing all 67 names, military service detail, cemetery and where possible, information on local family connections.

This quarter they will ring on **Sunday 15th MAY at 5.30pm** in remembrance of:

CHANDLER, Frederick George

Private, 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards

Age 21

The Seend Link Scheme has had its first AGM under the new committee and is keen to remind potential users that Link is there to provide lifts to medical appointments or other situations that you find difficult to get to. Call 07532 055560.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEEND POST OFFICE



(Sent in by Robert Oglesby, who points out that Seend is lucky to have a shop and post office. So, thanks from all of us to Richard and Melanie for their hard work.)

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, 10th May in the Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane at 8.00 p.m.**

The meeting is open to all, and it your opportunity to discuss any topics of local interest, air problems, or discuss ideas that might be of benefit to the village. It is intended to be an informal meeting presided over by the Parish Council Chairman.

It is an opportunity for village organisations to report their activities during the previous year, and what they hope to do going forward. If you have a particular item of interest or concern then you might like to give notice by having it included on the agenda; however, it is not a requirement, you can just come along on the evening and discuss it with everyone present.

If you wish to have an item put on the agenda then you will need to contact the Parish Clerk by **Friday, 29th April.**

Light refreshments will be provided. Why not come along and meet your Parish Councillors.

Rosemary Fisher, Parish Clerk
Email: clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Calling all bakers - cakes and scones needed

The church will be organising teas for the Seend Cleeve Open Gardens and the Seend Fete. If you are able to bake a cake or two or make some scones for either or both events we would be most grateful.

Please contact Tina Yockney or Anne Ewing if you can help.



Notice of Annual General Meeting - Seend Lye Recreation Field

The Annual General Meeting of the Seend Lye Recreation Field will be held on Thursday 16th June 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend. The AGM will be followed by the quarterly meeting.

Seend Heritage: Seend Trust and Community Centre has a few copies of the slim paperback booklet on the vernacular architecture of Seend, written by Edward Bradby with Jack Dunton and John Hutchinson in 1985, for sale at the then cover price of £2.50. Please call Tessa on 01380 828617 if you would like to buy a copy.

SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Wiltshire Council has appointed our Link Officer, who will help us negotiate the many remaining hoops. She is called Victoria Burvill and is meeting us on April 28th.

The application to designate our Neighbourhood Plan Area, has been submitted and we now wait for the six week consultation period to begin.

Please get in touch with any of the Steering Group members, if you think you might like to attend one of our meetings. Do take a look at www.seendparishplan.org where you will find the names of the Committee members and links to further information about this complex process.

Carola Thorpe on behalf of the S.P.N.P. Steering Group

(Please look out for news of a Traffic Consultation event at the beginning of June.)

Christian Aid Week 15th – 21st May

Christian Aid works to bring an end to poverty in 39 countries, helping people in Africa, Asia and the Middle East as well as Latin America and the Caribbean, addressing the root causes as well as the effects of poverty. They work with 568 local partner organisations, some are Christian, some Muslim, Jewish or Hindu – some are of no religious persuasion at all. Christian Aid's primary concern is that partners are good at what they do. The work is inspired by Christian values of faith, charity, hope and truth. Put simply 'aid' is what Christian Aid does, 'Christian' is why they do it."

Christian Aid makes best use of monies collected by allocating funds from a central budget to partners according to need. A close relationship is maintained with partners to learn more about the problems in their areas, to offer support and check that money is spent wisely.

Christian Aid spends nearly half of the money collected on long term development projects and over a quarter on emergencies. The remainder is divided between campaigning and fundraising with 1% spent on making sure the organisation runs properly. No money is given to governments.

A Christian Aid envelope is inside this Spotlight. The collectors will call during the week of 15th – 21st. May. It helps them considerably and is more convenient to you if the donation is ready when they call. I appreciate it is a nuisance but if you pay

income tax please complete the Gift Aid slip too. It increases your amount to Christian Aid by 25% at no extra cost to yourself.

Please give generously, because the need is great. If you are on holiday during Christian Aid week or miss your collector for any other reason, please hand it in to Whites Farm, Cleeve, Seend.

Thank you, Dick Church

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Maureen's ramblings.....

I have been reading about Francis of Assisi recently. Although he lived over 800 years ago his teaching is still so relevant. Francis loved God and wanted to imitate Jesus in very practical ways, living the way that Jesus lived. He was not really interested in doctrine or church but in how our faith changes us for the good and for the blessing of society. It was action and lifestyle that mattered to him. Just as it mattered to Jesus!

Jesus' first recorded word in at least two Gospels was "repent". This literally means "change your minds!" Jesus calls us to change! What a pity then that Christianity has been so resistant to change with a tendency to protect the past and the status quo rather than embrace the call to lead the world into godly change, vibrant growth and transforming lives. Human minds love to argue, oppose, critique, judge and evaluate - this gives our minds a job, but academics, politicians, and theologians rarely hit the streets of our suffering world as Jesus clearly did. What else are the healing stories about? Jesus enabling change, growth and transformation.

The way of St. Francis was quietly but firmly to pay attention to Jesus-type things, such as simplicity, humility, non-violence, forgiveness, mindfulness, care of the earth and serving the "least of the brothers and sisters" with unconditional love. Like Jesus, Francis taught his disciples while walking with them from place to place, finding ways to serve, challenge and love in the world that was right in front of them.

Pope Francis, a name-sake, recently wrote, "in the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him".

So what has been the challenge of my reading? To find new ways to bring the good news of God's love to his broken and wounded world through service and challenge; to find new ways to make Christ and his love accessible to a world that is largely sceptical and to be more open to embrace the changes within myself and within the church that will enable these things to happen. Someone sent me this Chinese proverb a few weeks ago: "When the wind of change comes some people build walls and others build windmills"! I think that Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis are windmill builders and I certainly want to be a windmill for Jesus!



The Revd. Maureen Allchin. Rector

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL 2016

**The Benefice of Holy Cross, Seend,
Christ Church, Bulkington and St. Peter's, Poulshot**



You are welcome to worship at any of the services in any of the churches in the Benefice. There is something for everyone!

Sunday 1st May 2016. Easter 6

8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend.

A short and reflective traditional service

9.15 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Poulshot.

A modern language communion service.

11.00 am Café Church at Seend.

A lively service, without communion, for all the family.

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional) at Bulkington

A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.

Thursday 5th May 2016. Ascension Day

7.30 pm Cluster Ascension Day Eucharist at St Mary's Potterne

Sunday 8th May 2016. Easter 7

9.15 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Seend .

11.00 am Morning Praise with Baptism at Bulkington (change of service)

6.00 pm Evensong (Traditional) at Poulshot. Celebration of LLM Ministry

Sunday 15th May 2016. Pentecost

8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend

9.15 am Parish Eucharist at Bulkington (change of service)

11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Traditional) at Poulshot

6.00 pm Evensong (Common Worship) at Seend

Sunday 22nd May 2016. Trinity Sunday

9.15 am Matins (Traditional) at Poulshot

11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Seend

6.00 pm Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Bulkington

Sunday 29th May 2016. Trinity 1

10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Poulshot

Every Tuesday at 9.00 there is a short Benefice service of Matins (BCP*) at Poulshot church

Every Thursday at 9.00 Morning Prayer will be said at 4 Northfields, Bulkington. All are welcome.

You are invited to meet the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, the Revd. Charlie Allen, who will be leading worship at our Benefice Service on Sunday, May 29th 2016 at 10am in Poulshot Church.



ASCENSION DAY CLUSTER EUCHARIST
on Thursday. 5th May, 2016 at 7.30
at St. Mary's Church, Potterne

The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch Club takes place on Wednesday, 4th May, 2016 at The Well. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people from the Benefice and friends are always welcome to join us. It is a good social event and a great lunch for the entire village and area.



Café Church on
Sunday 1st May 2016 at 11.00 at Seend
Cake, singing, stories and activities for all the
families of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot.
The theme is FOLLOWING JESUS
The Next Café Church will be on July 3rd: A SUMMER'S PICNIC



Benefice BUZZZZ Group

will meet on Wednesday, 4th May 2016 from 4.00-5.30pm
at 4 Northfields, Bulkington, led by Maureen Allchin

This group, for all in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, meets to discuss various issues of Christian thought. At this meeting we will continue our discussions about the Resurrection. Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant afternoon

CREAM TEAS CREAM TEAS CREAM TEAS CREAM

You are invited by the Benefice Tea and Chat group to
a cream tea for £3.00 in Bulkington Village Hall
on Saturday, 21st May 2016 from 2.30-5.00.
Raffle, hand-made items, plants, cakes, etc.



SEEND METHODIST CHURCH – Services for May 2016

8th May – 10am – Rev Wendy Tucker, Holy Communion
22nd May – 10 am – Rev Peter Whatton

Everyone welcome at any service.

Thank you , Anne Salter

Dear Friends,

One of my favourite passages in the Bible is Micah chapter 6 verse 8 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.'

The prophet Micah was writing at a time with many similar problems to ours; nations in identity crisis, political leaders who disappoint reliance on violence, and despair of any way forward. And the people thought that they could get by with token box-ticking to God – just the right sacrifice and just the right time and they would have done enough to put it right. We still want to get away with token obedience to what we know is right – minimum hoop-jumping - hoping we are seen as faithful enough to our Faith or our Ideals. We sign online petitions and make mobile phone payments to TV appeals and recycle our rubbish and send tins to Foodbanks without looking at how our own lifestyles could change and how we could really campaign for change to make a real difference to the world and its people.

Micah calls us to think more simply about what is required of us – but to take it more seriously. To act justly *all* the time, to commit acts of love and mercy for everyone in our lives, and for the world and to 'walk humbly', acknowledging our own faults and shortcomings and *actively* do something about them. God, says Micah, is offering us a new kind of relationship – not one where we are expected to complete 'holy tick sheets', but to walk alongside the God of justice, love and mercy and work with God to change the world for the better bit by bit every day.

When the vastness of all the problems in the world seem impossible when you put your best intentions beside them, and you are tempted to give up trying making a difference, perhaps it might help to think about this commentary on Micah chapter 6 verse 8 from the Jewish Talmud. If we all did it perhaps we really *could* change the world.

'Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.' (Talmud 303)

God bless.

Wendy

Rev. Wendy Tucker, Minister for Seend, Bromham and Calne Methodist Churches

BULKINGTON NEWS



**OMNIART GROUP SHOW
AS PART OF THE CLOTH ROAD ARTS WEEK**

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 30th April to Sunday 8th May 11am to 6pm (closed Thursday 5th)

Exciting, original, affordable art, by ten local artists. Free tea and coffee.

THE TEA AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the Monday, 9th May, 2016 at 1 Mill Lane, Bulkington
(Thelma Boulton 828101) from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



BULKINGTON 100+ CLUB

The draw took place on Wednesday, 6th April, at the Bulkington Lunch at The Well and the winners were :-



First prize	£40	No. 43	Betty Noad
Second prize	£30	No. 38	Helen Breach
Third prize	£20	No. 52	Gina Grainger
Fourth prize	£10	No. 42	Rev. Maureen Allchin

Congratulations to the winners - this was the last draw of our current year so thank you to everyone who supported the Club during the past year. Renewal of memberships will be due in May and, of course, new members are always very welcome! For more information contact Phyl Yarde at 46A High Street or on 01380 828116 or phyllisyard@gmail.com.

We thank David and Carrie Whiteley very much for all their work on the 100+ Club and wish them well in the future.

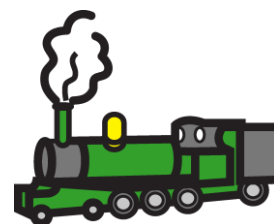
Phyl Yarde

Great Bulkington Railway – Open Day

The sit-on-and-Ride Great Bulkington Railway will be offering rides on **Spring Bank Holiday Monday 30th May 1300 to 1630 hours** to the general public.

Rides cost a pound (twice around) – in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

We have around a thousand feet of 5 inch gauge track, a forty foot long tunnel and a signalling system. We are located next to Bulkington Village Hall, near Seend at SN10 1SW.



Tel. 01380 828 101, Nev Boulton Station Master GBR.

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

In March John Girvan came with his suitcase full of historic bras, some of which we could actually remember. Although many of the assembled company had heard his talk before, he always speaks off the cuff so we all had a very entertaining evening.

On April 29th we are visiting Oakfrith Wood at Urchfont where we hope the bluebells will still be flowering. We are leaving from the Village Hall car park at 7 pm.

On May 27th we are hoping to spend a pleasant evening wandering round the historic stones at Avebury, and then retiring to the pub for refreshment. Again we will be leaving from the Village Hall car park at 7 pm. You don't have to be a regular to join in any of our meetings. Visitors are very welcome.

Liz Futter 828485 Angela Read 828925

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Since the Choir moved on and away, the Hall has not been without some music. Band Practice keeps its schedule; even during the holidays the walls ring to cheerful sounds of music-making. Another happy sound is that of the Great Bulkington Railway and her passengers enjoying the fun in Nev's lovely garden, with tea and cakes in the Hall. A word here about the one they call the 'Fat Controller' the man in the top hat who is very poorly. We all wish him well. The coming month will see several more Birthday parties and then the Hall becomes a Polling Centre. We always welcome this for the revenue and the fresh faces who visit to record their vote. It is an excellent way to remind the village of our valuable asset, the Village Hall.

Angela Read, Chairman.

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday, 2nd May 2016 from 11.05-11.30am at The Well. Please support this.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



100+ CLUB DRAW

A reminder that the 100 Club starts again on the 1st May. If you haven't renewed, please return your application form (distributed with April Spotlight) as soon as possible to have the best chance of winning.

The Lye Field 100+ Club draw for April 2016 took place on the 15th April. The results are as follows:-

£35.00	No. 05	Mrs J Hawkins
£30.00	No. 053	Mrs S Todhunter
£25.00	No. 146	Mrs R Walker
£20.00	No. 142	Mr C Waldeck
£15.00	No. 003	Mrs A McMillan
£10.00	No. 198	Ms R Newman

This was the last draw of 2015/2016. Congratulations to all the winners over the last year.

Karen Cubberley, Lye Field Committee

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury on Wednesday, 4th May

Please phone Rex or Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 to book a place on the May shopping trip by Monday, 2nd May.



WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP

Tuesday May 31st, 7.45pm in the Pavilion – John Nicholass from Portishead will talk on "Fuchsias, Small Pot Culture".

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111

Please see the enclosed edition of our newsletter 'Happenings!' for all our news and for details of events in the Centre coming up in the next three months.

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At the last meeting of our year, Seend Gardening Club held our AGM and social. Carole reported on an enjoyable year with good speakers and outings including the very successful away trip to Kent. As Treasurer, Joe reported on our reduction in membership and therefore income. This has been the trend for some years and although we are solvent we can't continue to lose money. Our president David Raby-Cox then addressed us about the further problem of all the officers and one committee member no longer wishing to continue for various reasons and that no-one else has been found to take over their duties. There was some discussion about the way forward with no real answer except a suggestion of forming a group that had no meetings or committee or income but in which one or two people could arrange local visits where "members" could meet informally. But obviously someone would still have to take it on themselves to organise the programme for this. So it was decided to continue with the two organised trips to Broadleas Gardens in June and Hestercombe in July and then wind up the club and dispose of the remaining monies. A very sad moment for us all, but maybe in the future a gardening club will arise from the ashes. Brian Jacques added that gardening would still be represented in the flower show. Sylvia Ewin was awarded the Gill Edgeley rose bowl, the officers and committee were thanked and also Judith and Bob for running the raffle for some years. We then enjoyed a quiz with Alditha Raymond and enjoyed wine and nibbles brought by the members.



There will still be a plant stall at the fete and we would be grateful for contributions, but please could you label the plants you bring. Carole will act as contact for donations. I will be contacting those coming to Broadleas Gardens by post or phone or e-mail. If you would like to add your name to this list I am on 738129.

Sue, for Carole and Tim.

THEATRE CLUB

We have managed to get tickets for the London production of Billy Elliott at the Bristol Hippodrome on 31st October, so if you as a member would like to take advantage of this special opportunity, do make a note of the date. Information and booking forms will come out in August.

Meanwhile we have much to look forward to, including Shakespeare Live's outdoor production of the Tempest, where we can enjoy posh picnics on the lawn, on 7th July. Booking forms will be out shortly.

Sylvia Ewin





SEEND SCHOOL

So, it's term 5 already at Seend C. of E. Primary School and there's lots to look forward to this term.

Holly Class have started learning different fairy tales, and will be learning a new fairy tale each week. They'll be growing their own beanstalk and taking parts in lots of role play activities. Oak Class' topic is 'Ourselves and other animals.' The children will be learning about the different body parts and how we are similar and different to other animals.

The topic in Chestnut Class this term is the Ancient Egyptians. Children will be finding out how important the river Nile was to their way of life as well as what the Egyptians believed happened in the afterlife. The children will also be finding out facts and information as part of their homework and sharing it with the class.

As well as sitting their SATs tests, Sycamore Class will also be continuing their learning on the Greeks. At the end of term, Sycamore Class are off on their residential to Danywenallt in Wales for the week. Here, the children will be demonstrating their diamond power of independence, and taking part in a range of exciting activities.

We recently found out the good news that we have been granted £11,000 from the Bishop's Wordsworth Trust. This, along with some money from FoSS, the Church and the school will go towards the renewal of our school path. Around the new path, we're hoping to have some different stations for reflection, creativity and nature which we are hoping some local support might like to sponsor!

Also at the end of term 5 is our annual sponsored walk. This year it is taking place on Friday 20th May. We'll be walking along the tow path to the bottom of Caen Hill locks, and hopefully raising some money for the school path at the same time.

Many thanks to those of you in the village who have dropped Sainsburys' Vouchers in through our letter box. They really do help with getting extra equipment that otherwise we wouldn't be able to afford so please do keep them coming.

Our talent show on 15th April promises to be a rare treat with a mix of singers, dancers, instrumentalists and magicians – I can't wait!

At the end of term 4, we were sad to say farewell to Mrs Calcutt who retired after many years at the school. We wish Mrs Calcutt a very happy retirement and hope she is enjoying doing lots of gardening and making lots of bread in her new breadmaker!

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher

A ROYAL TEA PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Just a reminder about the Royal Tea Party for the Queen's 90th Birthday, which is being held on Sunday 12th June, 2-4pm, at The Pavilion and Lye Field: sit-down tea party for the children, refreshments (licensed bar + tea & cakes), and plenty of fun activities.



Tickets are £3 per child to include tea party and commemorative mug. ALL children are welcome to attend, not just those children who attend Seend School, but children's tickets MUST be purchased in advance. Please contact the School Office admin@seend.wilts.sch.uk for all ticket sales. Entry is free for adults.

We are also running a Homemade Victoria Sponge Competition. If you would like to enter, please bring your cake along to The Pavilion between 1.30 and 2pm, with your name on the underside of the cake. The judging will take place shortly after 2pm and all the cakes will then be sold by the slice, with a cup of tea. All proceeds to go to Seend School. We do hope you will come along and celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday with us.

Thank you, Mel Steel & Victoria Bowes



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

IN MEMORIAM

This month we remember:

Frederick George Chandler 2nd Bn Coldstream Guards
19th May 1916

They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old, age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

County Parade and Service of Dedication

This will take place in Devizes at St John's Church on Sunday 12th June 2016. The Parade will form up at 1415 hrs and the Service will commence at 1500 hrs. The Shrewton Silver Band will play for the Parade and the Service. Further details of the Parade will be published in June's Spotlight

All Members are encouraged to attend.

Dates to Note

Armed Forces Day Sunday 26th June 2016

Armed Forces Day Drumhead Service on the Lye Field at 3.00pm.

Next Committee Meeting

Thursday 14th July 2016

Roger Brind

SEEND WI

Last month Jean Scott gave us a fascinating evening entitled **Uniformly Elegant- early C19th dress**.

A lady and soldier in Georgian times were dressed from undergarments to outer garments. The purpose of each item was described during dressing. Everyone found the talk very enjoyable and informative.

Next month's meeting is on **Wednesday 11th May** when we will be hearing about Christening Robes through the Ages. This talk will include the history of the



Christening robe and there will be an opportunity to see many examples of robes throughout history.

The next **Craft afternoon** is on Thursday 19th May, 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't need to be a member of the WI to take part.

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



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

On a beautiful spring morning, **Sunday 17th April**, 18 ramblers enjoyed a 5.2 mile walk, starting near Goulters Mill. We covered tracks, fields and quiet roads to Nettleton Mill, Burton and on to Littleton Drew looping back to our vehicles. Grateful thanks to Reg for his leadership.

Next walk – Sunday 15th May. Leaders Anita and Pete (01380 828757). Leave Rusty Lane at 9.30am or, for those who wish to go straight there for a 10am start, take the Horton road out of Devizes. At Alton Barnes T junction turn left up the hill (White Horse on left) and down the other side. There is a large parking area on the right at the bottom of the hill. Please bring usual refreshments.

Lin Salter - 01225 706451

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

By the time you read this the new term will be well under way. We are pleased to be able to play and learn outside. Our Sun Protection Policy has gone out to all parents, so please remember to bring a sun hat and apply the sun cream.

We hope you all had a good Easter. Our Easter Coffee Morning and Bonnet Parade was very well attended. Thank you to everyone who supported us. The children enjoyed their egg hunt in the Millennium Garden and all went home with a large chocolate bunny. The weather was kind to us too, so we were able to play outside.

This term the children are learning about weather, growing vegetables and farming. We are hoping to visit a nearby allotment to set some seeds and monitor their progress. We are also hoping to visit Seend School, but are not sure of the date yet.

We are unable to use the Pavilion on Thurs 5th May, as it is required for the Polling Station. Why that should take precedence over the children's education I am not sure! Instead we are hoping to take a trip out, weather permitting!

We have recently produced a new Cook Book. It includes all kinds of family favourites sent in by our current pupils and their families. The cost is £5. If you would like a copy please get in touch.

Don't forget we have polo shirts for sale in various colours with our logo. We also sell legionnaire's style sunhats. The price list is on the board. Best wishes for a happy term,

Liz Futter 828485 (Playleader)

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 29th March 2016** was attended by 9 Councillors with Mr T Murch (Vice-Chairman) in the chair. Apologies received from Mr P Manning and Mr J Padfield; also present Cllr J Seed and members of the public.

Police & Local Councillors Matters

Cllr Seed advised of problems with local drainage, where water is collecting on the roads, this will be taken up with local landowners. Areas affected Berhills Lane and Seend Fork. Cllr Seed reminded Councillors that grants for community funding would be available shortly, and bids should be submitted early. Updated information on the installation of VAS at the pinch point in Seend High Street. Work to commence June 20th for one week.

Post meeting note: *The road closure will be taking place on 20th May for one night. The cost to the PC will be £2,750.*

Recent incident reported of homeless person sleeping outside the Pavilion, possibly unwell. Clarification to be sought from the Housing Dept on how incidents of rough sleeping should be dealt with in the future.

Metro count. Consensus view was that a metro count should be carried out in the High Street now, and again after the installation of VAS in June. The Clerk to contact the previous Speedwatch team member with regard to the position of the wires.

Canal bridge, Seend Cleeve. Councillors advised that work is ongoing, and a finish date of June looks most likely.

Post meeting note: *Cllr Murch has met with Paul Kelly, C & RT. It is expected that the concrete capping will be laid by the end of the first week of April, and the bridge open again by the end of April.*

Defibrillation unit in village. Minutes of SLRF committee meeting 16th Dec received from Steve Vaux: "Seend PC has requested trustee opinion on siting of an automatic defibrillator. It was suggested that the equipment should be located at the Seend Community Centre, which had more frequent use, and where better weather cover is afforded by the building entrance porch." It was agreed to go ahead and investigate installation at the Community Centre.

Tree matters. The Clerk had followed this matter up with both the Tree Warden and Wiltshire Highways. This matter to be investigated further and a letter sent once responsibility for the action confirmed, then back to next meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan update

Wiltshire Council has now appointed a Link Officer (Victoria Burvill), who will be coming to the next meeting in April. Mrs A'Bear stressed that the NP traffic group and the SRSI are two separate entities; proposals for road safety measures have to go through due process - CATG and Area Board.

Lye Field Play Equipment

The document sent by the Seend Lye Recreation Field had been circulated to all

Councillors prior to the meeting. The current equipment was donated by Seend Playgroup, and it was understood that the maintenance of the equipment was the responsibility of the SLRF. The last RoSPA inspection report on 4th Sept 2015 awarded a risk rating of high. Councillors recognised the need for play equipment, but did not accept that the responsibility for provision and maintenance of play equipment rests with Wiltshire Council and Seend PC. The likely cost of provision for new equipment could be £30-40K; the SITA Trust could make a grant under their “Small Projects” fund arrangement. Cllr Seed suggested that the SLRF could apply for funding from Melksham Area Board, in order to cover the cost of the remedial works required, and an early application in April is advisable. The PC does not have any provision in their current budget for remedial work or removal of existing items.

Highways/ road safety issues

Members of the public present at the meeting expressed the wish for a meeting/workshop, in order to clarify a co-ordinated approach to road safety in Seend. It was stressed that this must be inclusive of all areas of the village, not just the A361 High Street. The Clerk advised that she had written to Wiltshire Concrete concerning use of designated lorry routes, and alleged increased costs of using the A365 rather than the A361, and early morning timings of journeys. The Vice-Chairman again stressed that that all highways matters must be co-ordinated through the Parish Council, members of the public present agreed to that.

Planning Matters

Application Ref: 16/01983/FUL

The Bungalow, Little Thornham Farm, Trowbridge Road
Extension & alterations to dwelling

Councillors voted 7 to accept, 1 object, 1 abstain

Comments: As a business is being run from this site with an employee, is there a Certificate of Lawfulness for this business?

Application Ref: 16/01870/TCA

Fairholme, High Street, Seend, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6NU
Work to Trees in a Cons Area. Fell 1 Apple tree & 1 Elder tree

Councillors had no objections.

Application Ref: 16/01561/FUL

Brow Cottage, Seend Hill
Erection of double garage and garden store

Neighbours advised that the green notice was not placed near to the property, and they were not aware of the application until the previous Friday, which gave little time for comment.

Councillors voted 8 to accept, 1 object.

Application Ref: 16/02730/FUL

Toad Hall, Park Lane
Conversion of existing garage roofspace to home office and construction of new timber frame garage and log store

Councillors voted unanimously to accept.

Date of next meeting: The date of the next meetings are **Tuesdays, 26th April and 31st May 2016**, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

The date of the **Annual Parish Meeting is Tuesday 10th May** at the Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Full copies of Parish Council minutes are on www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

N.B. Dates of all Parish Council meetings and Area Board meetings in 2016 are available on the website.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

Residents often ask me how to get things done or to take up issues for them and I am always happy to both respond and to get things done. However it does raise the question of where people believe responsibility should lie for the various functions that must be undertaken to support and maintain a civilised society. The list must start with each of us as individuals. Above that there are tiers of family, community, nation and human society as a whole. In government terms the tiers of authority are parish council, unitary council, national government and European Union. Perhaps I should top the list with the United Nations but I am not sure if I can credit that august body with “authority”.

My view is that we as individuals are responsible for our own destiny. If you want things done often the best place to start is to see whether you can do it yourself. If you can't, ask the parish council, then Wiltshire Council, then government, etc. For example if you see litter, pick it up. If your footpath needs clearing and you can't do it yourself, ask the parish council (but then why not volunteer to help?). If you notice a pot hole in the highway then that is a job for the professionals at Wiltshire Council but “they” cannot repair the road damage unless “they” know about it. If you have a smartphone or tablet download the MyWiltshire app so that you can directly take responsibility and influence local repairs. The message is if you want quick results try to take more responsibility at a local level and try not to rely on “them” to initiate everything.

All of the above is a balance of both responsibility and effort and there is clearly the issue of individuals getting involved where the community has already elected a council to exercise local authority. However, the one way to be absolutely involved in decision making is to vote in elections. Electoral turnout in all elections could be much higher and my view is that individuals can only properly influence authoritative decisions if they take part in the elections for that authority. ***Our next chance to take part in our democracy is the Police and Crime Commissioner election on May 5th. I hope you will make your mark on the ballot paper and please, whatever your political views, make the effort to vote on Thursday 5th May.***

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on **01380 850696**.

Jonathon Seed

LETTERS to the Editors

It was disappointing to see Councillor Seed's disparaging comments in the last two issues of Spotlight i.e. "...highway safety is in danger of being undermined by a very few..." (March) and "...it is particularly difficult when vociferous local pressure groups....pop up from time to time". (April)

VOCIFEROUS – definition: *open, frank, forthright, plainspoken, honest.*

Surely these are qualities to be encouraged in local communities, not despised.

Presumably he would prefer that we sit back and let things take their natural or perhaps unnatural course and desist from rocking the hierarchical boat. I had been under the naïve illusion that elected councillors were representing their constituents, but it appears that this is only the case if we toe the line and do as we, either as individuals and with no disrespect to them, The Parish Council, are told.

I suspect that in both issues he is referring to those who have expressed amongst other things, a growing concern over the number of HGVs travelling along the High Street at all hours. Even when it was pointed out that Wiltshire Council's own Freight Strategy identifies the A365 as the preferred route,* even for local lorry traffic, his response was "did we realise how much it would cost those transport firms to send them that way – over £100,000 per annum." **

The answer is no I didn't, neither do I care, and so what! He represents our division – not the interests of Transport Companies – or does he? We are proud of our village and perhaps if he actually resided in the area, he might be more supportive.

* A recent survey indicated that for each HGV that uses the A365, 3 use the A361.

** Simplistic maths. The extra distance is 1¼ miles; if it costs £2 a mile to run a lorry, then that equates to 40,000 lorry trips a year through Seend! If that is the case then we have an even greater problem.

Brian Crisp – one of the vociferous few

Road Problems at Seend

In the Dec 2015-Jan 2016 issue of Spotlight I wrote about speeding and heavy traffic problems in the High Street and I understand that others have made representations to the Parish Council with well informed and documented evidence.

It seems that County Councillor Mr Seed regards these views as coming from, I quote*, '*vociferous local pressure groups on single issues pop up from time to time. In these cases the intensity of their arguments often reflects the depth of feeling of the campaigners who are determined that their views are listened to above all others. There are also members of our community who may not articulate their opposition to vociferous campaigners because they prefer a quieter representation of their view.*' It is possible that Mr Seed does not have an adequate view of how local road and traffic problems impinge on Seend residents since he does not experience the abuse of our High Street on a daily basis.

It seems to be that if only a few people raise concerns then that enables him to consider that only they are affected, no others, and this will allow him to consider those situations, I quote*, '*proportionally*'. If he canvassed the views of other

residents I am sure they would tell him that they consider the problems worthy of serious attention and solution and not dismissal and would want to be added to the proportional concern.

I do not object to being regarded as a nuisance by Mr Seed and remind him that many reforms of benefit to a community arise from the actions and presentation of views initiated by a few people. However I do object to Mr Seed's manner, words and method of dealing with the traffic problems that are a constant worry.

Mr Seed, who no doubt is an honourable man, tells me and others, I quote*:

'residents will want to know that I have recently been reselected by my local Party to stand again for election as your local Councillor in the elections of 2017.'

It is noted Mr Seed. I hope that you will have more reason to have support from some of the community than at present.

**Quotations from Mr Seed's articles in Spotlight March and April 2016 issues.*

Brian Jaques

(Now that both sides of this argument have had a say, we hope to draw a line under this correspondence. Eds.)

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Short Mat Bowls : Hedge Fund manager: Colin Waldeck.

Colin has been unavailable for the last few days but when I finally tracked him down the sun tan and Panama hat were something of a giveaway. He apologised for being untraceable but insisted that there was no question of trying to avoid or indeed evade, it had just been a very taxing time for him and the treasurer, and I am sure he is right.



Colin tells me that the team won a plate (*I think that should be "the plate" Ed.*) in a competition somewhere in Hampshire last month and he has the receipt to prove it.

The closed season, or the "detox" as Colin calls it, is now in full swing and we expect great things... well things...in the summer league.

Cricket : Captain John Wiltshire : It is not long before the initial match of the season being on 8th May away against Beanacre and Melksham followed by the first home match on 29th May when the visitors are Westover. As always, any who would like to join up for the Sunday matches can find the captain on 07791 144248.

Tennis : Chair Elaine Davies : The first league matches of the season got underway on 18th April with the ladies playing Marshfield and the mixed visiting Malmesbury.

The men's started their season on Wednesday the 20th against Devizes and were keen to welcome the new village pairing of Jack Churchill and Richard Boote who accompanied our long standing player Louis Ball and his partner Matt Lesconti. The result was close with Seend losing by a couple of sets but importantly getting some league points. We look forward to seeing father and son Matt and James Wordsworth making their league debut in the men's doubles in early May.

Ornithology : Chief Twitchers : Andy Waylen and Tony " Birdman " Murch.



April and May are always important months for the keen and this year has been no exception, but unfortunately no reports yet of the Cuckoo in Seend despite reliable confirmation that it has been heard in Devizes. Perhaps from the air Seend looks more like Malta than previously thought, I'm not sure.

Skittles : C team captain and reporter : Josh Hamblin.

Unfortunately the C team were unable to pull off promotion this season, although they finished ahead of Seend B, but likewise there was no demotion as there are no leagues below their present one. Importantly a good time was had by all, which reminds me that the Summer Skittles at the Community Centre is not far away so if you are interested please contact Paul Waylen on 07486 447604. (Seend A finished top of the Premier Division with K. Wiltshire adding the Men's Singles Cup.)

The Turf :

Redstart, the locally connected filly, was a starter in the Snowdrop Stakes at Kempton on the 2nd of April on the all-weather track which, unlike the going at Aintree for the National, was unaffected by the recent rain. She was going along steadily on the rails with the leading trio for the first five furlongs and then with just two to go she moved to the front causing many in Seend to edge nearer their television sets gripping their betting slips in anticipation, but it was not to be her day when the rest of the field moved up a gear as they swept towards the line. Her next race has not yet been finalised but we will of course bring you news of the same in our next issue.

Football:

I would love to be reporting on Seend's football team but sadly there is none at present but I hope that it will not be too long before the excellent village football pitch again sees a team in the village colours taking to the field.

What has been heartening is to see the Friday evening football training for youngsters organised by Luke Ballinger on the Lye field proving to be such a success with dozens of keen young players involved. Well done Luke !

Sports News for the June edition by 14th May please. Frankie Goddard 828488.

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.)

For Sale in Seend 01380 827137

Concrete Mixer & stand, electric, half-bag. £50

Raised chicken coop & run. Vgc, ca.3.5m long 1m wide & 1m high. £ 60

Electric Bikes, two. UrbanMover U Sprite UM44SL. One charger. Both vgc and hardly used, cost £900each (retail now £1469). £400 each or £750 the pair.

Jetmaster fire, w60cm d36cm h65cm with exhaust h25cm.£100.

Large fabric collapsible dog crate (Pet Planet) unused , 53cm d79cm h66cm, with travel bag. retail £55, accept £10.

BITS AND BOBS

WANTED - TENORS

Are you a tenor looking for a choir to sing with on Thursday evenings?
Lavington Choir has a small TENOR section that needs your voice!!! We
meet at 8 for 8.15pm in Market Lavington Hall. And we are singing
Vivaldi's Gloria and a medley from Guys and Dolls and we have fun!!
Contact paula@paulaboyagis.plus.com for more information



THE SEEND FUND

Remember the Seend Fund is your local fund. Anyone living in or closely associated with Seend can apply by e-mailing the secretary (anitashea@hotmail.co.uk) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY. If you find yourself in financial difficulties the fund might be able to help with anything from school uniforms to heating bills. Don't hesitate to send details, saying how much you need, what it is for and when you need it by. Even if the fund has helped you before, your request will be sympathetically and confidentially considered. Although the fund is intended to help individuals, if there are any organisations or groups who need support to include someone with special needs in an educational activity, or who know of members who are struggling financially, the Fund may be able to help.

Melksham & District Flower Arrangement Society Open Meeting

"Magic of the Musicals"

by Ian Lloyd (National Demonstrator)

on Thursday 19th May 2016

at Melksham Assembly Hall, Market Place Melksham, SN12 6ES

Tickets £12 to include drinks & nibbles Raffle & Stalls Silent Auction

Doors open 6:30pm for 7:30pm

For tickets telephone Joyce 01225 776223 or email jhs@gordswan.co.uk

Supporting Wiltshire Mind and MDFAS funds



ERLESTOKE HOUSE FARM SHOP

H.M.P. ERLESTOKE, WESTBURY ROAD, ERLESTOKE, DEVIZES, SN10 5TU

Fresh seasonal vegetables, harvested daily from the Erlestoke House allotments.

Garden plants and flowers from Erlestoke House Nursery. Free range eggs.

Bespoke hand crafted furniture from our workshops. The workshops will also make furniture to order.

Birthday and other occasion cakes made to order - chef's home-made Chilli Sauce.

From other prisons: art items, mushroom kits, handmade soaps, knitted items

OPEN: WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY 12.00-3.00pm

Volunteers needed please contact: Janine 07917691034 or Juliet 07949249357

Grittleton Plant & Food Fair

Date for your Diary Sunday 29th May 2016 from 11am – 3pm
Venue Grittleton House, Grittleton, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 6AP
Entrance - £3 per person, Children free

All proceeds and donations will be going to support Action Medical Research



Join us for the 4th Grittleton Plant and Food Fair organised by Action Medical Research. Set in the stunning surrounds of Grittleton House, plant lovers and “foodies” are in for a real treat, with the chance to browse stalls selling plants from specialist nurseries, stunning accessories for your “room outside”, and delicious local artisan produce.

Refreshments and light lunches will be available and there is also a special guest appearance by the charity’s big fluffy mascot, Paddington Bear who will greet the younger members of the family.

If you are interested in having a stall please contact Tracey Edwards on 01225 776691 or email tedwards@action.org.uk

THE WHARF THEATRE

From 29th April to 7th May at 7.30pm. Pete Wallis and Lewis Cowen are collaborating on the thought-provoking and very funny **Waiting for Godot** by Samuel Beckett. Tickets from Devizes Books are £8 and £9.



Spring into Summer

with **STEEPLE ROCKS CHOIR** and special guests

Saturday 14th May in St Mary’s Church, Steeple Ashton

7.30pm Bar available

Tickets £10 from Steeple Ashton shop, choir members or ring 01380 871890
in aid of Splitz Support Services

Keevil Scarecrow Trail - 14th-15th May 2016 - 10am-4pm

The theme for this year is "**Childhood TV Favourites**" from across the generations! There are great prizes to be won; most correct answers wins **£100 cash** and best scarecrow wins a £100 travel voucher. It is a great day out for all ages with 40 scarecrows on show, two of which will be made by local artists. To take part costs just £3 per answer sheet. A children’s trail is available too with fabulous prizes. **Trail to be opened by TV presenter Paul Martin.**



Attractions include a **tombola**, **book & toy stall**, **plant stall**, **coconut shy** and children’s entertainment and a **raffle** with great prizes. **BBQ** (all locally sourced products), **bar**/Pimms stall, **cafe** with home-made cakes, ice-cream and candy floss.

All profits are ploughed back into Keevil C of E Primary School.

Sponsors –Superior Printing (Melksham) Howard Travel (Trowbridge) and Total Carpets & Flooring and Total Bedrooms & Kitchens (Melksham).

www.keevilscarecrowtrail.co.uk

Cantamus Chamber Choir Spring Concert:

Treasure - A Celebration of Music & Verse



Saturday 7th May 2016, 7.30pm, St Nicholas Church, Winsley

Programme includes: Chilcott, Parry, Vierne, Wesley, Bennett and Shakespeare. Mike Daniels – Conductor; Steven Hollas – Organ.

Tickets: £10 / £5 (including complimentary refreshment).

Available from Wiltshire Music Centre 01225 860100.

EDINGTON ARTS

On **Saturday 14th May at 7.30pm**, the former Royal Harpist Claire Jones will be performing at Edington Priory Church. In an evening of music and conversation, this is a rare opportunity not only to hear a classical harp played by a supremely talented international player, but also to get to know her story, and that of her time as Royal Harpist to HRH Prince Charles, including playing at the Royal wedding. Claire will also be bringing a small Celtic harp with her, to demonstrate the variety and heritage of harp music. It will be a magical and interesting evening.

Tickets: £20/15/10 (£2 more on the door), with 10% discount for Edington Angels, from (01380) 831256 or 871549, or at www.edingtonarts.org

Looking ahead to **Edington Music Festival musical evening and supper** on 24th August, email musicalsupper@hancock-office.org to enquire about tickets (£23)

THE MANOR, STEEPLE ASHTON

will open its gates for the NATIONAL OPEN GARDENS SCHEME

May 22nd and June 12th 2 pm to 6 pm

We are pleased to have an opportunity to raise money for caring charities, such as Macmillan, and the new, local, Horatio's Garden attached to the spinal injuries unit in Salisbury hospital.

Tea money will be donated to Penny's charity for Maasai health in Tanzania.

We hope that you may be able to support us - any help gratefully accepted.

Thank you, Penny and John Aeberhard. 01380 8709602.



MELKSHAM COMPUTER CLUB

Melksham has a fantastic computer club for those who need help with their laptop, tablet or phone and it's free to attend. Topics covered include help to turn a computer on, how to shop online safely and how to keep in touch with family using the internet. If anyone is interested in learning about these and more then they should call 0300 456 1000 to register with the computer club which meets in Melksham library on Thursdays from 5.30-7pm, or can visit people's homes on request.

And finally:

Intellectual graffiti spotted on a van in Seend Cleeve:

The world is made up of 10 types of people:

1. Those who understand binary and



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

CHURCH: Priest in Charge: Revd Maureen Allchin 01380 828931. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mr Steve Taylor 01225 709360; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; LPAs: Mrs Jane Goman 827121, Mrs Liz Futter 828485 & Mrs Tina Yockney 827139. Bell Ringers: L Murray 828513.

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

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

Bulkington Playing Field: Chairman Jamie Streeter - 828835 - jamiestreeter@hotmail.co.uk

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

Website: www.seendcommunitycentre.com and find us on facebook

Seend Shuttle: Bookings and drivers: Alison Cobbing 07951030491 or 01380 850511

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.bulkington.org.uk

Rights of Way Warden – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

Connect2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) 08456 525255 (Ends 10/6/2016)

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

melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

Seend Fund (village charity): 01380 828757

MP Claire Perry, 01380 729358 (M-F 9.30am-1pm) claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk

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

100+Club Draw – Karen & Steve Cubberley – steven@cubberley.com - tel: 828423

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 & find Seend Village Pantomime on facebook

Fete – Nick Vaux - seendlrf@gmail.com (www.seendfete.co.uk)

Flower Show – Brian Jaques 827137

FOSS (Friends of Seend School) Mel Steel 07739 899741

Gardening Club - Carole Vince 01380 871259

Historic Houses Club - Mary Warren 01225707357 or Neil Yockney 827139

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee – www.seendlyefield.org

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

Seend Singers - Bob McCulloch 828508

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828687

Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA - Pam Church - 828597

WI - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Gill Acornley 01225 707218

Wine Circle – Steve Parsons 07974 347487 or Simon McManus 07896 711764

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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
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