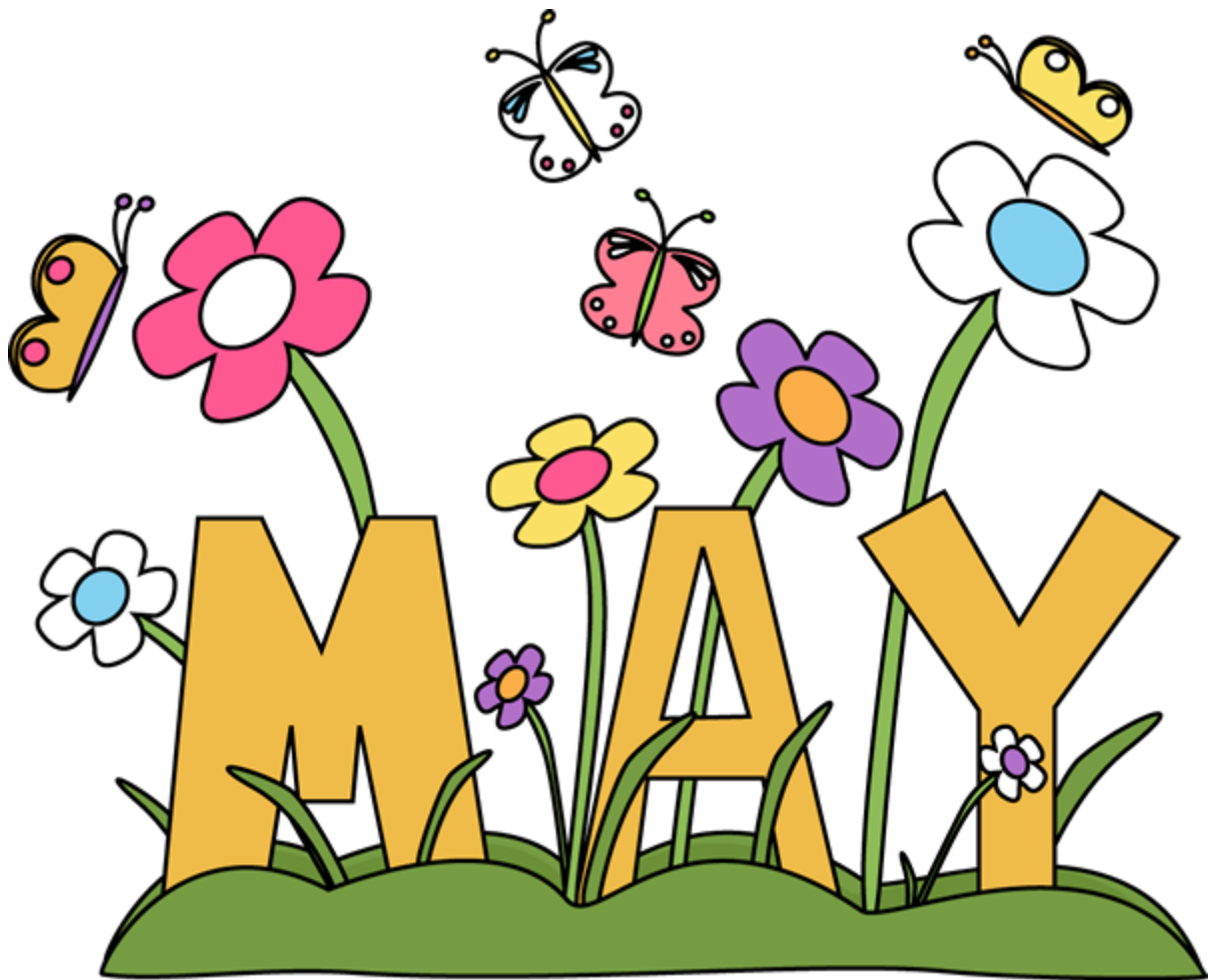


SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



May 2017

DIARY DATES FOR LATE APRIL

- 25th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 27th Seend Parish Neighbourhood Steering Group Meeting, 7.30pm Pavilion
- 29th Seend Beer Festival, Seend Community Centre, midday-11pm.
- 30th Meet Bishop Ed Condry, Seend Church, 10am
- 30th Seend Ramblers – postponed from 23rd

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 3rd Seend Shuttle for Salisbury (call 01225 706526 to book by Monday)
- 3rd Bulkington Village Lunch, 12.15 pm The Well
- 4th Wiltshire Council elections
- 5th Coffee morning, Seend Community Centre, 10.30am
- 6th RBL Lecture and Supper, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 8th Tea, Craft and Chat Social Group, 2 – 4 pm. Northfields
- 8th Mobile Library: 9.40 am Seend The Lye: 10.05 am Seend Cleeve phone box, 11.05 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 9th Start of 3-a-side skittles competition thru' May & June, Community Centre, 8pm
- 13th Cream Team & Hand Made & Plant Stalls 2.30 pm – 5 pm Bulkington Village Hall
- 13th Seend Playgroup Open Day
- 13th LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JUNE SPOTLIGHT
- 14th-20th Christian Aid Week
- 16th Annual Parish Meeting, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 17th Aster Housing public exhibition, Community Centre, 4-8pm
- 18th Seend WI Craft Afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm
- 21st Seend Ramblers meet 9.30am Rusty Lane or 10am Corsham
- 26th Great Big Seend Pudding Event 3, Pavilion, 7 pm on
- 30th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30 pm.
- 31st Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre 12 from 12.30 pm

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 10th Seend Wine Circle, Community Centre, 8pm (book by 6th)
- 17th-18th Seend Open Gardens, 1-6pm
- 17th Summer BBQ, Community Centre, 6pm
- 25th RBL Drumhead Service
- 30th Celebration Concert, Seend Church, 7.30pm

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 Spotlight

Some of April was more like glorious summer than spring – let's hope May doesn't revert to winter! Finger crossed.



As is so often the case, a lot of this month's local events are food-based or at least contain an element of food within them! We have the talk on 'Grandma flew Spitfires', which, of course, includes supper, plus Nosh & Natter, Café Church, First Friday Coffee Morning, Bulkington Lunch and Tea and Chat, all rounded off with the Great Seend Pudding Event. Where are Weightwatchers when you need them? There is also the Annual Parish Meeting for Seend on 16th May, which as far as we know has no food involved, a ramble to work off the calories, Wiltshire Council elections on 4th May, and Aster Housing have an exhibition (not sure what of at the time of writing) in the Community Centre on 17th.

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 2017 and June 2018.

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 sometimes 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 edition (copy by Saturday 13th May please) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Please note that **you should always send emailed items to the Spotlight address**, not to Sue or Tessa – even if they have emailed you from their own email address – just in case they are not around. Joanna Goddard (828488) organises printing Mondays and also 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.

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 pages 10-12)



First Friday Coffee Morning in the Lounge
at Seend Community Centre

from 10.30am on Friday 5th May

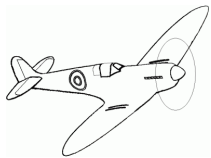
Proper coffee (or tea) and home-made cake for just £2. All welcome.

Nosh & Natter Lunch Club

Wednesday 31st May 12 noon for 12.30pm

in Seend Community Centre

Please call 01380 828638 to book your place in advance.



Grandma Flew Spitfires

Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre

The story of the Civilians who got to fly the King's Aeroplanes!

A talk by John Webster, Secretary, the Air Transport Auxiliary Association. **£10.00**

Including a light supper. Tickets **only in advance** from Robin Heatley 01380 828491,

Marion Whitehead 01380 828612 or Seend PO.

THE GREAT BIG SEEND PUDDING EVENT 3!!!

Yes, it's time to polish up your spoons ready to dive into another
delicious selection of puddings!

When? Friday May 26th from 7.00pm until the last morsel is devoured!

Where? The Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend.

Vote for your favourite!

Licensed bar, raffle and quiz.

How much? £12.50 to include a *small* starter (veggie friendly)

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

Proceeds to the Church of the Holy Cross.



SEEND OPEN GARDENS

17th and 18th June - 1:00 - 6:00 pm

Adults £7:00 pp Children Free. In aid of Church Funds

Summer Flower Display in Church - Children's Quiz

Cream Teas, Cake and Ice Cream

FREE PARKING and FREE PROGRAMME

Restricted wheelchair access to some gardens

(Please contact Anne Ewing on 01380 828557 or Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 if
you are willing to help with teas, car parking etc.)



The Friends of Seend Church present
A Celebration Concert
featuring two choirs and outstanding local musicians.
Seend Church Friday, 30th June at 7.30pm.
Admission Free. Retiring collection in aid of church funds.



SEEND SUMMER BALL
1st July in Seend Community Centre
Music till late and a three course meal for £25/head.
Book early if you don't want to be disappointed.
Contact Ric or Jan on 828687 or email ricellinger@hotmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Irene Usher Hall. This is an open meeting and all residents are welcome to attend. All Seend clubs and societies are invited to present an annual report of their activities. The Chairman for the parish council will be elected at this meeting, and a summary of the parish council's work and financial matters will be presented.

PARISH COUNCIL AND UNITARY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 4th MAY 2017

There will be no Parish Councillor election for Seend on 4th May as there were only 11 nominations, but there will be a Unitary Councillor Election on 4th May, so residents will still be expected to vote for a new County Councillor.

The following Parish Council candidates were uncontested:

Mrs Georgina A'Bear
Mr Brian Crisp
Mr Terry James
Mr Tony Murch
Mr John Williams
Mr Mark Wood

Mrs Pamela Akerman
Mrs Anita Heatley
Dr Nigel Knott
Mrs Carole Vince
Mr Martin Wiltshire

This means that Seend has its full compliment of Councillors. The new Councillors will not officially take up their posts until 8th May. A new Chairman will be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May, 7.30pm at the Irene Usher Hall, Rusty Lane, Seend.

CLARIFICATION: The figure quoted in last month's Spotlight of 1,200 sheep killed in worrying incidents related to the whole of last year, not so far this year.

Phone Box in The Lye

We have been successful in our application to adopt the phone box at The Lye. As soon as the telephone equipment is taken out, the phone box will become ours. Please let the Parish Council have your ideas on what to do with it, and if you are willing to be a volunteer to help look after it. Please get in touch with the parish clerk by emailing: clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk or by phone: 07706 850859.

Seend Churchyard

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Churchyard spring clean at the end of March; it is all looking lovely. Diocesan Churchyard Regulations state that artificial flowers, photographs, cards, toys etc are not permitted in the churchyard. We are now asking that these are removed before the end of May to complete the tidy up. We are aware that this is a very sensitive issue and do not wish to offend anyone but we need to maintain the beauty of the churchyard. Items remaining at the end of May will be removed and placed in the church porch for a further week before being discarded if not collected.

Thank you for your co-operation.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th 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 576 local partner organizations, 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 organization runs properly. No money is given to governments.

A Christian Aid envelope is inside this Spotlight. The collectors will call during the week of 14th– 20th 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. Then tear off the slip place inside the envelope, moisten the strip at the top of the envelope and fold.

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, Seend Cleeve.

Thank you, Dick Church

The Seend Pork Pie Cycling Club are in training for an epic adventure to John O'Groats!



You may have recently spotted that we (John Whalley & Jenny Dalton) have been whizzing around the village and surrounds on our bikes. There is a reason for this. We have kick started our training campaign so that hopefully come September we can take on the mammoth task of cycling all the way from Land's End to John O'Groats. You can follow our witty training journey on our "Seend Pork Pie Cycling Club" Facebook page and by all means give us a shout if you fancy coming for a bike ride with us. The more the merrier!

We are going to spend most of our summer training longer and harder and in exchange for our hard work we aim to raise £5000 for causes close to our hearts – Macmillan Cancer & The Vodafone Foundation who will be continuing their work with the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees. More details can be found on our just giving pages below.

There are spaces on the bike ride left if anyone wants to come and join us..., however if that isn't your cup of tea we would really, really appreciate you taking the slightly easier option of clicking on our Just Giving pages below, doing your good deed for the day and leaving a donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jennifer-Dalton1>

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-optional-whalley>

You can also use TEXT GIVING: Text JECY75 £20 to 70070; Text JWHA71 £20 to 70070.

Thanks for reading. Love from your friendly Pie Eating Cyclists, Jenny & John.



Seend Fete 12th August 2017

This year sees a return to our Fun Dog show, so be prepared to "look like your owner", play some games, and have the best behaved dog. Also returning will be Vintage cars and bikes, the chance to jive with Melksham Rock n Roll and sing along with Betsy Harmony. Not forgetting the usual stalls, raffles, more things for kids to do, and of course the return of last year's popular Welly Wanging, which will be more of an event this year so get training now for that longest throw. Fantasy radio will be reprising their show and also compering.

We will be collecting bottles this year, so please stock your cupboards ready for our volunteers to collect in the week before the fete. By now you should have the date in your diary and if not already, get it in now, invite the relatives and friends, share the event on facebook, etc etc, for a good day out at both the fete and the flower show. It doesn't get much better than this for a village event.

It is still not too late to join our committee, or volunteer to help with our bottle collection, just call on 01380 828970, committee meetings are normally the third Wednesday of the month in the Lye Field Pavilion.

Seend Fete Committee



Seend Flower Show 2017 Saturday August 12th

This year's show gives you notice that the entry forms are waiting, the tables are waiting, the judges are waiting.....for YOU.

Yes, yet another year and yet another show. It goes on as it has for the past 65+ years and it is going to be another success by virtue of the support of the exhibitors and the spectators. An important factor is the modern problem of finance to pay for the necessary infrastructure. Fortunately for the village the financial security of the show over the past few years has been supported by the local business Altfield. We are pleased and grateful that their sponsorship is continuing into 2017. The show requires planning and manning and that means people behind the scenes beforehand and in the hall - we do particularly need more helpers *on show day* – if you can assist us in any way please contact me at 827137. The schedule of classes and entry form will once again be delivered as part of the show programme free to all in the locality. The delivery is via and by courtesy of the Spotlight team; we thank the people involved in that. The show website at www.seendflowershow.org.uk has information and downloadable documents for the show schedule and entry form. The committee is keen to emphasise that this is a village show and potential exhibitors should realise that RHS Chelsea is something else! Despite that difference the quality of show exhibits is always high (and also at Chelsea I hear) – so do put your mind to what you can show that could make us get extra tables and let those who as yet only look at the exhibits realise that they could do the same if only ...

Brian Jaques

Friends of Seend Church

Our thanks must go to the mystery donor who over a period of several weeks left bags of coins totalling £40 on the wall of a property near Spout Lane. This was generously passed on to the Friends of Seend Church for which we are most grateful.

VILLAGE DAY TRIP TO BEAULIEU PALACE HOUSE THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

This annual trip which includes all villagers and friends is extremely popular. This year we are visiting Beaulieu Palace house in the New Forest where there will be a guided tour and then you are free to explore the Abbey, gardens and of course the world famous Motor Museum.

Look out for further details in next months Spotlight. Further enquiries to Tina 01380 827139.

SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

“The right homes in the right places”

IMPORTANT - Please read:

The SPNP Steering Group has arranged a meeting on **Thursday 27th April** which we want as many of you who can, to attend. It will be in the **Pavilion at 7.30pm.**

The meeting aims to inform you of the findings thus far as to the situation with prospective housing in the Parish.

It is clear that it is important for you to be aware of the facts governing our work (much of it is set out in the Wiltshire Core Strategy document) to avoid incorrect rumours circulating, and for you to have a basis from which to have opinions as the options become clear.

You might be inclined to think that this concerns only those living near any site that may be developed, which is not right. We need a policy for the new homes that may be built in this Parish, to include the most suitable site(s), number of units required, and style of building. These could be in any of the three settlements: Seend Village, Seend Cleeve or Sells Green.

The SPNPSG has been working to ascertain the suitability of sites that owners have indicated they would make available for development, along with the two SHLAA sites. As this is a complex process involving such topics as access, drainage, etc., this work is not yet complete. Therefore we cannot debate the respective merits or disadvantages of the sites yet. Nevertheless, we can debate such issues as the pros and cons of having the development all in one place, or spread between several locations. It is important to get as many opinions from Parishioners as possible to support the Parish Council in their negotiations with any potential developer.

THE MEETING will be held at the Pavilion on THURSDAY 27TH APRIL at 7.30pm – 8.30pm chaired by Georgina A’Bear, Chair of the Steering Group. There will be a short presentation of factual information, followed by questions and answers. It is likely there will be a large number of attendees, therefore questions or comments will be restricted to one per person, so all can have their say.

You will find the names of the Committee members and links to further information about the complex process of creating a Neighbourhood Plan on the website

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

The View From My Window

So the good weather has continued, and what a glorious April, with such bright sunshine, and magnificent flowers and blossom. As I write my wisteria is just coming into bloom, and it virtually wraps the cottage round. It seems that the world has woken up after a long winter, and the sounds of children on the recreation ground and mowers in the gardens are ever present. Did you see Seend churchyard; it was amazing totally carpeted with primroses and celandines?

I hope you had a good Easter. Holy week was very special for me, for in Keevil together with a choir from Oxfordshire we performed Stainer's Crucifixion, which really brings to life once again what the season is all about, full of the humanity of a real person suffering as he died, and then full of the divinity of one who could say, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do.". It was lovely to see so many friends from Seend and Bulkington there. As the week developed we were able to share together in the community and communion of the disciples as they struggled, and re enact the last supper , and then share in the horror of Good Friday, the deadness of Holy Saturday and then the joy of Easter Day. Alleluia; Christ is risen. Now we look forward to the post Easter experiences. Did you know that 550 people plus saw Jesus on eleven different occasions over a period of six weeks after he had died, beginning with Mary Magdalene in the garden on the day of his resurrection? That's amazing. Sceptics say that maybe he didn't really die, or that his disciples stole his body or that the authorities stole the body, and others said that maybe they were seeing a ghost, but how can a ghost cook and eat fish? CS Lewis, the great theologian (and writer of the Narnia books), came to the conclusion that either Jesus was and is the son of God, or else a madman, or something worse, and he said "However strange it may seem, I have to accept the view that he was and is the son of God".

So we look forward to the coming season both in the church and the world and particularly in our villages. The post resurrection stories in the bible are lovely and it's a time when I think of the English Jesus. "Who's that?" you may be thinking. Come along and find out.

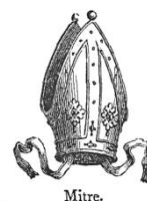
There are six weeks before the day when we celebrate Jesus ascending into heaven, hopefully all the glorious days of May, when the blue bells will be out and the Beech trees will come into full leaf. We can choose either to be depressed about the terrifying state of the world at the moment, or to be glad to be alive today, or maybe if when we realize how beautiful the world can be, we will resolve with all our strength to try to make it a better place, and in the words of Stainer's Crucifixion "not pass by on the other side."

Have a happy and glorious May.

Jane Knowles

During the interregnum, if anyone needs to speak to a priest please ring me.

Please join us to welcome **Bishop Ed Condry** (Bishop of Ramsbury) to our Benefice Service at **10am** on **Sunday 30th April**. This will be a very happy occasion and it would be good to have lots of friendly faces for him to smile at! Refreshments will be available afterwards.



The next **Café Church** service will be at **11am on Sunday 4th June** as we celebrate Pentecost, the giving of the Holy Spirit to the early church. **The Cafe opens at 10.45am**, with drinks and marvellous cakes and will be followed by a friendly, family centred service with the children taking part in various activities.



CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY 2017

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 7th May 2017 (4th Sunday of Easter)

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 9.15 am Parish Eucharist at Poulshot
- 11.00 am Morning Praise at Seend
- 6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Traditional) at Bulkington

Sunday 14th May 2017 (5th Sunday of Easter)

- 9.15 am Parish Eucharist at Seend
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist at Bulkington
- 6.00 pm Evensong (Traditional) at Poulshot

Sunday 21st May 2017 (6th Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday)

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 9.15 am Morning Praise at Bulkington
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Traditional) at Poulshot
- 6.00 pm Evensong at Seend

Thursday 25th May 2017 (Ascension Day)

- 7.30 pm Cluster Eucharist at Poulshot

Sunday 28th May 2017 (7th Sunday of Easter)

- 9.15 am Matins (Traditional) at Poulshot
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist at Seend
- 6.00 pm Parish Eucharist at Bulkington

Every Tuesday at 9am there is a short Benefice service of Matins (BCP) at Poulshot church.

From the Benefice records

Funerals We pray for the families of:

Eric and Jocelyn Akerman whose funeral took place at Holy Cross on 20th March

Diana Grist who was laid to rest in St Peter's Churchyard on 1st April

Nancy Alexander whose funeral took place at Holy Cross on 7th March

Baptisms The newest member of our Church family is:

Imarni Hutchinson who was baptised at Holy Cross on 2nd April

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH

Services for April 2017

- 14th May 10am Rev Wendy Tucker with Holy Communion
- 28th May 10am Mr Peter Walker

Everyone welcome to any service.
Thank you, Anne Salter

Dear Friends,

Over the Easter break my family and I went to see the new live-action version of Beauty and the Beast – we all loved it! It strikes me that like many of our folk tales and fairy stories, it has a theme of redemption; lives changed through love and acceptance. The Beast suffers the consequences of his selfishness and arrogance, but is transformed by Belle's love and persistence, despite how badly he has treated her. It's a theme we humans seem to need in our stories – I'm sure you can think of many others, ancient and modern where people are changed through love.

Of course from my Christian point of view this is the overarching story I read through the bible – God wants to redeem the world, and each human person. God longs for us to have life, abundant, joyful, fulfilling life!

Time and again characters who seem, like us all at times, to be pretty hopeless cases are enabled to do amazing things – vain, arrogant Joseph saves a nation and his own family from famine – impetuous, gung-ho Peter comes through denial and abandonment of Jesus to lead the early church and so many more.

The message for me is that if we share unconditional love and acceptance – God's grace, which has been given to each of us - we can change the world one broken person at a time. Of course such grace, such love costs – we leave ourselves open to betrayal, to pain, to being ignored and utterly unappreciated and taken for granted – it cost Jesus all this and so much more as we have just remembered over Easter. But ask anyone whose life has been changed by someone loving them unconditionally – it is an amazing way to unlock a person from the prison of thinking they are useless and unloved by the world. Ask me sometime about a friend of mine who once lived on the streets, with all the accompanying ailments and issues – and is now married, back in touch with his family, working and making a difference in his community – all because a church community refused to stop loving him.

It's a tale as old as time. God bless.

Wendy <><

Wendy Tucker, Minister for Bromham Calne and Seend Methodist Churches

BULKINGTON NEWS

BULKINGTON LADIES' GROUP

Our evening with Sue Mason was very interesting and informative. We learnt how bad Oasis is for the planet, and useful alternative ideas. She made five or six lovely arrangements with spring flowers which were raffled at the end of the meeting.

Our May meeting on Thursday 27th is probably a trip to Avebury where we will have a wander round and then meet up at the pub. Cars will leave the Village Hall car park at 7pm, to make more use of the daylight. This is dependent upon the weather, so please check.

Liz Futter 828485

Angela Read 828925

The **Mobile Library** will visit the car-park of The Well on Monday 8th May, 11.05-11.30am. Please support this; it really could be a case of use it or lose it.

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Glorious – dare I say unseasonal – sunny weather has brought May forward into April, and not an April shower in sight. Jamaicans say: “Don’t you put your mouth on it!” which points out the danger of making a statement like that. Next month we hope to repair the damage to our roof: part of the ‘celebrations’ earlier this month seemed to include a daring attempt to walk on the fragile tiles. I shall say no more, but we will NOT be booking any more young adult parties. However, we are happy to welcome our usual small birthday parties, christenings and any non-alcoholic events. Our origins as a Baptist Chapel should be respected.

Angela Read, Chairman.

The monthly **TEA, CRAFT AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP** will meet this month on Monday 8th May from 2-4 pm at 4 Northfields (Anne Saywell, 828931). All welcome from all over the benefice – bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



The Tea and Chat group are holding a
CREAM TEA, with HAND-MADE AND PLANT STALLS
on Saturday 13th May from 2.30 – 5.00 pm in Bulkington Village Hall
Tickets £4, to include TWO scones! Raffle.
ALL are very welcome, please come and enjoy a friendly occasion
Profits to Christ Church, Bulkington.



BULKINGTON "100 CLUB"

The draw for the "100 Club" took place at the village lunch on Wednesday, 5th April, at The Well Inn and the winners were :-

1st prize - £50	No. 49	Andie Elliott
2nd prize - £35	No. 60	Ian Pendlebery
3rd prize - £25	No. 41	Susanne Rose
4th prize - £15	No. 61	Rosie Forsey
5th prize - £5	No.63	Rosemarie Bailey



This was the last draw for this year so thank you very much to everyone who supported the club. Our membership reached 66 this year - a good number for our small village but with more members we could have more draws so even more winners! So join the club for a chance to win cash prizes at our draws through the year! For full details see our village website or contact Phyl Yarde on 01380 828116 or on phyllisyard@gmail.com

Phyl Yarde

BULKINGTON VILLAGE LUNCH

The village lunch will take place on Wednesday, 3rd May, at 12.15 p.m. at The Well. Contact Phyl Yarde in advance for the menu (01380 828116 or phyllisyarde@gmail.com).

We are always pleased to see new people so, if you like a good lunch in pleasant company, this is for you.



SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

We always welcome new members. If you would like to join, contact me or Neil from the contact list in Spotlight. The Annual Subscription is £4. Current members please note that all advertised dates remain the same, but two of the venues have had to be changed. Hinton Ampner does not accept groups during school holidays, so we now plan to visit Lytes Cary plus Sherborne Abbey.

Kensington Palace in September was not viable, and we will now visit Beaulieu Palace house in the new Forest.

Mary Warren

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

Salisbury Shopping Shuttle Trip - Wednesday 3rd May

Please ring Rex or Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 by Monday 1st May to book a seat on the Salisbury Shopping Shuttle on Wednesday 3rd May.



Thanks, Rex

SEEND AND DISTRICT LINK SCHEME

The AGM on 10th April was attended by the Committee (Chris Gosling, Chairman; Jean Gosling, Secretary; Lynette Thornton, Treasurer; David Hawkins, Coordinator) and a good number of volunteer drivers. It was reported that the scheme had provided a similar number of journeys to last year, mostly health related. The total number of miles driven was 3,590. The scheme can offer 'good neighbour' help other than driving but there are few requests for this. There have been more requests for weekend journeys than previously.

The Chairman provided useful information about parking at several hospitals in the area. Information leaflets encouraging more volunteer drivers had been distributed at the Fete and within Spotlight, to little effect. A publicity video can be viewed on www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSsQCp8TNR8

The Parish Council were thanked for their continuing financial support, and Spotlight magazine for publicity, as well as all volunteers who keep the scheme going. If you were one of those who took away a volunteer driver's application form at the fete but did not complete it – or if you would like to find out about volunteering – please contact Jean Gosling on 07505 186095.



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111

Please see events section, website and facebook for news of what's happening at the Centre in May and beyond – as well as the quarterly newsletter 'Happenings!' enclosed in this magazine.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This month we publish another poem written by pupils of the 2014 Sycamore Class of Seend School. This one was written by **Anouk Griffiths**.

Coughing like hags,
Heads abow,
No one to save me now.
An ecstasy of fumbling,
Through the fired flares,
I saw him falling,
And nobody cared.



Dates to Note

6 th May 2017	Annual Lecture	See separate notice
25 th June 2017	Drumhead Service	Lye Field (Details next month)
6 th July 2017	Next Committee Meeting	
25 th November 2017	Elvis Evening	

Annual Lecture Saturday 6th May 2017. This will be given by John Webster, the Secretary of the Air Transport Auxiliary Association, and is entitled “**Grandma Flew Spitfires**”, the story of the women and boys of the ATA during World War II. It will be held in the Community Centre commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 (including supper) only in advance from Robin Heatley (828491), Marion Whitehead (828612) or Seend Post Office. Proceeds in aid of The Royal British Legion. **You do not have to be a member of the Royal British Legion to attend.**

Roger Brind

100+ CLUB DRAW

The Lye Field 100 +Club draw took place at the Irene Usher Pavilion on 23th March. The results are as follows:-

£35.00	No. 141	Mrs R Fisher
£30.00	No. 201	Mrs J Stack
£25.00	No.015	Mrs R Bailey
£20.00	No. 180	Miss Z McMillan
£15.00	No. 183	Mrs J James



Congratulations to all the winners! Don't forget to get your application forms in soon in order to take part in this fund-raising opportunity!

Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

19 people completed a pre-AGM walk on Sunday March 19th. Thanks to Tessa for a lovely walk in the Seend countryside. Other members joined the walkers for the AGM where a new member was welcomed. There are currently 32 members. The officers were re-elected. Walking dates for the coming year were decided along with a skittles evening planned for July and an evening barge trip to celebrate the club's Birthday.

The next walk will be on **Sunday 30th April** in the Nettleton area. Contact Gerald on 01225 706451 for further details or look out for your email if you are a member.

May's walk will be a gentle four-mile walk centred around Corsham Park, on **Sunday May 21st**, led by Anita Shea and Pete Wallis. Please meet in Rusty Lane at 9.30am or in the free car park adjacent to Corsham football ground at 10am.

New members are always welcome, come along to one of our walks, we are a very friendly bunch!!

WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP

May 30th at 7.45pm in the Pavilion – Keith Pursey from Midsomer Norton. Keith is member and Chairman of Bristol, we look forward to his talk "How we started growing fuchsias".



SEEND WI

For our April Meeting we were very fortunate to welcome Graham and Ann Mitchell, who are volunteers for Julia's House Children's Hospice. They gave us a fascinating and informative talk on how the work of the Hospice is developing and the plans for the future. The Hospice in Devizes is being officially opened on 6th May. We were also pleased to welcome some members of Seend Fawltly Players who presented a cheque for £700 to Graham and Ann for Julia's House.

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 10th May when our talk is The Wonderful World of Glass. This is about the history of glass from 3,000 B.C. to the present day, presented by glass expert Dr. Francis Burroughes. Visitors are always welcome!

The next Craft afternoon is on Thursday 18th 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 SCHOOL NEWS



It's been a busy term at Seend School as usual!

Holly Class have been learning about pirates....oooooh arrrrrrrrr! The children had a special visitor this week; Captain Jim paid them a visit to carry out some cutlass training and take the children on a treasure hunt around the school grounds. The children are really looking forward to

dressing up as pirates on the last day of term.

Oak Class visited Sevington Victorian School last week and had a great time. All the children dressed up and managed to stay 'in character' for the whole day. Some children are still in character now! They were given different names, like Ellen and Alice, and had to bring typical Victorian lunches in a paper bag. The children particularly enjoyed making candles and lavender bags.

Chestnut Class have been continuing to research a different country from around the world. There has been some excellent home learning going on, including making and bringing in food that is a speciality in their chosen country. Towards the end of term the children are going to be sharing some of the information they have found out and taking part in each other's quizzes.

Sycamore Class are continuing to learn about the rainforest. They have been researching the effects of deforestation and used this as inspiration for some art work recently. Some of the research they carried out was used in our Easter service with the children sharing facts about Easter egg packaging.

The whole school had an activity week where the theme was the environment. The children spent much of their time outside and produced art work, poetry, graphs of birds, dances maps etc.

For the Great British Spring Clean, children went out in groups and picked litter along the roadside and in the park. A surprisingly large amount was collected. We were really pleased to receive a thank you letter from Seend Parish Council for the work, and this was read out in our celebration assembly at the end of term.

Last Friday saw the first ever Seend School Art Exhibition! All children produced a piece of art work that was professionally framed and on display in the school hall for them to look at, as well as their parents after school. It was great to see the children going around the exhibition with buddies from other classes. Lots of parents purchased the framed art work after school which I'm sure will look great on the wall at home!

Jackie Chalk, Head Teacher

SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS

By the time you read this the new term will have started, and we will have had our first week of being open on a Friday afternoon. Our Sun Protection Policy will be going out to all parents, so please remember to bring a sun hat and apply the sun cream. At the same time, we do require wellies as the morning dew is sometimes slow to clear, and we do like to be able to play and learn outside.

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 egg. The weather was kind to us too, so we were able to play outside.

This term the children are learning about numbers letters and sounds.

We are unable to use the Pavilion on Thurs 4th May, as it is required for the Polling Station. Why that should take precedence over the children's education I am not sure! We will be closed on that day, which I hope will not cause too much of a problem.

We are holding an OPEN DAY on Friday 13th May at the Pavilion. This will be an ordinary day when we will be inviting people, especially those with young children, to come and see what we do at our Playgroup sessions. It is not a fund raiser, so no need to bring your purse! We have spaces available for children from age 2 yrs, and are taking bookings for September. Please visit our website, seendplaygroup.com for further details.

We still have a few Cook Books for sale. They include all kinds of family favourites sent in by our 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 828485 (Playleader)

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

NB. These minutes are a shortened version of the full minutes taken at the Parish Council meeting of 28th March. These have not yet been ratified by the Parish Council and may be subject to change. A full copy of the minutes can be found on our website: www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

The meeting held on 28th March was attended by eight Councillors with Mr Murch in the chair. Apologies were received from Mr James and Mr Wiltshire. Also present were Councillor Jonathan Seed and two members of the public.

Police Report

Mrs Heatley reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner had published his Police and Crime Plan for 2017-2021. His 4 priorities are:

1. Prevent crime and keep people safe.
2. Protect the most vulnerable in society.
3. Put victims, witnesses and communities at the heart of everything we do; and
4. Secure a quality police service that is trusted and efficient.

Local Councillor Matters: Councillor Seed reported that all was fairly quiet on the County Council in the lead up to the Local Elections.

White Lines on Roads: He reported that a resident of Sells Green had expressed concern that the white lines had not been repainted following re-surfacing of the

A365 on the bend on the Melksham side of Sells Green. It was felt that the white lines are an essential safety measure and their removal represents a danger to all road users. Councillor Seed said he would follow this up with Highways. He reported that as there was still surplus money in the Highway budget for white line painting, Councillors were asked to provide a list of roads in the parish where repainting was required. The list was to be collated by the Chairman.

Berhills Lane Sign – Councillor Seed reported that an enforcement officer had visited the site and concluded that the area of gravel that had been designated a parking area for the house on the corner posed a danger to cars exiting the junction as it obscured the view. Councillor Seed said he would keep an eye on the situation and will chase up replacement of the speed sign to its rightful place at the end of the road.

Spout Lane – Councillor Seed reported that he had driven several times down Spout Lane and each time had found that most of spring water was now running down the edge of the road instead of across the middle as it had been. The opening of a grip and drain seems to have done the trick.

The Chairman wanted Councillor Seed to make clear to the **Highways department** of Wiltshire Council, that any reports by any village pressure group on any matter do not necessarily represent the views of the Parish Council and that any highways related issue have to be agreed by the PC and that they then go forward through the CATG and on to the Area Board. The Chairman hoped that it would be possible, once the elections are over, for the Parish Council to meet with representatives of Highways department to help improve relations. Councillor Seed felt that this would be a very good idea.

Advisory Speed Signs – Councillor Seed reported that he had contacted Wiltshire Highways to seek their view on the Advisory speed signs that were being used by South Gloucestershire County Council. Their response had not been favourable. If he is re-elected, Councillor Seed said he would follow up their response.

Aster Housing – Councillor Seed was asked for his views on the Aster housing proposal. He suggested that the Parish Council should look favourably at a housing proposal that is sympathetic to the concerns of the village, rather than risk a more predatory housing development being forced on the parish. He reported that Semington Parish Council had managed to work with a small housing developer and got everything they wanted.

Dog Noise: The Chairman asked Councillor Seed who the Parish Council should contact regarding the problem of constant dog barking at Spiderwebb Paddock. Councillor Seed suggested that the Parish Council contact Environmental Health

Items for Discussion from Members of the Parish:

The Brewery: Seend Cleeve residents, Mr Grist and Mrs Hawkins presented a very heartfelt case for getting The Brewery Pub registered as a Community Asset. They highlighted how important the pub was to the Seend Cleeve community, and that it was a true locals' pub that hosted many village events such as the pumpkin

competition, Christmas carols and the annual Cricket Club trophy presentation evening.

Mr Grist and Mrs Hawkins reported that the current tenants would be losing their lease by the end of the month. They said that they had contacted Enterprise to enquire what would happen to the pub. Enterprise implied that they were in discussion with possible new tenants but that it was all rather vague. As ailing pubs are often sold off for housing development, concern was expressed that the pub would be lost to the community if steps were not taken to save it. Mr Grist and Mrs Hawkins stressed that it was important to get the pub registered as a Community Asset as this would help delay any possible decision Enterprise might make to close the pub. It would also show Enterprise that the pub was highly valued by the community. Mr Grist and Mrs Hawkins asked for the views of the Parish Council.

All Councillors praised the efforts of the residents and offered to support any application to register it as a Community Asset. However, the Council felt that an application led by a community group rather than by the Parish Council would perhaps have more success with Wiltshire Council, as it would show just how strongly residents valued their village pub.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman reported that the Clerk's post had been advertised in the Melksham News, and in Spotlight. He said that the decision to advertise quickly needed to be made before the council meeting. All Councillors were happy with the Chairman's actions. The Chairman reported that the planings to fill in the pot-holes in Rusty Lane would not be delivered until June, but that when they were, volunteers would be needed to help fill in the holes. Mr Wiltshire had agreed to take delivery of the planings at Egypt Farm.

Matters Arising:

Salt Spreader – The Clerk reported that a replacement motor had been sent under warranty by the manufacturers and that Mr Wiltshire would replace it.

Parish Steward Tasks – Mr Manning reported that he had at last met with the Parish Steward (Kevin), who would be visiting the parish to carry out a day's worth of work each month. Tasks already carried out included the scraping of moss in Cook's Close, although this requires further spraying and hedge cutting in Cooks Close; he had washed the signs at Bell Hill and cleared the bus shelters of rubbish. The Parish Steward agreed to do an exploratory check of the path running from the Stocks to Seend to see if there is any edging and will look into getting the path sprayed with weed killer. He has also confirmed that he will check the water situation on Spout Lane each month.

Community Assets: The Chairman expressed concern that, with the sale of The Bell pub and the Village Shop and the uncertainty over the future of The Brewery, that the village was at risk of losing some of its main village assets.

A general discussion took place on the merits of getting some of the village's amenities registered as Community Assets and it was decided to consult with some of the present owners in the first instance. The Chairman offered to ask the Trustees of

the Community Centre and Lye Field to see if they had ever considered getting them registered and to explain what the procedure was. Mr Rigg proposed that the council apply for The Bell to be registered as a Community Asset, even though it was now up for sale. However, this was not seconded.

Defibrillator: Mr Wood reported that there had been two very successful training sessions. He also reported that during his weekly inspection at the weekend, he had found that the Defib unit had been tampered with, as the unit had been unplugged and that the pads were missing. He was uncertain whether it had been used. On contacting the Ambulance Service, they had not reported that it had been used, but had said that they had received a 999 call at 3.30am 1.5 miles away. The Clerk had bought replacement pads and starter kit. Mr Wood said that two village resident dog walkers had offered to check the unit on a daily basis in addition to his weekly checks.

Aster Homes: Councillors discussed the revised proposals offered by Aster Homes, and whether the draft plans should be more widely publicised, as there were a lot of concerned residents wanting information. Some councillors felt that if the plans were publicised it would have a detrimental impact on the Neighbourhood Planning Group's aims of presenting a balanced report on the housing needs of the village as a whole and the fact that there were six other sites to consider. The Chairman would ask Aster Homes if they were willing for the plans and notes to be more widely released, and for this to be further discussed at the next NPSG meeting.

Rights of Way issues: Seen6 and Seen27 footpaths Mr Wood reported that the gate had been replaced and was now open.

Planning Applications:

Application Number: 17/01141/VAR

Site Location: Willow Cottage Rusty Lane Farm Bath Road Seend

Proposal: Variation of Condition 3 of planning application K/56921 - to allow disabled tenant permission to stay in the property. This planning application was discussed by the council. Concern was expressed as to how this variation in the planning condition would be monitored by the Planning Authority. The Council proposed acceptance of the variation in the planning consent that allows the named person to remain in occupation at the property, but that it must be limited to the named person only. If the named person leaves, then the original planning condition as a holiday let should be reinstated and remain ancillary to the main dwelling.

Approved with two abstentions.

Application Number: 17/01559/FUL

Site Location: Church of the Holy Cross High Street Seend

Proposal: Proposed timber framed external WC.

Following a full explanation of the plans from Mrs Ewing, Churchwarden, Councillors discussed the planning application. Acceptance of the plans was proposed by Mr Rigg and seconded by Mrs Akerman. Approved unanimously.

Application Number: 16/12426/FUL

Site Location: Broomhayes Farm Inmarsh Lane Seend Wiltshire

Proposal: Erection of a tennis court

Approval of the planning application was proposed by Mrs Carr and seconded by Mrs Heatley. Approved unanimously. As with all planning applications where trees are removed, the parish council does ask that they are replaced by new trees in a different area.

Correspondence:

An email from a landowner reported that one of their pregnant ewes had recently been savagely attacked by a dog, resulting in its death. They stressed the importance for dog owners to keep their dogs on leads when around farm animals. It was deeply distressing to experience such an attack on much loved livestock. Councillors expressed their sympathy for the farmer, and reiterated the importance for dog walkers to keep control of their dogs.

Social Media Site “Next Door” The Chairman had received two emails from residents who had expressed concern about a new social media site “NextDoor” that residents were being encouraged to join. The Parish Council discussed the subject and concluded that it was simply designed to be an information sharing mechanism and that it was up to individuals to decide if they wished to join or not. It was not a matter for the Parish Council to be involved in.

Financial Regulations – A revised version, based on the 2016 NALC model Financial Regulations, had been circulated to Councillors at last month’s meeting. The Chairman said that he had made some very minor amendments to points, 2.1, 3.1, 3.2 and 4.1 to more realistically reflect the council’s financial policy. All approved:

Completion of Action Plan drawn up by Internal & External Auditors for the 2015-2016 financial year.

The Councillors had been circulated with the a copy of the completed report showing how the Parish Council had completed the tasks required of it following the Internal and External Auditors reports. Acceptance of the Completed Action Plan was proposed by Mrs A’Bear and Seconded by Mrs Heatley. All approved unanimously.

Bank reconciliation to end of February 2017 = £15,497.68

The date of the next two meetings are: Tuesdays 25th April and 30th May at 7.30pm at Seend Community Centre.

A full version of the minutes can be found on www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Contact Details for Seend Parish Council

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Email: clerk@seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Chairman: Tony Murch. Telephone 01380 828450. Email: chairman@seendparishcouncil.co.uk



SEEND SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS

Your sports reporter is away enjoying the Cornish sunshine hence no full analysis of the ups and downs of the Seend sporting life until next month. In the meantime, a brief mention of two issues:

Running: The 35th running of the Bishops Cannings 5000m Dash takes place on Saturday 8th July with the start time of 3.30pm. Entry forms can be downloaded from the race website or collected from Manor Cottage.

Seend Sports Personality of The Year: There have been suggestions that Seend should hold its own Sports Personality of The Year awards. This column is happy to go along with that but we do need a few more nominations. (***Presentation evening in Community Centre on 2nd September. Ed.***) So far the only name put forward is that of our own Colin "Mr SMB" Waldeck who obviously must be considered one of the front runners following his recently being the runner up in the Melksham "Mr Physical Harmony 2016" competition when he received the Erdogan 'Fair Play' Cup and complimentary chiropody session. Please forward your club's nominations to our editor (***or see 'Happenings!'. Ed***) and we shall review all in the next issue. (And yes, Colin can nominate himself). 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.)

Are you thinking of selling? We are a family with two energetic boys looking to buy our home. We are currently renting in Steeple Ashton and we would love to stay in or around this area. We are looking for a large garden and a house with 4 bedrooms/2 bathrooms or potential to extend existing property. We are currently in position to move as and when. Please consider us if you think your home might suit. Thank you very much for reading this. Kind regards, Kevin & Verity Yates

verityadams01@gmail.com 01380870106 07787571544

ITEMS FOR SALE because of house move. Contact 01380 827137.

1 Large computer desk 160cm x 75w x 77h with separate 4 drawer matching unit and large padded swivel chair. Desk+unit £100, chair £30.

2 Antique pine wardrobe, single, with bottom drawer, 208cm h x 87w x 52 d; £75.

3 Leisure Gourmet Classic free standing range style electric double oven/hob unit. 60cm w&d x 90 h (standard). 2 years old, black but with optional red doors - £200 (available early June).

4 Aluminium greenhouse 14' x 8', 6 years old vgc - offers over £300, buyer dismantles.

5 Vacuum cleaner Bissell Healthy Home, hepa filtration model 6100 E

FREE ITEMS: Aluminium jam pan + jars. 2 small electric fan heaters. Lots of pine boards, odd sizes.

BITS AND BOBS



Edington Arts

Saturday May 6th, Edington Priory Church 7.30pm

The Welsh Sinfonia Wind Quintet.

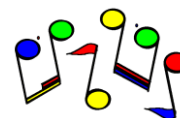
Tickets are £20/£15/10, 18 and under come free; Edington Angels have a 10% discount. Add £2 per ticket if you buy on the door. Book by phoning 01380 831256 or emailing sue@edingtonarts.org

Choral Workshop with Andrew Carwood

This year's Choral Workshop in Edington Priory Church will be on Saturday June 10th from 9.30am to 5.30pm. It is a 'must' for anyone who loves Handel.

Former Festival Schola Director Andrew Carwood – Director of Music at St Paul's Cathedral, and Director of his own consort The Cardinall's Musick – is coming to work with all-comers on Handel's showpiece, 'Dixit Dominus'. Places are £20, plus £2 for music hire; you can download a form from www.edingtonarts.org where you can also find more information, or email anne@edingtonarts.org and she will send you one. 18 and under places are only £10.

Wiltshire Music Centre - Concerts in May



Sat 6th May **Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment** Bach's Brandenburg Concertos

Sun 7th May **OAE Tots** A family concert taking you on a musical journey across Baroque Europe

Wed 10th May **Concord Winds** A feast of music for wind quintet

Fri 12th May **Brodsky Quartet** The exceptional quartet perform Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Shostakovich

You can visit wiltshiremusic.org.uk for more details or call 01225 860 100 to book.

THE SEEND FUND – Your local 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.

Road closure: A section of the A342 between Dunkirk Hill and Rowde will be closed during the day between 26th April and 5th May.

STEEPLE ASHTON FILMS:

A UNITED KINGDOM (12A) on Saturday 13th May 2017 at Steeple Ashton Village Hall. 7.30 pm (doors open at 7 pm for refreshments)

A UNITED KINGDOM tells the true story of Seretse Khama (David Oyelowo), the King of Bechuanaland (modern Botswana), and Ruth Williams (Rosamund Pike), the London office worker he married in 1948. In the face of fierce opposition, their controversial marriage put his kingdom into political and diplomatic turmoil. Seretse and Ruth overcame every obstacle and in doing so they transformed their nations and inspired the world.

Dates for your diary: 24th June – La La Land and 22nd July – Hidden Figures

Tickets - £6 are available at Steeple Ashton Village Hall, or can be reserved by ringing Alison Wilson on 01380 871345.

SUMMER VISITORS

A reminder that it's the nesting season for house martins, swifts and swallows. The RSPB website (rspb.org.uk) has advice on how to encourage swallows and house martins to nest. These birds are, of course, protected species. It is an offence to disturb or destroy their nest sites and environments.



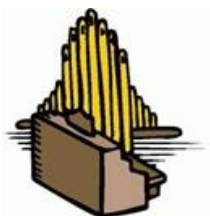
The Wiltshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Exhibition "The Dye Garden"

4th - 6th June 2017. 10.30 am - 4.00 pm Steeple Ashton

The Wiltshire Guild of Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing invites you to their exhibition themed as "The Dye Garden". There will be spinning and weaving demonstrations and tours of our developing dye garden. Refreshments available. There is no entry fee and we have disabled facilities so do come and join us, located behind the village shop at St Mary's School Building, High Street, Steeple Ashton BA14 6EU .

Wiltshire Tortoise Group Open Day Saturday 20th May 2017

Tortoises on Display - Plants for Sale
Refreshments - Children's Activities
Sutton Benger Village Hall 11 am to 3 pm
Adults £2 Children Free



Come and hear the organists of tomorrow play Edington Priory's magnificent new Harrison & Harrison organ

Sunday 21st May at 3.00pm at the Priory Church of St Mary, St Katharine & All Saints, Monastery Road, Edington, nr Westbury

Admission Free – Retiring Collection

Subsidised by The Tindall Trust

For further information visit www.pipeup.org.uk, contact Chris Totney on 01672 562886 or email christotney@gmail.com

Do you enjoy a game of Crib?

Seend Club is looking to recruit male and female players for league matches next season. Call Cliff Bainton on 01225 400018 if you are interested or look for him at the Club. Thanks.



And finally...

GRANDPA AND THE COMPUTER

The computer swallowed Grandpa.

Yes, honestly, it's true!

He pressed 'control and enter'

And disappeared from view.

It devoured him completely.

The thought just makes me squirm.

He must have caught a virus

Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin

And files of every kind;

I've even used the internet,

But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves

My searches to refine.

The reply from him was negative

Not a thing was found 'online'

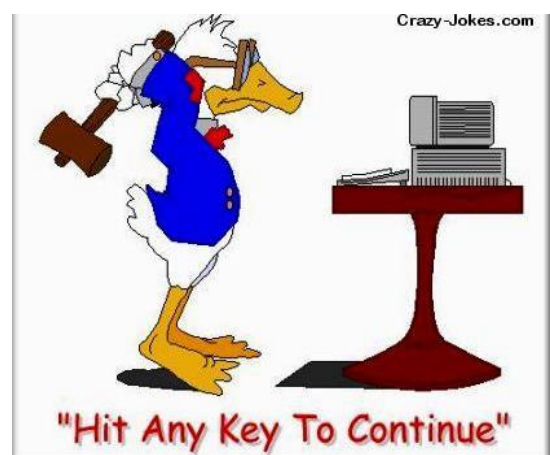
So, if inside your 'inbox'

My grandpa you should see,

Please 'copy, scan' and 'paste' him

And send him back to me.

(Contributed by Nev Boulton)



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

Church: Retired Priest: Jane Knowles, 01380 870325. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mrs Tina Yockney 01380 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; LPAs: Jane Goman 827121, Liz Futter 828485, Rosie Forsey 828843, Len Murray 828513, Sue Noad 870433, Sue Rose 871665 & Tina Yockney 827139. Bell Tower Captain: 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 – Mrs Sue Bond 07706 850859 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

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

Seend village 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

Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. Tel: 101, or e-mail melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

Seend Fund: 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

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

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 – Tessa Doe 828617

Wheelchairs to borrow - Sue and Graham Jones in Seend Cleeve, tel: 01380 828354

WI - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Gill Acornley 01225 707218

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

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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THE HEALTH LOTTERY

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	Village Store	Post Office
Mon	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Tues	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Wed	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 4.30*
Thurs	9.00 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Fri	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Sat	8.30 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Sun	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
Bank	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
Holidays		
* note early closing		