

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



Seend Fete & Flower Show, 8th August 2015

August/September 2015

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

- 1st Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
- 3rd Bottle stall collecting for Fete – meet Community Centre, 7pm
- 4th Bottle stall collecting for Fete – meet Brewery Inn, 7pm
- 5th Bottle stall collecting for Fete – meet Three Magpies, 7pm
- 5th Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury. Call 01225 706526 to book
- 5th Pavilion open for fete stall donations, 7-9pm
- 5th Seend Acoustic Club – Dan Raza – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 6th Pavilion open for fete stall donations, 7-9pm
- 7th Pavilion open for fete stall donations, 7-9pm
- 8th Seend Fete & Flower Show, Lye Field, Pavilion & Community Centre, from 1pm
- 10th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 15th Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
- 16th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am
- 16th Seend Bell Ringers WW1 remembrance – 6.30pm
- 19th Seend Acoustic Club – Hilary Pavey – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 22nd Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 8-10.30am
- 22nd Brewery Inn Cider Festival from 12 noon
- 24th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 26th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm
- 31st Great Bulkington Railway – rides from 1pm-4.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury. Call 01225 706526 to book
- 2nd Seend Acoustic Club – Si Barron – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 3rd Day Trip to London & Houses of Parliament
- 4th ‘Taster’ evening & BBQ, Community Centre, 6pm
- 5th Grand Quiz Night, Community Centre, Teams of up to four, 7.45pm
- 6th Café Church, Holy Cross, Seend, 11.15am
- 6th Benefice refresher and training course, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 2-4pm
- 7th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 12th **LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT**
- 12th Painting exhibition, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 10am-5pm
- 16th Seend Acoustic Club – Ian O’Regan – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 19th WEA Day School, Community Centre 10.30am-4.30pm
- 19th Visit to Wells
- 20th Seend Ramblers – call 01225 703277 for details of walk
- 21st Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 24th Start of 10 week painting and drawing course, Community Centre, 10am
- 25th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 10am-noon
- 30th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 30th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm

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 remember that we now have a **facebook** page:
www.facebook.com/seendspotlight



Welcome to August/September Spotlight



The big events in August are, of course, the Fete and Flower Show on Saturday 8th. There really is something for everyone on this great day. Don't miss it. Full details are on pages 4 & 5 – including a plea for the return of the missing bunting! Amateur sleuths are invited to try to find it. And if you can donate things for the stalls, collect bottles (see diary inside front cover) or volunteer to help on the day do please contact Jo McManus or one of the committee. If you help to set up the field on the day you get a free breakfast.

Despite some things having a break in the summer, the rest of village life continues apace. We have three more Summer Saturday breakfasts in August and a cider festival at the Brewery Inn. There's a 'taster' evening and BBQ on September 4th where you can find out all about those village clubs and organisations you've been meaning to join. We have music, quizzes, outings, rambles, a coffee morning, a day school, a painting exhibition, and the lovely Nosh and Natter lunch club returns after going on its holidays at the end of September. And don't miss the Great Bulkington Railway offering rides on Bank Holiday Monday.

If you're still at a loose end, you can volunteer to turn a disused phone box into an information booth/book swap or similar.

Good news – it looks like the Link scheme has been rescued – there should be a meeting about it on 29th July. And last but not least, Seend residents can read all about the Seend Parish Plan on the inserted sheet – and all about what's going on at the Community Centre in the enclosed copy of 'Happenings!'

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the October edition (copy deadline 12th September) 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 volunteers on printing Mondays (do contact her if you can help). Juli Wilfort types up the items left at Seend PO. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401) and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising.

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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 August and beyond

(see pages 11-12 for Bulkington events)

Seend Acoustic Club

Seend Community Centre - 7.45 for 8pm

in the upstairs Village Room. All welcome! £4 unless otherwise stated.

Special guests:

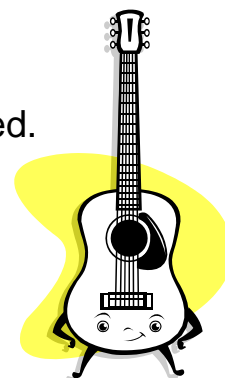
5th August – Dan Raza

19th August – Hilary Pavey

2nd September - Si Barron

16th September - Ian O'Regan

Plus support acts, floor spots, free chocolates and unusual raffle.



MONTHLY FUN QUIZ at THE BREWERY INN

26th August & 30th September (July quiz cancelled)

Seend Community Centre



Summer Saturday Breakfasts

1st, 15th and 22nd August from 8-10.30am

The friendly way to start the weekend!

Enjoy a hearty breakfast prepared from local produce where possible, and cooked for you by kindly volunteers!

'Taster' Evening & BBQ

Friday 4th September from 6pm

Find out about what village clubs and organisations have to offer.



Grand Quiz Night

Saturday 5th September at 7.45pm

Teams of four - £2 per head entry – Bar and interval snacks available.

Generous prizes! Call 01380 828617 to book your table.

WEA Day School on the Vienna Secession

Saturday 19th September from 10.30am-4.30pm

Learn all about this historic art movement.

See www.wea.org.uk for info.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September from 10am till noon

Raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support

CIDER FESTIVAL – THE BREWERY INN

SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST from 12 noon

Children's entertainment – music – hog roast

Tickets now on sale - £10



DAY TRIP to LONDON and THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2015



At the time of writing there are **only four places left** for this special trip to London. The deadline for booking will be no later than Friday 7th August. If we are fully booked by this time then your name will be added to a waiting list. For those of you who are already on the list, details will follow shortly.

An expert Blue Badge guide will accompany us throughout the 90 minute tour through The House of Lords and House of Commons commencing at 11:20am. Highlights include :-

Hall (with 2015 banners exhibition); Norman Porch; Queen's Robing Room; Royal Gallery; Lord's Chamber and many other interesting areas

The entry fee is £19pp + travel expenses which should be around £14.50 pp The coach will leave Dial Close at 7.45am and will depart round about 4.30-5pm.

Following the tour of the Houses of Parliament the remainder of the day will be free for you to enjoy as you please. There are innumerable choices such as Westminster Abbey, a river cruise, the London Eye, shopping etc. For further information contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 or tinayockney@btinternet.com

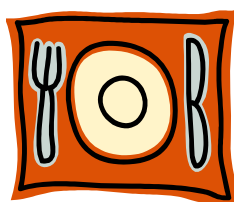
You are invited to an **EXHIBITION OF WATERCOLOUR PAINTINGS** **"AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 PAINTINGS"**

by the Revd. Maureen Allchin

on Saturday, September 12th, 2015 from 10am-5pm

at 4 Northfields, Bulkington SN10 1SE

Refreshments all day - Lovely garden with view - Raffle - Bookstall
£3.00 entrance (children free)



Nosh and Natter Lunch Club

in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

Wednesday 30th September, 12 for 12.30pm

All welcome, but please call 01380 828638 to book your place in advance.

Thanks to all our supporters for helping make Seend N&N the success it is. We are on our Summer Break but will be back on Wednesday 30th September 2015 for the beginning our autumn season.

Please call Pauline on 01380 828638 to make a booking or to help out with cooking, setting up tables, serving or clearing up. We are looking forward to seeing our regulars and some new faces.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SEEND BRANCH

Celebrates 1945 - Victory in Europe & Japan

with music and songs from those days played by

The DS Big Band



Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS

Saturday 3rd October 2015 - 7.00pm

Tickets £19 including dinner *only in advance* from
Robin Heatley - 01380 828491 or Seend Post Office
(Vegetarians/gluten free catered for if notified in advance)

Proceeds in aid of The Royal British Legion



**Seend Flower Show 2015 is nearly here :
Saturday August 8th is the day, 1-5.30pm –
so see you there.**

If you don't have a show programme/schedule there should be free spare copies at the Post Office shop and the Community Centre or contact me at 01380 827137. The complete schedule for all the exhibition classes, guidance notes, and entry form are also available for inspection and downloading from the show website at www.seend.org.uk/fshow and you can also see information and pictures of last year's show. If you are going to have an entry for the show please let us have your entry form as soon as possible – see the entry form for drop off points. The cut off time to receive entries is Friday August 7th at 12noon but if you do leave it until Friday then only forms received to the hand of a committee member at the Community Centre will be valid – do not leave a form anywhere else. We are expecting lots of entries ; £2 fee payable when you come to stage your exhibits (for 1-10 items and £4 for 11+). With the extra effort applied in the schools and elsewhere there should be an increase in children's entries; that will be very welcome. We hope that parents will independently encourage their children to create exhibits – children's entries are without fee. The separate display of children's art is expected to be boosted by efforts from Melksham Oak, Lavington, and Rowdeford schools to complement the traditional displays from Seend school and Seend Playgroup.

We hope that if you are an exhibitor you will be able to lend a hand for a little while to clear the hall after the show ends – and even if you are not then any help you can give will be appreciated.

Brian Jaques



Saturday, 8th August 1-5pm

This year's fete promises to be bigger and better than ever before so do come along and have a great day!

The fete will be opened at 1pm by Princess Sophie with the help of her attendants Sadie, Imogen and Rhys and our special guest Will Trickett of Kevin McCloud's 'Man Made Home'.

Grand Parade and Fancy Dress Competition

Come along to the arena for 12:45 pm in your best fancy dress to be in with a chance of a cash prize! Classes for children, adults and groups.

Free Breakfast on Fete Morning

If you have an hour free on the morning of fete day to help us set up tables, chairs and gazebos then we will reward you with a fresh breakfast bap containing egg, bacon and sausages and tea or coffee – all for free! Be at the Pavilion between 7:30 am and 8:30 am to claim your breakfast-in-a-bap. All are welcome.

Stall Donations

The Irene Usher Pavilion will be open and ready to receive donations on Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th between 7-9pm. We would be very grateful for pre-loved items for the White Elephant stall as well as any spare toys, books & plants.

For more info visit www.seendfete.co.uk, like us on facebook and follow us on twitter. Many thanks for all your support and see you there!

Jo McManus on behalf of Seend Fete Committee

Fete bunting

Three hosepipe-reels of multi-coloured bunting seem to have gone missing from the WI Hall. If you have borrowed them for a party or celebration of some sort, please can you return them in time for the fete on August 8th. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Firework Regulations 2004

Having been woken up at 11:45p.m. on Saturday, 4th July by a very noisy firework party that continued until 12:30 a.m. I am aware that many other people were disturbed and many pets upset. This is not acceptable and I have researched the regulations.

Firework Regulations 2004 prohibit the use of outdoor fireworks after 11p.m. at night other than hand held ones. The only exceptions are permitted firework nights, i.e. the Chinese New Year, 5th November, New Year's Eve, Diwali and at a national public celebration

Firework offences are dealt with by the Police and the Magistrates Court. There can be unlimited fines and in severe cases punishment by imprisonment up to 6 months. I hope that this is helpful.

J Savage

This apology was received by the editors before the previous item.....

Apology for the Fireworks on the 4th July

On Saturday the 4th July, we set off fireworks behind the Community Centre to celebrate my son's wedding that day. Due to the popularity of the band, the music went on longer than originally intended, so the fireworks did not start till approximately 11.45pm (much later than planned).

Even though we did inform many households in the neighbourhood about the fireworks, they do appear to have upset some people in the community - something that was never intended. On behalf of the family, I would like to apologise for any inconvenience or distress the fireworks caused to anyone in the area (especially if pets and children were upset by the noise). This should not happen again as the Centre's conditions of hire actually prohibit the use of fireworks on the Centre's premises.

Once again, sincere apologies to those that were adversely affected by the fireworks.

Ric Ellinger

Bonfires & Flytipping

On the subject of fire and smoke, the editors have been asked by a reader to say something about **nuisance bonfires**. Obviously, we should all be aware of the annoyances and inconveniences we can cause by a badly-timed or badly-placed bonfire. The following is copied from Wiltshire Council's website:

‘There are no byelaws restricting bonfires in Wiltshire Council's area. However, if smoke caused by a bonfire is creating a nuisance, the council has powers to take action under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Private individuals can also take action through a Magistrates' Court.

If you have a complaint, it is best to discuss it initially with the person responsible: they may not realise that they are causing a problem. Explain the details of your complaint and try to agree on a reasonable solution or compromise. If the situation does not improve, then contact our Public Protection department.’

Fly tipping can be reported by filling in the My Wiltshire online form on the Wiltshire Council website or, for the even more tec savvy, on the MyWiltshire app.

LINK News

I am delighted to report that Seend Link will continue to operate. There are several kind people who have now offered their help to form a committee. I am arranging a meeting with them and the Community First team in order to discuss and plan how to get this all in place.

I am hopeful that this meeting be held on the 29th July and that the new arrangements can be in place by the end of August. Full details will be in the next ‘Spotlight’.

Joan Savage

CERAMIC POPPIES FROM THE TOWER OF LONDON

In the June Spotlight we asked if anyone would like their poppy included in a permanent display in Seend Church. Freddie Giles has so far had just one poppy offered. If you had meant to contact him (tel 870238) but have not done so, please phone him soon. Otherwise the project will not go ahead.

Marion Whitehead (RBL Secretary)

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 16th AUG at 6.30pm** in remembrance of:

SNOOK , Reginald Charles	Sergeant, 24th Battery, 38th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery Age 24
HICKS , John Jacob Bodman	Sergeant, 6th Battalion, Leinster Regiment Age 32
HAINES , Albert William	Sergeant, 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment Age 28
PEARCE , Alfred James	Driver, 53rd Divisional Train, Royal Army Service Corps Age 35
GAISFORD , Walter Thomas	Lieut. Colonel, 7th Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders Age 44

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

The view from my window:

a few reflections from a retired vicar who loves rural ministry.

Summer; high summer, with flowers and fetes and open gardens and hay fever and all the rest of it. I don't know about you, but I find it difficult to imagine the darkness of winter, and lights going on at 5pm at this time of the year.

Summer; It's just such a liberating season; places to go and people to see; breakfast outside, and a gin and tonic listening to the birds at twilight. What an amazing country we live in. It's hard to think of anywhere more beautiful than the UK in June.

But our problem often is that we fail to notice. So much to do; so many difficulties and sadnesses to deal with, and if we spend our time listening to Radio 4 first thing in the morning, we might indeed all want to go back to bed. So how do we come to terms with the extremes of life even in this moderate country? At the time of writing, minute silences are being held for both the victims of the London bombings and the Tunisian victims and every day in our prayers we are anguishing with the migrants and the problems of Greece and so many other world situations. The age old argument returns again and again; where is God in all this?

I hope I am wise enough not to give a glib answer, but at the end of the day I believe that God loves us and is steadfast. We are not robots pre-conditioned to set activities. We have free will - arguably our greatest gift and free will is always accompanied by unexpected events or accidents. The promise was not that they wouldn't happen, the promise was and is that God will be with us through it all, through thick and thin and that is my experience, as I emerge from a weekend of terrible news for a friend.

And so, on we go, and if that is the case, we can continue with our season of summer events safe in the knowledge that "All will be well" and we can continue with our community activities which include (not exclude) church events, particularly the new Benefice "Café Church", now being held on the first Sunday of every other month in Seend, (the next one is on September 6th.) If you don't know what a Café Church is, come and find out! I urge you all to be like the bees, buzzing around sniffing away at the enormous diversity of flowers, and bringing home their rich nectar, to do likewise; if you see what I mean.

I pray that our homes and hearts will be full of the wonder and diversity of creation, full of colour and light. Light overcomes darkness, it really does, and where would we be without bees?

The Revd. Jane Knowles (Priest)



"Café Church"
on **Sunday 6th September at 11.15am at Seend**

As the first Café Church was such a success we are going to hold it every other month on the first Sunday of the month. The theme in September will be "New Beginnings". You are invited to join us at this new style Benefice service for all the family, young and old! Our service will start with refreshments at 11.00 and will then lead into an informal family praise, with age-appropriate activities for the children (drama and making things, etc). It is hoped that many of the young families in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot will come along to join in the worship and fun.

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMES IN THE BENEFICE

The Churchwardens and Church Councils in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot have agreed to change the service times in the three churches from September 2015. Each church will have at least one service at 9.15, 11.00 and 6.00. Seend will also have 2 services a month at 8.00am. At the time of going to press the full details are not yet available. Please check Lamplight and the church noticeboards nearer the time. It is hoped that these times might be more convenient for our communities, with more choice for everyone.

Date for your diaries:

FRIDAY 30th OCT 2015 in the Pavilion 7:00pm.

Travel talk by Rev Maureen Allchin and themed supper evening. Everyone welcome. You'll have a great time. Do join us. Full details in next Spotlight.



CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST 2015

**The Benefice of Holy Cross, Seend, Christ Church, Bulkington
& St Peter's, Poulshot within the Diocese of Salisbury**

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

Sunday 2nd August 2015. The 9th Sunday after Trinity

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

A short and reflective traditional service

9.30am Morning Praise at Bulkington

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

11.15am Morning Praise at Seend.

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

6.00pm Parish Eucharist* (Common Worship) at Poulshot.

A modern language service with communion.

Sunday 9th August 2015. The 10th Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30am Matins (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot.

A traditional morning service without communion

11.15am Parish Eucharist* at Seend

6.00pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at Bulkington.

A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.

Sunday 16th August 2015. The 11th Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist* at Bulkington

11.15am Parish Eucharist* at Seend

6.00pm Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot.

Sunday 23rd August 2015. The 12th Sunday after Trinity

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

9.30am Family Communion Poulshot.

A shortened communion service for all the family.

11.15am Family Communion at Seend.

A shortened communion service for all the family.

6.00pm Parish Eucharist* at Bulkington

Sunday 30th August 2015. The 13th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Benefice Communion at Poulshot

**The Eucharist is another name for Holy Communion or the Mass. The term comes
from the Greek by way of Latin, and it means "thanksgiving."*

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

Every Thursday at 9am Morning Prayer will be said at 4 Northfields, Bulkington. All are welcome.

From the registers

Baptism

Arthur Jago Oscar Hewetson-Evans at Holy Cross on 4th July

Marriage

Simon Ellinger and Rachel Hale at Holy Cross on 4th July

Jonathan Kimber and Kelly Weaver at Christ Church Bulkington on 18th July

Church Floodlights

Holy Cross Church was floodlit on the night of 15th July in celebration of the 15th wedding anniversary of Ali and John Taylor.



Benefice BUZZZ Group

**Wednesday 5th August & 2nd September 2015, 7.30pm
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 looking at some aspects of the Old Testament – subjects which are interesting and challenging!

Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant evening.

THE BENEFICE TEA, CHAT AND CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the Monday, 10th August 2015 at 46A Bulkington (Contact Phyl Yarde 828116) and on Monday 7th September at 4 Northfields, Bulkington (Contact Anne Saywell 828931) from 2.00 – 4.00 . Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



The Bulkington church hosted Benefice Lunch Club takes place on Wednesday, 5th August and 2nd September at 12.15 at The Well. It is a great Benefice occasion with a good value two course meal for £12.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people are always welcome to join us.

BENEFICE REFRESHER AND TRAINING COURSE

Sunday, September 6th, 2015, 2-4pm

at 4 Northfields, Bulkington

Maureen Allchin is launching a new series of courses for all in the Benefice. The first one is on Intercessory Prayer in church. This is for all those who lead or would like to lead intercessions in our churches and who would like to learn more about intercessory prayer. You are welcome but please let Maureen know that you are attending. There are leaflets in our churches about all the coming courses.

Wells Cathedral and Bishop's Palace Visit Saturday 19th September

The Friends of Seend Church are organizing a trip to Wells Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace on Saturday 19th September. There will be a guided tour of the Cathedral at 11am and after time for lunch a tour of The Bishop's Palace at 2.15pm. Anyone is welcome to join us whether or not you are a Friend. Departure from Seend will be 9.30am. The cost of the visit is £16 per person plus shuttle/transport costs.

If you would be interested in joining the trip, please contact Fiona on 828401 to book a place.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH : Services for August/September 2015

We look forward to welcoming the Rev Wendy Tucker as the new Minister for the Calne Sector.

9 th August – 10am	Mr Douglas Colborne
23 rd August – 10am	Rev Tom MacMeekin with Holy Communion
30 th August	Benefice Service at Poulshot
14 th September -10am	Rev Wendy Tucker, incorporating Villages Together
27 th September -10am	Harvest Festival, Rev Tom MacMeekin

Everyone always welcome.

Anne Salter

BULKINGTON NEWS

**The Mobile Library will visit The Well, Bulkington from 10:55-11:25am
on Mondays 10th & 24th August and 7th, 14th & 21st September.**

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

What a year we've had! But the finishing touches to our lengthy repairs are done. Mr Symes put the beading (known as 'quarters') to seal the gap between skirting board and floor. Nev Boulton has put the underfloor fans onto a timer so our ears are given a rest during the daytime. So now we have the final part of the repair, the painting, to look forward to in September. It amazes me how everyone has kept the Hall running during these troublesome days, all thanks to them! We served our Summertime function for the recent Garden Party in Nev and Thelma's garden, that of standby in case of rain. This time rain did not stop play, the sun shone all afternoon, the trains ran on time and the Garden Party was declared a success, as were the several family parties held in the Hall, a happy time was had by all! The One Voice Community Choir is to be heard every Tuesday, hard at work on our songs for concerts at the Fetes in Rode and North Bradley. In October we are staging '*A Night at the Movies*' for which we are beginning to rehearse. More of this next month, but meanwhile, why not come along and see what it's all about, you will be surprised!

Angela Read, Chairman.



TRAIN RIDES – MINIATURE RAILWAY

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 31st AUGUST 2015

The (sit-on-and-ride) *Great Bulkington Railway* will be giving train rides from 1300 to 1630 hours to boys and girls of all ages on the afternoon of Monday 31st August. We have nice carriages for everybody to ride on, a 40 foot long tunnel, lots of signals and a pleasant garden for grownups visitors to sit in. Some of our village ladies have very kindly agreed to cater for us and lemonade, teas with ‘sticky buns’ will be served from Bulkington Village Hall where also toilets are available. The catering profits will go towards repairing the damaged ceiling in our Parish Church and the GBR will donate any profits to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Contact the station Master Nev Boulton on 01380 828 101, Sat Nav SN10 1SW

BULKINGTON 100+ CLUB

Our new year started on 1st June and we can report that fun loving Bulkington has come up trumps yet again. Our 100+ Club now has no fewer than 51 members this year! Fantastic – thank you all for your generosity.



We had the first draw on 1st July at The Well. Our winners were:

1st Prize:	£35 – no. 14	Sian Stables
2nd Prize:	£25 – no. 30	Deryn Stafford
3rd Prizes:	£15 – no. 32	Ivor Parrock.

Congratulations to all our winners. We now have to re-jig the prizes to take-account of our extra members. We will keep you posted. Have a good summer.

Carrie and David Whiteley, for Bulkington 100+ Club.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111

Please see the copy of ‘Happenings!’ enclosed in this edition of Spotlight for information about past and future events at the Centre.

Spare copies will be available at the Centre if you do not receive one.

If you would like your own club or organisation to be represented at the ‘Taster’ evening & BBQ on 4th September, please call Tessa on 828617. And please let us know if you have new neighbours move in so we can send them a welcome invite.

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

Wednesday Shopping Trip to Salisbury

Please contact Rex or Jan Gudge by Monday 3rd August to book a place on the 5th August trip and/or by Monday, 31st August for a place on the 2nd September trip. Thank you.



R. Gudge

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

IN MEMORIAM

This month we remember:

Albert William Haines	1 st Bn Wiltshire Regt	15 th Aug 1915
John Jacob Bodman Hicks	6 th Bn Leinster Regt	10 th Aug 1915
Albert James Pearce	53 rd Divisional Train RASC	17 th Aug 1915
Walter Thomas Gaisford	7 th Bn Seaforth Highlanders	25 th Sept 1915

They shall grow not old as we that 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.

Drumhead Service

This was held on the Lye Field on Sunday 28th June 2015 and was very well attended by nearly 50 people. In the absence of Maureen Allchin, our Priest in Charge, the service was taken by Major Roger Brind, the address was given by Colonel Nigel Knocker and the lesson was read by Mrs Marion Whitehead. Kevin Toft attended with our Standards and he was joined by Louise Downton (Heytesbury Branch) and Maureen Hansford (Shrewton & District Branch) both of whom brought their Standards with them. On completion a magnificent cream tea was provided by Mrs Angela Knocker, Mrs Jenny Phillips and Mrs Jean Allen. £200 was made in aid of the Royal British Legion through the collection and tea contributions. *(A photo taken at the event can be seen on the Seend Spotlight facebook page. Ed.)*

DATES TO NOTE

Committee Meeting and AGM

The next Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 29th October 2015 commencing at 1930 hrs. This will be immediately followed by the AGM. Both meetings will be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre.

BIG BAND DINNER

This will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday 3rd October 2015 commencing at 7.00pm. **Please see separate notice in the events section for details.**

AREA STANDARD BEARERS COMPETITION

The area Standard Bearers Competition will be held in the Michael Herbert Hall in Wilton during the morning of Saturday 5th September 2015 commencing at 1000 hrs. Kevin Toft, our Standard Bearer, who won last year, will be entering again this year and has a very good chance of retaining his title. Please put this in your diary and do your best to attend to give him the support he deserves.

Roger Brind



WI ALLOTMENTS

We still have an allotment available for rent which could be split into 2 halves. If you would be interested in having an allotment, or would like some information about it, please get in touch with Pauline Robertson on 01380 828638 or Gill Acornley on 01225 707218.

SEEND WI

On a windy, but dry, evening in July, members of the WI visited Devizes for a 'Devizes at War Walk' led by John Girvan. The walk around the town was fascinating and very informative. We then made our way to Pizza Express for a lovely meal where we had a most enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th September when Rosalyn Clarke from Melksham Garden Society will be showing us how to make an Autumn Arrangement. Do come and join us for what should be an interesting evening! There is no meeting in August.

On 14th October we are having a Quiz led by the very popular Michael Gamble. This is open to anyone who would like to bring a team of 3 or 4, so please put the date in your diaries and come and join us for a fun evening. Refreshments will be served.

The next Craft afternoons are on Thursday 20th August and Thursday 17th September, 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't need to be a member of the WI to take part.

Our 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 www.seendwi.weebly.com

LYE FIELD 100+ CLUB DRAW

The draw for both May and June took place on the 10th July. The results are as follows:-

May	Mr L Murray	£35	June	Mrs M Burden	£35
	Mrs A Bailey	£30		Mrs V Jackson	£30
	Mrs J Iles	£25		Mrs B Goodier	£25
	Mrs E Doig	£20		Seend Tennis Club	£20
	Mr R Ames	£15		Mrs H Barnes	£15
	Mrs B Goodier	£10		Mr M Manser	£10



Congratulations to all the winners. There is still time to be entered in the next draw!

Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

The walk of 4½ miles on **Sunday 12th July** attracted 18 ramblers who enjoyed the undulating countryside in the Tellisford area walking beside the River Frome, passing an interesting trout farm and The Mill Restaurant before climbing a short distance back to Tellisford where marvellous views down into the valley were experienced. Our thanks to Colin and Denise for organising this walk.

The next walk is on **Sunday 16th August**, when Terry and Sheila Williams (01225 704800) will lead a five-mile circular route in the Manton area. Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure travelling towards Devizes and out on the Beckhampton straights towards Marlborough. Shortly before reaching Marlborough there is a road to the left leading up to a car park near the horse gallops at Manton. Bring usual refreshments for a break. The walk commences at 10.15am.

A walk will be led by Bob and Brenda Jones (01225 703277) on **Sunday 20th September**. Details to be finalised. Members will be contacted nearer the time.

Lin Salter - 01225 706451



WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP

Tuesday 29th September, 7.45pm in the Pavilion – Geoff Oke from Evesham, talking on Fuchsias.

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Well, didn't we have a lovely time? And why on earth didn't you come? Our away trip to Kent and East Sussex was brilliant - the hotel, the gardens, the coach and Roger the driver, and even the weather was just about perfect - it just started to rain briefly at our final garden visit as if to say 'Time to go home'. It really was an excellent trip and all the gardens looked at their best. Chartwell, Winston Churchill's family home, was fascinating from a historical point of view, but the gardens there were beautiful too. I think everybody's favourite was Pashley Manor - the gardens and the setting were stunning and there was an exhibition of amazing sculptures beautifully displayed around the grounds. Great Dixter, just over the border in East Sussex, was a complete contrast but fascinating in its own way, and Sissinghurst was the perfect finish before we set off for home via Tunbridge Wells and the Pantiles for a bite of lunch. 'When's the next trip?' everybody was asking.

I'd forgotten how beautiful Kent and its lovely villages could look, fully deserving its reputation as The Garden of England. Congratulations and thanks to our Chairman, Carole, for organising such a marvellous trip.

Back home and thinking ahead to the Seend Fete, don't forget to bring along your plants for sale on the Gardening Club stall - **Saturday 8th August**.

And that brings us on to the next Gardening Club meeting - the first of the new season - **Tuesday 8th September, 7.30, in the Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane**. The speaker is Aldetha Raymonds, on the subject of Plant Propagation, and the competition theme is 'A House Plant'. Everyone is very welcome - do come along and join us, we'll be very pleased to see you.

Tim

PS Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored Carole and me on our recent Wales Velothon Bike Ride. Together we've raised well over £600 for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research - and survived!

SEEND WINE CIRCLE: Next meetings **October 17th & December 5th**. Full details in 'Happenings!' and in October Spotlight.



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

The children and staff at Seend School are all looking forward to the end of term! As usual there is an activity day planned for the last day of term but it is all top secret at the moment. Fingers crossed for dry weather!

Holly Class had some new visitors this week when the new entrants for September came to visit. Luckily there were some current reception children on hand to show them the ropes and help them to settle in. Holly Class have been busy learning about Dinosaurs and have been to Longleat to see the Dinosaur Exhibition. Last Friday the children shared all their learning in a class assembly. The other teachers were really impressed that Holly Class could pronounce all the complicated dinosaur names!

Chestnut Class worked with a visiting artist earlier in the term who created a mosaic with the children depicting Noah's Ark. This piece of artwork will be going outside in our spiritual garden so please have a look at it if you're passing through our grounds over the summer.

The older children treated the rest of the school to a sneak preview of their production of The Pied Piper of Hamelin on Monday morning which Holly & Oak children really enjoyed. The younger children also took the time to tell the older children how much they had enjoyed it; they particularly enjoyed the singing. The actual matinee and evening performances promise to be a treat for the parents and grandparents who will be attending.

Congratulations to the year 6 children on their SATs results this year. 100% achieved level 4+ (the average, expected level for year 6s) and above, in all assessed areas. And better than that, 100% achieved level 5+ in the Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) tests. And 55% got a level 6 in their maths so we (and they) couldn't be more delighted. These are our best results yet and are a result of a lot of determination from the staff, and the children.

Our annual Sponsored Walk raised a massive £1024! Thanks to all the families and businesses who sponsored the children to walk this year. And big congratulations to Awdry, who won this year's sports' day for the second year running.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher



FoSS DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Sunday 12th June 2016, FoSS (Friends of Seend School) will be organising a street party in the School grounds to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. More details to follow nearer the event but please put the date in your diaries now.

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 30th June 2015** was attended by nine Councillors with Mr J Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr M Wiltshire. Also in attendance Cllr J Seed.

Cllr Seed said that developers of the Sandridge Solar Farm had won their appeal, and it would now remain to be seen if the development would go ahead; the subsidy per unit paid by the Government for energy generated had been reduced.

Cllr Seed advised that a public meeting is being held in the Community Centre on 16th July at 7.30pm, co-hosted with the Chairman of the local Conservative branch.

Mr Murch, on behalf of the parish plan working group, asked about undertaking a housing survey. Cllr Seed advised thinking about what you want to come out of it, and to be careful about questions the council tell you to ask. For example, do you want social housing? If so, people have to qualify for it. Consider affordable housing and shared ownership development. People not eligible for social housing can go on to the open register and then be eligible for shared housing, this may be older people wanting to downsize. Councillors all agreed that, in principle, they are happy for the group to explore this.

Cllr Seed mentioned the Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan (email from Georgina Clampitt-Dix 30th June), and suggested asking for someone from Spatial Planning to come along and explain about the settlement boundary (response required by 12th August), and to bear in mind that the parish boundary is different to the settlement boundary. Mr Murch said that at the recent consultation villages unanimously did not want development to take place in one of the SLHAA sites to the north of The Lye, but did not have such strong feelings about the other highlighted area just off School Road. Cllr Seed confirmed that the yellow highlighted areas represented sites for over 50 houses.

Cllr Seed reported that the work to the pinch point in Seend High Street should happen before Christmas, with the other half of the required funding coming from major transport grants.

Mrs Aldetha Raymond, the local Tree Warden, had come along to talk to Councillors about Ash dieback. She said there were no reports with DEFRA about the disease in the local area, and only one case reported in the West Country. She gave Councillors handouts, explaining the symptoms associated with the disease, and facts about reporting infected trees to the Forestry Commission, and managing infected trees and woodland. She explained that she had hoped to obtain free trees to plant, but there had not been sufficient community backing. The intention was to plant at Little Foxes, and for the trees to have identifying name plaques; this would enable children from the local school to understand about indigenous trees and the environment. Mrs Raymond confirmed that Ash seedlings should not be taken out of their local area and re-planted, and that there was currently a ban on importing Ash trees. Mr Rigg proposed that the PC support Mrs Raymond's efforts to obtain and plant trees locally, agreed by the other Councillors. Mrs Raymond also wanted to confirm that she had tried to contact the PC by email, following the March PC meeting, and had also telephoned and left a message.

Sandridge Solar – Following the upholding of Sandridge Solar Power's appeal, an email had been received from StJohn Hughes, Director, enclosing an agreement to be signed and returned. This related to the Community Benefit Fund to help support local community projects aimed at economic, social and environmental improvement in the area. Councillors discussed whether or not to accept monies from the Fund but felt that, as the percentage was undeclared and that there were other conditions that were too vague, they felt unable to commit the parish to the terms as presented, and

needed time to consult on whether to accept. It was agreed not to respond straight away, but to put onto the agenda for the next meeting.

Canal bridge, Seend Cleeve – The Clerk confirmed that the potholes had now been filled in. Concern was again expressed about the state of repair of the bridge. The Clerk to get confirmation that the repair work would be undertaken, as agreed, in November, and also that a one-way system would be put in place through Seend Cleeve from the Pelch to The Stocks.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mrs A’Bear reported that the two consultation events had now taken place. About 60 people had attended the Wednesday event and there had been a lively atmosphere; a 20 minute presentation had taken place. On Saturday afternoon there had been a steady flow of visitors. The reaction had been very positive and there had been good feedback; everyone appeared engaged and interested. There was now a need to work out a budget to carry things forward. There is another meeting in about 3 weeks, and they will come back to the PC with costings. Mrs A’Bear said that Lizzie Simes, who had undertaken the landscape analysis, now had to stand down due to other work commitments. Steve Vaux had also done a very good job on the presentation.

High Street crossing - Email sent to Andy Cadwallader. He advises that any requests for dropped kerbs need to go through the Area Board CATG meeting for approval and funding. He has inspected the area and visibility from Church Lane is very restricted and it may be more suitable to encourage pedestrians to cross further east of the lane. If the parish want to progress the project then Mark Stansby should be approached to look at the site; also bear in mind there may be land ownership issues.

BT Openreach – their website currently advises that Seend is enabled for Superfast Fibre, but the cabinet is not ready yet, so orders can’t be placed. It is in their plans to be upgraded and info is updated weekly on the website.

Planning Applications No: 15/043948/FUL Seend School, School Road
Erection of a temporary structure for use as a canopy for an outdoor play area
Councillors discussed and voted unanimously in favour of this application.

Application No: 15/05351/FUL Rowbarns, 1 Seend Cleeve
Proposed front extension

Councillors discussed and voted unanimously in favour of this application.

Application No: 15/05885/FUL Home Farm, Bell Hill
Non load bearing agricultural building

Comment from a Councillor that she would like to see solar panels installed on the roofs of new farm buildings. It was pointed out that it depended on the location of the building, as it was not always practical to keep panels clean in some areas on very high buildings. The Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council, to ask what their policy is with regard to solar panels on new buildings.

Councillors discussed and voted unanimously in favour of this application.

Right of reply, Mr Hawkins – Mr Hawkins’ email concerning his application for holiday accommodation at Wych Elm had been circulated to all Councillors, together

with a link to details of the application on the Wiltshire Council website. Councillors discussed and agreed that the comments they had made in response to this application at the 28th April meeting were made in the light of information available to them at the meeting, but acknowledged that the speed limit on Seend Hill outside Wych Elm is 50 mph, not 60 mph.

Parking, Spout Lane – Email received from a resident of Sells Green, to advise that he is finding it increasingly difficult to park safely as visitors to the caravan and camp site use the road, although there is parking available on site. The Clerk to write to the caravan site to ask them to draw this to visitors’ attention.

Ownership of Rusty Lane – Mr Bryan (Lye Field Committee) was present, and asked to draw some facts to the attention of the Parish Council. He advised records indicate that the land over which the green lane (Rusty Lane) runs was given to the parish in 1928 by Major Bell; unfortunately the deeds could not be found. He had ascertained that Wiltshire County Council had claimed ownership of the lane at the time that the ‘new’ Dial Close had been built, as they wanted to run services to the houses. The Parish Council maintained this green lane from 1928 until the building of ‘new’ Dial Close. In the February minutes set out in April 2015 Spotlight it is asserted that the Lye Field, the WI and the Community Centre own the land over which Rusty Lane runs. This is not the case, and it is not in the interest of any group that this statement in the Parish Council minutes (a public document) is unchallenged.

Date of next meeting

The dates of the next meetings are Tuesdays, 28th July, 25th August and 29th September 2015, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

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

Willing volunteer needed

The Parish Council has recently purchased the telephone box in Seend Cleeve for a nominal sum. The instrument has been removed, but the box now needs to be renovated and put to good use. Is there anyone who would be willing to re-paint the box, and fit the interior with a notice board and some shelves (for a book exchange)? All materials will be supplied by the Parish Council. If you would like to take on this project, please contact the Parish Clerk: Rosemary Fisher - Tel: 01380 828281 Email: owletts@care4free.net



Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed

Wiltshire Council business continues throughout the summer. During the past month we started the process of setting next year's Budget and are continuing the process of delivering more with less - knowing that less means another severe cut in central Government funding to the Council. The delicate financial balancing act that the Council has to perform in recent years is becoming increasingly difficult to achieve by annual reductions in back office support and sooner or later the Council is going to

have to address what we can and cannot do and probably cut out what we can no longer afford to do.

Wiltshire Council will need to take a long hard look at which services have value for all residents and which services can still be afforded. Inevitably some services that have been taken for granted and which have not been services accessed by all of the community may have to be withdrawn or paid for by those that use them. We have recently seen this process with the introduction of green waste collection charges and this will make a difference of some £3million to the Council Budget.

We are also trying to help to get the local economy moving and in many areas this includes house building as an economic enabler. Everyone wants to see the County economy grow but few are willing to accept housing developments in their own backyard, in towns and villages alike. In our Community Area we can see that advantage where Melksham has seen from the construction of over 2000 houses by 2026 with the result being the building of two new schools, four new or expanded "in town" supermarkets, hardly an empty shop in the High Street and a new Community Campus being built by 2017 plus business moving to the town from other areas. Perhaps we should contrast the growth and improvements that Melksham has achieved in the last few years with the angst being experienced in other local towns that have yet to embrace similar expansion in housing numbers with the commensurate failure to achieve commercial or infrastructure improvements.

Similar but smaller scale considerations will have to be undertaken by our larger parishes as they consider whether to embrace proposals for small village house building schemes currently under discussion. It is important that locals have their say on this so if you have not seen what is being proposed then please find out from your Parish Council and have your say.

Jonathon Seed, Tel. 01380 850696, Mob: 07770 774463 www.jonathonseed.com

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Tennis : Chair: Elaine Davies

Men' Captain Tom Jackson :

The men's team have had some very close matches this season losing 5 and winning 2, which results do not reflect how well they have played.

Women's Captain Pam Akerman.

So far the women have played 10, won 6, drawn 1 and lost only 3. Players include Karen Warner, Carol Whiteley, Emma Williams, Pam Akerman, Sian Lythell, Sonja Nichols, Susie Meharg, Phillipa Jackson, Charlotte Churchill and Kath Steggal.

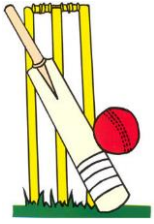
Mixed A Captain Elaine Davies.

Results so far are played 8, won 3, lost 5.

Mixed B Captain Susie Meharg.

The last two matches have seen the B team draw against Frome and hammer Devizes 8-0 with the same four players, Susie and David Meharg and Pam and George Akerman. So far the team have won 2, drawn 2 and lost 3.





Cricket : Captain John Wiltshire.

I had the very good fortune to be able to watch the local derby match between Seend and Keevil on 14th July, a dull and damp Sunday.

The Seend team, understandably, is well represented by Seend inhabitants, but so too is Keevil. Their line up on Sunday was captained by local Seend boy Josh Hamblin; Kevin and Chris Waylen playing for Seend but Dick Waylen, usually, but not on this day, performing for Keevil; Freddie Goddard lining up for Seend but his brother Paris turning out for Keevil, such are the local divided loyalties !

Seend went into bat first and, despite numerous showers and the consequential retreats to the pavilion, put up what looked like an unbeatable score of 248 with Mark Wiltshire and Tom Wallis notching up 50 and 35 respectively. Come their turn the visitors, it has to be said, did not look too keen on taking to the damp field, particularly after being weighed down by a wonderful tea laid on by Claire Wallis.

This general laid back approach was reflected in the frequent pauses by various Seend team members in the field for a cigarette. It was the first time my view of the action around the wicket has been obscured by a passing clouds of smoke! However, come the drinks break at 20 of the allotted 40 overs Keevil were already just over half way to their target.

Onlookers, and indeed the contestants, started to pay greater attention and the match gradually took on a more serious complexion with the Keevil players, by now hugging the shelter offered by the pavilion in the gloom, becoming more vociferous, exchanging good humoured banter with the Seend outfielders who rose to the occasion with some unorthodox fielding techniques.

The tide had turned in Keevil's favour when their opener Guy Perritt passed his 100 and had begun to look unstoppable. However the pendulum swung the other way when Mark Wiltshire came on to bowl taking two wickets with his first two balls thus bringing a nervous Paris Goddard to the crease to face the hat-trick ball. He survived, just, and slowly the visitors crept towards the required figure causing the Keevil men now back in the pavilion to ratchet up the volume of support with chants normally heard on the terraces.

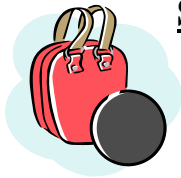
By the last of the 40 overs. Keevil were on 242 needing seven to win. Dot ball was followed by dot ball. Four balls remained. There followed a hefty swing from Paris, which may have produced the necessary on another day but he had not allowed for Tom Wallis taking a wonderful catch at full stretch, or so he described it in the bar afterwards. Victory was Seend's by just 6 runs with three balls to spare. A great match for both players and spectators alike. Village cricket at its best !

Ornithology : Twitchers, Tony Murch and Andy Waylen

One of our oldest sports is of course bird watching and I can only apologise for not having included any reported sightings in earlier editions.

Sadly no Cuckoos have been heard locally so far this year but the good news is that the Red Kite has been spotted in Seend by both of our afficianados for the first time in as many years as I can remember.





Short Mat Bowls : President Colindreas Waldecopopoulos

It has obviously been a very busy week of negotiations with the international bowls consortium through many nights for our leader who has been unstinting in his devotion to the cause and who consequently has been unable to stick to the austerity training regime he has traditionally set himself. He therefore asks that we excuse his healthy tanned and athletic appearance. In order to retain the club's membership of the league he has had to agree that the retirement age for the boys in the team should be raised to 81 together with the removal at home games of the wooden block and, sadly, but necessarily, an increase of VAT to 55% on all rounds bought after 10pm.

Asked to comment, all Colindreas would say was " Bailout ? No.....your round, yes ", which left me even more confused.

Results: v Atworth Villagers won 6-2.
 v Trowbridge drew 4-4.
 v Bromham (dodgy carpet apparently) drew 4-4.
 v C E Bank (reserves) lost by 536 billion Euros.

Please let us have your sports news towards mid September for the next issue.

Frankie Goddard 828488



'The Badgers' Worton and Cheverell F.C.

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/wortonandcheverellfc/>

This long established Club prides itself on fairness and ensuring all children are given an equal opportunity to develop and play. It is run by volunteer coaches/assistants (more welcome), and represents all of the Villages in the area (Seend/Keevil to Urchfont), and the only Club having teams in almost every age group.

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.)

Nothing this month.

BITS AND BOBS

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.



Wiltshire Buildings Record Annual Study Day
Saturday 17th October 10.30am - 4.30pm (10am coffee)
AT MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL,
People & Places
... A Story of Buildings & the Inspirations Behind Them ...
MORE DETAILS IN OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT

LANDS' END TO JOHN O'GROATS

You can still sponsor Jenny Dalton, who is cycling the entire length of the United Kingdom - a whopping 960 miles in just 9 days (Sept 5th -13th) to help her to raise £3500 for the Vodafone Foundation Instant Network Schools programme in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

See: www.justgiving.com/Jenny-Dalton1975 or text JEED75 £10 to 70070.



Melksham Villages - Co-ordinator Lise Griffiths

The Age UK report 'Later Life in Rural England' says in its Introduction: 'Living in the countryside as an older person certainly has its advantages....'

Yet the unique characteristics of rural areas, with their low population densities and distance between residential and commercial centres, can bring additional challenges for older people, such as higher living costs, housing that is hard to heat and maintain, poor transport links and more limited social networks.'

At Wiltshire Good Neighbours our aim is to provide the all-important *information* to help people overcome some of these hurdles. You may be looking for a new interest group, help with transport issues, or trying to get online - your Good Neighbour Co-ordinator is here to help with your questions, no matter how big or small.

If you would like to speak to a Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, please call Lise Griffiths on 07541 353430 or email melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk

WALK TO REMEMBER – MARIE CURIE



Take an evening hike with your family and friends at Badminton Estate in South Gloucestershire, on **Saturday 15th August** to remember someone close to you. The event is being organised by Marie Curie and will be raising funds to care for people living with a terminal illness. It costs £10.00 to enter and will be starting at 6.30pm. After the walk, enjoy live music, entertainment and fireworks at 10pm.

The fireworks coincide with the time many Marie Curie Nurses start their night shift, providing care to people with terminal illnesses and their families in their own homes.

We're asking each walker to aim to raise £100 which pays for five hours of care. To register please visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/walkbadminton or call 0845 052 4184.

Volunteer Centre Wiltshire

The great British summer is here - the perfect opportunity to get active, pick up a new hobby and support your local community while enjoying the great outdoors. At Volunteer Centre Wiltshire we can help you find that perfect opportunity you are looking for this summer.

Do you like bikes? The **Bike Workshop from Julian House Wiltshire** are looking for volunteers to help out within their growing social enterprise project.

Summer school holidays? **Volunteer with Splash** and engage with young people through dance workshops, art sessions, wildlife projects, extreme sports, and food projects. Splash Projects are run at various venues throughout Wiltshire and take place throughout the School Holidays.

How about helping others enjoy the summer? **CTSW need volunteer drivers** to transport people with limited mobility.

If you are interested in any of these or other opportunities call us on 0845 521 6224 or email us on volunteer@developecs.org.uk.

Volunteer Centre Wiltshire is run by DEVELOP, for more information visit our website www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk, registered charity number 1096008.

Edington Festival August 23rd-30th

This year is the 60th Edington Music Festival, so it's going to be quite special. There will be 48 different pieces of choral church music from the 16th to the 21st centuries, including two new commissions; 26 services taken by our own and visiting clergy; 3 choirs; 5 organists, and over 60 choristers and conductors. Choral Evensong on the Wednesday (afternoon) will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 3, and will be followed by the Festival Evening and Supper in the Parish Field marquee.



There will be an exhibition in the church of 60 past Festival participants who have gone on to achieve great things in their fields. There will also be a range of 60th Festival merchandise for sale, in aid of Festival funds for the future. All services are of course free and unticketed; full details of services and music are at www.edingtonfestival.org. For tickets for the Festival Supper, please ring John Pepler on 01225 811344. Tickets are £22.50 each.

And finally:

Old age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.

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

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

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

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

MP Claire Perry, 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

Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 07702 967150 - www.seendacoustic.org

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

Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350

Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Community Speedwatch - Brian Crisp 01380 828910

Cricket Club - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617 & find Seend Village Pantomime on facebook

Fete - Jo McManus 07866 516020 (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 - Tony Ewin 828325

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee – Philip Proven

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

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES
FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES
WINES BEERS & SPIRITS
GROCERIES
THE HEALTH LOTTERY
POSTCARDS & STATIONERY



	Village Store	Post
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 Holidays	9.00 - 10.30	Closed

* note early closing