

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



December 2015
& January 2016

DIARY DATES FOR LATE NOVEMBER

- 25th Brewery Inn Quiz Night, 8pm
- 28th Coffee morning for Devizes Kats & Kits, Bulkington Village Hall, 10am-12.30pm
- 28th Grand Quiz Night, Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 29th Candlelit Benefice Advent Service, Christ Church Bulkington, 6pm

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 2nd Bulkington Village Christmas Lunch
- 2nd Advent Course, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 4pm (and two following Wednesdays)
- 2nd Seend Acoustic Club – Dr Zebo’s Wheezy Club – upstairs in C Centre, 8pm
- 4th Seend School Christmas Fayre
- 5th NT Association lecture, Community Centre, 2.15pm
- 5th Seend Wine Circle, Community Centre, 8pm
- 11th Xmas Bingo, Community Centre, 7.30 for 8pm
- 12th Coffee Morning, 14 Bulkington, 10.30am till noon
- 13th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane 9.30am
- 14th Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend The Lye; 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington (new timetable and monthly instead of fortnightly)
- 16th Christmas Nosh & Natter lunch, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 16th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm
- 16th Seend Acoustic Club – Party with Cleverley Brothers, upstairs in C Centre, 8pm
- 17th Carols at Cleeve House with the Seend Singers, 7pm
- 19th Village Christmas Get-together, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 20th Nativity Service at Seend Holy Cross, 10am & Carol Service at Bulkington, 6pm
- 21st Carols by Candlelight, Seend Holy Cross, 7.30pm
- 26th Paul’s Boxing Day Party, Community Centre, 12-6pm

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY

- 3rd Café Church, Seend Holy Cross, 11am
- 5th Bulkington New Year Lunch, Well Inn, 12.15pm
- 11th Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend The Lye; 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 16th LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT
- 16th WEA Day School, upstairs in Community Centre, 10.30am-4.30pm
- 17th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane 9.30am
- 21st WI Craft afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm
- 23rd Burns Night Supper, Community Centre, 7 for 7.30pm
- 26th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 27th Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm
- 30th Ladies & Gents Singles Skittles Competition, Community Centre, 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 December 2015/January 2016 Spotlight



Let's start with some good news! Thanks to the Honeybone family and Fritz Schruff, we now have a repainted and shelved telephone box in Seend Cleeve that is being used as a book swap, and will soon have a new noticeboard to replace the old Parish Council one that was beginning to fall apart. Many thanks to all concerned.

You've probably all found out by now that the canal bridge in Seend Cleeve is closed for repair for an indeterminate period. Detours for drivers are signposted, and walkers will be able to access the towpath near Little Mitchell's Farm and cross the canal at the footbridge near the pumping station. There's a plan on www.seend.org.uk. Do try to support the pubs and other businesses in the Cleeve that are going to be affected by this closure. We all hope it doesn't take as long as they fear it might!

Now, whether you love it or hate it, the festive season will shortly be upon us again. So, obviously, there are a lot of events coming up:

If the Wine and Food Fair wasn't enough for you, there's a special Christmas Wine Circle on 5th December. You can meet Santa at the Seend School Fair on 4th, play Bingo on 11th, party on 19th, enjoy an early Christmas lunch at Nosh and Natter on 16th and make the most of the final two Acoustic Club evenings on 2nd and 16th. Plus there are lots of special Christmas services in both Seend and Bulkington churches – see pages 8-9. In January we have the singles skittles competition, another interesting WEA Day School and, of course, Burns Night.

So it just remains for the editorial team to wish our readers a very happy Christmas and New Year and to pass our thanks on to the many volunteers who help to print and distribute this magazine throughout the year.

Spotlight Contacts: Contributions for the February 2016 edition (copy by Saturday 16th January) can be mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Editors: Tessa Doe (01380 828617) and Sue Isaac (828461). Joanna Goddard (828488) organises printing Mondays (more volunteers welcome). Juli Wilfort types up the items left at Seend PO. Fiona Johnson is the contact for delivery (828401) and Chris Brooker (828047) for advertising.

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 December and January

Seend Acoustic Club

Seend Community Centre - 7.45 for 8pm

in the upstairs Village Room. All welcome!

Special guests for the final two Club nights:

Wednesday 2nd December – Dr Zebo's Wheezy Club (£4)

Wednesday 16th December – Party time with the Cleverley

Brothers and a special double act from Malc and Andy (£5)

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



Christmas Bingo

Friday 11th December in Seend Community Centre

All proceeds go to your very own Community Centre,

so do join in this fun event. Raffle and prizes!

Entry from 7.30pm and eyes down at 8pm.



CHRISTMAS Party

Seend Community Centre – Saturday 19th December from 7.30pm

Disco - bring your own food.

Book a table (£3 per person) by calling Ros Carlile
on 07866 551904 before 5th December.

N&WW NT Association WINTER LECTURES

Saturday 5th December 2.15 pm in Seend Community Centre

'My life in Uniform.' The talk will be given by Miss Anja Schofield Ex WRAF.

Entry £3 (£2 Association members).

Nosh and Natter Lunch Club

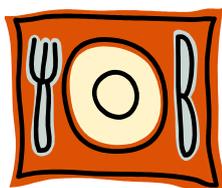
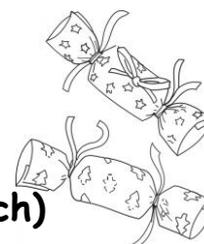
in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

Wednesday 16th December (Christmas lunch)

and Wednesday 27th January

12 for 12.30pm



The Brewery Inn

Christmas Eve – Karaoke singalong from 6pm

New Year's Eve – party from 8pm

Quiz Nights – 16th December and 27th January @ 8pm



SEEND WINE CIRCLE:



Suggestions for the festive season

8.00 pm on Saturday 5th December 2015

Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend, SN12 6NS

Just imagine: the bird is on order, the Christmas edition of the Radio Times is safely secured and the Christmas cake is well and truly soaked. Attention should now be turning to your Christmas guests and what wine to offer them. The December Seend Wine Circle will be presenting you with some ideas for wines you may find accompany your celebrations perfectly. We may even rustle up a mince pie!

Come and join us on 5th December to taste the wines we have chosen. Closing date for bookings will be 1st December if not fully booked beforehand.

Email seendwinecircle@gmail.com if you require more information or would like to confirm you're coming.

Christmas Carols at Cleeve House, Seend

led by The Seend Singers

Thursday 17th December at 7.00pm

Come and join our Carol singing - followed by refreshments

There will be a collection in aid of **Wiltshire Young Carers**

Trowbridge Road, Seend, SN12 6PG Tel: 01380 827 129

info@cleeve-house.com

www.cleeve-house.com



WEA Day School 'Origins of the English Language'

with tutor Nick Nuttall

Saturday 16th January 10.30am-4.30pm

upstairs in Seend Community Centre

£30 (concessions for people on benefits)

Bring a packed lunch. Call 01392 457300 to book.

Burns Night Supper

Saturday 23rd January 7 for 7.30pm

Three course dinner including Haggis and all the trimmings
and a nip of whisky!

With a touch of tartan, a bit of Burns, and some Scottish
country dancing. And all for £17!

(Vegetarian option – please request on booking)

To book, please call Hatty on 01380 828380



Annual knock-out singles skittles competition (ladies and gents)

Saturday 30th January from 8pm in the Community Centre

All welcome! Call Paul on 07762 844016 to book.

Entry fee goes toward PRIZES!

JOURNEY UP THE AMAZON

A delicious Supper and Illustrated Talk of an Amazon Adventure
Friday 26th February 7 for 7:15pm in The Pavilion
Tickets £12:50 in advance only - includes 3 course supper
Licensed Bar and Raffle. Available from The Post Office,
Tina Yockney (827139), Angela Knocker (828609)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SEEND CANAL BRIDGE CLOSURE

With regard to the bridge closure, Paul Kelly of the Canal River Trust has advised that “The only one-way system that will be in place will be along Pelch Lane. Please visit our twitter page <https://twitter.com/CRTKennetAvon> or village website page www.seend.org.uk for updates with the bridge works.

Please accept my apologies for the delay with commencing the bridge works and any inconvenience caused as a result of the road closure.”

SEEND FETE 2016

Would you or you and your friends like to put on Seend Village Fete next year? You can run the afternoon however you like, make the fete as big or small as you like, and there will be lots of support and help already in place should you fancy having a go. It's incredibly rewarding and loads of fun. The fete is also an opportunity to support lots of village and local charities and organisations. If you're interested please call Jo McManus 07866 516020 for more info.

WATER ON ITS WAY TO THE CHURCH

Appeal launch date – Friday 5th February

As announced in last month's Spotlight,, progress is under way to improve the facilities at the church (the first major changes for 100 years). Our appeal launch is planned for 5th February and further details of the project and this event will be in February Spotlight. Please put this date in your diary now. The event will be open to everyone in the village and beyond who wish to see what is planned in order to bring water to the church, build a toilet and improve the access in and around the church. Gaigers have been appointed as our main contractor subject to the faculty approval and funding and we look forward to working with them.

RICHARD AND MARION WHITEHEAD would like to send Christmas greetings



to all our friends in the village. In place of sending you cards we will follow our usual practice of making a donation to a charity of our choice. This year it's Canine Partners; you may have seen one of their wonderful assistance dogs on *Children in Need*.

SPEED LIMIT IN SEEND HIGH STREET

Last month's council report had the statement that 'on average 3-4% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit in the High Street'.

To take this figure without heavily qualifying it could lead to erroneous thinking! Since it was taken from Community Speedwatch figures the speed exceeded would be 35mph, not 30mph. The 3-4% of drivers exceeding that figure would be doing so even whilst being monitored by a group of highly visible people. It is likely that the relatively low figure is also influenced by drivers signalling to other drivers as the former leave the High Street. I do not see a good reason for not making speed monitoring less obvious if there is a real motive to reduce speeds and hence injury and inconvenience to both road users and residents.

Anyone who lives in or walks along the High Street well knows that the rate of speeding drivers when monitors are not visible is likely to be nearer 25% or more and it is often the case that the speed well exceeds 40mph. Attempts to suggest that speeding drivers moderate their behaviour usually lead to vulgar and threatening responses.

The continuing inconvenience of HGV traffic through the village illustrates that the so-called voluntary code and signs directing such traffic along the Melksham road are both being ignored.

Brian Jaques

GOOD NEWS from the SEEND PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

In the November update, I told you that we were awaiting the Parish Council's decision as to whether or not they supported the Steering Group's recommendation that we should proceed and create a Neighbourhood Plan. I am delighted to report that on 27th October they gave us their support without dissent. Therefore we move on to the next stage of developing a NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN for Seend. The point to emphasise is that creating this plan will bring with it some *statutory* security as to how our village develops, after it has been passed by a referendum.

I am also pleased to be able to announce the arrival of a new member onto the Committee. Sue McCulloch attended the last meeting and has agreed to join us.

A sub-group have been working on the issue of Road Safety, and they have been asked to liaise with us so that their report becomes part of the Traffic Management section of the Neighbourhood Plan.

This project will involve us in a lot of work, and probably take a minimum of two years to complete. None of us is paid but we will require funds for general running costs, and any further research projects such as the next one you will be involved in, namely the 'Rural Housing Survey'. There are a number of grants to cover these costs, which we will access as this process is one that is encouraged by government through the Localism Act, 2011. We are all amateurs in this field, so there will be an up-hill learning curve for us to climb!

Don't forget: you can access the website at www.seendparishplan.org where you will find the names of the Committee members and links to further information about this

process. Our next report will be in January/February 2016, so it only remains for me to send Good Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all of you who have been interested in these updates.

Carola Thorpe on behalf of the SPPSG

STOP GRANGE FARM WIND FARM CAMPAIGN



Grange Farm Wind Farm (3 turbines):

Following changes to government subsidy for onshore wind, plus the inadequacy of wind speeds in the local area, aeronautical concerns linked to Keevil Airfield and landscape and heritage concerns in view of the proximity to the Westbury White Horse, we are very glad to be able to report that this proposed development is unlikely to proceed. The wind monitoring mast was removed ahead of deadline, and having made recent investigations, it seems clear that REG Windpower (the site developers) have closed this project.

With the exception of the Torr Works, a 4-turbine project near Frome, all other regional projects have either been defeated at Planning Appeal, or the developers have decided not to appeal the Planning decisions.

At Torr Works, although the 4 turbines are smaller than those proposed for Grange Farm, their position on a ridge will make them very visible and we hope that in 2016, the Appeal decision will go in favour of the campaign against them by TWAG <http://www.twag.co.uk/> This group still needs support.

In view of the position at Grange Farm, the Committee of SGFWF would like to thank all members and supporters for their efforts over recent years, which have been influential in keeping Wiltshire free from large-scale wind turbines. If you still have any posters or notices for the campaign on display, please remove these, and advise anyone you know still displaying notices to do so.

Our campaign is now dormant, but please get in touch via our website and email, if you hear of any new turbine projects in the area. Any future turbine development would now by law require much greater community involvement and pre-application consultation than was the case when the Grange Farm developers launched their attempt in 2011.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Maureen's Ramblings.....

Here I am with a blank sheet of paper wondering what to say to the people of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot this Christmas. Maybe a gentle exhortation to make some time for God in the middle of all the hustle and bustle? Maybe an invitation to come to the wonderful Christmas services that our churches will be holding? Or maybe an encouragement to sing "Happy birthday, dear Jesus, happy birthday to you!" to Jesus on Christmas Day so that he is remembered on his special day? I don't know.....

O yes I do! I shall ask you to reflect on what impressions our children will have about Christmas at the end of Christmas Day this year. As tiredness hits at the end of the day what will they have absorbed about the occasion that celebrates one of the most important events in Christian history, the birth of Jesus Christ into the poverty, pain and woundedness of the world? Will they know a little more about what Christmas and life means when all the presents have been opened? Will they know something of the peace, forgiveness and joy that Jesus came into the world to give, when the excesses of food and drink have worn off and their pent up excitement spills over into tears and arguments? Will they have been helped to think, and maybe say a prayer, for those whose Christmas Day was ruined by homelessness or poverty, warfare or violence? And will they have learned to give something to others who have less than they have? I wonder if they will have learned how to feel thankful and to say thank you and will they know that being loved is more than just about being given *things*? What will our children have learned? What will we have learned?

You may be surprised to know that I think that Jesus loves the razzmatazz of Christmas, the baubles and the decorations, the enjoyment and the fun. He rejoices to see happiness shining from our eyes and to hear laughter from our lips. He is glad that he has given us Christmas and a reason to celebrate. And in the midst of it he whispers his love to us and says, "Please try and make time for me this Christmas. Give me time so that I can tell you of the love, forgiveness, peace, salvation and hope that I can give you that will last long beyond Christmas day. And if you can't make time this Christmas, I will come again in 2016, 2017, 2018 and throughout history, telling you again and again how much I love you".

***The Revd. Maureen Allchin, the Revd. Jane Knowles
and all the church family of Seend and Bulkington and Poulshot
wish you a very happy Christmas and a blessed 2016***

THE CANDLELIT BENEFICE ADVENT SERVICE
will be on Sunday, 29th November at 6.00 in Christ Church, Bulkington.
We will enjoy those beautiful readings and hymns for Advent.



**The church hosted Bulkington Village Christmas Lunch
takes place on Wednesday, 2nd December, 2015
and the New Year lunch on the 5th January, 2016 at 12.15 at The Well.
Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people are always welcome to
join us. It is a good social event for the entire village and area.**

From the Registers

Marriage:

We celebrate with Martin Earley and Charlotte Blayney who were married at Holy Cross on 7th November.



**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!*

CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2015

Sunday 6th December 2015. 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8.00: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend. *A short and reflective traditional service*
- 9.15: Parish Eucharist* (Common Worship) at Poulshot. *A modern language communion service.*
- 11.00: Morning Praise at Seend. *A lively service, without communion, for all the family.*
- 6.00: Evening Prayer at Bulkington

Thursday 10th December 2015

- 6.00: Benefice Christingle Service at Seend.

Sunday 13th December 2015. The 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 9.15: Parish Eucharist at Seend
- 11.00: Parish Eucharist* at Bulkington
- 6.00: Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot. *A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.*

Sunday 20th December 2015. The 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8.00: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 10.00: Nativity Service at Seend (dress the children as shepherds or angels)
- 11.00: Parish Eucharist* at Poulshot
- 6.00: Carol service at Bulkington

Monday 21st December 2015.

- 7.30: Carols by Candlelight at Seend

Thursday 24th December

- 2.00: Blessing of the Crib at Bulkington
- 6.00: Traditional carol service at Poulshot
- 11.30: Midnight Eucharist at Seend

Friday 25th December 2015

- 9.15: Christmas Communion at Bulkington
- 9.15: Christmas Communion at Poulshot
- 11.00: Christmas Communion at Seend

Sunday 27th December 2015. The first Sunday of Christmas

- 10.00: Benefice Eucharist at Seend



CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY 2016

Sunday 3rd January 2016. Epiphany

- 8.00: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend. *A short and reflective traditional service*
- 9.15: Parish Eucharist* (Common Worship) at Poulshot. *A modern language service with communion.*
- 11.00: Café Church at Seend. *A lively service, without communion, for all the family.*
- 6.00: Evening Prayer at Bulkington

Sunday 10th January 2016. Epiphany 1

- 9.15: Parish Eucharist at Seend
- 11.00: Parish Eucharist* at Bulkington
- 6.00: Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot. *A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.*

Sunday 17th January 2016. Epiphany 2

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

Sunday 24th January 2016. Epiphany 3

- 9.15: Matins (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot. *A traditional morning service without communion*
- 11.00: Parish Eucharist* at Seend
- 6.00: Parish Eucharist* at Bulkington

Sunday 31st January 2016. Epiphany 4

- 10.00: Benefice Eucharist at Bulkington

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

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



Café Church for Epiphany
on **Sunday 3rd January 2016 at 11am at Seend**
Singing and stories for all the families
in the villages of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot.

Bring your children dressed up as kings or queens if you would like.

The next Café Church is on 6th March – Mothering Sunday 2016
at Seend.



THE BENEFICE ADVENT COURSE 2015

The 2015 Advent course for all the Benefice will be held at
4 4 Northfields, Bulkington (SN10 1SE) from 4.00-5.00.

The programme is as follows and all are welcome:

Wednesday, December 2nd: Psalm 139: The All-Knowing God

Wednesday, December 9th: Psalm 139: The Inescapable God

Wednesday, December 16th: Psalm 139: The Ever Present God

Each session will end with Compline.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
On this day when we celebrate Christmas with a fine meal and with good friends,
may we always know your love and your presence
and may we be generous and giving to those who will be hungry and sad this
Christmas.
We ask this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

A Christmas Poem

The baby had a birthday - we made the brandy sauce.
We drank His health and spent our wealth - upon ourselves of course.
We had a lovely party and brightened up the place:
Profusely strung the tinsel hung - we couldn't see His face.
Then, when the feast was over, and we'd run out of cheer,
We packed Him in the trimmings' tin till Christmas time next year.

Cecily Taylor

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.



CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

Can you spare a little time to ensure the church is kept clean and well maintained? You don't need to be a member of the congregation - just a willing volunteer. If you can help, please contact Sue McCulloch on 828508 or Sylvia Ewin on 828325. Go on - pick up the phone now.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH

December 2015

13th 10:30am Toy Service at Bromham Methodist Church
20th 10:00am Revd Di Whittal with carols and Holy Communion

January 2016

10th 10:00am 'Villages Together' Covenant Service (at Seend) led
by Revd Wendy Tucker
24th 10:00am Mr Eric Clifford

Everyone welcome at any service.

Thank you , Anne Salter

BULKINGTON NEWS

What a great community event! The bonfire in Bulkington on 7th November was attended by 393 people, both young and older, and, thanks to Claire Crawford and her team, there was a spectacular display of fireworks as well as burgers, hot dogs, cakes and cold and hot drinks. There was a profit from the evening of over £600, to be shared among local charities. Come again next year!

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on the 14th December and the 11th January 2016 from 11.05-11.30 at The Well. Please support this.



There will be a **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING** on Saturday, 12th December from 10.30-12.00 at the home of the Diffords (14 Bulkington – the Tudor Cottage). Bring and Buy, Raffle, Christmas Fare, etc. Everyone is welcome.



THE TEA AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the Monday, 7th December at 4 Northfields, Bulkington (Anne Saywell 828931) from 2.00 – 4.00 and again on Monday, January 4th tba (Phone Anne Saywell) Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

November is a time for remembering so we were glad to be a part of the Remembrance Day Memorial on Sunday, the 8th. The Beavers provided their always welcome ‘cuppa and cakes’. It is so important to include the young in our remembering. I still recall such events way back in the fifties when I was about their age and our School had special days to commemorate the past. So let’s hope the Beavers will carry the memory through their lives. It is all about continuity and community, the purpose of our little Hall. Once a Chapel, a gathering place for the villagers to meet and worship; still a gathering place for the villagers to meet, celebrate, and be involved. Next item on our agenda is an inspection of the electrical circuitry; we have to remember the practical as well as the spiritual in the care of our Hall!

Angela Read, Chairman.

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

As our October meeting had to be cancelled, the final planning for our December meeting was not done. Our December meeting is a “bring and share” festive meal in the Village Hall. The suggested date is Thurs 17th December. As it is a meal, I suggest we bring it forward to 7 pm. The date and time will be confirmed at our November meeting on the 26th. Please keep in touch so you know what is happening. Our January meeting will be on Thursday 28th at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be a lady who is bringing her “petting dog”. It should be very interesting and do us all a world of good after the excitement of the festive season.

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas.

Liz Futter 828485

Angela Read 828925

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111

After a very busy November, we are planning Christmas decorations and events at the Centre as you read this. Do try and visit us some time over the festive season.

Major events for December and January are listed in the early pages of this magazine, plus we have festive late Club opening Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve, and the bar will be open from 12-2pm on Christmas Day. On Boxing Day, Paul is hosting his annual party from 12-6pm with horse racing and all sorts of other delights. Come and see!

Membership Renewal: As usual, we will be offering an incentive to renew or take out membership of Seend Club between Jan 31st and March 31st before annual membership becomes due on April 1st.

SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

Apologies in advance for any late arrivals of the bus during the time the Seend Cleeve canal bridge is closed. The drivers will do their best to stick to the timetable but they will obviously have to go the long way round.



Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury

The December shopping trip is already fully booked at the time of writing. Please note, as in previous years there will be no shopping trip in January. The first in 2016 will be Wednesday, 3rd February.

Thank you. Rex.

100+ CLUB DRAW

The results of the Lye Field 100+ Club draw for September and October are as follows:-

£35.00	No. 016	Mr C Mayell
£30.00	No. 201	Mrs J Stack
£25.00	No. 136	Mr R Church
£20.00	No. 105	Mrs J Allen
£15.00	No. 142	Mr C Waldeck
£10.00	No. 110	Mrs A Newman
£35.00	No. 042	Mrs B Goodier
£30.00	No. 198	Mrs R Newman
£25.00	No. 138	Major R Brind
£20.00	No. 062	Sir M Thorpe
£15.00	No. 101	Mr D Balnave
£10.00	No. 059	Mr K Bottomley

Congratulations to all the winners.

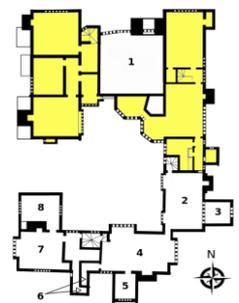


Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee

SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

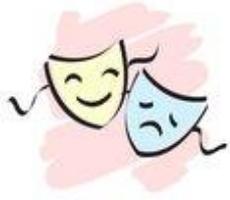
We invite all our members to the AGM on Thursday 11th February 2016 in the Pavilion. The talk will be by the Melksham & District Historical Association. The subject is "A potted history of Melksham". This I am sure, will be very interesting and will give us all a different view of the town. Did you know that they have an excellent Information Centre with a shop selling charity Christmas cards and other interesting things..

Please put this date in your diary as you will then hear about the trips during 2016. The Committee look forward to seeing you.



Tony Ewin.

SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB



Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change the date of the Theatre Club AGM. It will definitely take place on **Wednesday 3rd February 1916** in the Pavilion 7.30pm, and not 28th Jan as previously notified.

Our popular local entertainer will be with us, and we look forward to welcoming as many members as possible.

Sylvia Ewin

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

IN MEMORIAM

This month we remember:

Hugh Leslie 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regt 17 Jan 1916

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



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. (8th November 2015)

A large contingent consisting of representatives from The Royal British Legion, the Melksham ATC, the 1st Bowerhill Scout Group and the Seend School mustered at the end of Church Walk and marched to Church under command of Colonel Nigel Knocker. The parade paused at the War Memorial where wreaths were laid by The Royal British Legion, The Melksham ATC, the Seend Womens Institute, the Seend School and the 1st Bowerhill Scout Group. It then moved into church where the names of the fallen in both World Wars and subsequent operations were read out by Mr Leo Coley, a veteran of World War II, and the Act of Remembrance was observed. The Standards of The Royal British Legion and the Flags of The Bowerhill Scouts, Cubs and Beavers were placed on the altar for the duration of the service. The service was once again taken by the Revd Jane Knowles.

ARMISTICE DAY. (Wednesday 11th November 2015)

A group of seventeen people, accompanied by Kevin Toft with the Royal British Legion Branch Standard, gathered at the War Memorial for prayers and the two minutes silence at 11.00am.

POPPY COLLECTION. The usual team of Poppy Sellers toured the village during the fortnight leading up to Remembrance Day. Our grateful thanks go to all the collectors and those who so generously donated, and also to Kevin Toft for organising and co-ordinating the whole event.

COMMITTEE MEETING. The next Committee Meeting will be held in the Kennet Room of The Community Centre on Thursday 28th January 2016 commencing at 1930hrs.

Roger Brind

SEEND WI



In October we had Margaret Hiscock from the Wiltshire Scrapstore. She gave us a fascinating talk about its history, followed by a demonstration on 'iris folding'. Members were then able to make their own Christmas card using this technique.

On Wednesday 9th December we are going to The Milk Churn in Melksham for our Christmas Meal.

Anne Ewing is our speaker on Wednesday 13th January. The title of her talk is 'Revealing 10 things you may not know about Seend'. Please do join us for what promises to be an interesting evening.

There is no Craft afternoon in December. The next one is on Thursday 21st January, 2- 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 the website www.seendwi.weebly.com

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our November speaker was Robert Harvey, a former environmental scientist, who came to talk on his two particular areas of interest - wild flowers and photography - and he showed us lots of beautiful photographs of - guess what - wild flowers! His love of wild flowers has led him to create a variety of different environments in his garden suitable for them to grow in and he described the very specific conditions they require. It seemed a lot harder than growing the kind of flowers that most of us are used to having in our gardens but the results he showed us in his photographs were spectacular. He also showed us photos of various places around the country including one particular field near Cricklade - North Meadow - that has 80% of the United Kingdom's snake's head fritillaries - amazing! - 80%! - go there in April and you'll see them.



Next month our meeting, on **Tuesday 8th December, at 7.30 p.m.** as usual, is a social, with a quiz, probably mostly about gardening and associated things, so I don't stand any chance at all unless there are questions about how to get a beautiful garden - marry somebody who's a good gardener. There'll also be wine and nice things to eat and the competition subject is 'Christmas Biscuits' - which we get to eat as well. If you can think of a good reason for not coming to join us please let me know.

Our first meeting of 2016, on **Tuesday 12th January at 7.30 p.m.** features a talk by Tom Hartley on the work of the Soil Association - 2015 has been International Year of Soils, which may have escaped your notice. The competition theme is 'Nature in your garden'.

NB Please note - your programme for 2015-16 shows the March meeting as Tuesday 9th - which should be Tuesday 8th, of course - extra points to those who spotted that.

Tim



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

The walk from the Wharf car park in Devizes on Sunday 1st November, had to be shortened to 2½ miles due to the recent escape of water from the canal causing considerable damage to the bank and towpath.

The weather was fine and the autumn colours spectacular. 15 ramblers plus a visitor and her dog took part. On finishing, we all enjoyed a coffee in the Wharf Café. Thanks to Sandy James for planning and leading this walk.

The next walks are:

Sunday 13th December – Leaders Geraldine and Brian De’Ath. Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure, for a 5½ mile walk starting in Bradford on Avon, which will include one or two gradients, but not too taxing. Bring the usual refreshments for a stop half-way round.

Sunday 17th January – Leaders Colin and Jo Waldeck. Meet in Rusty Lane for 9.30am departure, for a walk in the Neston area.

As 2015 draws to a close, Gerald and I wish to thank all our membership for their valued support during the year, and to wish everyone a very joyous Christmas, good health, and happiness in walking our beautiful countryside in 2016.

Lin Salter - 01225 706451

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



The Christmas preparations have begun at Seend Primary School. The older children have started to learn carols for the Christingle Service and the carols by candlelight service plus there’s talk in the staffroom of who will be playing Mary & Joseph in the KS1 Nativity!

Preparations are also underway for the Christmas Fair on 4th December 6:00 – 8:00.

Chestnut children visited the Roman Baths this week. Half the class had a self guided tour of the baths whilst the other half of the class took part in a ‘Meet the Romans’ workshop. The children (and adults!) really enjoyed the trip and the class were impeccably behaved.

Just before half term, Chestnut & Sycamore Class were visited by some representatives from ‘Street Science.’ Both classes thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the workshops which were designed to inspire children to be budding scientists in the future! Two classes have also have a member of the fire service in teaching them about fire safety whilst another class have been busy making Roman jewellery with some of our very skilled parents.

Children and parents enjoyed a production of ‘Jojo and Billie’s Tour de France’ as part of Rural Arts Wiltshire – complete with bicycle percussion, bicycle choreography, bicycle acrobatics, bicycle puppetry and a bicycle race.

This week saw the first gathering of this year’s Seend School Council. The meeting was a great success and the children discussed what a School Council can do to make

Send even better, how they can help others by raising money and how they can make sure all of the children's voices get heard and are considered. Their first area of focus is going to be the Huff & Puff play equipment. They want to make sure there is enough equipment and that there is something for all of the children to play with. Luckily the school has just received a host of extra equipment using the Sainsbury Active vouchers collected in the summer.

Towards the end of the month the school is holding a careers day where children are coming to school dressed as someone doing a job. The children will be learning more how the skills we are trying to teach them; perseverance, working as part of a team etc are needed not just in school but in their future jobs. Money raised on this mufti day will go to Children in Need.

A team of 13 children took part in a very wet cross country run against other primary schools in the Melksham cluster on 5th November. As always our team did us proud and with the girls' team coming first and the boys' team coming second, overall we came a resounding first of which we are very proud.

We have received a very generous offer of support from Nortree Motors in Melksham. For any customer who signs up to their "Save and Raise" scheme, not only do they receive 10% discount on servicing, parts and labour, they will also donate 10% of the cost to the school. We are obviously very grateful to them for this and look forward to the money rolling in! The Lock and Key scheme also continues where we will receive 10% of their commission on any house they sell, if at the time of valuation, our school is mentioned. Again a generous gesture from a local company.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher



Christmas Fayre – Friday 4th December: This important annual event is fast approaching! It is our biggest fund-raising and most well-attended event of the year. As ever, there will be lots of stalls, games, a Grand Draw, food & drink, and a visit from Santa himself. If you are a local business and would

be interested in advertising at the fayre, please contact Sonja Nichols (sonja.nichols@sky.com).

Quiz Night – Friday 5th February: Looking ahead to next year, we will be organising a Quiz Night on Friday 5th February in the School Hall. More details nearer the time.

Thank you, Mel Steel & Victoria Bowes

Seend Playgroup News

I am writing this on "Children in Need Day". This morning the children all came dressed as their favourite super hero and gave a donation for the privilege. We had 3 Buzz Lightyears, Woody, Ironman, several really creative characters and one princess. Where are all the girls? I congratulate the parents on all remembering. Maybe it has something to do with emails! They do have their merits sometimes. We iced some spotty cakes and coloured some Pudsey pictures.

By the time you read this the children will be excitedly dressing up in traditional costumes, to act out the story of the Nativity. Our Nativity Morning for parents and friends will be on Thurs 17th December at 10.30 am at the Pavilion. Please bring your purse as there will be a hamper raffle and a cake stall.

Our Christmas Party will be on the last day of term which is Friday 18th December. All our children are welcome both days even if they are not their usual days.

We are having a fund raising table at the school Christmas Fayre on Friday 4th December from 6 pm at school. Please come along and support your local school and playgroup. It is a fun evening for the children too.

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

The new term begins on Monday 4th January.

Liz Futter (Playleader)

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

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

The meeting held on **Tuesday 27th October 2015** was attended by 8 Councillors with Mr T Murch (Vice-Chairman) in the chair. Apologies received from Mr J Padfield, PCSO Helen Wilson and Mr M Wiltshire. Also present: Cllr J Seed and members of the public

The Clerk had received an email from PCSO Wilson with the following information: Road traffic incidents on 21 September, 7 & 20 October. Theft of red diesel from Broad Lane Farm between 9 & 20 October. Recent report that traffic lights at Seend Fork were not functioning correctly (timing), however there were no reports of RTCs at this junction.

Cllr Seed said that he had two issues; firstly the road signage at the pinch point in the High Street, the work should commence after Christmas, the funding and order are both in place. Secondly, the proposed parish boundary change whereby Melksham Without want to take possession of land currently in Seend parish, adjacent to the canal, part of which is used as a picnic area. Seend residents living near the area are not in favour of the change (email from Mrs Giles to PC). The final decision will be taken at a full Council meeting at the end of November. (Post meeting note: The consultation meeting on 4 November at Melksham Assembly Hall was attended by several Councillors).

Canal Bridge, Seend Cleve – a further meeting with Paul Kelly (C&RT), Andy Cadwallader, representatives of the contractors and parishioners took place on Thursday, 22 October to discuss the road diversion during the work on the bridge. (Post meeting note: **The Canal & River Trust anticipate commencement on Monday 16th November with a road closure commencement on 23rd November 2015.**)

High Street crossing – Email received from Mark Stansby, Senior Traffic Management Engineer, who had now taken a look at the proposal. He advised that the sightline is much improved when crossing further east, close to the milestone. A footpath of approximately 30m would need to be constructed to provide a proper link to Church Lane and dropped kerbs at either side of the crossing point on High Street. Land ownership will need to be established and agreed. He said it is difficult to provide estimates at this time as Wilts Council has yet to appoint a new contractor and they have no rates available on which to base any quotes. However, to help with discussions he suggests a ball park cost of between £4,500 to £5,000 might be anticipated. Part-funding might be available from the Area Board and CATG but it will need to be raised as an Area Board Issue to take this further forward. Mr Rigg proposed that the PC should earmark £2,000 for the project, seconded by Mrs A’Bear, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would fund a share of the work when we had a definitive quote from the new Wiltshire Council contractors. Vote: 5 in favour, 2 against.

Parking, Spout Lane – Cllr Seed said that he had met with Mark Stansby at Spout Lane to consider the parking problems, especially between the caravan park entrance and the back wall of the Three Magpies. The solution could be plastic bollards on either side of the lane at a cost of a few hundred pounds.

Wilts Council Challenges meeting 20 October – Mark Wood had attended the meeting, he said there had been a presentation and then a question and answer session. Their priorities are vulnerable people, jobs, schools and apprenticeships. The biggest challenge is the cut in government funding by £110m in the last three years, and the impact on housing and infrastructure. There will have to be greater use of volunteering, e.g. libraries. Questions included the contracting out of recycling and consultancy costs. Cllr Seed summarised by saying that the Council does not have the same amount of money available, and funding will be reduced by 25% over the next two or three years. Mr Wood said that the operation of some services will be passed over to town and parish councils; it was agreed to place this as an item on the agenda.

Neighbourhood Plan Update - Mr Murch outlined that a Neighbourhood Plan for Seend would include strategic planning on housing, business and employment, environment and conservation, green living and well-being, community assets and traffic. Mrs A’Bear had put together a report on projected costs, and advised that the Planning Group consider £4,000 will be sufficient. Mrs Carr questioned whether £4K would be sufficient, and whether the PC is being over-enthusiastic in considering a Neighbourhood Plan rather than a Parish Plan. Mrs A’Bear explained that a Parish Plan has very little weight in law, but a Neighbourhood Plan gives the village more control over what happens. Mrs Savage also said that she was concerned about the cost, although she could see the merits of the Plan. Following further discussion, Mr Manning proposed that the Neighbourhood Plan should go forward and the PC should allocate the required funding; seconded by Mr Rigg, agreed unanimously. The Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council to advise them formally that Seend is preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Seend Road Safety Initiative - Mr Murch invited Dr Nigel Knott, Brian Crisp and Bruce Talmage to join the Parish Councillors and take part in the discussion. Mr Murch thanked them for the report that they had compiled, and a copy of the 1990 document written by Frankie Goddard and John Smallshaw for the Seend Trust; these contained a lot of useful information and data. He also wanted to take the opportunity to thank members of Community Speedwatch for their volunteering work on behalf of the village, and would be sending them letters of thanks. Mr Murch noted that the report did not cover all areas of Seend parish, and asked if they would consider widening it to include Seend Cleeve and Sells Green. He commented that if heavy goods traffic were to be limited on the A361 and re-routed to the A365, this would make problems in that area; and reminded them that any highway proposals have to come via the PC, to the CATG and then to Wiltshire Council. Mr Murch assured them that highways and traffic in the village have been discussed at every PC meeting since 2013, and the PC has been looking at ways of making things work; it also has to be borne in mind that costs sometimes limit what can be achieved.

Dr Knott replied that the report that had compiled should be seen as a catalyst, and is in no way a comprehensive document. Mr Talmage said that it was an attempt to address the traffic problems in Seend in a more holistic way. Mr Crisp commented that the A365 contains fewer houses than the A361 passing through Seend.

Cllr Seed responded that they had done a good job in putting together an interesting document. There are a number of issues, firstly that Seend is located on a major A road and, as a small village, Seend will not attract a lot of funding. Some initiatives had not been successful, for example the rumble strips installed at the eastern end of the village were taken out after complaints from Dr Jackson that they were noisy. Other engineering solutions had been installed in Seend, such as taking down the old railway bridge and installing a parking area in Spout Lane. The problem at the pinch point has now been funded and new signage will be installed shortly.

A general discussion took place with other members of the public present about the safety aspects of traffic in the vicinity, including the railings at the pinch point in the High Street, where a section had been removed and not replaced. Cllr Seed said that the railings should be reinstated if they had not been properly replaced. The narrowing of the A365 by Melksham Oak School and widening of the pavement. Overgrown hedges in the High Street which force pedestrians to walk closer to the road; the Clerk to write again to householders reminding them of the need to keep hedges clipped back. Mr Manning said that he felt a lot of the problems could be overcome by driver education. Mr Wood said that he thought the report was excellent, and commented that he thought signage for the preferred HGV route (via the A365) should be improved. An email had also been received from Mr D Bartholomew expressing his concerns about traffic issues, particularly in the vicinity of the Bell crossroads. The Clerk to forward his email to members of the Road Safety initiative group (with his permission).

Mr Murch summarised by saying that he hoped that the PC and the safety group could work together, and Mrs A'Bear invited them to join the Neighbourhood Planning Group.

Planning Matters

Application No: 15/09451/FUL Melton House, 7 Seend Cleeve
Ground floor side extension, first floor rear extension, dormer window, internal alterations and new parking area

Agreed unanimously.

Application No: 15/09651/FUL Clematis Cottage, High Street
Demolition of garage and erection of ground floor extension, with alterations to existing window opening on east elevation at ground level.

Agreed unanimously.

Application No: 15/09992/TPO Linden House, Spout Lane
Lime trees x 4 – reduce height and spread by 30% and the Ivy

Agreed unanimously

Application No: 15/09930/FUL Baileys Barn, Bath Road
Provision of track to provide access to barn

Agreed unanimously

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meetings are Tuesdays 24th November 2015 and 26th January 2016 at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

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

Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed

As we move towards the end of the calendar year there is great activity amongst Members and officers in County Hall to try and prepare a balanced budget to be presented to Council in February and agreed before the end of the Financial Year. Austerity looks as though it is here to stay and that means that further efficiencies need finding in the way we do business here in Wiltshire. This needs to be seen against a background of central government departments agreeing to reduce their budgets by 30% in the next four years and so it would be prudent for local government to plan on doing something similar. That means that we have to do more with less whilst at the same time trying to protect our front line services. We must look after the vulnerable in Wiltshire society as well as maintaining those services used by the rest of the rate paying population. This is not an easy task but somehow we will get there!

The renewable energy arguments have dominated our communities for much of the past two years. Locally I think we are now coming to the end of the solar farm growth period. Much of this is due to the withdrawal of government subsidies but reaching grid connection capacity is probably also a material consideration. There have been disputes and cross words from all sides of the solar farm debate and I have appeared on different sides depending on my view of the planned development. However one fact that I do know is important to most of our local population is that we have no commercial wind turbines in Wiltshire to date. My own view has always

been that some solar developments instead of any wind turbines is the best way forward for Wiltshire and I believe that is the path we are treading. I also think that we could do more to dispose of waste by maximising its calorific value and that is why I support anaerobic digesters when they appear.

So as we move to the end of 2015 our financial planning and planning differences can be put to one side as we look forward to a decent Christmas break. May I therefore take this opportunity of wishing all the residents of our community a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Cricket : Captain John Wiltshire.



The cricket club had its award night on November 13th and I am very grateful to Ben King for his detailed report below which gives all the runners and riders. Seend is still looking for fresh blood so anyone who would like to play cricket in the village next season please contact either John Wiltshire on 07791 144248 or Brian Hunt on 01380 828581. They would love to hear from you.

Seend Cricket Club 2015 Award Winners

Season Summary

Played 9, Won 5, Lost 4 (8 cancelled and 2 abandoned)

Total Runs Trophy:

Tom Wallis 304 runs

Highest score trophy:

Tom Wallis- 98 v Golden Fleece at home including 11x4s and 2x6s

Batting Shield for the best batting average:

John Wiltshire- 75.7 in 5 innings

Ducks:

Joe Griffiths had 2 ducks including 1 golden duck.

Seend CC Bowling Shield for best bowling average:

Mark Wiltshire- 12 wickets at average of 14.9

Seend CC Captain's Trophy:

Tom Wallis

Seend CC Fielding Trophy:

Ben King- 6 catches and 1 run out.

Frying pan blunder award for dropped catches:

John Wiltshire 5 drops.

Champagne moment:

Seend CC for the Bob Dolman 20-20 cup victory

Blunder award:

Russell Collins:

1st-for scoring his first ever century but it wasn't for Seend; 2nd - in the Home game against Broughton Gifford, a female spectator commented that Seend's wicket keeper cost us the game - it was only Russell's mum! And 3rd - he arrived at the home match

against Westover without the pavilion keys, went back home, failed on his hitch hiking attempt and still forgot his trainers - and was 60 minutes late!

Westacott Merit trophy for most Man of the Match awards:

Joe Griffiths with 2.

Seend CC Centenary Cup for Players' player:

John Wiltshire

Ron Westacott memorial trophy awarded by Chairman Brian Hunt:

John Wiltshire

For those interested the website has been fully updated from the last 20 seasons containing match results, reports and statistics:
<http://seend.play-cricket.com>

Tennis : Chair Elaine Davies.

At the moment it is just the winter league that is in operation with one mixed doubles team playing. The captain of that team, Susie Meharg, sent me the latest results from Australia where she is on a short break guaranteed to improve her ground strokes. Rest assured that she will be back in time for the next match. In the meantime the only result to report was a draw against Frome.

Ornithology: Resident Twitchers Tony Murch and Andy Waylen.

Little to report this month save for the usual activity along the canal. Tony was generous enough to let me listen in to his groundbreaking recording of the Gallinula chloropus made last spring. Anyhow it's back to building my bird table.

Skittles : C team captain Josh Hamblin.

Josh tells me that two heavy cup defeats have forced the team to focus on their league position...currently in the relegation zone, but the C team are battlers if nothing else, hence Josh says he is sure he knows where they will end up. I fear that he may be right.

Our very best wishes go to skittles stalwart Graham Hamblin for a speedy recovery and we all hope to see him back in action before too long.

(Don't forget to enter the ladies and gents singles skittles competitions at the Community Centre on 30th January. Winners get their names on the honours board! Talk to Paul Waylen. Ed.)

Short Mat Bowls : Best Boy : Colin Waldeck.

Colin tells me that the boys are taking a well earned mid season break, for which we are all very grateful. It does mean that the community centre is quieter than usual of an evening in the absence of the familiar cries of " Four more please Rob....." and similar.

Before I forget many thanks to the lads for the invitation to their Guy Fawkes spectacular. Mindful of some recent events they wisely invested in a few boxes of these new "silent" fireworks which I had heard were certainly proving to be a break

through, leading to fewer custodial sentences and letters of apology. Well done is all I can say.....and I have passed on the product details to that rowdy bunch over in Jasmine Cottage.

The next two fixtures are the pre-Christmas party followed by the New Year's effigy burning extravaganza, and consequently all fixtures have been postponed until further notice. Anyhow I now think I understand what Colin meant when he slightly menacingly inquired "trick or treat....?"

All news, results, fixtures and fittings to the pavilion by January 17th please.

Frankie Goddard, 01380 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.)

Nothing again this month. Maybe the New Year will bring resolutions to dispose of unwanted Christmas presents or other unused belongings!

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.



Advent Concert

Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm, Edington Priory Church

The Choir of Merton College, Oxford

Conducted by Benjamin Nicholas

This "exceptional, fascinating and stylish" mixed voice choir will sing beautiful music written for Advent and Christmas through the centuries.

Tickets £20/15/10, discount for Edington Angels, 18 and under FREE. Add £2 if you buy on the door. Phone 01380 831256/871549, or email music@edingtonarts.org.

Full programme information at www.edingtonarts.org.

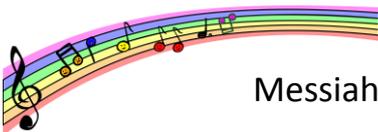


Potterne Village Hall and Potterne Social Club
 invite you to their **Christmas Fayre**
Saturday December 12th 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
at the Village Hall and the Social Club
Attractions include: Santa's Grotto, Crafts, Village Stalls,
Produce, Cakes, Preserves, Refreshments and performances
from Potterne Mummers, Children's Choir etc
 To book a stall contact Nesta on: npudney1@sky.com

The Marchioness of Lansdowne invites you to the
Bowood House Christmas Extravaganza
 Thursday 26th November 10am-8pm & Friday 6th December 10am -3pm
 at Bowood House, Calne, Wiltshire
 Tickets £6 in advance or £8 on the door.
 Visit www.bowood.org for further details and advanced ticket sales.
 Supporting The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust, Charity No 1153790

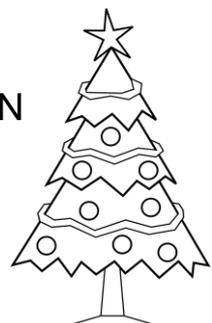


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 Profits donated to local good causes



Melksham Choral Society will be performing Handel's
 Messiah in the United Reform Church, Melksham on Saturday 19th
 December 2015 commencing at 7.30 pm.
 Tickets (**£12**) may be obtained **in advance** from Anita Shea(828757),
 Bron Murch (828450), Roger Brind(828830) or the Melksham Tourist Information
 Office or **£14 on the door.**

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Lise Griffiths – 07541 353430
melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk



Providing older people in our villages with information on sources of help and support, here are some of the issues I have been helping people with over recent months: Where to go for help with applying for Attendance Allowance

- How to find a local domiciliary care agency
- Information on help and services locally for people with memory problems and their families
- How to apply for the Carers Emergency Card (giving reassurance if someone depends on you for their care)
- How to get online and access computer training
- Free fire safety checks from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue
- Social activities available locally
- How to get assistance at the station when travelling by rail
- Support for blind and partially sighted people and their carers

Wiltshire Good Neighbours provides a free, confidential service for the residents of the villages of Wiltshire. We work primarily with older people, and can visit you at home or discuss your needs over the phone.

WHARF THEATRE, DEVIZES

Tickets available from Devizes Books, Sidmouth Street, 01380 725944

Friday 11th-Saturday 19th December at 7.30pm; Matinees: 12th & 19th at 2.30pm. No performances 13th or 14th. Tickets: Evenings £9, Matinees £7

Aladdin

a pantomime by Ben Crocker, directed by Craig Fisher

Fri 29th January- Sat 6th February 2016 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 & £9

The Secret Lives of Henry and Alice

by David Tristram, directed by Kevin Smith

For Henry Smith - actor, comedian, raconteur, sporting hero, business tycoon, secret agent, Casanova and acting President of the United States - life was rarely dull. For Alice Smith - housewife - life was rarely anything else. Enter Michel - tall, dark, and available. Exactly what happened next, no-one's quite sure, and only their pet goldfish Orca and you will ever know the truth.

Please be aware that content includes mild swearing and adult themes.

Audience discretion is advised.

How to win the battle against cold callers....

With regard to the article 'Pension Scams' from the October Spotlight I would like to give examples how to reduce cold calls.

We moved to Melksham five years ago. Our fixed telephone line was installed in the first week and the number not listed. Two days later we got a call from a charity organisation, next day a further call from another charity organisation. Having lived outside Europe we were not used to cold calls. Therefore I was polite: "no thank you, not now". That was the beginning. From this day onwards we received up to 20 calls a month.

Sometimes after 8pm. I changed my strategy from "no thank you" into something different but not being impolite. I asked the caller in broken English to "hold the line" and "wait for my wife". A moment later "are you still there, my wife wants to talk to you" and then I pressed the belly of my grandchild's Kookaburra toy. (This Australian bird makes a laughing sound). After 15 seconds I switched off the phone. I have done this about 10 times and this was the end of my cold calls. Moving into Seend Cleeve and having a new telephone number cold calls started coming in again. Same strategy. No more cold calls for more than a year.

For cold call companies "no thank you" means "let us go for it again". One day the polite person will listen to us. My recommendation: just say "a moment please" and then entertain the caller placing the phone to the radio, a talking toy or a musical clock and just hang up after some time without talking to the person again. Soon they will learn that it is a waste of time calling your telephone number.

Fritz Schruff

(For information on pension scams, visit pensionwise.gov.uk)

EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Melksham Area Board will be hosting an **Emergency Planning Workshop for local towns and parishes** on **Thursday 3rd December from 5.30 to 7.30pm at the Canberra Youth Centre, Melksham.** Light refreshments available from 5pm.

The workshop will be led by experts who deal with Floods, Snow, Storm, Public Health and the Emergency Services. We welcome community volunteers, voluntary groups, neighbourhood watch coordinators, business groups and those associated with churches and village halls.

For further information please contact Rhys Schell, Melksham Community Engagement Manager on rhys.schell@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01225716752.



Calne Choral Christmas Concert

Saturday 12th December at St Mary's Church, Calne at 7.30pm.

Includes Vivaldi's Gloria with full orchestra and soloists, carols and seasonal readings.

Tickets £10 including mulled wine and mince pie in interval

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 – www.seendlyefield.org

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

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

Preschool - Liz Futter 828485

Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451

Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830

Seend Singers - Bob McCulloch 828508

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828687

Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA - Pam Church - 828597

WI - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Gill Acornley 01225 707218

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

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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THE HEALTH LOTTERY
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	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