

# SPOTLIGHT - MAY 2006

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## Welcome to the May Edition of Spotlight.

On a beautiful Spring day on 6th April, about sixty friends gathered together in the Irene Usher Memorial pavilion to show their appreciation and support for Lilian and John Smallshaw, for all their hard work over the past 30 years in producing Spotlight.

A strawberry cream tea was provided in their honour, which was much enjoyed by everyone. During the course of the afternoon the Rector paid tribute to John and Lilian, She thanked them for working tirelessly in providing our village magazine, keeping us in touch and up-to-date with what was going on and occasionally containing some of John's tall stories, many of which were very convincing.

Sacha then presented them with a cheque and a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the PCC on behalf of the village (see front cover). We thank you John and Lilian for passing on your knowledge and wealth of experience to a somewhat green but enthusiastic interim editorial team. We wish you good luck and a very happy retirement, and look forward to continuing a hopefully informative and interesting Spotlight magazine.

Thanks from Lilian and John - Lilian and John Smallshaw would like to express their thanks and gratitude to the Parochial Church Council and helpers who provided and prepared the delicious refreshments for the cream tea party. They also wish to thank the many people who also came along.

Preparing Spotlight was always interesting and sometimes rather challenging but never, never a chore and gratitude is expressed to the many people who helped with its preparation and distribution.

The cream tea was a delightful experience for both of us and one we shall happily remember for a very long time. Thank you all again.

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**Spotlight Contributions** - if you still have donations to hand in, or perhaps were out when the Spotlight distributor called, it is not too late. You can hand in your donation at the Rectory or to the Spotlight envelope in the Post Office.

**Spotlight Contacts**

Contributions for the next issue (**copy deadline 13th May**) can be sent by e-mail to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) or delivered to the Post Office, High Street, Seend or for Bulkington contributions to Jo Bell at 1 Northfields, Bulkington (e-mail to [trevor@bell8490.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:trevor@bell8490.freeserve.co.uk)). Comments and queries – Meg Combs 828229.

**FIRST STEPS...** is the name of the very new **Benefice ‘parent and toddler’ church service** to be held in Holy Cross, Seend! We offer a very informal time together, with a short Bible Story, a song, a prayer AND a cup of coffee! It’s an opportunity to have a little space to be in the church and to meet other people. Join us on the first Tuesday of the month in the afternoon from 2.15pm to 2.45 pm. We start on Tuesday 2nd May. Come and See!

Revd Sacha Pearce

## **PILGRIMAGE TO PALESTINE**

**ADVANCE NOTICE** – The Revd. Sacha Pearce and I are planning a 10 night pilgrimage and holiday to Israel/Palestine **from 2nd-11th October 2007** The main tour will include 6 nights in the Golden Walls Hotel in Jerusalem with its splendid view of the old city walls and 3 nights at the Ron Beach Hotel just outside Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee. Visits will include sites in and around Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. We will walk along the Via Dolorosa, float on the Dead Sea, take a cable car up the Mount of Masada, meet with local people, and worship with the Christian community. There will also be some time for relaxation and personal exploration. There is also a recommended optional 3 day extension in our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee (returning on 14th October).

In the Middle East the reality “on the ground” is often far removed from what we see and read in the news. We consider it a safe place to visit and will not travel if the situation becomes dangerous. This will be my 48th visit to the “land of the Holy One” and I have led over 20 such tours. The brochure will be out in the Autumn with costings, etc. But put the dates in your diary now!! We hope you will join us.

The Revd. Maureen Allchin

## **SEEND CHURCH FLOWERS COFFEE MORNING**

Lilian Smallshaw would like to invite you to a Coffee Morning in aid of Church Flowers on Wednesday 17th May from 10.30am-12 noon at 15 Dial Close. There will be the usual Raffle, Bring and Buy Stall and chatter over a cup of coffee.

Lilian Smallshaw

## **SEEND MOTHERS’ UNION**

On 13th May several of our members are joining other members from the Deanery on a day out to Tewkesbury Abbey. We will be meeting our friends from our link Deanery of Ashton under Lyme, Manchester. The speaker for our meeting on 17th May will be Mrs Miller talking about the Neem Tree Trust. We will have a Bring and Buy and Raffle.

## **SEEND SCHOOL PSC NEWS**

**5th May - May Fair** organised by the pupils and their teachers will take place after School (inside or outside depending on the weather). Come along and support your local school.

**30th June - Sponsored walk** - Key stage 1 children will be walking 3km and Key stage 2 children will be walking 10km. Monies raised will be in aid of school funds.

**8th July - Barn Dance from 6pm in the Seend Social Club and Community Centre.** Tickets £7.50 adults and Children £2.50, family tickets £20 will be on sale shortly.

The PSC is looking for good raffle prizes for the raffle that will be held at the Barn Dance. All gift donations will be gratefully accepted.

## **SEEND SOCIAL CLUB AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**GREAT BREAKFAST NEWS** The Social Club are planning Saturday Breakfasts throughout July and August. See June Spotlight for times.

### **29th April 2006 - Beer Festival**

Once again drinkers will be entertained by two bands (one in afternoon one and one in the evening) plus various food and entertainment.

## **SEEND FETE DAY - BREAKFAST IN THE WI HALL**

Do you remember those happy days of yesteryear when petrol was only 75p a litre, you could get a half-decent bottle of wine for less than three pounds, and the only unpleasant four-letter word on the BBC was 'work'? Add to these the glorious excess of a Full English Breakfast in the WI Hall on Fete day and it seemed that Seend was indeed a blessed place. Alas all these are now just dim memories of a bygone age – or are they?

We, your hardworking Fete Committee can do nothing regarding the prices of petrol and wine, nor can we turn back the tide at the BBC – but we may be able to

do something about the breakfast that put the Great into Great Britain. For one day only – Saturday, August 12th – we are hoping to restore the Breakfast to its rightful place in the life of the Village. We have made some initial enquiries into the possibility, and at this stage we are quietly confident, but a lot more questions remain to be asked and answered.

We will of course keep you advised regarding his venture, and should it proceed as hoped we will be making some of you offers you won't be able to refuse! Watch this space...

On the more prosaic level of Fete business, we still need volunteers (call Bernie on 828391 or Sonja on 828535), and prizes for the Tombola. There must be so much good stuff out there that we can use! Call us and we'll come round and pick it up. Our collection service is entirely free.

Bernie Prolze

### **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS**

We're delighted to report that, thanks to your support, Fawlty Players are able to donate £250 each to the Seend Community Centre, Children's Hospice South West and Salisbury Hospice, from the proceeds of the village panto.

Those of you who didn't get to see our genuine reproduction Edwardian verse melodrama, 'What the Butler Saw', last performed some years ago, will have the opportunity to do so in the not-too-distant future. You have been warned.

We have a possible solution to our costume storage problem, but nothing definite. So we'd still like to hear from you if you have a large weather-proof space you could loan us. Please ring Anita on 828757 or Tessa on 828617. You'll gain our eternal gratitude and a free panto ticket each year!

Tessa Doe

### **SEEND SHUTTLE MARK III**

We are planning to launch a new cleaning rota for the Shuttle. If you're handy with a hose and/or vacuum cleaner – and can spare a couple of hours a few times a year – please ring Pete and Anita on 828757. They'd also like to hear from new volunteer drivers. In the meantime, don't forget to use the scheduled service (see timetable on [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk)), and ring Terry on 828203 if you want to join the first Wednesday shopping trips to Bath or Salisbury.

Tessa Doe

### **RURAL ARTS WILTSHIRE**

'Tziganarama' put on an excellent show for us on March 25th. It deserved a larger audience! Even so, the evening made just over £120 for the community centre. Thanks to those who helped.

Watch out for another RAW event in the autumn. All the performers we've had through this touring scheme in the last six years have been of very high quality. Do try to come along next time! Thanks.

Tessa Doe

## **HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB**

For the benefit of those who did not make it to the AGM on a cold evening in February, and for anyone else who may be interested in our activities, here is the programme for this, our eighth year:

**26th May Kelmscott Manor**, the country home of William Morris  
Friday Contact Sylvia Ewin 828325

**24th June Welford Park, near Newbury**  
Saturday Contact Tina Yockney 827139

**15th July Gilbert White's House and Oates Museum**  
Saturday Contact Tony Ewin 828325

**10th Aug Guided Walk round Steeple Ashton** followed by a  
Thursday pub meal. Contact Sylvia Ewin 828325

**8th Sept Wells Cathedral and Bishop's Palace**  
Friday Contact Joy Stack 828809

**9th Nov AGM and talk on Avebury in the Pavilion**  
Thursday Contact Tony Ewin 828325

Members will be notified of times of departure etc. Anyone who would like to join us on any of these outings is welcome to join the Club by getting in touch with the Treasurer, Sylvia on 828325. The annual membership fee is just £4. We always have very jolly days out, usually travelling by the Shuttle, and/or in private cars.

Sylvia Ewin

## **A DATE TO NOTE -THE CHURCH SUMMER FAYRE 8TH JULY 2006**

The Spring is the time to think of happy things, so what better than to think of the Church Fayre in the Rectory Garden, that is coming your way soon. You may not

have noticed my write-up last month so here is my update. Last year it was great fun with a Bouncy Castle, Games and Competitions for the children, and the adults also had plenty of Stalls, a Wheel of Fortune, and a Raffle to keep them busy. We had Ices and Rosemary and Bibs' Tea House" to keep everyone's energy levels up, and our School provided a very enjoyable vocal interlude.

This summer we can have even more of a good time. They say the more the merrier so I invite you who are reading this to come along and enjoy yourself. It will also whet your appetite for the great village Fete on the second Saturday in August, - no rain this year!

I look forward to everyone who helped last year doing so again. If you want to give up an hour of your time to help to give enjoyment to others please contact me -- why not? You will enjoy yourself.

Stalls for Groceries, Garden, Books, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Toiletries, DVD/Video/C.D.s would appreciate your gifts. Surely you have an unwanted present or something untouched in that drawer? I shall be happy to receive them at Cranbelle, Rusty Lane any time before the day. Thanks.

Make a note in your diary to come to this happy and fun village event. Don't miss it!

Tony Ewin. 828325

## **SEEND and DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

**AGM** - This took place on Sunday 2nd April, and was preceded with a short walk around Seend. The committee was re-elected.

It was reported that membership was growing from strength to strength. A busy programme of walks and events has been organised taking the club up to November. Subscriptions were paid and the meeting ended with tea and cake. Thanks to everyone who had an input to the meeting.

**Sunday 19th March** - 26 walkers attended the walk organised by Wendy and Reg. Parking up under the M4 bridge on the hard-stand at Littleton Drew on the outskirts of Castle Combe. Making our way across the main Castle Combe road at The Gib and crossing over the lane taking us down to Goulters Mill, passing through the very pretty hamlet of Nettleton then Burton and back down to Littleton Drew via bridle-paths.

**Sunday 30th April**—Meet 9.30 am Rusty Lane for walk organised by Gerald Salter.

**Sunday 21st May** - Meet 9.30am Rusty Lane. Will be driving to Cranmore Station, near Shepton Mallet to start a walk of approximately 6 miles, taking in the villages of Doulling and Chesterblade. Cranmore Station is home for the East Somerset Railway. Bring appropriate food and drink for the duration. Leaders are Ron and Rita Apted (828427).

Lin Salter

## **SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

At our March meeting Kate Crowe was asked to talk to the club on “Living Churchyards”. This was as a result of a field trip with WEA to churches in the area, where there were leaflets on Church and Churchyard conservation projects. Such projects involved many organisations concerned with lichens, geology, wild flowers, bats etc. It therefore seemed a good idea to find a speaker who could help us find out more about our own churchyard; what it had that was worth preserving and what could be done to improve it.

In the 1980s, Eve Denis of English Nature, did a survey of church lands, many of which had been sacred areas since pre-Christian times. It was recognised that these areas, though not vast, had great conservation value. Cuttings were taken from ancient yews and planted in churchyards which had none before.

Churchyards before the First World War were grazed by goats and sheep, so that fine grasses and meadow flowers survived and were a good source of flower seed. Subsequently churchyards varied from the over-tidy to the overgrown. Today, apart from the need for clear paths for congregations, many have the potential space for a wild flower patch or meadow, with a mown path to enjoy the flowers, or a shady patch for ferns, mosses, lichens and even a damp place for fritillaries. These encourage and make a highway for insects, small animals and birds. Once seed is set, the grass can be cut for hay for pets or other uses.

It was suggested that ivy should be cut back, rather than pulled off, which can do expensive damage to old stonework. Ivy that is left will provide protection for small creatures. A wood pile makes a good home for frogs, toads and insects.

Anyone interested can see what has already been achieved at Bromham, West Ashton, Sandy Lane and Stanton St Quinton churchyards. Help can be found from Wiltshire Wildlife in conjunction with ‘Wildlife in Church and Churchyards’.

If you are interested in finding out more information, there is a seminar at Ramsbury Church Hall entitled “Caring for God’s Acre” on Saturday 6th May from 9.45am to 4.00pm.

There will be a visit to Enfield House, 62 Yard Lane, Netherstreet, Bromham on the evening of 24th May at 6.30pm. Contact Monica Ridgeway (828472) stating if

you would like a lift or if you have spare seats in your car. Please say if you would like to have a meal afterwards at the “Oliver Cromwell” pub. Thank you.

The list for the Club visit to Brittany is now closed. Monies should be paid by the end of April.

Monies for the Club day out at Waterperry should be paid to Joe Hardstaff by the end of June.

The evening visit to Lowden Nursery in April was a great success. Instead of a talk on “Hanging Baskets” the group was taken on a tour of the nursery and shown the propagation and potting rooms, the machinery for using compost, etc and offered a free coffee. It was a useful and interesting evening and finished off with a meal in the nearby pub.

Joyce Brand

## **WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP**

### **18th May - 7.45pm in The Pavilion**

A talk by Mike Daw from Worle, and Steve Andrews from Bristol. Both Wessex members and local and national exhibitors having won many awards. Talking on “Fuschias”.

### **100+ CLUB ... 100+ CLUB ... 100+ CLUB ... 100+ ....**

Final reminder...May 1st is start of the new 100+ Club year. If you haven't joined yet, do so today before the chance slips by... You can sign up by using the tear-off strip provided below. It will cost you £15 per year, per subscription – don't forget, you can have as many subscriptions as you like - which will buy you entry to the monthly prize draw, at the same time providing a much-needed contribution to the maintenance of the Lye Field and Pavilion.

### **Draw results for March and April 2006**

**March 2006.** The draw took place at the Pavilion, following the March quarterly Lye Field Committee meeting. The winning numbers, which were drawn by members of the Committee are as follows:

1st Prize £35 66 Seend Tennis Club  
2nd Prize £30 200 Tina Yockney  
3rd Prize £25 153 Mrs R Harding  
4th Prize £20 71 Seend Football Club  
5th prize: £15 81 Mr J H B Dent

**April 2006** The last draw of 2005/2006 took place on Thursday 30th March 2006 at Thyme House, Somerset Close, following a meeting of the Seend Summer Fete 2006 Committee. The winning numbers, which were drawn by members of the Committee are as follows:

- 1st Prize £35 200 Tina Yockney
- 2nd Prize £30 137 Richard Whitehead
- 3rd Prize £25 48 Mr E Walsh
- 4th Prize £20 45 Seend Cricket Club
- 5th prize: £15 156 Edward Hickman

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**SEEND 100-CLUB FORM**

Name Mr./Mrs/Ms/ Miss :.....

Address.....

.....Post Code .....

Tel.....e-mail.....

I enclose my cheque/cash to the value of £..... for ..... subscription/s {£15 per person}. Cheques to be made payable to Seend Lye Recreation Field Committee {registered as a Charity in accordance with the Provisions of Charities Act 1960 Reg. no 305565}

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

It seems very strange to be writing about what is happening in our village in May, when we haven't celebrated Easter yet! (I'm writing this on 4th April). I'm very much looking forward to Easter as it will be the first time since Christmas that all my family will be together – three generations of us, plus Monty the Springer Spaniel. No doubt when the parents have gone home and Patrick has gone back to University I will be ready to enjoy the peace and quiet again. I hope that everyone had a happy and peaceful Easter, spent with your loved ones, and that the Easter Bunny brought the children lots of Easter Eggs! Don't forget to send me any contributions, see you next month.

Jo Bell

**Soup Lunch**

Well done to all the ladies who made the soups, laid the tables etc. A fantastic amount of approximately £145 was raised towards the Fun Day on 1st July. Thank you to all who contributed towards this successful event – give yourselves a pat on the back!

### **Church Cleaning**

1st – 15th Mrs Boulton  
16th – 31st Mrs Topp

### **Church Flowers**

7th and 14th Mrs Hale  
21st and 28th Mrs Webb

### **Mothers' Union – Keevil and Bulkington**

On Wednesday 24th May at 10.30 am, Mrs Kathy Miller will give a talk entitled 'Indian Head Massage'. What a lovely way to get over the stresses and strains of the Easter holidays, especially if you have had children or grandchildren to look after! Please try to find time to go along. The venue is Manor Farm, Keevil. If you need any further information get in contact with Dorothy Tyler on 01380 870340

### **Chairman's Report – Annual Parish Council Meeting 5th April 2006**

Turpin Stone – The Dick Turpin Stone situated near Brass Pan Bridge was refurbished last year but sadly soon after being replaced was vandalised and badly defaced. The culprits have never been identified.

### **Bulkington Village Signs**

You may have noticed these signs are now surrounded by beautiful daffodils and we must thank Mr Tony Bradford for planting these bulbs.

### **Planning Applications**

Several applications have been received by the Parish Council this year, one of which is a proposal by Mr G Elliott to construct 25 mixed houses in a field next to the Playing Field. However, there have been some objections to this plan and it is still the subject of an appeal.

### **New County Councillors**

Ms Julie Swabey (Con) won the local seat from Trevor Corbine (Lib Dem) who served Bulkington well during his tenure. Ms Swabey is unable to attend all parish council meetings as dates clash with her other commitments but she keeps in touch

with our Clerk and is well aware of what is happening in the village and I'm sure will serve us very well. She is very keen to set up a Cooperative Mini Bus Scheme with 3 or 4 other parishes and this is still under discussion.

**Spotlight** – Bulkington Parish Council continues to support Spotlight magazine and a donation of £25 from the Parish Council and £25 from the Playing Field Committee is made annually. A brief summary of Parish Council meetings will be published in the magazine in the future.

### **Roadside Weeds**

The roadside pavement and gutter weeds have made the village appear very untidy in the past. Councillors Nev Boulton and Mark Barnett have sprayed and killed the weeds, which were then removed by Highways, greatly improving the appearance of the village. We must keep our roads and paths clear in the future.

### **Playing Field**

We are currently in discussion with the WWDC concerning exactly which activities are permitted on the Playing Field, as we are currently trying to overcome a ban on team games imposed when the playing field was first opened, thus seriously reducing the pleasure of having a playing field and what activities can and cannot take place on it. The Wessex Water Board has also given us permission to use the loo at the side of the pumping station adjacent to the playing field. A change of lock is all that is required and is being arranged. The keys will be held by the Topsy Toad, plus 2 others – to be identified. A request has been made for extra parking spaces in front of the playing field to prevent congestion on the road and this is in hand.

### **The Summer Fete**

This is being held on the playing field on 1st July. There will be a full programme of activities and events. It is hoped the Fete will be well attended and all proceeds are being donated to the Church which is in need of renovation and funds.

### **Village Website**

The current website has been redesigned by Cllr Mark Barnett and now has a connection with the Trowbridge web. In so doing, Cllr Boulton discovered that Trowbridge had a Grants Officer, Lorna Gibson, and she has succeeded in obtaining a grant of approx £4,500 for the Village Hall.

### **Thatched Cottage**

It was sad to see the only thatched cottage in Bulkington burn down last year. The property has been made watertight and secure and we understand the property will be re-thatched and re-built to its original specification in the summer.

### **War Memorial**

The last Remembrance Day Service was well attended. Cllr Elliott has suggested we rotate the war memorial, or even just the plaque, to prevent people attending the service from blocking the road as at the last service. Several drivers were reluctant to slow down and a nasty accident could have occurred.

### **Village Hall**

As you will have noticed the village hall has undergone extensive refurbishment in the last few years. The next plan is to install a window in the south wall and to lower the ceiling. Planning permission has been granted.

Philip Coles.

### **Parish Council – Summary of meeting held on 8th March 2006**

Topics discussed were:-

- Proposed changes to Local Government Code of Conduct and to Election rules
- Planning – Appeal on proposed development of 25 houses to be heard on 14th March. All other outstanding applications granted by WWDC
- Plans for Fun Day on 1st July – Fun Run, Tug of War, Talent Contest etc
- Preliminary Accounts for 2005/6 – final year statement to be passed at May meeting.

Next Parish Council meeting – 10th May at 8.15 in the Village Hall.

### **Coffee Morning, Raffle and Bring and Buy**

On Thursday 25th May (by kind permission of the Rector) we will be holding a coffee morning, raffle and bring and buy sale at the Rectory. Time – 10.30 – 12.00. Proceeds to go towards the funding of our Fun Day to be held on 1st July. Please come along and support us. We would also be very grateful to receive any unwanted items which could be sold or used as raffle prizes.

### **Bulkington Ladies Group**

**Recent Events** – The ladies spent a delightful evening in the Village Hall listening to speaker Bill Underwood's 'Tales from the Barber Shop', followed by a sociable chat with food and wine. In March we were very lucky to be entertained at Cleeve House in Seend. Our hosts made us feel most welcome as they showed us round the house, and we are all looking forward to many visits to the tearooms over the

spring and summer. April's Meeting – with the return of the lighter evenings and, hopefully, milder weather we plan to have an early evening walk in Bluebell woods, as this was so popular last year, followed by a visit to a country pub. Wellies and brollies may be the order of the day!

We meet every month, usually on the last Thursday, and new ladies are very welcome to join us. Phone 828664 for more information. Jill and Gerladine.

### **A last minute thought to cheer you all up**

The Easter Eggs, cakes, chocolates and all the other yummy things that sat on the supermarket shelves, are now sitting on your hips and thighs. Don't despair – there are exercises classes held every week in the Village Hall. If you feel desperate, help is at hand, give Thelma a ring and she will give you dates, times etc of the classes. Her contact number is 828101.

## **KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Keevil Primary School third in Rugby and Semi-Finalists in Football!**

Keevil School has continued its sporting success against a number of larger schools.

A five-a-side football tournament, held at the Christie Miller Sports Centre, consisted of a league stage, over two sessions, followed by quarter; semi and final. The Keevil squad consisted of pupils from years five and six. In the first session dogged defending meant that they remained unbeaten with a win and two draws. The second session did not go as well - two defeats meant they had to win their final game to qualify. Two nil up at half time they held on to win three one. They followed this with a fantastic performance in the quarter final, which saw them win easily. Their enthusiasm wasn't enough in the semi-final, when, in a very physical game, they failed to recover after conceding some early goals.

After three sessions of Rugby training - the last affected by heavy rain - a squad of fourteen girls and boys went to Trowbridge Rugby Club for a Tag Rugby tournament. They played very well utilising their passing and speed on the wings to score 15 tries in their five games. Two wins, two draws and a defeat meant that they finished in third place out of six teams.

Mo Laycock

### **F.O.K.S. (FRIENDS OF KEEVIL SCHOOL)**

#### **Plant Sale and Craft Fayre – Keevil School - Saturday April 29th**

We hope to have a wide selection of plants and shrubs for you to come along and purchase at our Plant Sale and have some very keen local gardeners providing a lovely selection of produce – so please come along and buy your spring gardening

materials from Keevil School! We will also be holding our Spring Craft Fayre and would love to hear from anybody who has a craft they would like to bring along on the day. To hire a “table top” to sell your craft, please call Debbie Scott on 870410 and reserve your spot! Please join us at the school from 10.30am until 12.30pm. As always, we have lots of children’s entertainment, a raffle and refreshments for sale. Adults 50p and children FREE!

**Barn Dance – Melksham House, Melksham – Friday 12th May – 8pm until midnight.** Tickets are now on sale for our forthcoming Barn Dance led by Bootleggers Barn Dance Band. We want to make this a very entertaining and memorable evening and can only do this with your support – the more the merrier! Tickets are priced at £7.50 each and include a ham and cheese ploughman’s supper and licensed bar. Tickets from Debbie Scott on 870410 or from Keevil School on 870376.

**10K Road Race – Keevil Airfield – Saturday 3rd June.** Race Times: Main Race 11am, children’s races from 1pm. This year we are anticipating runners from far and wide hoping to beat their ‘personal best’. Application forms and booking information is available online via our website [www.keevil10k.co.uk](http://www.keevil10k.co.uk) or through [www.runnersworld.com.uk](http://www.runnersworld.com.uk). You can also call 07980 150627 and speak to our Race Coordinators for any information you require, or you can email us on [info@keevil10k.co.uk](mailto:info@keevil10k.co.uk). We have many children’s activities from bouncy castles to tombola raffles as well as a host of refreshments for you to choose from.

**PLEASE CAN YOU OFFER YOUR SERVICES FOR A FEW HOURS?** We desperately need lots of community help with the Keevil 10k Run. This is a large event and we would love you to come along and help us during the day. We need people to help in all areas, so if you can help us out with anything, please let us know by end April if possible. Thank you.

If you require further details on any of the above, please contact Debbie Scott on 01380 870410 or Keevil School on 01380 870376 or any FOKS member.

### **“CHARLIE” A big “THANK YOU” To the people of Seend**

Our border terrier, Charlie, went missing from his home in Potterne during March and after a couple of days was spotted several times in Seend. We received numerous calls either via Devizes Police Station or directly from the residents of Seend giving information as to his whereabouts. The information received helped us to search for him, although our efforts were ultimately in vain, as he was sadly run over and killed on the Seend to Worton road.

We would like to thank all residents and businesses for your support in helping us to find Charlie and also to those residents who telephoned to ask if we had found him. We do appreciate your help and kindness.

Jackie Sawyer

**CAMERA FOUND**

Has anyone lost a 35mm camera in Row Lane, Seend Cleeve? If so please telephone 01380 828618 with a description and it can be returned to its owner?