

SPOTLIGHT

Seend and Bulkington



November 2006

DIARY

DIARY DATES FOR LATE OCTOBER

- 27th Silent Auction - 7.30pm The Pavilion
- 27th Village Skip - Wessex Water Site
- 28th Folk singer Fred Wedlock - provides an evening of entertainment, 8pm at The Pavilion
- 30th Mobile Library 9.35am The Lye, 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 5th All Souls Service- 4pm at Holy Cross, Seend
- 5th Seend & District Ramblers. Meet 9.30am Rusty Lane
- 8th WI Open Meeting, 7.30pm in Seend School
- 8th Short Mat Bowls AGM - 7pm Seend Community Centre & Social Club
- 9th Seend Historic Houses Club AGM, 7.30pm at The Pavilion
- 10th Seend School Fashion Show - 7pm in School Hall
- 11th Elton John Tribute night - 8.15pm Seend Community Centre & Social Club
- 11th Remembrance Day Muster at War Memorial at 10.45am.
- 12th Remembrance Day services - see Church service times
- 13th Mobile Library 9.35am The Lye, 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve
- 14th Seend & District Gardening Club meeting with speaker Phil Collins
- 15th Seend MU "DIY" Meeting
- 16th Wessex Fuchsia Group - 7.45pm The Pavilion.
- 18th Ladies Night - 7.30pm Seend Community Centre & Social Club
- 22nd Keevil & Bulkington MU AGM - 10.30am.
- 25th Christmas Fayre - 10am-12 noon. Steeple Ashton village Hall. Organised by friends of Keevil School.
- 27th Mobile Library 9.35am The Lye, 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve
- 24th Village Skip - Seend Social Club

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 2nd Christmas Bingo - Seend Community Centre & Social Club
- 4th WEA AGM. 7.30pm Seend Community Centre & Social Club
- 8th Seend School Christmas Fayre 6pm School Hall
- 15th Village Skip - Three Magpies

Welcome to the November edition of Spotlight

Welcome to the penultimate edition of Spotlight for 2006. It may be a cliché but hasn't the year flown by!

First, a big "WELL DONE" to Ron Westacott and his team for their marvellous effort walking the length of Hadrian's Wall. Spotlight and its readers salute you. Make sure you read Ron's account of their adventure in this month's issue.

Second, we've been asked to thank everyone who donated items for the Harvest Festival celebrations and those whose helped organise the associated suppers. This year Seend's supper was held in the school in the early evening to enable the children and their parents, who kindly donated much of the produce, to attend. The experiment worked and many people who previously have been unable to attend were there. The enthusiastic tours of the classrooms conducted by the children were an added bonus for those villagers who don't normally enter the school.

Finally, the WI Hall site. In last month's issue we had Mrs Hillier's interesting piece about the Hall's history. This month, Mrs Hillier, in her role as a WI Hall Trustee, responds to some of the issues which have been concerning Spotlight readers over recent months. Additional news on this subject is that the two planning applications described in Peter Fisher's article in last month's issue have been withdrawn. It is hoped that a meeting can be arranged between the Trustees of the WI Hall and the committees of the Lye Field Pavilion and the Community Centre & Social Club. No doubt many Spotlight readers would welcome an opportunity to discuss how the site might best be developed to achieve a harmonious, fair and beneficial outcome for the village.

Christmas Seasonal Message Service

Readers may like to send their Christmas messages to their local friends via Spotlight, rather than send cards and saved expenditure could be donated to a charity. Let Spotlight have your messages by the copy deadline of 11th November.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the December/January double issue (*copy deadline is 11th November*) can be sent by e-mail to 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). Comments and queries – Meg Combs 828229 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

VILLAGE NEWS

Dear fellow villagers of Seend - a message from the Trustees and members of the Seend W. I.

We are required by law to follow the instructions of the Charity Commissioners who have told us that we must seek the highest price for the sale of our land. You, of course, have the right to object to any application for planning permission.

Our business has been conducted entirely through our Solicitor. The wishes of Squire Bell, as stated in the Trust Deed of 1921, have been followed but, as the W. I. is continuing and not closing down, there is an addition - called "A scheme" - which has been approved by the Charity Commissioners who have authorised the sale of the Hall and the land. We have not altered the original Trust Deed in any way, only added to it. **The original Deed still stands until the Seend W. I. closes.** Under the terms of the Trust Deed and Scheme the Seend W. I. are entitled to apply the sale proceeds of the W. I. Hall and land (if any!) 'For the general purposes of the Seend W. I.'. Thus any funds not immediately required for current expenses should be invested and used for paying rent and other expenses - unless the Institute decides to purchase alternative premises. It is only if the Institute has surplus funds which it does not require or, if the Institute is suspended or finally closed down, that the Trust Deed permits funds to be used for other purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Seend and an application to the Charity Commissioners would have to be made as to what the funds may be used for. We have had no option but to follow the instructions and advice from the Charity Commissioners and our Solicitor.

We want to live in harmony with our fellow villagers. We are a friendly group and would welcome more ladies in the village to come and join us at Seend School every second Wednesday in the month.

Pam Hillier, Rosemary Ham and Lorna Hillier (Trustees) and members of Seend W. I.

Closure of Bulkington Village Hall

There is a very distinct possibility that the village hall will have to be closed after the next AGM on Tuesday 20th March 2007. This will occur because both the Honorary Treasurer and Chairman will both be retiring at the AGM and there appears to be no one on the present committee willing to take their places. In the unhappy event of closure the insurance will be

reduced to fire cover and we will not be able to use the hall. This will mean that our hall will not be available for the Parish Council meetings, Elections next May, Ladies Group and Ladies Exercise Classes etc. The present Officers and committee have worked very hard to restore your hall and apart from a couple of small paint jobs (which are in hand) - restoration is now complete.

The date of the December committee meeting will be Monday 4th December 2006 (7:30 PM) and I would be more than delighted to welcome potential active Committee Members who would be willing to serve as Hon. Treasurer and Chair Person.

Nev Boulton, Chairman.01380 828 101

SPOTLIGHT HELP WANTED

In order to help the Spotlight editorial team, we are looking for a volunteer/s who would be willing to take the lead on the photocopying and collating side of the magazine's production. It would involve just a few hours during the production week each month. There is already a team of volunteers who help collate on a Tuesday morning. Photocopying is usually done on the Monday and the stapling and distribution of the magazine is done on the Thursday morning. Anne Salter and her team organise the magazine's distribution. Training on the use of the printer will be given. Anyone interested in helping, please contact any of the Spotlight team on the numbers on the front page.

EVENTS IN LATE OCTOBER

SILENT AUCTION IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS - 27th October

7.30pm, The Pavilion. Entrance fee £4 to include light refreshments. All welcome.

FRED WEDLOCK COMES TO SEEND ON OCT 28TH

In aid of the Lye Field Committee and on behalf of the Rural Arts Wiltshire, we are extremely fortunate to have Fred Wedlock ("oldest swinger in town") appearing in the Irene Usher Pavilion on the 28th October at 8pm. Prices: Adults £6, Senior Citizens £5 (over 18's only). Tickets available from the Post Office, Jan Harding 828778, Jan Crabtree 828687, or Tessa Doe 828617.

EVENTS COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

SARGEO KIDS FASHION SHOW - Friday 10th November at 7pm

In Seend School from 7pm. Seend school children, and some ladies, will be modelling a variety of fashion wear. There will be an opportunity to buy both children's and ladies clothes on the night. Tickets are £2.50 per adult with children free and can be bought from the Post Office.

SHOW NIGHT - 11th November at 8.15pm

Seend Community Centre and Social Club presents an evening of lively entertainment with tribute singers ELTON JOHN and RUBY WASHINGTON and comedian JOHN LORY. Tickets priced £12 from the Social Club (828796) or Sam (828157).



Please support your Community Centre by joining us for a great night out.

**Ladies Evening**

at



Seend Community Centre, Rusty
Lane, Seend

Saturday 18 November 2006

At 7.30pm

Entrance: £2.50

(bar open)

Weekenders Fashion Show	Flower arranging demo
Handmade Crafts	Chocoholics
Bags and Shoes	Indian Head Massage
Handmade silver jewellery	Handmade jewellery
Body Shop	Cookware and pots
Pampered Chef demo	Reflexology
Ann Summers	Candles

Come along and buy your Christmas presents for your friends or just treat yourself. All proceeds will go to the refurbishment of Seend Community Centre, a Registered Charity.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE - 25th November

Back by popular demand, we will be holding our Christmas Craft Fayre at Steeple Ashton Village Hall on Saturday 25th November. If you have a particular craft and would like to hire a table at this event, please contact me A.S.A.P. We will have various stalls including cakes, cards, candles, shoes and festive gifts as well as a children's activity table. You will also be able to purchase



raffle tickets for our various 'luxury hampers'. We will be serving refreshments in our festive café throughout the day, so come along and have a browse and make your purchase from the wonderful selection of goods on offer. Doors will be open from 10 am until 12 noon.

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Saturday 2nd December at Seend Community Centre and Social Club.
Further details in the next issue.

SEEND SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 8th December from 6pm in the School hall. There will be lots of stalls and activities, including tombola, wreaths, jewellery, cakes, mince pies and mulled wine. And as a treat for the children, Chuffy the Train will take them on a ride to see Santa in his Grotto (tickets to be booked in advance). All welcome to this festive event.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ARRIVALS

Greetings to Matt and Sarah who have recently moved into Seend Cleeve and also to their neighbours Richard, Yzanne, Anna and their new arrival Jamie born on 4th October, the day after they moved in! Many congratulations. We extend a warm welcome to them and all other newcomers to the village.

THANKS to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 29th September. We made £214.73.

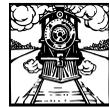
Children's Christmas Concert

Regrettably this has had to be discontinued because of a lack of support.

Great Bulkington Railway – Christmas Train Rides

It is with great regret that I have to advise that there will no longer be any 'Train Rides To See Santa' on the Great Bulkington Railway. The reasons are as follows: -

1. The railway track needs major maintenance and can now only operate in daylight until the signalling system has been fixed.
2. We no longer need to raise money for our Village Hall Restoration.
3. The West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers who supply the motive power are in the middle of moving to a new track site.



On behalf of the Bulkington Village Hall committee I apologise to all the disappointed boys, girls, Mums, Dads and Grandparents who have supported us in the past.

However – on a happier note – Come along on Boxing Day between 1pm and approximately 4pm (sunset) when we will be doing train rides and giving away hot sausages!

Neve Boulton Station Master, 01380 828101

CHURCH SERVICES

5th November	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	4.00 pm	All Souls Service	(Seend)
	6.00 pm	BCP Evensong	(Poulshot)
12th November (Remembrance)	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion.	(Seend)
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Seend)
	10.55am	Remembrance Service	(Poulshot)
	11.00am	Remembrance Service	(Bulkington)
19th November	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	(Poulshot)
26th November	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Family Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise Eucharist	(Bulkington)

First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service

This month's Parent & Toddler service at Seend will take place on Tuesday 7th November from 2.15pm—2.45pm. All welcome.



From Where I Stand...

... gossip is a dangerous thing! Chinese whispers? Well, doubtless we've all been in situations where the original story has developed, over time and by various retellings, into something quite different. It may sometimes even be *so* different that the people involved can get hurt as things are said about them that are either untrue or have become twisted through misunderstanding.

A few days ago a friend, with children getting ready for the October half-term, told me an Autumn story about gossip and the way in which it can not only hurt but cause a great deal of misunderstanding in a community. Three children, at the end of a mixed boys and girls Scout meeting, were being taken

home by the parents of one of the children. Out in the dark on a night at the end of October the children started talking about Halloween. You can imagine children giggling and joking and trying to scare each other as they sat chattering in the back of the car. At one point one of them let out an almighty scream and then one of the others made that sort of ‘Whooh!’ scary pretend ghost noise. Slamming on the breaks the man driving the car screeched to a halt thinking that something was wrong. The car slithered in the rain made even worse by the fallen leaves on the road. As the car juddered to stillness everyone was silent and realised that they were alone on a dark lane with no lights and, worse still, having stopped so suddenly the car wouldn’t start again. The man driving, the father of one of the children, turned to them and *screamed* in his anger asking them what they thought they were doing and to see what had happened and it would serve them right if some hobgoblin or ghost came to get them! He and his wife shouted at each other too but after *she’d* ‘phoned on her mobile and tried to calm the children it was only about ½ an hour before someone came to help them. The gossip in the village though was awful by the next day – that *he’d* deliberately scared the children by telling scary stories, that a ghost had leapt out of the woods and attacked the car and that he was a dangerous driver. By the end of the week the couple had been told they couldn’t drive other people’s children home next time. Quite simply the man in the car probably shouted because he was just as scared as the children.

There *are* times when we have to look beneath the news we first hear, in the village, at a party, in the newspaper, and then think carefully about what the real story may be – before we jump to conclusions. You know Halloween and gossip have one thing in common – they’re a bit of history built up to become something that’s not true! The familiar sinister symbols of ghosts and skeletons at Halloween come from the Druid festival at the end of harvest to remember the dead but have so influenced the American market to become the ‘trick or treat’ we see today.

However in the Church it became a time called All Saints’ Day to celebrate the true lives of the saints, people who know their need of God, who help us think of the new life we are given by getting to know Him – now that’s not gossip, or trick or a treat, but an eternal promise of hope. Perhaps many of us could find time to pause like this for a ‘stand and stare’ moment, to allow one experience to lead us to other reflections and realisations. In that place of pausing and reflecting we may begin to sense the presence of God and so be led to see Him more clearly and find ways of knowing Him more deeply.

Revd Sacha Pearce, Rector

Bulkington Church Cleaning1st – 15th Mrs T Boulton16th – 30th Mrs J Topp**Bulkington Flower Rota**5th & 12th (Remembrance) Mrs Parrock19th & 26th Mrs Boulton**SEEND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER**

5th Nov	10.00am	Mrs Barbara Cory
12th Nov	10.00am	Mrs Ruth Woodhouse
19th Nov	6.00pm	Ecumenical Service led by Mr George Mills
26th Nov	10.00am	Mr Douglas Colborne

Everyone is always welcome.

CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS**SEEND SOCIAL CLUB AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

By the time this item appears in Spotlight, the first stage of much needed work will have been completed and the Hall will have in place a new and improved heating system. The old oil storage tank will have gone and been replaced with a tank that meets all of the statutory demands and the previous, and under-powered, boiler will have been replaced by more robust equipment. Additionally, the whole system will have been flushed through and extra radiators installed.

This will have made a good start, but much more needs doing and this can only be done as more funds become available. However, there are a lot of improvements that can be carried out by our own efforts. We already have a number of volunteers for odd jobs, but we would like to develop a regular Friday morning workforce along the lines of the Seend Lye Field workers known to so many as “The Last of the Summer Wine” group.

Would anybody who is willing to turn up on Fridays from around 9am until around 12.30pm, please contact either Frank Teasdale (01380 828617) or John Smallshaw (01380 828540).

The search for a name for what will obviously be a capable, talented, hard working and harmonious group, who will happily give up some of their free time, has already started and the best suggestion so far is “The First of Many.” Rest times for tea/coffee breaks and chat have already been negotiated.

WANTED!

Someone with any eye for colour/design who could help select colours etc for certain areas of the Community Centre and Social Club. Then we will be ready for the refurbishment once it can begin. If you can help, please contact Marion Whitehead on 828612.

SEEND SHUTTLE

There's no firm news at the time of writing about the future of the **provisional Thursday timetable**. We may be able to place an insert in Spotlight – if not watch out for news on the village noticeboards, on www.seend.org.uk and on the bus itself. Failing that, you could phone Terry on 828203 for the latest. (Terry's also the one to contact to book your place on the **First Wednesday** shopping trips.)



And we're still looking for clubs, families or individuals willing to go on the **cleaning rota**. We've had encouraging noises from a couple of organisations, so that could mean only having to clean the bus every nine months or so. How about adding your name to the list? Phone Tessa on 828617.

Experienced drivers with time on their hands might like to ring Pete on 828757 to find out about being a **volunteer driver**. No pay, but lots of job satisfaction!

Last but not least, don't forget you can use your **bus pass** on the scheduled Shuttle services – see the timetable on www.seend.org.uk

Tessa Doe

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

It was great to see so many members at the first meeting of the Club in September and to welcome some new members as well. We missed Peter Hicks, who has decided to retire as our President. He has taken a continuing interest in the Club ever since he stood down as Chairman and was always there to give helpful suggestions. We hope to see both him and Patricia at our meetings, when they feel able. David Raby-Cox has kindly agreed to stand as Acting President until our next AGM.



Although the venue has not yet been fixed, the date for next year's Day Out has. This will be Saturday 21st July 2007, so please make a note in your diary. The Stay Away will be centred on York and a provisional itinerary has been planned from Thursday 21st June to the following Monday; please contact Roger or Sue Johns, if you would like more information.

As pelargoniums were so successfully grown for the Club Class at the Flower Show this year, we shall have them again in 2007, but a different colour. Sue Jones has agreed to give tips for successful growing.

Malcolm Thomas, the September speaker, gave an interesting account of the development of weather forecasting over the years. It all started with the need for ships to have some knowledge of likely weather at sea, followed by the setting up of the "Met Office". The advent of radio telegraph improved the speed of information. Computers and satellites have increased accuracy and speed up to the present day. You may have recognised Malcolm from the occasion when he stood in for Tony Target. On Tuesday 14th November, the entertaining Phil Collins will be back with us again to talk about "Growing Potatoes". The monthly competition will be for a decorated potato, so everyone can have a go.

Joyce Brand

WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP

16th November - 7.45pm at the Pavilion. Marilyn Watson from Salisbury will give an audio visual talk on the work of the "Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital.

WEA - SEEND BRANCH

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 4th December in the upstairs room on the Seend Community Centre and Social Club at 7.30pm. As well as the standard business, there will be a general discussion to follow. There were insufficient numbers to hold the Autumn lectures on 20th Century British Theatre and this had to be cancelled. It is hoped that there will be greater support for the planned Spring course on the Music of Mozart which starts on 15th January 2007.

The Group started in Seend 40 years ago in April 1966, and over the years there have been many tutors and a variety of interesting subjects chosen by the members. Courses have to have dependable support in order to be viable and without this "Further Education" in Seend will cease to exist. This would be a pity. Do come and join in this important discussion.

Don & Heather Hyde

SEEND WI

At our meeting on September 13th the booked speaker, Ms Helen Astill, was unable to come but we were very fortunate to get Mr Roger White at very short notice. He gave us a lovely illustrated talk on 'The Lakes of New Zealand'. He and his wife made the trip to New Zealand in December 2004 and January 2005. They visited the North and South islands and spent 2 nights in Singapore each way. The slides were



exceptional and we were very impressed at the diversity of the scenery which was magnificent. Mr White was thanked by Mrs Joan Greenwood. The Competition, 'A Holiday Photo', was won by Mrs Meriel Taylor. This was the last meeting in our Hall and we posed for photographs to commemorate this historic but sad occasion.

All members were present at our 87th Birthday party, held at Cleeve House, on 11th October. This was the home of our first President Miss Dorothy Hewerd Bell (Mrs H C Hony). The excellent meal was prepared and served by Mr. & Mrs Zaccarelli. Mrs Shirley West made the lovely cake which was cut by Mrs. Joan Greenwood and Mrs Jo Vaux.

We were honoured and delighted to have as our guests Mrs. Dinah Baxter and Ms Selina Bell - the daughters of our first President. They brought old photo's with them and Mrs. Baxter gave us a fascinating talk about memories of their childhood and the history of Cleeve House. They also brought along the footstool that Seend W. I. gave their parents as a wedding present in 1923. It is still used but the caning has been renewed several times! After enthusiastic applause they were thanked by Mrs Pam Hillier.

Mr. & Mrs Zaccarelli were presented with two photographs that used to hang in the W. I. Hall. One was of our first President and the other a photo of her parents on their Golden Wedding anniversary. In her presentation speech Mrs. Pam Hillier said how appropriate it was to return these photos to Cleeve House.

Our next meeting on November 8th is an *Open Meeting* to be held in Seend School starting promptly at 7.30pm. The speaker will tell us about 'The Work of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance'. Members are asked to bring a gift for Green Lane Hospital patients and to indicate whether it is for a lady or gentleman. The competition will be 'A Green Lane Parcel' and there will be a 'Bring-and-Buy' stall. Visitors will be warmly welcomed to our meetings.

Mrs Betty Smith.

SEEND SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

AGM is on 7pm Wednesday 8th Nov at 7pm. Everyone Welcome.

Colin Waldeck 828946

SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

9th November - Club AGM, 7.30pm at The Pavilion.

100+ CLUB

The draw for September 2006 took place on Tuesday 19th September at the Pavilion, following a meeting of the Lye Field Committee. The winning numbers, which were drawn by members of the Committee are as follows:

1 st Prize:	£35	68	Bob Smith
2 nd Prize:	£30	163	Mrs J Ransted
3 rd Prize:	£25	69	Mrs Diana Louca
4 th Prize:	£20	20	Eric Akerman
5 th Prize:	£15	171	Mr C Cooper
6 th Prize:	£10	119	Jamie Hiscocks (new subscriber)

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

All Members are reminded that the following Parades and Services will take place on Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday:

Remembrance Day (Saturday 11th November 2006)

Muster at the War Memorial at 1045 hrs for prayers and the act of Remembrance at 1100 hrs. All members of the general public, who are not members of The Royal British Legion, are more than welcome to attend.

Remembrance Sunday (Sunday 12th November 2006)

Parade at the Rectory end of Church Walk at 1040 hrs, march to the War Memorial for the laying of wreaths and then continue into Church for the normal Sunday Service with Act of Remembrance at 1100 hrs. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Community Centre to which all members of the congregation are invited.

Roger Brind

The Poppy Appeal (28th Oct to 11th Nov)

Once again you will find a leaflet attached to Spotlight together with a Gift Aid envelope. The armed forces are highly committed worldwide and the Royal British Legion needs help more than ever. There are 18 house to house collectors in and around the Seend Area. Some people have been very helpful having their gift aid envelopes correctly completed and ready when the collector calls.

Please, if you are a tax payer, have your envelope ready. Money can be placed either in the box or in the envelope (unfortunately envelopes will not fit in the collecting boxes).

For every £1 given, the British Legion can claim back 28 pence so that in the village this makes a considerable difference. Gift Aid does not affect you personally in any way at all. There are also a further 18 static boxes in various establishments around the village and I can supply anybody with a Gift Aid envelope (tel 828545).

Anthony Hodgkinson
Poppy Appeal Organiser

MOTHERS' UNION - SEEND AND BULKINGTON



Seend Mothers' Union

At our September meeting we welcomed as our speaker Revd Maureen Allchin who gave us a very spirited talk about her life before coming to live in Bulkington and her hopes for her future work. She is taking up responsibility for the United Benefice of Hilperton and Semington for 18 months.

Having led pilgrimages to the Holy Land on many occasions, she has great knowledge and interest in that country, now so bitterly divided. Maureen invited us to pray for peace between Israel and her neighbours and particularly to support with prayer those bereaved mothers, both Muslim and Jews who had lost family members in the fighting. These women support one another in their grief and also seek to influence public opinion that there are ways other than war to settle international disputes. Despite present uncertainties, Maureen is hoping to lead another pilgrimage next year, to visit sites which are holy to Christians, Muslims and Jews alike.

The Seend branch helped to raise £259 at the Brittox Stall.

Dates:

15th Nov - DIY Meeting. Please bring a small sentimental item and speak about it.

6th Dec - MU Devizes Deanery - Advent Service in Holy Cross Church, at 2pm.

13th December - Carol Service at Melksham.

Keevil and Bulkington Mothers' Union

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd November at Christine's home (School Close) starting at 10.30 a.m. For further information please contact Dorothy Tyler on 01380 870340.

SCHOOL NEWS



SEEND SCHOOL

We are all now back at school and working hard. This term we have hosted a joint Harvest Supper with the Church and this was a great success, one of the highlights was a tour of the school. It was interesting to meet ex-pupils, parents, grandparents and villagers who had worked in the school under previous heads. Not forgetting Mrs Heavisides, the wife of Mr Heavisides, a long standing and well respected head of our school. The children brought in Harvest gifts and they were sent to the Trussell Christian

Trust, an organisation that supports the homeless and those in need.

We have now restarted clubs and the footballers have had a very successful start to the season. We entered a team in the Sainsbury's Five a Side Football competition at John of Gaunt School in Trowbridge and won! As a small school we are very proud of this achievement and are now ready to move on to the next round of the competition.

In recent moves parents, relatives and members of the village community have been providing the school with a plentiful supply of sports vouchers from Sainsbury. In fact, we collected over 12,000 and have received two large boxes of sports equipment. If you sent vouchers in we are very grateful for your support.

We are now nearly at the end of Term One and our PSC has been planning a varied calendar of events for the school, dates for this terms events are shown below, members of the local community are always welcome at the school and we would appreciate your support.

Friday 10th November - Sargeo Kids Fashion show

In Seend School from 7pm. See events section for details.

Christmas Fayre - Friday 8th December at 6pm

Seend School Sports 100 Club - The money raised from this project will be used for coaching courses for football, judo and netball. To join the Seend School 100-Club, please contact Sue Bond on 01380 828537.

Steven Bennett, Headmaster

KEEVIL SCHOOL

As a new Head Teacher to the school, I have been delighted to pick up the baton from the previous Head and continue the journey of taking the school forward. A new build on the horizon, providing 3 new classrooms cannot come soon enough as our numbers are on the increase and we plan to maximise our intake in September 2007 with this in mind. We now have 48 families enrolled at the school making up a total of 75 children, with that number set to rise further due to the promising number on our books for next year. When the build is finished we will effectively have an extra classroom which will mean that the extra numbers will be comfortably housed and catered for, which is our main concern. Coupled with that, we are very close to closing the deal on obtaining the use of a field very close to the school which will provide the much needed playing space for our rise in numbers. We continue to be, however, a small village school and are keen to ensure that we maintain the family atmosphere and personal touch that goes along with that. I look forward to a long and productive partnership with Keevil and

surrounding villages over the coming year and ask that if anyone has any concerns, queries, suggestions, now or in the future, then please contact me at school (01380 870376). Jackie Chalk – Head Teacher.

F.O.K.S. (Friends of Keevil School)

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and we now look forward to a full season of local events.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The September meeting was attended by 7 Councillors, with Mrs. Savage in the Chair. The Parish Council have been asked to nominate a Trustee for Seend Parish Lands and Seend Relief in Need charities. Mr. Steve Taylor was proposed. A vote by show of hands was taken, with Councillors unanimously in favour.

Planning Matters

The following planning application has been withdrawn:

K/54800/F Mrs & Mrs Garton, Ferrum House, Seend Cleeve
Demolition of existing extension, construction of a new kitchen utility extension. Construction of new timber stables and outbuilding.

Kennet DC had refused the following planning applications:

K/54872/F Mr N Shearmon, Paddock off Rusty Lane, Seend
Siting of mobile home for residential use.

K/54873/F Mr N Shearmon, Paddock off Rusty Lane, Seend
Construction of pole barn

Kennet DC had granted permission for the following applications:

K/54901/F Mr & Mrs Borwell, Knapp Cottage, Seend
Erection of a single storey, timber framed, glazed conservatory

K/54964/TR2 Mr N Knocker, The Hatch, Seend
Works to a large horse chestnut tree on the south side of the garden to consist of: the shortening of heavy lateral limbs by 30%-40% in length on the south side of the tree, the thinning of thicker stems in area of cavities to relieve weight on the uppermost crowns, and the shortening of other lateral branches to balance the tree.

The following applications were considered by the Parish Council, and no objections raised:

K/55069/F Mr D Akerman, Broad Lane Farm, Seend

Enclosure of former silage clamps for the refurbishment, maintenance and storage of canal boats (amendment to previous approval K/53937/F to include rooflights)

K/55182/ADV Field named 'Mead' east of junction called 'Seend Fork' directly opposite the A36 approaching from Seend.

A parishioner had written to ask if the hedge opposite the entrance to Broad Lane could be trimmed as it is impairing visibility from the direction of Devizes. This would be drawn to the attention of the owner.

The PCC had requested assistance with the cost of a directional sign to the church. Following discussion the PC decided not to meet the cost of the sign, as it was felt it should be paid by the Diocese.

It was pointed out that the BT telegraph pole in Sells Green by the bus stop was rotten at the bottom, and BT would be contacted about this.

The dates of the next village skips will be:

Friday 27 th October	Wessex Water site
Friday 24 th November	Seend Social Club
Friday 15 th December	Three Magpies

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 31st October at 7.30 p.m. in Seend Social Club.

Mrs. Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on 20th September 2006

Topics discussed at the meeting included:-

- Complaints about USAF low flying over the village late at night and attempts to get the MP to help by approaching the Ministry of Defence or possibly the Foreign Office.
- Changes to Parish Councils Standing Orders to bring them into line with National Standards.
- Report on Fete on 1st July, and organisation for next year's Fete: new joint Committee to be set up, including PCC and Village Hall representatives, to discuss this and development of Playing Field – renewing of swings etc.
- Planning – Completion of new access to Belle Vue, old right-of-way to be closed.
- Half-year Summary Accounts.

Re-cycling Bulkington Village Waste

It is very important that we do not put any CARDBOARD into the WASTE PAPER container at the playing field location because the collectors then refuse the entire bin and we then lose the re-cycle money for the whole bin. This re-cycle rebate from the waste paper helps to keep the precept tax down and thus keeps our Council Tax as low as possible.

It is also worth noting that placing re-cycleable materials in your black box does not contribute to any rebate. Putting these objects into the appropriate bins at the playing field does create a rebate. With the present unreliable collection of our black boxes, although slightly inconvenient, it is clearly of benefit to the village to use the bins at the playing field.

Nev Boulton Parish Councillor.

BITS'N'BOBS

HADRIAN'S WALL WALK—COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

I am happy to report that the four intrepid walkers completed the 84-mile trek on Sunday 1st October with nary a mishap apart from one or two trifling ankle ailments and a sore little toe. It proved to be a most enjoyable, if somewhat arduous, experience. The team found the mid-section of the walk gruelling, to say the least, but was rewarded with spectacular views to all points of the compass. As for the weather, the sun shined on us throughout, negative an hour or so of drizzle. (I suspect the latter was a salutary indication that righteousness is not easily attained!) Those of us who assumed that the Path accompanied the Wall and its earthworks directly from Wallsend to Bowness-on-Solway were speedily disillusioned. The route took in villages, farmyards, pastureland and even back gardens, crossing streams, rivers, roads, railway lines and countless stiles of all varieties.

Back to earth, as it were, it remains for me to express the gratitude of the team, to those who contributed in any way to the success of the venture, in particular to Messrs Haine & Smith Opticians, who met the cost of the vehicle hire; to the anonymous donor (presumed to be a lady) of five pairs of walking socks; to the businesses, pubs, clubs and individuals saddled with sponsorship sheets; to the folk who slipped envelopes through my letterbox, and to those who hosted and attended the surprise reception party at the Community Centre on the team's return. And at this point, I am bound to mention Colin Waldeck, the fifth member of the squad, whose transportation, commissariat and culinary skills maintained morale at a high level! His photographs of the Wall and environs are, as we have come to expect, superlative.

The important end-product of the venture is, of course, the remittance of all

monies donated to the Dorothy House Foundation and the Breakthrough Breast Cancer charity. We are most grateful to all who so generously contributed to these two worthy causes. Dare I say, that if anyone feels they have “missed the boat” and would like to add to the total collected, the lines are still open.

Sitrep MK II will announce the final figures and any further developments. Again, thank you on behalf of the team.

Ron Westcott

PROPOSED SPEED RESTRICTIONS FOR SEEND CLEEVE

I recently wrote to the Environmental Services Department requesting Speed Restrictions on the A361 through Seend Cleeve. I thought the feedback I had was quite interesting and wanted to share it with others.

The list of requests for speed limit changes was considered at the 22nd March 2006 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Panel. Following the recommendation of the Panel the Cabinet Member has agreed the nineteen new 30mph/40mph speed limits to be implemented in 2006/2007 with the £100,000 available.

The A361 has been added to the list of outstanding requests to be assessed when the promised revised guidance on the setting of local limits on rural roads is published by the Department of Transport. The revised guidance which will contain advice on speed limits for roads such as the A361 should be received shortly.

Following the assessment of the outstanding requests a programme of new speed restrictions will be prepared for consideration by the Advisory panel in March 2007.

Faye Cottrell

OUR HERITAGE - THE STOKES FAMILY.

In May 1997 an excited Benjamin and Carolyn Stokes, from Alabama U.S.A. visited Holy Cross Church realising their ancestors had contributed to it's building. They planned to return, but tragically died in a car accident in New Zealand later that year.

In May this year, Benjamin's sister Gerry and husband Ted came from Florida to see Seend Church for themselves, and it was a very moving experience for them. They have kindly given me an interesting copy of 'A Genealogical Study 1312 - 1903 by Rev. John L. Stokes. 1854. Gerry's Grandfather. Below are some excerpts of it's contents :-

'1. In the time of Edward II., the year of the birth of Edward III., (father

of the famous “Black Prince”), two years before the ever-memorable battle of Bannockburn, Adam de Stokke was married to Eva -. This was in 1312. He held the manors of Rushall (Rutishall) and Stokke, Wiltshire, England.

2. Of this pair was born Thomas Stoke of **Seend**, Wilts, in the reign of Edward III
3. Of him came Thomas Stokes, (Seend)King Richard 11., 1381.
4.John Stokes, Seend. King Henry IV.
5. Thomas Stokes, of the same old family seat, in the time of Henry V.
6. John Stoke, of same place, in the third year of Henry VI., 1425.
7. Succeeded by Thomas Stoke,King Henry VII., 1495
8. **His son, John Stokes, erected the chapel at Seend, and was buried there in 1498. He married Alice -, who sleeps beside him.**
9. His son, John Stokes, came next. He married Margery, daughter of John Nicholas of Rundwire, Wilts.
10. For nearly 200 years the family had resided in Wiltshire, but now comes a new settlement. Christopher Stokes, Stanshawes Place, Gloucestershire. d.1566.....
13. The line is continued at Stanshawes for about 235 years: Samuel Stokes married Isabella, daughter of Richard Codrington of Dodington. Gloucestershire.
(English - American line) Christopher Stokes (3) came to Virginia USA obtained a patent for land on Charles (York) river 21.7.1635 - ‘a man of prominence.....
15. John Stokes was the progenitor of the Carolina branches of the family
16. David Stokes J.P. of Lunenburg county’ 1707.....
17. William, 1735...North Carolina.....
John, 1756.....Colonel in the Revolutionhe was attacked by dragoons who aimed deadly blows at his head....but recovered Stokes County was named in his honour.appointed by President Washington U.S. Judge for the Western District N. Carolina, “His bravery in battle, his benevolence of character, and elevated mind, endeared him to the affections of his country”.....
Montford Stokes.....1762. Ran away from home and shipped as a cabin boy in the merchant service.....1776 captured by British, and confined for 7 months on prison ship...1816 elected to U.S. Senate from North Carolina.....1830 elected governora man of rare genius, highest courage.....
1782 Peter Stokes amassed a considerable fortune.....’

Various members of the Stokes family during the course of time were Church ministers, served in the army, and public life in the U.S.A..

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Taken from guide book 'Notes on monumental inscriptions' in Holy Cross Church.

'John Stokes (d 1498) and his wife Alice (d 1500) are pictured in the famous brass, now on the W. wall of the N. aisle. (*Sadly one of these was stolen, Mr. Peter Hicks has made a remarkably good replica of the 3 brass items*) The tradition that he was a clothier (probable in itself) seems to be based on the evidence of the shears and scissors which can be seen in the moulding of the W. window of the aisle, inside and out. John Stokes will asked that he should be buried 'in Capella mea noviter edificata et constructa in Capella de Seende' ('in my newly built chapel in the chapel of Seend', and he left money to embellish the chapel and for a priest to hold services there for the welfare of his soul and those of his parents and all the faithful departed. He also left money to the parish church in Melksham, the Vicar of Melksham (described as 'my curate'), and for repairing the roads in Seend, as well as bequests to his family. Alice Stokes also desired to be buried 'in the new chapel of Seend', and left money to Seend Church, Melksham church, and to the Rev. William Janyns, curate of Seend.

Pam Muller

FEEL BETTER ABOUT PLASTIC

If, like me, you hate the amount of plastic our lives, then here's something to make you feel better: did you know that *polythene* is "ecofriendly and energy - efficient"? (The amount of energy used to make a paper cup is 10 times more than to make a plastic cup - which is made apparently from by-products of the oil cracking process.) However, none of us want it cluttering up the environment for eons, and so if you'd like to recycle it, here is somewhere you can send it.

First, though, it **MUST** be polythene - i.e. flexible, slightly stretchy, not crinkly; it's the plastic that comes as wrappers for all kinds of magazines and mail, and also it is the plastic 6 - pack rings that hold the cans together. Whether these be printed, or plain, or the rings, they can all go in together, but they **must not contain** any biodegradable bags, or any **paper labels**, and they must be **clean** of anything else, e.g..foodstuffs, sticky residues like glue. Keep it until you have a decent supply - stuff the bags into each other, then send them to: *Polyprint Mailing, Mackintosh Road, Rackheath Industrial Estate, Rackheath Norwich NR13 6LJ.*

(I have checked with the firm and they assured me that they are happy to receive the polythene, they need about 200,000 wrappers to make one tonne of recyclable waste.)

All this has to be done individually, although wouldn't it be good to have some sort of community scheme? Any ideas? Geraldine (828059)

USEFUL CONTACTS NUMBERS:

Rector - Revd Sacha Pearce 828615

Churchwardens: Holy Cross; S Taylor 01225 709360 Lt Col A Hill 828397

Christ Church: Mrs E Futter 828485 Mr J McDonald 828376

St Peter's: Mr B James - 724944

Lay Reader: Pam Muller 01225 707804

LPA's: Audrey McDonald 828376 and Jo Bell 828550

Director of Music - David King 727642. Bell Ringers C Mayell 828627

Irene Usher Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Ron Apted 828427

Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583

100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391

Seend Fete Committee - Bernie Prolze 828391

Seend Social Club - Bookings - Stan Wiltshire 828559 Secretary - Graham Hickman 828868

Seend Shuttle. Bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568

Seend and District LINK Scheme - Coordinator 828190

Seend and District Ramblers - Bob Howe 828554

Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Ester Daly 01672 513157

Seend and District Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325

Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325

Seend and District Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433

Seend Book Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325

Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend School - 828334

Seend Playgroup - Liz Futter 828485

Seend Bouncy Club - Kath Steggall 828821

Seend Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Andrea Dobson 827126

Seend WI - Judith Bigg on 736358

Seend Fawley Players - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451

WEA - Don and Heather Hyde 828342

Royal British Legion and Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545

Seend Cricket Club - Mr P Wallis 828757

Football Club - Darren Nichols 828535

Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545

Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281

Seend Website: www.seend.org - Neil Yockney 827139

Bulkington Website: bulkington-village.co.uk Contact :- Mark Barnett 828202

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