

# SPOTLIGHT

## Seend & Bulkington



*Lest We Forget*

# November 2015

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE OCTOBER

- 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween themed Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween children's party, Brewery Inn, 12-2pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween plus Rugby World Cup final, members' lounge, Community Centre

## DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Seend Ramblers – meet 9.30am Rusty Lane or 9.45am Wharf car park, Devizes
- 1<sup>st</sup> Café Church, Holy Cross, Seend, 11am
- 1<sup>st</sup> Pumpkin Competition, Brewery Inn, 4pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Seend Trust & Community Centre Annual Meeting, upstairs, 7.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Seend Shuttle trip to Salisbury – call 01225 706526 by Monday to book
- 4<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club, guest Les Glover, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Bonfire Night, from 6pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday
- 11<sup>th</sup> Armistice Day Act of Remembrance at Seend War Memorial 11am
- 14<sup>th</sup> LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEC/JAN SPOTLIGHT**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Deadline for application for Seend Parish Council vacancy
- 14<sup>th</sup> 60s Night for Seend School funds, Seend Community Centre, 8pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 16<sup>th</sup> Seend Shuttle AGM, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club, guest The Black Feathers, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Melksham Area Board meeting, Seend Community Centre, 6.30 for 7pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Seend WI Craft Afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers Social Evening, Pavilion, 7.30 for 8pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Wine and Food Fair, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Wessex Fuchsia Group, Pavilion, 7.45pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Quiz Night, 8pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning for Devizes Kats & Kits, Bulkington Village Hall, 10am-12.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Grand Quiz Night, Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington

## DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 4<sup>th</sup> Seend School Christmas Fayre
- 5<sup>th</sup> Seend Wine Circle, Community Centre, 8pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Xmas Bingo, Community Centre, 7.30 for 8pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Carols at Cleeve House with the Seend Singers, 7pm

### **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](http://www.seend.org.uk) and remember that we now have a **facebook** page:  
[www.facebook.com/seendspotlight](http://www.facebook.com/seendspotlight)

## **Welcome to November 2015 Spotlight**



**Canal bridge closure:** The Parish Council wrote to the Waterways Board some time ago, objecting to some of the proposed measures, and a site meeting was arranged. Our 'special correspondent', Tony Murch, reports:

'Those present made it clear to the Waterways Board representative that it would be unworkable to send all traffic up the Pelch and to restrict the junction at the Stocks with the A361 to traffic entering the Cleeve. We asked that the Stocks junction remained as an entrance/exit. However, the Wiltshire Highways representative said we would have to have traffic lights at the junction on Health and Safety grounds.

Concern was expressed that the road up towards Ferrum House and Pelch Lane might be used as a shortcut to get to Pelch Lane and so signs will be erected to prohibit this. Problems associated with the diversion of the towpath are still not resolved.

All of the above are still subject to final ratification by the Waterways Board. The works are expected to commence on or about 9<sup>th</sup> November and should be completed by the beginning of April, depending on the weather.'

**Remembrance:** Of course November is the month of remembrance. There are special ceremonies and services on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, and please give generously in the poppy appeal envelope enclosed. Thanks.

**Spotlight back numbers:** Pam Muller, ex-Cleeve resident, has donated her collection of decades-worth of Spotlights to Seend Trust & Community Centre. We hope that, whether kept in the village or at the County Records Office, they will be made accessible to village historians and other interested persons. Thank you, Pam.

**Events:** There are loads of events planned in the coming month – many raising funds for local organisations – listed in our events pages and the enclosed 'Happenings!'.

**Spotlight Contacts:** Contributions for the December/January edition (copy by 14th November) can be mailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 November and beyond

### **Seend Acoustic Club**

**Seend Community Centre - 7.45 for 8pm**

in the upstairs Village Room. All welcome! £5 entry.

**Special guests:**

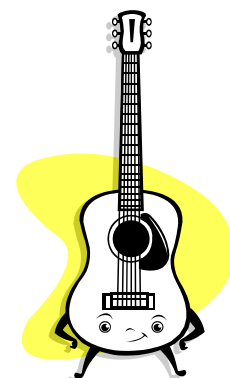
**WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - "LOVED-UP" LES GLOVER.**

His CD "The Love Terrorist" is a real treat. Support from Ian Brown.

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - THE BLACK FEATHERS**

A welcome return for one of our favourite duos - "acoustic, but with enough power and force to drive a sledgehammer".

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



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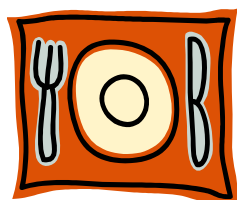
### **The Brewery Inn**

31<sup>st</sup> October **Halloween children's party**, 12-2pm

1st November - the **annual pumpkin growing/carving competition**, 4pm onwards.

25th November - **Quiz Night**, 8pm

*(Christmas menu and Christmas Party bookings now available)*



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### **Nosh and Natter Lunch Club**

in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 12 for 12.30pm**

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

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### **SEEND WINE CIRCLE:**

**Suggestions for the festive season**

**8.00 pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> December to taste the wines we have chosen. Closing date for bookings will be 1<sup>st</sup> December if not fully booked beforehand.

Email [seendwinecircle@gmail.com](mailto:seendwinecircle@gmail.com) if you require more information or would like to confirm you're coming.

Seend Trust & Community Centre

## **Annual Meeting**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm, upstairs in the Village Room  
All users and friends of the Centre welcome.

## **60s NIGHT**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 8 till late!

in Seend Community Centre

Live music from The Heartbeats plus Colette Cassin

60s dress optional!

Tickets £6 from Seend School, Seend Community Centre,  
Devizes Books and Seend PO.

Proceeds to Seend School



Back after a year's break:

## **Seend Community Centre's 8<sup>th</sup> Wine & Food Fair**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 7.30pm-10.30pm

Lots of wines to taste and buy – special offers on orders!

A mini-market of food stalls – delicious buffet supper – raffle

Tickets £8 (includes six wine tastes and supper) from

Seend Community Centre and Seend Shop/PO.

*Proceeds to Seend Community Centre*



## **GRAND QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 7.45pm

Teams of up to four - £2 per head entry – Lots of prizes!

Bar and interval snacks available

Call 01380 828617 to book your table



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Christmas Carols at Cleeve House, Seend

led by The Seend Singers

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@cleeve-house.com)

[www.cleeve-house.com](http://www.cleeve-house.com)

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**UP THE AMAZON Fri 30th Oct - Illustrated talk and supper.**

Unfortunately, this event has had to be postponed and will now take place on Friday 26th February 2016. Look out for further details in next Spotlight .

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **Nancy Hutchinson**

The family would like to thank everyone who attended Nancy's funeral and for all the cards and kind messages of sympathy they received.

Also, grateful thanks to everybody who gave so generously in lieu of flowers. Over £500 was raised for the Lye Field. Thank you.

Anne Hutchinson

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**Congratulations** to Rob Richardson (Seend Club manager) and Jo Sutton on their engagement. We wish them every happiness. From Seend Club darts team.

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### **SEEND ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE**

Over the last few weeks a small group of concerned villagers have produced an in depth report on road safety in Seend. This goes beyond speeding vehicles, and covers road junctions, poor or non-existent signage, narrow roads, lack of safe crossing points on the High Street etc.

Four copies of this document are available at the Post Office for anyone to take away and read, add any comments and return for others to do the same.

A copy of the report is also available on the Seend Village website.

PLEASE, please, do take the time to do this and help us all to improve this important aspect of village life that appears to have ignored for too long.

Brian Crisp

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### **SEEND PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP UPDATE**

Those of you who have been following these updates from the Steering Group will know that we were about to recommend to the Parish Council that we should go ahead and create a Neighbourhood Plan. This was in preference to the Parish Plan, which does not carry the *statutory status* of a Neighbourhood Plan. We are awaiting a decision from the Parish Council and expect to hear their conclusion after the next Council Meeting.

Wiltshire Council provides a 'Link Officer' with whom the Parish Council together with the Steering Group will liaise over our application to proceed. By the time you read the next update (December Spotlight) we hope to be able to tell you that our application has been approved, and we will have our work set out for 2016.

After a Christmas break, one of our first projects will be to design and then circulate a questionnaire to all households in the Parish, which we hope will build on the consultation exercise we carried out in June 2015, and give us a focused picture of your wishes and hopes for our village.

The website: [www.seendparishplan.org](http://www.seendparishplan.org) has several useful links for anyone who wants more detailed information about this process. You will also find the names of the Steering Group members there. We would be pleased to hear from anyone with time and commitment who might be interested to join the Group.

Carola Thorpe

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## **Water on its way to Seend Church**

For many years and for the tenure of four vicars we have been attempting to get approval of plans to bring water to the church, and from that install a toilet and a kitchenette; and while we are at it – improve access into and around the church. We are now closer than we have ever been before as the diocese have said they have ‘no further objections’ to our plans. We can now apply for formal permission (a faculty) that should be granted shortly.

The bad news is that we need to raise a lot of money to pay for all this. We already have some of the funds, but not all we need. We hope the community will dig deep to support these much need changes that will see our 15<sup>th</sup> century church become one that serves a 21<sup>st</sup> Century community. The more we can raise directly the fewer raffles, coffee mornings and other fund raising we have to do. A letter to the whole village will be going out shortly together with a leaflet explaining in more detail the changes. We are also planning an appeal launch event early in the New Year, to which everyone will be invited, where you will be able to see in more detail the plans we have.

If there is anyone in the community who has done major fund raising before, or successfully applied for grants we would be delighted to hear from you.

Anne Ewing and Steve Taylor, Churchwardens

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## **CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS**

*The View from my window* is just glorious at the moment; the sun is shining and the leaves are turning and my lawn is covered in apples (which reminds me to go and pick them up). What a lovely September and October we have enjoyed. Did anyone get up to see the blood red enormous moon? I did. The sky was very bright and the stars were particularly spectacular, and then it all became a bit eerie and the eclipse began, which took over an hour, and the moon turned a blood red with a dark patch in the middle. Being realistic I wonder how many of us will live to see another such occasion; I think the date will be 2033.

We are so fortunate. Everywhere signs of plenty; apples, plums ,beans blackberries , harvest festivals, homes to go to and fires to light (or central heating to put on),.... and then I watched a Panorama programme which accompanied refugees from Syria from the sea shores in Greece to the haven of Austria; old people staggering on; young people, and children ; children walking and walking and walking; children who were sick; anxious parents; no possessions , just the clothes they stood up in and why? Because they are fleeing from terror; from man’s inhumanity to man.

Of course our hearts go out to them and of course if a family were to turn up on our doorsteps I'm sure we would take them in, but is it as simple as that? I don't know, but what I do know is that we must not become immune to the tragedy of migrants fleeing; we must not become tired of other people's hardships. We must continue to think and to encourage our politicians to act wisely; to pray not just for the migrants but for our church and secular leaders, so that a solution may be found, and most particularly that the evil that is in the hearts of the traffickers will cease and that the fighting will stop.

Where is God in all this? He is there, with the migrants as they flee, whether the Muslim God or an Almighty God (one and the same). He is alongside giving hope; he is in the hearts of all of us as we respond as generously as we can. He is in the hope for the future.

As our season of remembrance approaches, let us remember those who died that the world may indeed become free. My father fought for a bright future not just for his country but also for his children. Remembrance services are becoming increasingly well attended. As the trauma of world wars fades a bit, teachers are now able to inform accurately the facts of the wars as well as the tragedy. Young people are visiting the cemeteries of Europe and the Normandy beaches as indeed did we in September, and we are all able to reflect, not just on the tragedy but also on the futility of war. Have you ever mused upon what young children may be thinking as they stand in silence for two minutes around the cenotaphs up and down the land? They can't remember. I always tell them that it's important to think of those who died, but it's more important to think why they died; for our future, and so we must promise to try to make the world a better place.

So as we remember the fallen and the refugees from so many wars before, I hope and pray that we can reach out and offer a bright future to all those whose lives are so dark at the moment.

Jane Knowles (Revd)



**Café Church for All Saints Day**  
on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 11am at Seend**  
Singing and stories and something with pumpkins for all the  
families  
in the villages of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot.  
The next Café Church is on January 3rd 2016 at Seend.



**Benefice BUZZZ Group**  
**will meet on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm**  
**at 4 Northfields, Bulkington, led by Maureen Allchin**

This group, for all in Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, meets to discuss various issues of Christian thought. At this meeting we will continue looking at some characters in the Old Testament, linking their stories to contemporary thoughts.  
Everyone is welcome to this informal and pleasant evening.



**THE BENEFICE TEA, CHAT AND CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP** will meet on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at The Old Stable, Bulkington (Contact Andi Elliott 828277) from 2- 4pm. Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



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

**CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2015**

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015. All Saints Day**

- 8am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend. *A short and reflective traditional service*
- 11am: Café Church at Seend. *A lively service, without communion, for all the family.*
- 3pm: All Souls Service at Poulshot
- 6pm: Evening Prayer at Bulkington

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Remembrance Sunday**

- 10.45am: Remembrance Service at Seend
- 10.50am: Remembrance Service at Bulkington
- 10.50am: Remembrance Service at Poulshot
- 6pm: Benefice Eucharist\* at Seend.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

- 8am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 9.15am: Morning Praise at Bulkington
- 11am: Eucharist\* at Poulshot
- 6pm: Evening Prayer at Seend.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015. Christ the King**

- 9.15am: Matins (Book of Common Prayer) at Poulshot. *A traditional morning service without communion*
- 11am: Parish Eucharist\* at Seend
- 6pm: Parish Eucharist\* at Bulkington

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Advent Sunday**

- 8am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 6pm: Benefice Advent Songs of Praise 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 9am there is a short Benefice service of Matins (BCP\*) at Poulshot Church

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



**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES will be held in Seend at 10.45am and in Bulkington and Poulshot at 10.50am.**

“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.”

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**Funerals:**

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

Elizabeth Campbell at Holy Cross on 23<sup>rd</sup> September aged 68

Nancy Hutchinson at Holy Cross on 24<sup>th</sup> September aged 99

Geoffrey Taylor at Holy Cross on 19<sup>th</sup> October aged 73

**Marriage:**

We celebrate with;

David Crossman and Tamsin Hawkins who were married at Seend on 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**Baptism:**

The newest member of our Christian family is;

Elliot Christopher Boyd who was baptised at Seend on 4<sup>th</sup> October

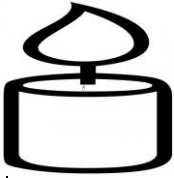
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**CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED** - please don't skip over this !

If you value having a clean and well maintained church in our midst then please read on. Our beautiful and much admired church has been faithfully cleaned by a team of ladies and gents who are now getting on and wish, understandably, to retire. The church has decided to employ contract cleaners to undertake most of the work on a fortnightly basis but needs pairs of people to do a light clean in the intervening weeks. We estimate this would mean a commitment of one and a half to two hours every couple of months. The more volunteers we get the less frequently you need to do it. 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.

**The Benefice of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot  
A Service of Remembrance for ALL SOULS' DAY  
on Sunday, 1st November 2015 at 3.00pm  
at St. Peter's Church, Poulshot**

In this gentle service we will remember those who have died in our Benefice area over the past year, and others who you would like remembered. If you would like to add the name of a loved one to the list of those to be remembered, please contact The Revd. Maureen Allchin (01380 828931)



**Seend, Bulkington & Poulshot's  
Candlelit Advent Songs of Praise  
on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015  
at 6pm at Christ Church, Bulkington**

A chance to sing all those lovely Advent hymns  
and begin our journey towards Christmas.



The Bulkington church hosted **Benefice Lunch Club**  
takes place on 4<sup>th</sup> November at 12.15pm at The Well. The  
numbers are increasing and this is a great Benefice occasion  
with a good value two course meal for £12.00 a head. Contact  
Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people are  
always welcome to join us.

**SEEND METHODIST CHURCH : Services for November 2015**

22<sup>nd</sup> November 10a.m. Rev Di Whittal. Friends from Bromham will be joining us  
All welcome.  
Thank you , Anne Salter

**BULKINGTON NEWS**

The Mobile Library will visit The Well, Bulkington from 10:55-11:25am on  
Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November

**BULKINGTON BONFIRE NIGHT**  
**Saturday 7th November**  
**Fire lit at 18.00, fireworks at 18.30**  
**Hot and cold refreshments available**  
**Hot dogs and burgers**



If you missed the door knock on Thursday 22nd October for donations  
towards the cost of fireworks - entry will be by donation on the gate.



**Coffee Morning in aid of Devizes Kats & Kits in Care**

Bulkington Village Hall  
Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> - 10am to 12.:30pm  
Coffee, cakes, books & a variety of items for sale.  
Donations very welcome

Mrs E Boggs, New Hurst Park Farm, Keevil BA14 6NH. 01380 828132  
Cat Sanctuary at Keevil run by Lorraine Spencer

## **BULKINGTON 100+ CLUB**

Bulkington 100+ Club goes from strength to strength. A sudden rush of new members, now totalling 55, means that our prize fund has increased too. The October Draw, made at The Well, therefore had FOUR prizes and the four lucky winners were:



4th Prize: £10 – no. 30 Deryn Stafford

3rd Prize: £20 – no. 26 Jim Elliott

2nd Prize: £30 – no. 47 Liz Futter

1st Prize: £40 – no. 51 Faye Lovell.

Congratulations to all our winners, better luck next time to the rest of us!

Next time will be in early December when we have the Bulkington Grand Christmas Draw, again with four prizes and a top prize of £75.

David Whitely

## **BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

Lately, our little Hall has been quieter than usual. The Ladies Keep Fit have kept fit; Omniart Painters have kept painting; the trains have run to time for the parties and the Band have been making music as ever. So what is missing? Yes, One Voice Community Choir have lost their voices. Lee Ingram took the sad decision to move into Devizes to a new location and new singers. I am not sure how successful the move has been: at the last count the ‘oldies’ out-numbered the new members. At our last Committee Meeting we welcomed a new member, Mr Ian Pendlebery. At our latest meeting, we agreed to let the painter, Mr Grist, go ahead with the re-decorating of the Hall. This is the finishing touch to the refurbishment, made possible by the award from the **Area Board**. We’ve had a fair few **Birthday Parties** with train rides included, the latest being young Isambard (yes, his Dad is an engineer!) Pickford celebrating his Fourth Birthday in style.

On Fridays 10-11.30am, in the Devizes Scout Hall (opp. Fire Station), Billy Andrews holds a **Tai Chi class**. He includes **Qigong exercises**, but overall we do the **Short Form of Tai Chi**. I find it very beneficial and would like to spread the word to anyone interested in this unique form of gentle exercise for all ages. For details either ring me on 828925 or Billy on 07940181442.

Angela Read, Chairman.

## **BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP**

Over the summer, the ladies group have enjoyed a barge trip along the canal with a fish and chip supper, and a very interesting talk by Daphne Atkinson about her mother’s experiences as a junior house maid at a large residence in Suffolk during the 1930s.

Our October meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> is in-house entertainment with a quiz kindly organized by Marion. There will be the usual refreshments and raffle.

On November 26<sup>th</sup> we will be entertained by “The Dips”, a section of the Serendipity Handbell Ringers. You will be surprised by their gentle and melodic sound. This is a

wide open meeting so please bring your friends and neighbours. (No need to be ladies, gentlemen very welcome!) Please bring a small donation towards costs as usual. There will be cheese and wine, and a raffle.

Liz Futter 828485

Angela Read 828925

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## SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

### SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS



AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

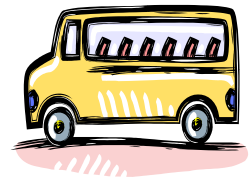
*www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111*

**Annual meeting** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November upstairs at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Please see ‘Happenings!’ enclosed in this issue for details of Community Centre events past, present and future – and do support the events described at the beginning of this magazine.

### SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

Please remember the Seend Shuttle bus A.G.M. is at 7.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of November upstairs in the Community Centre. Everyone is very welcome.



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.

### Wednesday Shopping Trip to Salisbury

Anyone wishing to go on the Shuttle’s November trip on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, please ring Rex or Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 by Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

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### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This month we publish another poem written by pupils of the 2014 Sycamore Class at Seend School. This one is called **Will I make it through this day** and was written by **Fred Roast**.



- 1     Sitting in the trench I wait for the signal  
       Trying to gather courage  
       A large gulp of rum to steady my nerves  
       Will I make it through this day?
- 2     “Right lads five minutes before we move,”  
       Heart racing  
       Blood curdling sounds surround me,  
       Will I make it through this day?
- 3     “Gas! Gas! Quick boys!”  
       I climb over the wire trembling with fear,  
       I reach the line of death,  
       I didn’t make it through this day.

## **REMEMBRANCE PARADES**

All Members are reminded that the following Parades and Service will take place on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.

**Remembrance Sunday (Sunday 8th November 2015):** 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 Sunday Service with Act of Remembrance at 1100 hrs. Please do your best to attend this service.

**Armistice Day (Wednesday 11th November 2015):** The usual Act of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial at 1100hrs on Wednesday 11th November 2015. ALL (whether members of the RBL or not) are welcome to attend and are requested to muster at the War Memorial by 1050hrs.

## **BIG BAND CONCERT**

This was a resounding success with over 100 people attending and a profit (donated to the Royal British Legion) of £1,392.55. Thanks are extended to all who helped before, during and after the event with setting up, catering, raffle prizes, donations and clearing up.

Roger Brind

## **POPPY APPEAL**

You will find an envelope inside this magazine. Please give generously and complete the information needed for Gift Aid. Collectors will call round between now and November 11<sup>th</sup>. In the appeal year just ended, we raised a total of £2456.46.

Thank you.

Kevin Toft

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## **SEEND WI**

In October we held our Birthday Quiz led by the very popular Michael Gamble. This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening! The Pavilion was filled to overflowing with members and their guests, the Quiz was entertaining and the refreshments delicious! Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a lovely event.



On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November we will be hearing about the history of The Wiltshire Scrapstore and having a go at making our own cards using 'iris folding'. Do come and join for what promises to be a fun evening.

The next Craft afternoon is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't need to be a member of the WI to take part.

Our meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise notified. For more information please contact Gill Acornley on 01225 707218 or check [www.seendwi.weebly.com](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com)



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## **WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 7.45pm in the Pavilion:  
Peter Chicken from Chippenham, talking on Hydroponics

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## **SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

Our October meeting featured a talk from Rob Bryant of Bill and Ben's Hydroworld - I kid you not! Rob gave us a highly illuminating and detailed insight into the world of Hydroponics. Some of it was quite technical for us die hard stick-in-the-muds who just like to pop things in the soil and wait for them to come up, or not, but when he revealed that the Hanging Gardens of Babylon used an early form of Hydroponics we started to understand. Hydroponics is basically growing plants without soil and has the benefits of needing much less land - about one fifth for a comparable crop - uses less water, causes less soil erosion, needs fewer pesticides, is suitable for growing all types of plant and can happen just about anywhere, even in space! Bill and Ben's Hydroworld are based in Chippenham and sell lots of different makes of plant nutrients, for all their differing needs throughout their life. Believe me - it was most enlightening! A whole new world which most of us knew little or nothing about.

This month's competition - An Autumnal Flower Arrangement - was won by Pauline Shea-Simonds.

Our November meeting - **Tuesday, 10th November, at 7.30 in the Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane, as usual** - features a talk, no doubt thoroughly illustrated, by **Robert Harvey**, on the subject of **Wild Flower Photography**, and the competition is **A Photograph of Flowers**.

If you still haven't come along to join us, and I can't imagine why not, do come along - the tea and biscuits are fantastic.

Tim



## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

Our thanks to Bob and Brenda Jones for organising the walk on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September**, when 19 members walked a distance of approximately six miles, commencing near Clench Hill, over bridle paths, lanes, fields and woodland in beautiful sunshine and experiencing wonderful panoramic views in the Pewsey Vale area.

### **The weekend at Ralegh's Cross, Brendon Hill in the Quantocks 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October.**

25 ramblers completed seven miles, commencing behind the Buttercross in Dunster, to climb Ellicombe Hill by woodland paths. From the top, marvellous views could be seen over the English Channel. After dropping down into Alcombe village we invaded the local pub for a loo stop and coffee! Fully revived, we crossed the busy A39 into Minehead, then the West Somerset Railway line to witness the passing of two steam locomotives. At Minehead, we picnicked in beautiful sunshine on the Strand. From here we continued our walk along the seafront. Calling in at yet another station 'Halt' before completing our walk alongside the riverbank into Dunster. A truly fantastic day! Thanks to Wendy, Reg, Tim and Sandy for all their hard work.

In contrast, the weather for Sunday's 3½ mile walk was a little overcast, but dry. Starting from Kennisham Plantation on woodland paths, through the forest and

crossing into open countryside, skirting Lype Hill towards Luxborough and back through Colyhill Wood and the car park. Thanks a lot, Gerald.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – leaders Tim and Sandy James. Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. The walk starts at 9.45am from the Wharf car park in Devizes (which will be free on Sundays, I think!) A flat, four-mile walk along the canal towpath, road and back via Quakers' Walk. There's a café at the Wharf for the finish.

**Social Evening – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November** 7.30pm for 8pm start in the Irene Usher Hall. Speaker: Mike Chipperfield (ex-Metropolitan Police) with a talk entitled 'Big Feet, Tall Hat'. Entrance £2.50. There will be a raffle and please bring a plate of food for a shared supper. Anyone welcome to join us.

Lin Salter - 01225 706451



## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

Autumn is definitely in the air: the children have started collecting conkers and fallen leaves, and we've been blessed with some lovely autumnal weather too.

The children in Holly Class have all settled in extremely well and all have buddies in Year 5 who they spend time with on a Friday afternoon.

Oak Class were visited by Caroline Harmer from the Wiltshire Global Education Centre recently who bought lots of Gambian artefacts for the children to handle and draw. This supported their learning on Africa.

Chestnut Class will be visiting the Roman Bath next term to support their learning about the Romans. They'll be taking part in a self-guided tour of the baths, as well as taking part in a workshop.

Sycamore Class recently visited Lacock Abbey to support their learning on The Tudors. They learnt about the life of William Sharington, and looked closely at the house and gardens.

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrated our Harvest Festival in Church. Children shared their harvest pictures and models, poems and prayers, and lots of food was collected for *Melksham* Food Bank.

On November 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a Careers' Day at school. This is the time to be imaginative so children will be coming dressed as builders, doctors, soldiers, police officers, scientists, chefs etc. Some of our parents have already offered to come to school to do a short session on what their job entails. If there is anyone else in the village who can talk about their job, the skills they need, the importance of education and the need to persevere within their work, then please get in touch.

Nicola Coleman, Deputy Headteacher

*(Don't forget the 60s Night in the Community Centre raising funds for the school on 14<sup>th</sup> November. Ed.)*





### **How are we spending your money?**

We are delighted to report that progress is being made with the Holly Class covered play area: planning permission has been granted, several parents have offered their labour during the weekends free of charge, Wiltshire Fencing & Landscaping are providing the wood at cost, and FoSS will be spending just over £1000 to cover all expenses involved. We hope it will be built before the worst of the winter weather arrives.

On a smaller scale, we have also bought new musical and percussion instruments for the School at a cost of £200 and are funding a Roman Jewellery workshop in Chestnut Class.

**School Disco:** We have just had our Autumn Disco for the children at School and what a great success it was! 94 children danced the night away to a play list put together from their own requests, and we raised some £200. As ever, a HUGE thanks to Paul Bown who took on the role of DJ for the night, and to all the parents who helped run the event.

**Christmas Fayre – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sonja.nichols@sky.com)).

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

Thank you, Mel Steel & Victoria Bowes

### **Seend Playgroup News**

This term we have welcomed 9 new children to our playgroup. They have all settled extremely well. The children have enjoyed picking blackberries in the lane and making crumbles. Last week we went on a walk to Love Lane to find conkers and interesting leaves. We had a picnic of wraps that the children had made, and enjoyed running down and up the hill and watching a tractor which was very exciting!

We had very good weather for our Grandparents' Week, and the Friday Coffee Morning was well attended. The children had potted up some pansies to give to their grandparents, and there was a lovely choice of delicious homemade cakes to enjoy with their coffee. In fact we have been very lucky with the weather this term and have managed to play outside most days. Please can parents remember to send their children with named coat and wellies, so we can continue to enjoy outside play.

Tempest Photography are visiting on Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> November to take individual photos of the children. Everyone is welcome to come from 8.45 am to have their child and siblings photographed, even if it is not their usual day to attend. This is the first day back after half term so I hope it is on your calendar.

Have a safe Bonfire Night, and take care of your pets.

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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015** was attended by 10 Councillors with Mr J Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Cllr J Seed.

**Vacancy for Councillor** – Wiltshire Council had been advised of the vacancy, and notices had been posted. An email had been received from Wiltshire Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, to advise that no election has been requested, and the PC can go ahead with co-option. It was agreed that, to allow time for the vacancy to be advertised in *Spotlight*, the vacancy would be filled at the 24<sup>th</sup> November PC meeting.

**Canal bridge, Seend Cleeve** – An email had been received from Paul Kelly, Senior Project Manager, Canal & River Trust, Gloucester, with details of the proposed road/footpath closures and signage to be put in place. Councillors noted that the signage appeared to indicate that traffic would not be allowed to exit onto the A361 from Seend Cleeve at The Stocks, and this was not what had been agreed. The Clerk to contact Mr Kelly to point out the impracticality of the proposal, and that traffic must be allowed to both enter and exit Seend Cleeve at this junction. Also to reiterate that the layby on the A361 to the west of the junction should be partially coned off, to restrict parking at the junction. Mrs A'Bear said that she had been asked about the possibility of a convex mirror being placed at the junction, however, it is known that Highways does not approve of mirrors at junctions.

**Winter Snow Preparations** – Cllr Seed had emailed to advise that he had spoken with the Area Highways Manager. Highways will look over and agree routes to be gritted with the operator engaged by the PC. Highways will supply the grit and alert the operator by text when the weather will require gritted roads. Payment for the operator is a PC responsibility. The estimated number of turnouts is up to 40 per year. The Clerk to contact Bulkington PC to ask for their proposed route. Mr Wiltshire to supply a route for Seend and likely costs, and also check insurance cover.

**Recording votes for co-option** – The Clerk had contacted the SLCC to obtain information, and had been advised that there is a strong argument for transparency, and voting for a co-option should be recorded, as with other resolutions.

**Telephone box in Seend Cleeve** – The Clerk had received a response from Mrs Kate Honeybone, Chapel Cottage, Seend Cleeve, offering her family's services to refurbish the phone box. The Clerk had passed some information to Mrs Honeybone.

**High Street crossing** – The Clerk had now received a response from the PCC and Mr Clark. The PCC are in favour of a crossing, and also asked about installing a convex mirror on the north side of the High Street, opposite the end of Church Walk. Mr Clark had indicated his agreement, subject to his approval of any decision made. The Clerk to now contact Highways as any proposal would have to go through the CATG.

**Parking, Spout Lane** – Mark Evans, C&RT, had indicated his agreement to attend the October meeting of the PC.

**Allotments** – The Clerk had visited the allotments. There are currently two empty plots. One is fairly small, overgrown and not well placed; the other plots are well

used and in good order. The hedge along Bollands Hill has been trimmed back, but the allotment holders would like the height of the hedge bordering the A361 to be lowered, and the inside of the hedges to be trimmed back. There was also a request for a communal compost site. It was suggested the small unused plot at the top of the site would be suitable; Councillors agreed to this. The water supply was working well. Allotment holders were also collecting water to recycle, which kept water usage lower. The Clerk to ask Jamie Hiscocks to undertake the hedge trimming.

### **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Mrs A'Bear asked whether Councillors supported a Neighbourhood Plan or Parish Plan, and explained the difference between the two. A Rural Housing Needs Survey should be undertaken, this could cost up to £750 if posted, but costs could be kept to a minimum by circulating the survey by hand or with *Spotlight*, and then collecting by volunteers. It was agreed that there should be some forward planning in terms of possible costs, and concerns expressed about the cost of funding the plan. Mrs A'Bear pointed out that the PC can obtain grants towards the cost of the plan, but it will also need a commitment for funding from the PC. Mr Murch suggested that the costs would be in the region of £4,000 over 3 years. Mrs A'Bear suggested that it would be best to wait until the report of the consultation was available next month.

### **Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan**

Mrs A'Bear and Mr Murch had attended a meeting at County Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. They explained that Melksham is expected to build a further 661 houses between 2006 and 2026 (although this is probably an underestimate); 51 new houses have to be in 5 surrounding villages (approx 10 per village). The housing density is set at 30 dwellings per hectare; the two SHLAAS suggested for Seend could provide 72 dwellings in site 1081 behind The Lye, and 31 in site 3204 off School Road. The consultation form must be returned by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. It was agreed that the response should indicate that site 1081 did not have the approval of villagers during the recent Neighbourhood Plan consultation, also it would affect visual amenity and the access was poor. Site 3204 was currently well screened by mature trees, and the access was better, although the density of 31 dwellings was felt to be too high. The PC would actively look at possible infill sites in the Neighbourhood Plan.

### **Community Governance Review**

Email received from Wiltshire Council, outlining possible proposed change in parish boundary to move part of the boundary with Seend in a southerly direction to meet the Kennet and Avon canal. This would mean that the path between Locking Close and the canal would become part of the Melksham Without parish. No residential properties appear to be affected by this proposal. Councillors discussed this proposal but were not in agreement with it. The Clerk to advise Wiltshire Council.

### **Freight Requests**

Email received from Emma Painter, Transport Planning Technician at Wilts Council. This relates to requests for weight limits and restrictions on freight movement on the public highway. In Seend, the requests that are assessed as part of the FAPM are: Bollands Hill, Seend and A365 Bowerhill/Seend Fork. It was unclear how this related to the two routes. The Clerk to obtain further information.

## Planning Matters

Application No: 15/08291/FUL          Manor Cottage, High Street  
Proposed conversion of existing outbuilding into ancillary accommodation  
Unanimous to approve.

Application No: 15/08778/TCA          Wisteria Cottage, High Street  
Eucalyptus tree – fell  
Unanimous to approve.

Application No: 15/09056/FUL          Seend C of E Primary School, School Road  
Rear extension to provide servery area for UIFSM, hall storage and classroom extension  
Unanimous to approve.

Application No: 15/09192/FUL          68 Pelch Lane  
Removal of existing overgrown Leylandii hedge and replace with new 1800mm high Cotswold stone wall with cock and hen detailing  
Unanimous to approve.

Email from Worton Parish Council regarding measures to make the C20 road safer. This included a list of 15 proposals. These were discussed by the Councillors. They did not agree with following:

- Item 6          Remove central white lining along the length of the C20 – it was felt the central line was an important safety measure
- Item 8          Double white lines from first turn signage to west side of junction
- Item 10        Double white lines from just west of Seend Bridge to Bell Hill crossroads
- Item 12        Double white lines from Bell Inn to first farm entrance on the right  
Councillors did not agree that installing double white lines would assist matters, on the contrary, they felt it would increase traffic speed once motorists emerged from the area
- Item 13        30 mph signs at Bell Hill junction – it was felt these should be taken further down the hill

**Spout Lane, street light** –the street light near the old forge cottage needs repairing.

**Posts by the green in The Lye** – damage to be reported to Aster Management.

**Community Speedwatch statistics** – these showed that on average 3-4% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit in the High Street.

**Accidents on C20 junction with Inmarsh** – following a series of accidents, the road surface has now been water-jetted, and there is now 60% more friction.

### **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meetings are Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 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](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL - NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY**

Notice is hereby given that by reason of the resignation of Darren Nichols, a vacancy has occurred among the members of the Parish Council. Any person willing to fill this vacancy should apply to the Clerk in writing on or before the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The applicant's name must appear on the current register of the Voters List, or the applicant should during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date have resided in or within three miles of the parish or the applicant's only place of work during the whole of the twelve months preceding the relevant date is in the parish. The applicant must not be debarred from standing as a Councillor. PUBLIC elections cannot be held until the year 2018 but for the interim period the present sitting Councillors may co-opt to fill the vacancy.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk  
12 The Stocks, Seend Cleeve, MELKSHAM, Wiltshire SN12 6PH

## **Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed**

My local work as your Councillor often comes together with my wider county focussed work as the Cabinet Member for Housing, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. This has happened recently within my housing portfolio. There are huge changes to affordable housing provision being made by the impending Housing Bill. Wiltshire residents are at the forefront of the Help to Buy scheme, which is aimed at giving practical help to those who aspire to home ownership but thought that they could not afford it. More residents have taken advantage of the Help to Buy scheme in Wiltshire than in any other county. Wider Right to Buy options and different affordable housing options emerge from the Housing Bill.

Many villages are looking at bringing forward small local housing developments to enable controlled expansion of their village housing and to provide more local homes for local people. In Semington a development of 24 mixed use houses has been worked up between Hannick Homes and the community of Semington on land south of St Georges, including the long awaited provision of allotments for community use. This development has a great deal of community support because the developers have extensively consulted in public at all stages with Semington Parish Council. There will also be several affordable houses for locals to purchase within this development.

This type of housing opportunity is available to all of our villages. I would urge community leaders to engage in this process and to really help to deliver more local affordable houses for local people.

Jonathon Seed, Tel. 01380 850696, Mob: 07770 774463 [www.jonathonseed.com](http://www.jonathonseed.com)

## **SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES**

### **Cricket. Captain John Wiltshire.**

One of the cricketing high points of the season was winning the Melksham and Beanacre 20-20 competition and bringing the Bob Dolman trophy back to the village, the team having last won this tournament in 2013.



The club is always on the lookout for new members, whatever their age or ability, so if you are one who thrills to the sound of leather on willow then please contact Chairman Brian Hunt on 01380 828581 or Captain John Wiltshire on 07791 144248. They want to hear from you. The end-of-season presentation evening is 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**Ornithology : chief twitchers Tony Murch and Andy Waylen.**

Despite being a relatively quiet few months down in the reed beds there has been some activity, albeit that the same can sometimes only be spotted by the trained and alert eye. Fortunately Seend has experienced twitchers on hand who have reported sightings of the Grey Wagtail in the early morning mists plus more of the Red Kites, photographed by Tony, drifting over the field on the northern side of the ridge with Andy cutting the field below them. Recently, with the wires heaving under the weight of migrating flocks I thought that I caught sight of the Red-Breasted Flycatcher to add to my year lists, or perhaps I was mistaken.

**Tennis: Chair Elaine Davis.**

With the summer competitions at an end for this year, the tennis club has one mixed doubles team playing in the Chippenham and District winter league. They have eight matches to play which will take them until well into the new year.

The team of Susie, David, John and Karen won their first match against Melksham last week by 6 sets to 2. The next opponents are Frome.

Practice mornings continue to take place on the village courts each Sunday morning when all are welcome.

**Short Mat Bowls : Life President Colin "Cepp" Waldeck.**

Surprisingly there have indeed been a few matches of late, not of course without incident. Our octagenarian life president, who some have had the temerity to suggest has clung onto office with a tenacity that would bring a blush to a limpet, tells me that the boys fought their way to victory, well anyway a draw, against Melksham on 20th October in their first winter league fixture. The result a splendid 4-4.

It is a credit to the spirit of the boys that even as autumn mists swirl they can still carve their way across the fields to the beacon that is the Community Centre bar and, once refreshed, summon the energy to take on all comers.

In the meantime I am assured that extradition attempts will be fought tooth and nail. All donations to the fighting fund will be gratefully received. For technical reasons our leader tells me that he would prefer contributions to be channelled through his Lagos account, full details of which should be on the Crimewatch website.

**Skittles : C team captain and match reporter, Josh Hamblin.**

Spirits are high in the camp with the last three matches producing one win and two defeats. They are looking for enthusiastic new members. If you are interested in joining the team contact Josh on 07771361613. He is waiting for your call.

**Butcombe British Skittle Finals:** A team primarily from Seend and led by John Wiltshire recently attended the finals in Torquay having won the competition in 2014.

Unfortunately they could not repeat that form again this year but nevertheless congratulations to them all for their tremendous efforts.

Please send sports news for our next issue to the hide on the ridge by 14th November.

Frankie Goddard, 01380 828488

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## **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.

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## **BITS AND BOBS**



In support of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

### **PURPLE FISH**

An evening of Classic Rock featuring

### **DARK SIDE OF THE MOON**

The Assembly Hall, Melksham

**Saturday 7th November 7.30pm**

Tickets: £15 from The Assembly Hall and

Tourist Information Centre, Melksham

[www.purplefishband.net](http://www.purplefishband.net)

**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](mailto: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.

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## **PENSION SCAMS**

Over 55s are being repeatedly contacted with cold-calls and emails offering fraudulent pension opportunities, warns Citizens Advice. Albert Ball, Project Manager at Wiltshire Citizens Advice Pension Wise said:

“Pension scams threaten people’s financial security. Scammers are finding new ways to go after people’s pension pots including offering free pension reviews and promising to invest funds that don’t necessarily exist. If you’ve had an offer or signed

up to a pension scheme you're unsure about, I urge you to contact your local Citizens Advice where our staff can offer free help and support."

Citizens Advice offers Pension Wise guidance where people aged over 50 can access free face-to-face guidance sessions. To book an appointment call 01722 580052.

How to avoid being scammed

- Never be rushed into making a decision
- Check if the company contacting you is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). If you are unsure, contact The Pensions Advisory Service on 0300 123 1047 or contact Citizens Advice on 03454 04 05 06
- Look at the FCA's Scamsmart warning list, which gives the names of investment schemes that are known scams. [www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart](http://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart)
- If you have accepted an offer you think is a scam, report it to Action Fraud  
*For further information on pension scams, visit [pensionwise.gov.uk](http://pensionwise.gov.uk)*



### Advent Concert

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:music@edingtonarts.org). Full programme information at [www.edingtonarts.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.bowood.org) for further details and advanced ticket sales.

Supporting The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust, Charity No 1153790







**The fifth CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR  
in aid of The Soldiers' Charity  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> 10am to 3pm  
MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL**

**Local handmade crafts including:**

Toys, Paintings, Cards & Stationery, Knitwear, Bags, Bee products, Cakes & Jams, Confectionery, Jewellery, Christmas decorations and lots more!

**Free Entry - Donations to The Soldiers' Charity**

**Coffee and cakes! Tombola!**

To book a stall, please contact Sue Bonney on 01380 812757

or email: [thebonneys@waitrose.com](mailto:thebonneys@waitrose.com)



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**Autumn Concert**

*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 p.m. Memorial Hall*

**Featuring:** Rutter's Requiem; Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture; Jazz items from the Dance Band; Performances from our choirs and concert bands.

*All are welcome, admission is free, though there will be a retiring collection for the school's chosen charity of the year.*

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**Getting Ready for Winter – Stay Warm, Stay Healthy**

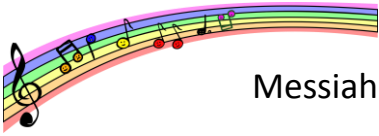
As we get older our bodies can find it harder to cope with the cold, but by being prepared, we can stay **warm and healthy this winter**. Here are a few things to consider, and information about where you can find sources of help.



- If you are over 65 you are entitled to a free flu jab. GP surgeries hold flu clinics at this time of year, so make sure you have booked in.
- Ideally your living areas should be 18-21 degrees C during the day. Try to heat your bedroom before you go to bed. I have a supply of free room thermometers, so please contact me if you would like one.
- Try to keep moving if you can as this generates heat. Wear several thin layers of clothing rather than one thick one. Eating at least one hot meal a day and having plenty of warm drinks will help keep your body temperature up.
- You can request your pharmacy to deliver your regular medication if you can't get out, or call your local Link scheme who may be able to collect it for you.
- Getting out and socialising helps us to feel happier and healthier. Many groups and activities run during the day and if you do not have a means of getting there, the Link may be able to help you. I can give you information about social groups and activities running in your area.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide any more information on getting ready for winter or any other issue affecting older people in our villages.

Lise Griffiths 07541 353430 or email [melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk)



**Melksham Choral Society** will be performing Handel's Messiah in the United Reform Church, Melksham on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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**.

### **EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP**

The Melksham Area Board will be hosting an **Emergency Planning Workshop for local towns and parishes on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:rhys.schell@wiltshire.gov.uk) or 01225716752.

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### **FREE Training and support for Adult Volunteers to help with Children and Youth Work Saturday 5th December 2015**

This is a FREE training day to help support and encourage volunteers to understand the values of youth work, deal with challenging behaviors and safeguarding. It helps as an introduction to those who may like to explore helping and as a refresher for those who have been doing it for years.

As rural youth workers for Wiltshire YFC we have run "The Accompanying Project" in schools, church services and projects such as Drop In Café, games nights, football matches, Holiday Clubs, Movie Nights and trips. The sessions have been attended by many local children and staffed by volunteers from the local area who have a heart for the young people of their village and want to make a real difference in their lives.

The area is full of young people who need something to do, people to talk to and a place where they can be encouraged, supported in a fun and engaging environment and given hope for a brighter future. This training day enables anyone to look at why and how we can do youth work in our communities. If this vital support for our children and teenagers is to continue, we need more adult volunteers. You can make a difference...

For more information and to sign up for this free training day (lunch is provided) or details on how to support children and youth projects, contact Steve Dewar on 07930 982520, email [steve@wiltshireyfc.org.uk](mailto:steve@wiltshireyfc.org.uk) or visit [www.wiltshireyfc.org.uk](http://www.wiltshireyfc.org.uk)

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### **And finally:**

'Discretion is the polite word for hypocrisy'. *Attributed to Christine Keeler.*

**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](mailto:jamiestreeter@hotmail.co.uk)

**Seend Community Centre/Club** - 828796 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: 07703 814111.

Website: [www.seendcommunitycentre.com](http://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](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Seend's Wiltshire Councillor** - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 [jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Seend Website:** [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) - Neil Yockney 827139. **Seend School** - 828334

**Bulkington Website:** [www.bulkington.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk)

**MEP** - Graham Watson 01458 252265. **Melksham Area Board** – 07917 721371.

**100+Club Draw** – Karen & Steve Cubberley – [steven@cubberley.com](mailto:steven@cubberley.com) - tel: 828423

**Acoustic Club** - Malcolm Shipp 07702 967150 - [www.seendacoustic.org](http://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](http://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](http://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

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Sat	8.30 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
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\* note early closing