

# *SPOTLIGHT*

*Seend & Bulkington*



*October 2009*

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

- 25th Macmillan coffee morning/Phoenix card sale from 9am, 92 Seend Cleeve
- 27th Harvest festival: 11.15am Holy Cross,
- 28th Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve;  
10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 29th Public meeting about weight restrictions on A361, 7pm Community Centre -  
followed by Parish Council Meeting

## DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 4th Harvest Service, 9.15am Bulkington
- 5th WEA classes start - 7.30pm upstairs in Community Centre
- 6th First Steps parent and toddler service, 2.15pm Holy Cross Church
- 6h Harvest Supper, 7pm Bulkington Village Hall
- 7th First Wednesday Shuttle shopping trip. Phone Terry on 828203 by Monday  
to book
- 7th WI Birthday party, Community Centre
- 10th Jumble Sale for Bulkington Playing Field, 10am-Noon in the Pavilion
- 12th Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve;  
10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 13th Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, 12 for 12.30pm Community Centre
- 14th Pampered Chef Cooking Show, 7.30pm School Hall
- 16th-18th Ramblers' weekend in Forest of Dean
- 17th DEADLINE FOR ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT
- 25th Ron Westacott Memorial Walk, 10.30am Rusty Lane
- 26th Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve;  
10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 28th British Legion Poppy Appeal begins
- 29th British Legion AGM, 8pm Community Centre
- 31st Dance for Dorothy House, 8pm Community Centre

## DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 7th Wine and Food Fair, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 8th Remembrance Sunday
- 9th Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve;  
10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 14th Craft Fair, 10.30-3.30 in the Pavilion
- 20th Ramblers' social evening, 7.30 for 8pm in the Pavilion
- 22nd Ramblers meet 9.30am Rusty Lane
- 23rd Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve;  
10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 27th School Christmas Fayre
- 28th WI Good as New Sale

### 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.

And visit [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) for village history, Shuttle timetables, What's On, useful links and back numbers of Spotlight and Happenings!

## *Welcome to the October 2009 issue*



For most of us, the last of the fruit and veg harvest is in, holidays are over, and we're preparing to head indoors to batten down the hatches for the autumn and winter! We can't even tempt you outdoors for a local ramble, as the Ramblers are off for a weekend away in the Forest of Dean.

If you read this in time, you'll see that there's a **public meeting in the Community Centre** at 7pm on Tuesday 29th September to discuss the appropriateness of putting a weight restriction on the A361. Further details are in the Parish Council report near the end of this magazine.

The enclosed list of Wiltshire Council contacts will help you to keep informed about other local issues.

The month of October offers a number of delights. There's a 'Nosh and Natter' lunch in the Community Centre on 13th, a jumble sale in the Pavilion on 10th, and a Hallowe'en Dance in aid of Dorothy House at the Community Centre on, of course, the 31st. The WI are celebrating their 90th birthday with a party on the 7th, and Seend School Parent Social Club are holding a Pampered Chef cookery evening on the 14th. WEA classes start again on 5th October for eight Mondays. Details of these events can be found within these pages.

Last but not least, we shall be inaugurating the Ron Westacott Memorial Walk on Sunday 25th October, starting at 10.30am in Rusty Lane. All welcome.

### **Spotlight distributor(s) wanted for the Lye and Cooks Close**

Can you spare a while each month to deliver Spotlight to your neighbours? If so, please ring Tina or Joanna on the numbers below. Thanks!

### **The Spotlight Contacts**

Contributions for the **November issue** (*copy deadline 17th October*) can be e-mailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) or delivered to Seend Post Office or, for Bulkington contributions, to Jo Bell at 1 Northfields, Bulkington (e-mail to [trevor@bell8490.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:trevor@bell8490.freeserve.co.uk)). Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

**Emails disappearing into the ether:** All too often, an email to Spotlight goes 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 on 828617 to check if all is well. And please read the following:

**N.B.** Would those 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 quite often include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT, maybe even your important message!

## EVENTS IN OCTOBER



**Nosh and Natter Lunch Club**  
in Seend Community Centre  
12 for 12.30pm on Tuesday, 13th October  
All ages welcome

Please ring 01380 828540 by 10th October to book as John and Lilian really need to know numbers. And please also let them know if you then find you can't make it after all. Thanks.

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### Jumble Sale 10<sup>th</sup> October

10am to 12am  
Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion  
Plenty of kids clothes/equipment/toys/books etc  
Tea, coffee and cakes available



All proceeds go to improving the Bulkington Playing Field  
Come and have a rummage, you never know what you may find and your entry is free.

If you have any jumble to donate please call Jacqui Hart on 07944479178

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### **Hallowe'en Dance**

in aid of Dorothy House  
in Seend Community Centre  
**Saturday 31st October**  
**8 till late!**

**Dancing to Sticks Rock Band**  
50s, 60s and 70s classics  
**Fancy dress optional!**

**Tickets £10 (including supper)**  
from Geoff (01380 828603) or Ray (01225 708811)

## EVENTS IN NOVEMBER



### Wine and Food Fair

Seend Community Centre

Saturday 7th November 7.30-10.30pm

Lots of wines to taste and buy

Stalls of local food producers and suppliers

Raffle - live music

Tickets £7 including supper and 6 wine tastings

Available from mid-October from Seend Community Centre,  
or phone 828617

## CRAFT FAIR



on

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

10:30am to 3:30pm

The Pavilion, Rusty lane,  
Seend

Refreshments: Soup,  
Ploughmans Lunch  
available



Entry £1 (includes free  
raffle ticket)

In aid of Church Funds

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Having only just seen the May and June Spotlight editions which were kindly forwarded to me I have only just become aware of the plans for the walk in my dear Dad's memory. It is hard to convey how touched I was to hear about this gesture and I look forward to undertaking this walk one day with the family. My most sincere thanks to all those involved.

Stephen Westacott

*(The **Ron Westacott Memorial Walk** is being signposted and a leaflet prepared ready for an inaugural walk on 25th October, starting at 10.30am in Rusty Lane. Everybody is welcome. Watch out for posters. Ed.)*

Sincere thanks to all of you who have helped us to meet the printing costs of '**Spotlight**' by handing in contributions in the envelopes distributed with the previous edition . So far we've reached £850 - and still counting!.

Thanks to all who worked hard to make the **Art Exhibition** on 12th September such a lovely day - and thanks to all who supported it. We raised £653.12 for Christ Church, Bulkington - a wonderful result!

Maureen Allchin

### **Bookings for the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion**

Would all users of the Pavilion please ensure that they always inform Richard Walker at the shop/PO if they wish to confirm a provisional booking or if they have to cancel a booking. Thank you.

### **HELP!**

Urgently needed – a **treasurer for the Lye Field Committee**. Mike Bryan is retiring after ten years of dedicated commitment.

If you have a financial background and are interested, please ring the secretary, Dave Sawyer, on 01380 828583, or to find out more about what the post entails please ring Mike on 828235. Thank you.

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### **SEEND FETE 2009**

As Chairman of the Lye Field Committee, I would like to thank all the good-hearted villagers and those from beyond the Parish for the unstinting efforts they put in to make this year's Fete the best ever. I am delighted by the result and I know I speak for all the committee when I say what a wonderful demonstration of community effort it was, and shows that social cohesion is not dead in this part of the world.



I must pick out for extra praise those who serve on the Fete Committee and make a point of saying this was, for the majority of members, their first shot at putting on the Fete. It is a momentous task for these individuals, who give up their free time for no reward other than a willingness to help others. They are a fine example to us all.

Again, my thanks and felicitations to all those who contributed time and skill to make the event an enjoyable day out for all those who attended the Fete and, of course, the mysterious forces that blessed us with a glorious day of sunshine.

Philip Proven  
Chairman, Lye Field Committee.

### **SEEND FLOWER SHOW**

What a wonderful day we had for the Flower Show and Fete. On behalf of the hard working Flower Show committee...a great big 'Thank you' to all of the exhibitors and visitors who made the Show such a delightful and colourful spectacle.



The exhibits from the Seend School, particularly the Collages and the framed digital blown up photographs, posed a major headache for the Judges as so many of them were of an exceptionally high standard. For the first time this year there was a range of entries from the Playgroup and they demonstrated the potential artistic talent of those early and formative years.

The magnificent entries from Mrs Susan Symons not only won her the Seend Horse Show Cup for gaining the most points of all the exhibits in the Show but also the R.H.S Grenfell Medal. Well done and thanks for the pleasure that your entries gave to the Judges and the visitors. What a standard you have set us! For the first time this year there was the award of the W.I. Salver for the best single exhibit by a villager. This was a most popular win for Mr. Charlie Mayell for a superb tray of mixed vegetables. The Cup for the Floral Art Section, where this year the competition was very fierce, was won by Mrs Helen Waylen. The Home Produce section was very well supported and the Cup for the most points was won by Mrs Barbara Hale. The Childrens' Sections, the Photography and the Handicrafts sections were all very well supported and much admired.

Some 650 entries contributed to this special Diamond Anniversary Show, a true feature in the history of Seend Village and an occasion from which Sponsors, Exhibitors and organisers can take real pride.

And so now we look forward to next year...to possibly a still bigger, better and even more enjoyable Show. What a target to set ourselves but with your continued support we can achieve it!

Peter Fisher.  
President Seend Flower Show

# **CHURCH NEWS**

## **WWW. (Wardens waiting willingly)**

Well, the waiting is nearly over!

Our new house for duty Priest in Charge Rev Renée Coulson will be moving in to the Rectory later this month in preparation for her licensing and installation service at 7.30 pm on Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, to which everybody is invited, followed by a get-together in the Community Centre.

Once Rev Coulson is installed and begins work in the parishes, you will no doubt see her out and about getting to know people. We are looking forward to welcoming her into our communities and working with her as she will no doubt have exciting new ideas.

In the meantime we are very grateful to all the clergy who have helped us so willingly during the interregnum and those booked for the remaining services until Rev Coulson arrives.

Steve, Tina Liz & Anne.

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## **Did you know that last year it cost £1,133 per week, or £162 per day, to run the Church of the Holy Cross?**

The annual cost of £59,000 is raised entirely by donations from the local community. There is NO support from any central body - Government, Church or otherwise.

Please give generously to support YOUR church. As the saying goes, 'use it or lose it'.

**Please contact the Churchwardens, Steve Taylor or Tina Yockney, or the Treasurer, Neil Yockney.**

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## **CRAFT FAIR 14th November 10.30-3.30, Pavilion, Seend**

If you would like to be a stall holder at this event please contact Tina Yockney for further details on 01380 827139 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Forthcoming event:

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ** Wednesday 2nd December 7pm start  
in the Pavilion Seend. Make a note in your diaries.

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## **CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2009**

<b>Oct 4th</b>	8.00 am Holy Communion at <b>Seend</b>	<i>tbc</i>
	9.30 am Family service at <b>Bulkington</b>	<i>Rev Maureen Allchin</i>
	11.15 am Parish Eucharist at <b>Seend</b>	<i>Rev Maureen Allchin</i>
	6.00 pm Evensong at <b>Poulshot</b>	<i>Mr Brian James</i>



- Oct 11th** 8.00 am Holy Communion at **Seend** *Rev Francis Chadwick*  
 9.30 am Matins at **Poulshot** *Mr Brian James*  
 11.15 am Parish Eucharist at **Seend** *Rev John Hawthorne*  
 6.00 pm Evensong at **Bulkington** *Mr Brian James*
- Oct 18th** 8.00 am Holy Communion at **Seend** *Rev Francis Chadwick*  
 9.30 am Parish Eucharist at **Bulkington** *tbc*  
 11.15 am Parish Eucharist at **Seend** *Rev Michael Flight*  
 6.00 pm Parish Eucharist at **Poulshot** *Rev Colin Coward*
- Oct 25th** 8.00 am Holy Communion at **Seend** *Rev Julian Harford*  
 9.30 am Family Eucharist at **Poulshot** *Rev Michael Flight*  
 11.15 am Family Eucharist at **Seend** *Rev John Cowburn*  
 6.00 pm Songs of Praise Evensong, **Bulkington** *tbc*
- Nov 1st** 8.00 am Holy Communion at **Seend** *Rev Julian Harford*  
 9.30 am Family Eucharist at **Bulkington** *Rev Maureen Allchin*  
 11.15 am Parish Eucharist at **Seend** *tbc*  
**4.00 pm Benefice All Souls' service, Seend** *Rev Maureen Allchin*  
 6.00 pm Evensong at **Poulshot** *Mr Brian James*



### **First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service**

After a long summer break it was lovely to meet together again and to catch up with everyone's news. At the meeting held in September we said 'goodbye' and lots of love and happiness to two of our friends who have now started 'big school'. As two of our number left us, it was wonderful to welcome two more little ones to our group, and we hope that they too will make lots of new friends and also enjoy our stories and songs about people and things that happened in the Bible.

Our next meeting will be on 6 October 2009 at Holy Cross, Seend, at the usual time of 2.15pm. The theme will be connected with our recently celebrated Harvest Festival. There will be songs, prayers, story and, of course, refreshments. We always welcome new members, from birth to school age. For further information, please contact Jo on 01380 828550.



**The Fun Station**, a monthly club for year 1 - year 6, will meet at a changed date this month - on **Tuesday 13th October** at the Village Hall, still 4.30 - 6 pm. Our theme this time will be Harvest time, when we will playing games and 'making things'.

**Bulkington Harvest Service** will be held in the church at 9.30 am on Sunday 4th October. The **Harvest Supper** will be held on Tuesday 6th October in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm. Tickets are £5 but £2.50 for children under 14. These are available from Liz Futter, 828485 and Anne Saywell, 828931.

## **SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL**

### **FROM ROY...**

What a wonderful time we had for our Safari Service again this year. It was a delight to pilgrimage together around our four places of worship and share the presence of God.

As I write this, Christine and I are preparing to go on a trip up the coast of Norway exploring its unique coastline – its fjords and islands. I am taken back to a trip we made a few years back as part of our sabbatical when we crossed Canada by train. We were overwhelmed by the experience - the endless lakes and trees together with the grandeur of the mountains. There was morning to night beauty for three whole days.

I know that I don't need to go that far to see such beauty. From my study window, I can just glimpse the Wiltshire Downs. If I get in just the right place I can see the White Horse at Cherhill from my bedroom window. The journey along the A4 from Calne towards Marlborough always brings delight.

The Jesuit anthropologist and theologian Teilhard de Chardin said that we become truly human when we acknowledge the need in us to adore. When we gasp in awe at the beauty we have encountered, we are coming alive to God.

Bless you



## **METHODIST SERVICES FOR OCTOBER**

October 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mrs Janet Clark
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	United service at Holy Cross
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mrs White

All welcome.

## **CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS**

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**



#### **Annual General Meeting**

All Members are reminded that the AGM will be held in the Ground Floor Room in the Community Centre on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009, at 2000hrs. Please put this date in your diary and endeavour to attend.

#### **Remembrance Sunday - Warning Order**

The usual parade and service will be held in the Church of the Holy Cross, Seend on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009, followed by a social gathering in the Community Centre.

Please put this date in your diary and let us see if we can increase the good turnout we had last year particularly as this will be the first Sunday with our new Rector.

Further details of this will be published in the November edition of Spotlight.

### **Remembrance Day**

There will be the usual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009, at 11.00am.

All are welcome.

Roger Brind

### **WEA - SEEND BRANCH**

A series of eight illustrated lectures by Dr Allan Phillipson on 'Reading Paintings' starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the upstairs room at Seend Community Centre. We shall explore the links between art and literature and discover the stories behind famous paintings. Dr Phillipson's lectures are always both informative and enjoyable.



The normal fee is £47, but concessions are available. You need only show me the relevant piece of paper, e.g. pension credit letter, and the course is free. There are no forms to fill in.

Pam Church 828597



### **SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

Our coach trip this year was a successful visit to three gardens. The first at Stour Provost in Dorset was a real success. It is about an acre but so densely planted and arranged with flower-beds and groups of pots that 40 of us disappeared into the undergrowth and could be heard but not seen. It is also a nursery and specialises in dahlias, which were magnificent. Quite a lot were sold! We had very welcome coffee and cake and then moved on to Lytes Cary where there was time for a picnic lunch and a visit to the house as well as the garden. Our last visit was to East Lambrook Manor in Somerset where we had tea and wandered round the garden despite the showers. It was crammed full with the cottage garden plants that are now fashionable but were quite unusual when this garden was made. Many thanks to Monica for all the organising, especially when our second garden cancelled and another had to be found.

For the second year running our September speaker cancelled, so a new speaker had to be found at fairly short notice. Luckily Mr Alan Christopher was happy to come and speak to us, his fee going to sponsor the training of a guide dog for the blind, each dog costing an unbelievable amount of money to train and keep.

Mr Christopher started his training as the lowliest member of the team, moved on after his 2 year apprenticeship to achieve further qualifications elsewhere, became a head gardener and eventually ran his own landscaping business, so is very qualified to talk about winding the garden down for the winter. The information he gave us was very useful and too much to repeat, but can be summed up thus. Collect seeds from your plants and sow straight away, keeping the pots in a cold frame if you have one. Plant bulbs now and if planting bulbs for indoors at Christmas make sure you have specially treated ones. Sow sweet peas as they will be stronger than those from later sowings. Sow broad beans and put onions and garlic in. Split large herbaceous plant clumps using 2 back to back forks, re-planting the outside pieces but discarding the centre. Prune rambling and climbing roses but not others. Clean your greenhouse. Pick and store apples and put greasebands round to catch the codling moth. Take cuttings of herbs to grow indoors over winter. Aerate the lawn with a fork and brush lawn sand into the holes. Cover ponds to keep out leaves. Service your mower, clean and check tools and clean garden furniture. Most important check under bonfires for hedgehogs.

If you really manage to do all those jobs you will need the winter to recuperate!  
The winner of the vase of herbs competition was Mary Hardstaff.

Our next speaker, on October 13<sup>th</sup>, is Derry Watkins from Special Plants near Bristol. She is a well-known plantswoman who travels the world collecting hardy herbaceous and tender perennial plants. She will be talking about gravel gardens. Non-members are welcome but there will be a small charge this month. The competition will be a succulent or cacti in a pot.

Sue.



## **SEEND SHUTTLE**

### **First Wednesday Shopping Trip**

As usual, to book your place on the First Wednesday shopping trip on 7<sup>th</sup> October, please ring Terry on 828203 by Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. It's not too early to think about Christmas Shopping in the retail-rich environment of Salisbury!

### **Drivers always required**

We seem to be ever more dependent on a few willing volunteer drivers, so more are always welcome. We think you'll find it a rewarding way to spend some of your spare time. If your licence allows, and you fancy having a go at driving the Shuttle - whether for scheduled or private-hire runs - please ring Pete Wallis on 828757 and he'll arrange a test run for you. It would be very useful if private hirers could find their own drivers and those new drivers should contact Pete for a test run AT LEAST two weeks before the hiring.

Don't forget the **Shuttle timetable** is available on [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) or ring 828617 for a copy.



## **MOTHERS' UNION** **Seend and Bulkington Branch**

The Seend and Bulkington branch of the MU has always supported the work of the Diocesan Women's Refuge. At the July meeting we welcomed Mrs C Stott, who has worked there for many years. Women who are the victims of domestic violence, broken relationships or marital problems can find safe shelter at the Refuge. In helping women, the MU is living up to the slogan 'Christian Care for Families Everywhere'.

There was no branch meeting in August; instead members met for lunch at Whitehall Garden Centre. Afterwards a wander around the amazing variety of plants on sale was enjoyable.

### **Future Dates:**

On October 21<sup>st</sup> the Diocesan President, Bridget Trump, will talk about her visit to the Sudan in 2008. She has some colourful photographs to show us. This is an open meeting. If you would like to come, please let the secretary, Joanne Bell (828550) know. We hope to serve tea and cakes.

## **SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

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

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 13th October. Please ring John and Lilian Smallshaw a few days in advance to book your place at this popular monthly event. All ages welcome.

### **A new venture – Come Dancing!**

Monday afternoons from 2 – 4.15pm, Eric and Peggy offer lessons for the first 15 minutes (if needed) followed by two hours of waltzes, quicksteps, sequence dances etc. Beginners welcome. Tea and coffee provided but bring your own cups! Admission £2.



**And talking of dancing - Ray and Geoff's annual dance in aid of Dorothy House** is on 31st October. See 'events' section for details.

### **Summer Saturday Breakfasts**

Saturday morning breakfasts were tastily successful and also great social events. We offer our grateful thanks to the teams who worked so hard to prepare the meals and also, to the many people who came along to enjoy the results of their efforts. Many thanks to all.

John and Lilian Smallshaw

### **Activities Group**

At last we have the makings of a group to plan future community events in the Hall and the Club Bar. If you would like to be part of this informal group, please ring Tessa on 828617.

## Looking ahead at the Community Centre:

**Annual meeting:** Thursday, 26th November (provisional date - watch for info).

**Concert** with Barbara Gompels and friends on 12th December.

Sam's **Christmas Bingo** on 19th December.

The annual **village walk** on New Year's Day

**New Year Quiz** on 16<sup>th</sup> January.



### **Wine and Food Fair**

Last call for sponsors of the Wine and Food Fair on 7th November. Please ring Tessa on 828617 now if you are a local business wishing to donate a modest sum. In return you get one free ticket plus publicity. Thanks!

### **100+ CLUB : 2009/2010**

Thanks to a last minute subscription rush, on July 21<sup>st</sup>, membership for 2009/10 finally reached 200! Nevertheless, I believe we'll stick with the old name, at least for this year... And good news for two new members in July! Just proves the old adage, "nothing ventured, nothing gained"! For those of you who didn't, but now wish you had, make a note of this date - May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, the start of the next 100+Club year...



### **100+Club draws for May, June, July and August**

The draw for these months took place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August at The Bell during a celebratory dinner following the most successful Seend Fete and Seend Flower Show ever! The draw was made by members of the two committees, and their camp-followers:

#### **May**

£35: Peter Dearling-19  
£30: Clifford Smith-144  
£25: Mrs M Ferris-109  
£20: Mrs J Iles-104  
£15: Carl Orlans-94  
£10: Mrs Janet Giles-93

#### **June**

£35: Mrs Pat Fisher-115  
£30: Sht Mat Bowls-189  
£25: Robin Thornton-182  
£20: Miss E Burrard-39  
£15: Roger Brind-138  
£10: Mrs N Hutchinson-27

#### **July**

£35: Roger Ames-161  
£30: Mrs Mo Weston-126  
£25: Nick Vaux-79  
£20: Mrs R Bailey-15  
£15: Michael Symington-159  
£10: Mrs Sue Bond-187

#### **August**

£35: Mrs Janet Giles- 93  
£30: Phillip Wood-179  
£25: Miss A Salter-57  
£20: Miss E Burrard-39  
£15: Seend CC-45  
£10: Peter Wyatt1-60

For current members with initials

J to Y, your numbers are listed below:

46, 154 Johnson, Mr. M & Mrs F  
78,81,143,163 Kilduff Family  
(R,J,M,A)  
174,175 Knocker, Mr N & Mrs A  
153 Kyle, Mr P  
121,125 Manser, Mr M  
11 Martine, Mrs J  
43 Mattock, Mr & Mrs B  
16 Mayell, Mr C  
184,183 Mayell, Mr J & Mrs M  
23 Mayell, Mr W & Mrs R  
21,158 McCulloch Mr R & Mrs S  
140 Merivale, Mrs J  
99,76 Miller, Mr J & Mrs N  
176,157 Moore, Mr M & Mrs J  
82 Moroney, Mr. C  
10 Newman, Mr R (Ralph)  
64 Newman, Mrs A  
68,123 Newman, Mrs S  
173 Nicholls, Mrs S  
166 Nunn, Mr S A  
86,197 O'Reilly, Mr P & Mrs C  
94 Orlans, Mr C  
17,120 Park, Mr M D  
168,8 Phillips, Dr S & Mrs J  
1 Pike, Mr N  
72 Pond, Mrs A C  
119, 74 Prolze, Hugo & Lili  
56,98 Prolze, Mr B & Mrs E  
203 Proven, Mrs L (Louise)  
117 Puntis, Mrs L  
162 Rogers, Mrs J  
192,95 Russell, Mr H & Mrs C  
57 Salter, Miss A  
7 Savage, Mrs J  
47,164 Sawyer, Mr D  
38,77 Sawyer, Mr R  
45 Seend Cricket Club  
71 Seend Football Club  
131 Seend Gardening Club  
106,189 Seend Sht Mat Bwls Club

66 Seend Tennis Club  
152 Sleightholme, Mr T  
139,190 Smart, Mr N & Mrs N  
181 Smith, Miss V M  
144 Smith, Mr C  
6 Springgate, Mrs C  
201 Stack, Mrs J  
60 Stephens, Mrs W  
48 Sutton, Ms J  
159,69 Symington, Mr M & Mrs P  
5,196 Symons, Mr T & Mrs S  
151 Teasdale, Mr F  
182,91 Thornton, Mr R & Mrs L  
62 Thorpe, Sir Matthew  
113 Tilley, Mr B J  
53 Todhunter, Mrs S  
50 Turner, Mrs S  
79 Vaux, Mr N  
155 Vaux, Mrs J  
142 Waldeck, Mr C  
130,41 Walker, Mr R & Mrs M  
36 Warren, Mr L  
126 Weston, Mrs M L (Mo)  
28 White, Mrs M  
137,89 Whitehead, Mr R & Mrs M  
3 Wiltshire, Mrs J  
194,179 Wood, Mr P  
160,90 Wyatt, Mr P & Mrs H  
44,200 Yockney, Mr N & Mrs C

Thank you all so much for your continued support, and good luck to all in the forthcoming draws.

Bernie Prolze, 100+ Club Organiser



## **SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

With the memory of such a lovely day on Fete Day, 8<sup>th</sup> August, still with us, I should like to express a very big 'THANK YOU' to all those who gave of their time baking and working extremely hard to make the refreshment tent at this event so successful. We have received a very nice letter of appreciation from the Fete Committee for all our efforts.

Another fine day for a walk on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August, when Pam and Derek organised a distance of five miles in the South Wraxall area. 21 walkers completed a circular walk passing through the village of Monkton Farleigh, covering both field and lane walking.

Our thanks to them both for organising such a pleasant route - and for arranging sunshine!

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 19 members completed a 6½ mile walk from the Old Quarry Gardens in Nunney, near Frome, via Whatley Bottom, Chantry and back through to Nunney. A fabulous variable walk covering lanes, track, field and woodland. We thank Colin and Denise Noad for organising such a lovely route.

No walk planned for October, as a party of 24 will be revisiting the Forest of Dean and staying at Speech House, Coleford, for the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October. Two really interesting and fulfilling walks have been organised to cover both the Saturday and Sunday. Let's hope for fine weather.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November will be our evening social.** Put this date on your calendar. Members and friends welcome. It will take place at 7.30 for 8pm start in the Irene Usher Hall (Pavilion). The speaker, Paul Mitchell, will be talking on 'Walking Sticks'. This guy is hugely entertaining and will be bringing along his large collection of hand-carved sticks, and presenting an hilarious account of his hobby.

Admission £2.50 per head. There will be a raffle – and don't forget to bring a plate of food along towards a finger buffet. Wine is provided.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** will be our next Club walk, led by Jo and Colin Waldeck. Destination not yet known at time of going to press, but meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. Look out for more information in November 'Spotlight', see Jo and Colin at the social on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, or failing that phone them on 01380 828946 for details.

Lin Salter (01225 706451)

## **RIGHTS OF WAY**

Any problems with rights of way, such as blockages or vandalism, contact Mr R Broadhead, Rights of Way Manager at County Hall; Tel: 01225 713875 or email richard.broadhead@wiltshire.gov.uk



## SEEND WI



Our last meeting took place on 9 September and we were treated to a fascinating history of three remarkable women who started the Women's Institute. We were very grateful to our speaker Hazel Gillingham for standing in at the last minute.

We are now gearing up for a very special celebration – **Seend WI's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations**. Our celebration party is taking place on Wednesday 7 October 2009 in the Community Centre – tickets are £5.00 each and guests (ladies and gents) are welcome to join us on this occasion.

There will be a sumptuous hot buffet plus musical entertainment and one or two surprises that promise to make it a very, very special evening – we'd like to make this a real village occasion, so we hope that you will come along and join us. The Community Centre bar will be available for the purchase of drinks. Please contact Jo Vaux on 828970 to reserve your ticket.

Make a date in your diary for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009 when we will be holding another '**Good as New**' sale. If you have any good quality items of clothing that are good as new, that you would like to sell please contact a member of the committee. Any proceeds split on a 50/50 basis between the vendor and Seend WI funds. In addition to clothing and accessories we are also having a book stall, so why not send those summer reads to a good home and help raise some funds for the WI at the same time.

All self respecting cooks (or would be cooks) will want a copy of the **Seend WI's Little Book of Pork Recipes**. At just £2.50, this little book will be a welcome addition to any cookery book shelf – many thanks to those of you who submitted recipes, it's a lovely mix. Please contact Jo Waldeck on 828946 for your copy.

If you want any more information feel free to contact me on 828730 or any other committee member - It's a good fun crowd, so come along and join us.

Sarah Todhunter, President

## SCHOOL NEWS

### NEWS FROM SEEND C.E. SCHOOL



The new academic year commenced on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September with a training day for staff and governors. The children returned on Wednesday looking energetic, bright and "rearing to go". Everybody is looking forward to a busy and fun-packed year starting in September:

- "Spellbinder" will be coming to share stories with all classes through song, music and storytelling.
- **Chestnut class** will be spending three days at Braeside Residential Centre. Activities will include: orienteering, environmental activities,

visit to a farm, following a brass-rubbing trail, visiting the shire horses, pond dipping, problem solving, team building and having a bonfire with songs!

- **After school clubs** for September and October will include football, netball and Judo.
- **Our Harvest Service** will be held in the school Hall on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. Everybody is welcome to join us. We are collecting produce to share with the needy.
- **Sports coaching** by Dauntsey's Staff has commenced. This term Sycamore class are doing hockey.
- **Chestnut class** have started swimming classes at the Blue Pool.
- **The fire service** will be visiting the school.
- **16 new children** have started school in Holly class. Everybody seems happy to come to school with a smile on their face (including the parents!).
- **The Parents Social Committee (PSC)** have met and have arranged numerous events for the coming months including "Ready Steady Cook" (see below).

This term the Governors expect to appoint a new Head teacher who will commence duties in January. In the meantime Mr Barry Hickey will continue as acting headteacher.

Barry Hickey (Acting Head)

## **SEEND SCHOOL PARENT SOCIAL CLUB**

Welcome back! Everyone had a great summer and the children are settling in at school. By the time this is printed, we will have had our AGM and have planned lots of events for the next school year.

Our first being a **Pampered Chef Cooking Show** – Ready, Steady, Cook! Style Evening on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 for 8pm in the Main Hall at School. Tickets are £2.50 each which includes entry into a raffle. Tickets will be on Sale at the Post Office and after school in the Playground as from Monday 21st September. There will also be an opportunity to purchase some early Christmas Presents for any budding chef in your family!

Our fantastic annual **Christmas Fayre** will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm – further details in the next issue.

We have had many parents offer to help at different events, so thank you to those and thanks again to Mr Hickey for his continued support.

Rachel Lewis  
(01380 828293)

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

**The meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July** was attended by eight Councillors, with Chairman, Mike Davis, in the chair. Community Beat Manager PC Emily Thomas and members of the public were also in attendance. Apologies from Mrs Carr, Mr Manning and County Councillor J Seed.

There were no items from the floor for discussion.

***Seend Cricket Club*** – It was proposed that the PC donate the sum of £1,000 towards the new cricket pitch. A vote was taken by show of hands, which was unanimous.

***Area Boards*** – Mrs Savage reported that she had attended the first Area Board meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, and had raised the question both of traffic speed through the village and possible calming measures, and funding for the Seend Shuttle. “Issue Reports” on both these subjects had been sent to Wiltshire Council.

***Traffic speed*** – PC Emily Thomas advised that training of members of the public in the use of speed cameras was being rolled out in rural areas, under the Community Safety Partnership. She understood that Seend was to be supplied with a “Smiley SID” device, but advised that there are issues with how these are set up. There are currently 4 available to cover the whole of Wiltshire. It was suggested that if Seend wanted a permanent inter-active sign to deter speeding through the High Street, it would probably have to be purchased.

***Spiderweb Paddock*** –The Planning Enforcement Officer at Wiltshire Council advised by e- mail that on 7 July he had carried out a joint visit with the Police to Spiderweb Paddock. They waited for 45 minutes, but did not see anybody on the site. Further visits will be conducted.

***Vandalism at Seend School*** – It was confirmed that the footpath at the back of the school has been re-opened.

***Mobile home, G & S Patios*** – Cllr Seed forwarded an e-mail from Wiltshire Council, advising that a site visit was made on 30 July and photographs taken of the mobile home in situ. No planning has been applied for the retention of the home. The owners have been informed that they must either remove the mobile from the land or apply for its retention within 28 days.

***Parish Council Election*** – There were four nominations for the forthcoming PC election on 30<sup>th</sup> July: Mr Philip Cottle, Craysmarsh Farm, Bath Road; Mr Steve Diffey, Somerset Close; Mr Peter Newsom, Berhills Lane, Seend and Mrs Louise Waylen, The Lye.

**Planning Consent** has been approved for the following application:

E/09/0658/FUL      Ms Sally Holdway Sparks House, High Street  
Retrospective permission for the erection of a wooden field

shelter for storage of ride on mower to maintain paddock and for future use as a stable

The following applications were considered, and **no objections raised**:

- E/09/0781/FUL Mr K Stokes Berhills Farm, Bath Road, Sells Green  
Minor amendment to approved scheme (K/58770/F) for replacement dwelling
- E/09/0830/FUL Mrs J Sutton 10 Cooks Close  
Single storey rear extension to dwelling
- E/09/0866/FUL Mr K Stokes Berhills Farm, Bath Road, Sells Green  
Erection of implement and fertilizer store
- E/09/0869/FUL Mr K Stokes Berhills Farm, Bath Road, Sells Green  
Retention of embankments

Letter received from Wiltshire Council concerning a **freight study on the A361** from Littleton Roundabout to Seend Fork. The recommendation of the study is that a weight limit should be introduced on this route. A summary outlining the findings of the study were attached. Following discussion, it was agreed Wiltshire Council should be approached to see if somebody from Transport Development Services could come and talk about this at a PC meeting.

Letter received from Wiltshire Council to advise that **Highways Services for Seend** would now be covered from Lancaster Road, Bowerhill.

**The meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August** was attended by eight Councillors, with Chairman, Mike Davis, in the chair. Ms Abbi Gutierrez, Melksham Community Area Manager and members of the public were also in attendance. Apologies received from Mr Haines, Mrs Heatley, Mr Padfield and County Councillor J Seed.

The Chairman welcomed **Mrs Louise Waylen** to the Parish Council, following her election on 30<sup>th</sup> July.

A request had been received for the following items to be discussed:

Can the PC financially support, and request funding from Wiltshire Council, for **permanent inter-active speed signs** at appropriate points either side of the A361 Seend High Street?

Discuss the recommendations of the **freight study** – A361 Littleton roundabout to Seend Fork, as outlined in Wiltshire Council's letter of 16 July.

Consider the views of those present on **other traffic calming measures** that may be appropriate along the High Street to aid the reduction of motorists' speed through the village.

There was a discussion about the recent positioning of two “**Smiley SID**” devices either side of the High Street. These flashed up the speed of on-coming motorists, but did not record any analysis of speed. It was noted that the sign at the west end of the village had not been particularly well positioned, and was not very visible to oncoming traffic, although the sign facing east had been clearly visible. It was generally felt that motorists do react to these signs and slow their speed. It was stated that permanent devices were in the order of £2,000 each, and it was not known if there are on-going running costs.

The Chairman advised that the PC had tried to arrange for a member of the Highways Department to attend a **meeting to discuss the freight study**, but nobody was available for this evening’s meeting. An e-mail from Transport Development Services, Wiltshire Council, advised that, at present, this is an informal consultation, aiming to seek peoples’ views on whether a weight limit would be appropriate on the A361, there is no formal proposal for a weight limit at this time. It was stated from the floor that the freight study, that had taken place in November 2008, had concluded that the A361 was not designed to take heavy freight lorries, but that the A365 was. It was pointed out that there will be two new crossings and a speed limit past the new Melksham Oak School on the A365. Summing up, the Chairman agreed that, in the light of clear public interest in this subject, it was important to arrange a meeting.

Abbi Gutierrez, Melksham Community Area Manager, was in attendance, and explained that her job was to support the Area Board and Councillors and be a link between the community and partners, such as police and health services. The next meeting of the **Melksham Area Board** would be on 23<sup>rd</sup> September in Bowerhill Parish Hall. She said that the question of traffic has been raised across the whole county, and will be looked at at a strategic level. She explained that there is a grant scheme for village projects, such as traffic calming signs, up to £5,000 for match funding. She said that the Area Board is the forum for raising issues of concern in the local area, and making Councillors aware of local issues.

**Seend Cricket Club** –Letter received from Brian Hunt, Seend Cricket Club Chairman, thanking the PC for their donation of £1,000 towards the provision of a new cricket pitch.

**Spiderweb Paddock** –An e-mail had been received from Wiltshire Council, advising that an early morning visit has been paid to Spiderweb Paddock, that they had gained entry and had access to the stable block. The caravan located within the barn is there on a temporary basis and is going to be removed. Based on this visit, the Council are of the opinion that no evidence is available that the owners of the site are sleeping there and, therefore, will be taking no further action. They have written to the owners, reminding them that the conditions that were placed within the enforcement notice remain on the land, and if there is a breach they will re-visit the site. The PC would write again to the Council to ask

when they will check that the caravan has been removed from the barn. Members of the public present expressed disappointment at the outcome of the Council's visit.

**Mobile home, G & S Patios** – Nothing appears to have happened with regard to the mobile home at the G & S Patios site. This will be followed up with Wiltshire Council.

The following application has been **refused**:

E/09/0640/FUL Mr J Hussey Land at Berhills Lane, Sells Green  
Creation of family golf centre

The following applications have been **approved**:

E/09/0754/LBC Mr & Mrs Forbes Seend Head House, Seend  
Formation of new en-suite within existing first floor  
bedroom

E/09/0771/TCA Wadworth & Co Car park at Bell Inn  
Works to a group of wild plum trees overhanging the car  
park and the neighbouring driveway plus a reduction of  
the remaining trees in the group by 35%

E/09/0781/FUL Mr K Stokes Berhills Farm, Bath Road, Sells Green  
Minor amendment to approved scheme (K/58770/F) for  
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Retention of embankments

There were **no new applications** for consideration.

Letter received from Wiltshire Council, advising that it has made an Order diverting the **public right of way (Seend footpath 41)** from its course through the farm yard at Totterdown Farm to a route leading north east to an old lane to rejoin bridleway 41. The order will be advertised in the Wiltshire Gazette on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

Notice received that the **Parish Steward** will be in Seend on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Jobs to be notified to him are – cutting back of briar by the reservoir, School Road. Rusty Lane byway is becoming overgrown and needs cutting back. The tarmac footpath along the A361 from The Bell to The Stocks needs resurfacing. There is a large pothole at Inmarsh on the bend between Broomhayes Farm and Knightsmead Farm.

The litter bins on **the canal** are full, there are potholes on the footpath leading down to the canal at the Barge Inn, and also the repair to the crack in the bridge at the Barge Inn is deteriorating. British Waterways to be advised.

It was noted that there were more skid marks by **the bridge in Station Road**. Accidents at this location are becoming a regular occurrence. Highways will be contacted about a possible speed limit reduction.

**The PC would like your help to monitor the effectiveness of the emptying of litter bins around the village.** Is there a litter bin in your area of the village? Does it become overfull? Should it be emptied more frequently? Would you be prepared to monitor the situation and advise the Parish Council, so that this issue can be raised with Wiltshire Council? The PC wants to put together a list of all litter bins around the village, so that the situation can be properly monitored. Please advise the Clerk of the location of bins near you, and whether you are prepared to help with monitoring. Contact Rosemary Fisher on 828281 or e-mail [owletts@care4free.net](mailto:owletts@care4free.net)

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009** at Seend Community Centre.

**Please note: Prior to the PC meeting, there will be an open public meeting in the hall at the Community Centre, commencing at 7.00 pm. Two members of staff from Transport Development Services, Wiltshire Council have kindly agreed to come along and explain about the survey that took place at the end of last year, and listen to your views on whether a weight limit would be appropriate on the A361.**

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

## **SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES**

### **Cricket – Captain – Ben King**

There have been six further matches since our last report with five wins and only one loss. 19<sup>th</sup> September sees the Ron Westacott memorial match when the present youngsters take on the remnants of the 1988 team – full report next month. The team's focus over the closed season will be on raising funds for the new pitch, indeed many of the players took part in a sponsored walk from Bathampton to Seend on 5<sup>th</sup> September. All contributions welcome!



### **The August and September match results:**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August vs Frome Red Star – Nathan King took 5-12 as Seend skittled the visiting team out for just 35, with Russell Collins also bowling very well taking 3-10. Captain Ben King proceeded to hit 28 not out for Seend to secure an easy win.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August vs Compton Basset – On a hot day at Compton Basset Ben King was happy to elect to bat after winning the toss in what appeared to be excellent batting conditions. Seend went on to validate this decision by scoring 196 from their 40 overs, Dan Waylen top scoring with a classy 56 not out, ably supported by Ben King with 47 and Russell Collins with 27. Seend followed up this great batting performance by bowling Compton Basset all out for 93. Nathan King and Paris Goddard opened the bowling taking 3-25 and 3-17 respectively. Harry Waylen took what could be the catch of the season for the sixth wicket, taking the ball at full stretch over his shoulder whilst racing towards the boundary.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August vs Keevil – Seend hosted the home leg of the famous “Wiltshire Derby” against local rivals Keevil. After the previous week’s lesson in batting, Ben King was eager that Seend batted first once again, and was not disappointed when the team scored 201. Luke Ballinger used up most of his nine lives in his 56, unusually thanking the opposition fielders for their contribution once he reached his milestone. Russell Collins also scored a half century, finishing on 58. Unfortunately Keevil, who included in their team Dick Waylen, reached the required total with the loss of only 2 wickets taken by Nathan King, 1 for 33, and Paris Goddard, 1 for 20.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August vs the Golden Fleece - The fleece reached 130 with local boy David “Jimmy” Wallace sportingly helping the opposition out as they were one man short- unfortunately he top scored with 40 not out! At 65 for 8 Seend seemed doomed, but up stepped Charlie Waylen and his 23 not out supporting Tom Wallis’ 41 not out saw Seend to a seemingly improbable victory.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September vs Frome Red Star - Russell Collins with 74 and Tom Wallis with 65 built the basis of Seend’s 205 which the opposition could not match they being bowled out for only 50. Jake Sainsbury took 4 for 17 and Luke Ballinger finished with 2 for 2.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September vs Beanacre- Seend posted 223 which included Russell Collins’ hit of 73 and Jeff Mattocks’ career best of 69. The visitors started slowly and after 20 overs had only scored 66, however, the second half of their innings saw Beanacre creep dangerously close, finishing on 188 for 6 at the end of the allotted 40 overs. The best of the bowling came from Jake Sainsbury who took 2 key wickets in one over- making up for his earlier golden duck! The traditional captain’s bottle of fizz is, I understand, on it’s way to Jeff!

### **Short Mat Bowls – Colin Waldeck**

The Summer League triples saw Seend finish 5<sup>th</sup> out of 6 with 37 points. Crudwell took 1<sup>st</sup> place with 57. The finals play off will be at Seend on the 27<sup>th</sup> September between Crudwell and Westbury Blue Circle.





## Sports Photo Competition

Thanks to all who sent in entries for the 2009 Seend Sports photographic competition. The judges had no hesitation in awarding the title to Colin Waldeck-Talbot. His prize winning photo entitled “SMB an existentialist perspective” used the Yashimoto technique of setting the camera to take 30 or so exposures, all milliseconds apart, on one frame, and then, during developing, the dark room door is left slightly ajar, with the resulting effect being to show apparent “motion” on one print – an early form of holograph? – or so Colin explained to me. To the untrained eye the result has the appearance of a London smog but to the expert it is a different story. All I can say is I’m obviously no expert or my glasses need cleaning! Anyway well done Colin and we hope for even more entries next year. ( No correspondence please, the judge’s decision is final).

*(OK Frankie, we know Colin didn’t give your cat photo a prize at the Flower Show. Now shake hands and make up. Ed.)*

## Tennis – Chairman – Ric Ellinger

Final positions for 2009 in the Chippenham & District tennis league:

Mens:- played 10 won 5, drawn 2, lost 3. Points: 44. Position: 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ladies:- Played 12, won 8, drawn 2, lost 2. Points 72. Position 1<sup>st</sup>- promotion!

Mixed A:- Played 14, won 8, drawn 2, lost 4. Points 59.5. Position 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mixed B:- Played 12, won 6 drawn 2, lost 4. Points 50.5. Position 3<sup>rd</sup>

These have been good steady results for this year and congratulations to the ladies on their promotion.



**Football** - Full results for both teams so far this season will be in November Spotlight.

## Skittles

The four men’s teams started the season on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Could the captains please let us have up to date results by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Other Seend skittles teams who would like a mention please make contact.



## Equestrian



A new entry for the sports section – apparently there is a lot going on locally! In August Mrs Green organised a one-day event alongside the Bell. There were 19 local riders, all 15 and under.

This involved dressage, show jumping and cross-country and the day was won by Lauren Goddard. I understand that Jeff Wiltshire organised another event in August by the Three Magpies. If anyone has further equestrian news for the next issue, please let me know.

**All results and fixtures to the sin bin by 16<sup>th</sup> October please,**  
**Frankie Goddard 828488**

## **BITS'N'BOBS**



### **Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service - Chimney Fire Safety**

With the colder nights starting, many of us will be lighting our fires and wood burners. These simple guidelines will help to keep you safe:

- keep chimneys and flues clean and well maintained (see below)
- make sure embers are put out properly when you go to bed
- be careful around open fires. Use a fireguard to protect against flying sparks
- fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test it weekly
- contact your local fire and rescue service for a home fire risk check.

**Chimney sweeping** is important. Sweeping the flue/chimney removes the deposits that build up when burning carbon-based fuels. This lessens the chances of a chimney fire. Sweeping frequency recommendations are:

Smokeless coals	At least once a year
Wood	Up to four times a year
Bituminous coal	Twice a year
Oil	Once a year
Gas	Once a year

For further information see [www.wiltsfire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltsfire.gov.uk) or ring 01380 731188.

***Personal ads:*** To place a small ad (individuals, not businesses, thanks) please give your ad plus £2 to the PO/Shop or to Tessa at 6 New Buildings.

### **FREE TREES!**

I have a number of self-sown trees in my (overgrown) garden: copper beeches, Holm oaks (I think!), sycamores (loads), hawthorn, oak (one small seedling).

If anyone would like any for transplanting this autumn, please let me know by the end of October as I need to remove them before they get any larger and completely take over! Thank you.

Anne Salter, 828502

**Free to good home!** Piano from the Pavilion - free to anyone who can collect it. Phone Dave Sawyer (01380 828583).

### **And finally.....**

An old woman goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse she has been living with for the last 40 years. The Wizard says, 'Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you.' The old woman says without hesitation, 'I now pronounce you man and wife.'

*(This was submitted by a male reader with the complainant being an old man. We're an all female editorial team so we had to change it! Ed.)*

## **USEFUL CONTACTS:**

Rector: Vacancy                      Benefice Administrator: Sue Taylor 01380 828733  
Churchwardens: Holy Cross; S Taylor 01225 709360 Mrs Tina Yockney 827139  
Christ Church: Mrs Liz Futter 828485  
St Peter's: Mrs Janet James - 724944    Paulette Bremner Milne 828527  
LPA's: Audrey McDonald 828376 and Jo Bell 828550  
Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627  
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340  
Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250  
Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485  
Seend Community Centre & Club - Hall bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617  
    Skittles bookings only: Stan Wiltshire 828559  
Seend School - 828334  
Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568  
Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281  
Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Mr Jonathan Seed 01380 850696  
Seend Website: [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) - Neil Yockney 827139  
Bulkington Website:  
<http://www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington-Village-Site/index.htm>  
Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01672 513157  
Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255  
Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. She can be contacted on  
0845 408 7000, or e-mail [melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

## **CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

*100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolje 828391*  
*Book Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325*  
*Bouncy Club - Clare Stynes 01380 827164*  
*Brownies - Helen Hook 828477*  
*Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Ellie Purdy 828035*  
*Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 828757*  
*Fawtly Players - Tessa Doe 828617*  
*Fete Committee - Geoff Burgess 828077*  
*Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067*  
*Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433*  
*Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325*  
*LINK Scheme - 075320 55560*  
*Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583*  
*Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451*  
*Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators - Tony Ewin (Seend) 828325;*  
*Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.*  
*Playgroup - Liz Futter 828485*  
*Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617*  
*Ramblers - Bob Howe 828554*  
*Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830;*  
*Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson on 828545*  
*Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946*  
*Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407*  
*The Other Book Club - Frank Teasdale 828617*  
*Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612*  
*WEA - Pam Church - 828597*  
*WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730 and Jo Vaux on 828970*

(Please call Tessa on 828617 if your group's contact person changes.)

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Mon	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Tues	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Wed	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 4.30*
Thurs	9.00 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Fri	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Sat	8.30 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Sun	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
Bank Holidays	9.00 - 10.30	Closed

\* note early closing