

SPOTLIGHT

SEEND & BULKINGTON



MAY 2010

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

27th Parish Council Meeting, 7.30, Seend Community Centre

28th Nosh & Natter lunch club, 12 for 12.30pm Seend Community Centre

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

1st Seend Beer Festival, 12 noon - 11pm, Seend Community Centre

1st-9th(not 6th) Cloth Road Art Trail, Bulkington Village Hall, 11am-6pm

5th Coffee Morning, 15 Dial Close, 10.30.

Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip (phone 828203 by 3rd to book)

Seend and District Link Scheme AGM, 7.45pm, Pavilion, Rusty Lane

8th School May Fair, 2-4.30pm, Seend School

9th Barb Jungr, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm (Rural Arts Wiltshire)

10th Mobile library – 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington

11th Gardening Club outing to Stourhead

11th British Legion outing to poppy factory

12th WI open meeting, 7.30pm, Pavilion, Rusty Lane

14th Big Bulkington Quiz, 7pm, Pavilion, Rusty Lane

15th Josh's Army Themed disco party at Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
Scarecrow Trail, Keevil - 10am-4pm
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16th Seend and District Ramblers walk, 9.30am Rusty Lane
Scarecrow Trail, Keevil - 10.30am-3.30pm

18th Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, 12 for 12.30pm, Seend Community Centre

19th Annual Parish Meeting, 8pm, Pavilion, Rusty Lane

22nd Quiz Night, 7.45pm, Seend Community Centre

24th Mobile library – 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington

25th Seend Shuttle AGM, Pavilion 7.45pm

26th Fashion Show at Cleeve House in aid of Relate, 7pm

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

5th Cleeve Open Gardens 1-5pm

19th Barn Dance, Moorhouse Farm, Bromham, 7.30pm

23rd Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, 12 for 12.30pm, Seend Community Centre

25th Barn Dance, Leaze Farm, Bulkington, 7.30pm

26th Scouts and Guides reunion, Community Centre, 7.30pm

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 for village history, Shuttle timetable, What's On, useful links and back numbers of Spotlight and Happenings!

Welcome to the MAY 2010 edition



Apart from our choice of cover illustration, we promise you that this edition of Spotlight is an election-free zone!

Lots to do this month - Beer Festival on the 1st, art on display in Bulkington from 1st-9th, coffee morning on the 5th, school fair on the 8th, internationally-acclaimed singer, Barb Jungr, on the 9th, disco on 15th, quizzes on 14th and 22nd, and Nosh & Natter lunch on the 18th.

Do read and enjoy Bernie Prolje's cryptic contributions starting on page 16. And if you're interested in keeping the Seend Shuttle on the road, please go along to its AGM on 25th. The Community Centre newsletter, 'Happenings!', is enclosed which lists lots of events coming up throughout the summer.

ADVERTISING IN SPOTLIGHT

We shall soon be renewing the annual adverts in Spotlight from the July edition. Should you wish to advertise in Spotlight, the rates for 10 issues are as follows:

£120 full page £60 half page £30 quarter page

As there is a limited amount of space available for adverts, we will give preference to local businesses, provided the advert and cheque is received by 15th May. After that it will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Adverts can be e-mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or sent by cd together with your cheque (made payable to **Seend PCC – No 1 a/c**) to Spotlight Advertising, c/o 61 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PX. Please note that for those adverts sent by e-mail, the Spotlight team must receive a cheque for the advert to qualify. Please make sure '**Spotlight Advertising**' appears in the email subject heading.

If you would like to speak to someone about advertising, then please contact Sue Bond on: 01380 828537.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the **June issue** (*copy deadline 15th May*) can be e-mailed to 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). Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Tina Yockney on 827139. We're delighted to welcome Ann Ewing on to the editorial team - her contact details will be added when she's more settled into the routine!

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. When sending emails to spotlight@seend.org.uk please include the word SPOTLIGHT in uppercase as the first word of the Subject. This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

Letter from the Vicar May 2010

Well, did you all have a Happy Easter? I do hope so. Mine, as usual, was very much a roller-coaster ride from darkness into light, following through the pattern of services until we celebrated in each church, the glorious resurrection of our Lord. Another very real highlight for me was receiving a letter from someone who is not a church attender, and yet who wrote most eloquently of how much he had been struck by things we had done and by the sheer beauty of the church building and its surrounds during this Easter season. It is a letter I will always cherish. The fact that the person even bothered to put pen to paper was deeply moving. May the love and peace of Christ be with you. Thank you.

Easter is, by far, the most important time in the year for Christians so what do we have to look forward to now? The next few weeks, or even months, might appear to be a fallow time in the church's year but in fact that is far from true. We've heard how the women found the tomb empty and about the appearances of Jesus over a period of 40 days after his crucifixion. The most memorable ones perhaps being when he joined two followers walking the Emmaus Road, when he appeared to the disciples in the upper room, and again on the shore of Lake Galilee where he joined them for breakfast! Before leaving his disciples finally, Jesus charged them to "go and make disciples of all the nations" and gave his assurance, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age". But the disciples weren't left unaided, of course, because they – and we – received the gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (which we also know as Whit Sunday – 23rd May this year).

In his book, "God's Pattern" (SPCK, London, 2003), the Bishop of Salisbury, David Stancliffe reminds us that every service of Holy Communion is a mini representation of the church's yearly cycle. The first part of the service – the "Gathering" is the time of expectation (Advent) where we bring ourselves, as part of a worshipping community, together with our concerns, into God's presence. This is when we come to him in penitence, and worship him with songs of praise. Next, our readings – especially those from the Gospel – are times when God is speaking to us face to face in Jesus: 'The Word made flesh', which is then interpreted by the sermon and which leads naturally into prayer. As to the sacrament of Holy Communion itself, of course, this is a re-enactment of the passion and resurrection of our Lord's dying and rising and of God's transformation of our lives. The final part of the service – the Dismissal – is the moment of Pentecost towards which we are now looking, when the scattered disciples finally realised that God had given them all they needed to fulfil the great commission. That is why we pray, 'Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.' We have just been strengthened by God's blessing to do that – to go and put that great commission into practice – to be doers of the Word, not just hearers! Of course we're not all called to be outright evangelists but each one of us has gifts that we can use in

God's service in different ways so let each one of us remember to 'shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father'. Amen and amen.

Some of these things were touched upon at our church annual meetings. There are so many ways in which you can help your village church – and indeed the wider community - in varying degrees, both practically and in our spiritual life. There is much to look forward to – including 150th anniversary celebrations at Bulkington and plans for a pilot “Messy Church”, introducing a preparation course for Confirmation, building on our Study and home groups and other ideas that are in the pipeline. We'd love to hear from you with your ideas – and your offers!

... on the lighter side (while still in Eastertide)

Easter was coming, the children brought gifts for their teacher.
 The florist's son brought the teacher a lovely Easter bouquet of lilies.
 The sweetshop owner's daughter gave the teacher a pretty box of chocolates.
 Then the off-licence owner's son brought up a big, heavy box.
 The teacher lifted it up and noticed that it was leaking a little bit.
 She touched a drop of the liquid with her finger and tasted it.
 "Is it wine?" she guessed. "No," the boy replied.
 She tasted another drop and asked, " Champagne ?
 "No," said the little boy... "It's a puppy." (!)

God Bless,
Renée

EVENTS IN MAY

(See also Bulkington events pp10-12)



10th SEEND BEER FESTIVAL

Saturday 1st May

Noon till 11pm

in Seend Community Centre

Big choice of real ales and ciders

Bands - Pig roast

£5 entry includes souvenir glass & programme

IF YOU LOOK YOUNG, BRING ID

(see www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk)

REVISED DATE FOR

SEEND & DISTRICT LINK SCHEME AGM

7.45 FOR 8 P.M. WEDNESDAY, 5TH MAY 2010

In the IRENE USHER MEMORIAL PAVILION

EVERYONE WELCOME

*Rural Arts Wiltshire***Barb Jung** in Concert

Internationally-acclaimed singer!

Sunday 9th May, 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre

Tickets:- £6.50 for adults, £3.50 for children under 16 ; £5.50 for senior citizens.

Available from the Community Centre, Post Office, Jan Harding (828778),
Jan Crabtree (828687), Ric Ellinger (828683) and Tessa Doe (828617)**NOSH AND NATTER LUNCH****Tuesday 18th May 12 for 12.30pm****in Seend Community Centre****Phone 828540 a few days before to book****Saturday 15th May****7.30pm in Seend Community Centre****ARMY-THEMED DISCO PARTY!****Dressing up optional!****Entry £3****Proceeds to Seend Community Centre
& Help for Heroes***Details from Josh Hamblin, 07590766526*



Seend Community Centre

QUIZ NIGHT

7.45pm Saturday 22nd May

Cash prizes!

Raffle - Interval snacks available

Entry £2 per person - Teams of four

Special prize for best team name!

Proceeds to Seend Community Centre

(Phone Tessa on 828617 to book a table)



EVENTS IN JUNE

(See also Bulkington News pp10-12)



The Cleeve Open Gardens

at Seend Cleeve

Saturday 5th June 1-5pm

Beautiful gardens; stunning views;
cream teas; ice creams; plants for sale.

Tickets £5 per adult (children free) to
include parking
& Shuttle service

Limited wheelchair access

In aid of Church funds



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"Jill Topp would like to ~~thank all the kind people of Bulkington~~ who have called around with gifts, all the well-meaning chats and concern for her. You all know who you are - thank you. Love Jill"

One of the farming ~~community in the village has asked us~~ to print the following appeal. We hope it's not too late for this season – if so remember it for next year please!

TO ALL DOG OWNERS

Please will you keep all dogs on a lead at this time of lambing. We have already had injuries casued to a lamb and therefore any loose dogs found in the field will be dealt with. Police have given us permission to do so.

CHARITY DISCO

The disco held on 20th March for Dorothy House and Breast Cancer raised £1,135 - £635 for Dorothy House and £500 for Breast Cancer.

We would like to thank everyone who came and hope you all enjoyed yourselves. We would also like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes, including the local businesses, for their support: The Bell, The Brewery, The Barge, The Three Magpies and The Post Office.

We will hold another disco next March, so keep dates free for March 2011.

Thank you all,
Barbara and Louise

Seend Fete 2010

Once again a quick reminder of our village fete -
Saturday 14 August

Please put the date in your diaries and tell all your friends and relatives to keep the date free as well! It will be a fantastic day!



We are always looking for new people to add to our list of willing volunteers to help on the stalls and games, so please give me a call if you can help, even if it's just for an hour.

Now is the time to be planning your float entry, the police have confirmed that they will be closing the road for us so no problems this year! The more floats we have the better!

From next month we will be starting to collect any items that you would like to

donate to the various stalls. We're busy collecting the Grand Draw and Tombola prizes so if you have any suitable prizes hidden away (a new car, a holiday for 2 in the Bahamas, a day out on a barge, a case of vintage wine etc. or even a box of chocolates!!) then I'd be pleased to hear from you now!!

Fiona Johnson Fete Chairman (828401)

RNLI House to house and Devizes Flag Day Collection: April 2010

Thank you again, everyone from Seend, Seend Cleeve, Martinslade and Bulkington who gave their time and effort to collect for the Life Boats. Here are the results. The figures in brackets show last years totals.

In the village, you collected £537.89 (£413.90) – higher than last year by almost 30% - brilliant! I've been doing this since 2005 and this is the best result in that time.

The total house-to-house amount for all areas was £4099.61 (£4854.61) – our contribution was, therefore, 13.12% (8.53%) - up on last year. The Flag Day in Devizes raised £1028.63 (£917.14) – up on last year – a very good result.

The overall total (Flag Day and villages) was £5128.24 (£5771.75) – down on last year but still over the £5000 mark. This was another excellent result and thank you once again, everyone, for another superb effort to a worthy cause supported wholly by charitable contributions.

Bob

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF CHURCH FLOWERS



You are invited to a Coffee Morning at 15 Dial Close, Seend from 10.30a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday, 5th May, 2010. There will be the usual raffle and bring and buy stall and of course, coffee, biscuits and a good chat with friends and neighbours.

Lilian Smallshaw.

CHURCH NEWS

Christian Aid Week **9th-15th May 2010**

With this edition of Spotlight you will find a Christian Aid envelope. The need to support the work of this organisation is as great as ever. Last year Seend and Bulkington collected over £900. Can you help to make it £1,000 this year?

Collectors will call for your envelope during the week. Should you miss them please hand to any Church member or bring it to Holy Cross Church.

Church services during May

Sunday May 2nd

8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
 9.30 am Family Communion at Bulkington
 11.15 am Parish Communion at Seend
 6.00 pm Evensong at Poulshot

Sunday May 9th

8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
 9.30 am Family Communion at Poulshot
 11.15 am Family Service at Seend
 6.00 pm Evensong at Bulkington

Thursday May 13th

7.30 pm Benefice Ascension Day service at Bulkington

Sunday May 16th

8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
 9.30 am Parish Communion at Bulkington
 11.15 am Parish Communion at Seend
 6.00 pm Parish Communion at Poulshot

Sunday May 23rd

8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
 9.30 am Matins at Poulshot
 11.15 am Family Communion at Seend
 6.00 pm Evening Worship at Bulkington

Sunday May 30th

8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
 10.00 am Benefice Communion at Seend

Please support the Vicar's Sponsored Walk

Renée and her oversize backpack are on their way - 467 miles to Santiago de Compostela - starting on the ferry instead of flying because of that volcano. 90% of sponsorship goes to Help for Heroes, the remainder towards the Bishop of Salisbury's retirement appeal for the Bishop Gwynne Theological College in Juba, South Sudan.



Sponsorship forms are at the back of each church – alternatively please sponsor direct by visiting the webpage: <http://www.justgiving.com/Renee-Coulson>

Thanks !

First Steps Service



The next First Steps service will be held on Tuesday, 4th May, from 2.15-2.45pm.

Come and hear the story of Noah and his Ark. If you have a favourite toy animal please bring it with you. (Of course, there will be tea or squash and biscuits.)

SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL - Services for May

9th May 10am

Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion

23rd May 10am

Mrs Jeannie MacMeekin

All welcome.

FROM ROY...

A friend of mine has just been on a hot-air balloon ride. He said that the most amazing thing was that, when the burner was turned off, how very quiet and peaceful it became. Hot-air balloons, of course, to a certain extent rely on thermal currents and the wind to take them where they end up going. They only have limited steering. It's no good expecting to go to a particular destination. I well remember the evening a couple of years ago when suddenly I looked out of my window and saw a very low flying balloon coming down my road. The balloon was very low and had been caught by a sudden change of wind. It eventually landed on the Green in Calne, just behind my house. That was not where it was intending to end up at all!

I often think of hot-air balloons when I am thinking about the Holy Spirit. In particular, I recall the phrase in John's Gospel that says that the Spirit blows where it wants. No one knows where it has come from or where it is going. God's Spirit is unpredictable and surprising. This month we celebrate Pentecost, what used to be called Whitsun. Pentecost is a festival of God's Spirit. It recalls how the Spirit came suddenly upon the first disciples of Jesus and turned them from frightened men and women in to bold witnesses to Christ. They ended up taking the good news of Christ all over the known world.

As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost again, are we ready for the Spirit to come and transform us as disciples of Christ and let it take us where it will in Christ's service?

God bless,

BULKINGTON NEWS

OPEN DAYS ON THE GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY

from 1300 hrs until 1630 hrs on **August Bank Holiday**

Monday 30th August.

Teas and buns on the lawns.

Contact Nev Boulton, Station Master 01380 828 101



Great Bulkington Railway – Train Rides Saturday 17th July

The private miniature railway will be open for steam and diesel powered train rides for adults and children of all ages on July 17th from 1330 until 1630 hours. Teas and ‘sticky buns’ will be served on the lawns by the good ladies of our village church. We are located on the corner of Mill Lane in the village of Bulkington, near Seend next to the village hall.

There are a thousand feet of railway track, a 40 foot long tunnel and lots of workings signals – some of the engines will be steam powered and coal fired and some will be diesel. We have ride on carriages for our passengers and will be supported by the West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers. Toilets are available in the Village Hall.

All profits will go to Dorothy House Foundation Ltd, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Nev Boulton Head Porter, GBR. 01380 828 101

THE FUN STATION



A monthly club for children, Year 1 - Year 6 now meets on the **2nd Tuesday** of the month in the Village Hall, Bulkington, 4.30pm - 6.00pm. £1 subscription.

11th May - Follow that Trail!

OMNIART / CLOTH ROAD ART TRAIL

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN

ART EXHIBITION

AT BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 1st MAY TO SUNDAY 9th MAY

(CLOSED THURSDAY 6th)

11am to 6pm

CONTACT: ROGER MARSH 01380 828000

Email: roger.g.marsh@btinternet.com





The Big Bulkington Quiz



Friday 14th May
7.00 p.m for 7.15 p.m start

Irene Usher Memorial Hall,
Rusty Lane, Seend

Teams of 5-6

£6 per person to include Ploughman's supper
Licensed bar available

Please try to book your table in advance

Tickets on sale at Seend Post Office
or Jane Coles 828145,

Audrey McDonald 828376 and Anne Saywell 828931
Proceeds to local charities



Barn Dance



'Spill The Whisky'
present a family- friendly
Barn Dance

with charismatic caller 'Miss Dixie'

Friday 25th June 7.30 p.m
Leaze Farm, Mill Lane, Bulkington
Barbecue

Licensed bar available

Tickets: Adults - £10, Children under 16 - £5
(Family ticket £25 - 2 Adults & 2 Children)

Tickets on sale at Seend Post Office
or Jane Coles 828145, Audrey McDonald 828376,
Sue Noad 870343 and Anne Saywell 828931

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SEEND CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



The Wiltshire Royal British Legion Womens Section has arranged a presentation entitled "In Shackleton's Footsteps - A Return to the Heart of the Antarctic" to be given by Lt Col Henry Worsley MBE at Dauntsey's School, West Lavington on Tuesday 1st June 2010. Reception at 6.30pm. Lecture and film at 7.30pm.

Tickets. Single £15. Double £25. Student £10.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Nigel Knocker on 01380 828609 or e mail: nigel.knocker@btinternet.com

MOTHERS UNION - SEEND AND BULKINGTON BRANCH

V.I.N.E. for P.A.T. is an intriguing but useful abbreviation for a Christian organisation in Trowbridge, whose full name is 'Volunteers Investing in Neighbourly Encouragement for Pregnant or Abused Teenagers'. Some twenty years ago, a group of people realised that there was a great need in the town to help young women who had become pregnant and had no family support. Originally members of this group took these young mothers-to-be into their own homes, but it was realised that much more help could be given if a property could be bought and converted into purpose-built accommodation.



The motto of the group might be 'God will provide' for through prayer funds were raised sufficient to purchase Vine House and many individuals and businesses became involved.

Mrs Pat Penny told this enthralling story when she was the speaker at the MU meeting in March. Incidents which she recalled included an architect who rang her following a prayer meeting and offered his services, while on another occasion five much-needed fire doors were left anonymously at the premises. Barclays Bank is one of the businesses who have provided funds to decorate and furnish a room. Vine House can now accommodate up to ten mothers. Help is given to them to prepare for the birth and subsequent baby care. On arrival they are encouraged to tell their families where they are even if they are estranged. With comfortable surroundings, regular meals and friendly care, good health returns and hope for the future is restored.

Several MU members helped at the Vicarage coffee morning. This was a really happy event when £100 was raised for V.I.N.E.

Future meetings:

19th May: Gillian McKenzie – the MU social policy

16th June: Mrs Gange from the Children's Society

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



On 13th April we had our 36th AGM and David managed to break all records by finishing in half an hour. He is standing down as stand-in Chairman but the good news is that Carole Vince has agreed to be Chairperson in a year's time, so in the meantime the rest of the Committee will take it in turns to lead the meetings with David available for advice and support if needed. We are very grateful to David for his help this past year, which has been invaluable and much appreciated by the committee. Joe Hardstaff will continue as Treasurer, Joyce Brand and myself as Secretaries and the committee was re-elected en bloc. It consists of Monica Ridgway, Carole Vince, Sue Jones, Susie Rawstron and Edna Fry, with the addition of Jackie Kilduff. I offer my apologies to Monica, whose name somehow got left out of the list at the meeting. Our thanks also to Joy and Alan Stack, who have raised a steady income for the club by running the raffle. They have decided to retire and the task is being taken over by Susan Bolton and Judith Howe. The annual subscription is being raised to £5 as speakers and running the club are both becoming more expensive. We even had to ask members to pay for their wine during the evening although the delicious food was as usual provided by members. The Gill Edgley cup was awarded to Tim Vince for the most points from competitions. We had a lot of entries for the Bulb show, postponed from last month, and they made a beautiful display. Our thanks to Sue Jones for judging.

Refreshments were followed by Paul Cook educating us in the ways of ostriches. He hid his information in a great deal of humour, most of it non- pc and most of it at our expense. Naming no names some of us were thoroughly picked on. However we did establish that ostriches are very tall, can kill you with a kick, run at 45 mph and therefore their keepers can run at 46mph. They are farmed for meat, feathers and skin which is used for incredibly expensive bags and cases. Quite a few of us bought ostrich rump steak to try, so someone will be able to tell you what it is like. It was a very funny talk from a speaker who knew how to work an audience.

Outings

Tuesday May 11th. Evening trip to Stourhead. We need to be at the entrance kiosk in the garden at 5.45 for 6.00pm. The walk will take about one to one and a quarter hours and will be followed by supper at the nearby Spread Eagle Inn at about 7.30pm. I will contact you nearer the time to organise car transport unless you have already done so.

Saturday June 12th. A day trip to Wisley. The club hasn't been here for some years so there are new things to see including glass houses. We have free entry to this garden so the cost will be coach only and will be £15 or £16 for non-members. Contact Monica for information or to go on the list.

Thursday 15th July. A day trip to Cranborne Manor Gardens and free time in Wimborne. A restful day of browsing around a beautiful garden, followed by

lunch in Wimborne and shopping. Departure will be from the Bell at 9.30am and the cost will be £12.00 or £13 for non-members. Contact David for this one. Monies for the Cranborne and Wisley trips to Joe please.

Sue.



SEEND WI

Our AGM on Wednesday 14 April saw the election of a new committee, headed by new President, Susan Bolton.

Our new committee comprises of Gill Acornley, Susan Bolton, Karen Diffey, Ann Hunt, Fiona Johnson, Susie Rawstron, Joy Stack, Sarah Todhunter and Jo Vaux.

Following the formal business, a fascinating talk was given by Jean Parsons about life in Guernsey under the German Occupation during World War 11. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 May when the speaker will be Seend favourite Freddie Giles with his talk – ‘Life at Full Chat’. This will be an open meeting – so all guests are welcome, including the men folk!

The new committee will meet shortly to agree the final programme for the coming year, which promises to be an interesting and varied line up.

Please feel free to come along and join us – our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion (unless otherwise specified!)

Sarah Todhunter, President



SEEND SHUTTLE

First Wednesday Shopping Trip

The next shopping trip to Salisbury is on 5th May. Please phone Terry on 828203 by 3rd May to book your place.

...and talking of shopping, the Tuesday Shuttle takes you to Waitrose!

Annual General Meeting



**Seend Community Bus Committee AGM
on Tuesday 25th May at 7.45pm
in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane**

Your chance to hear about and comment on the running of the Community Bus. We'd love to see all our drivers, passengers and members of the cleaning rota there - and you.

Refreshments will be served.

SEEND SCOUTS AND GUIDES REUNION

If you were a member of Seend Scouts, Wolf Cubs, Sea Rangers, Guides or Brownies before 1986 you are invited to a get-together of past members at Seend Community Centre on Saturday, 26th June, from 7.30-10.30pm. Please tell any members of your family or anyone living away whom you are in contact with. Tea, coffee and biscuits only will be served.

Please bring along any photos or other memorabilia of interest.

Gwyn Hopkins 01225 425695

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

On a beautiful spring morning, Sunday 18th April, 23 members set out for a five mile walk commencing from Hinton Charterhouse - crossing green pastures, passing Hinton Priory and through to Upper Limpley Stoke, returning via Hog Wood displaying an abundance of spring flowers, and back through the churchyard of St. John the Baptist in Hinton Charterhouse. A truly delightful walk; our thanks to both Gerald and Marion for their planning.



Next Walk will be Sunday 16th May, meeting in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. The walk will commence from West Lavington. Park in White Street, the road leading to the Church. Consolidation of cars would be advisable. The walk is of an undulating nature, with only one stile and for a distance of 6 miles. Leaders: Bob and Brenda Jones (01225 703277). Bring the usual flask of drink for a coffee stop.

Lin Salter 01225 706451

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

NOSH & NATTER

OR THE COMMUNITY CENTRE LUNCHEON CLUB.

The Luncheon Club was formed with the specific purpose of offering a monthly lunch to anybody who wanted to participate in a good meal, at a very reasonable cost, plus comfortable companionship. It has now been running for nine months and is seen as a successful venture.

Usually around forty people start to arrive at around 12 noon with the meal being served at 12.30pm with the dining and dialogue continuing until around 2.30pm.

It is a happy occasion and in order to ensure its long term future, helpers, of either sex, are now sought for two small teams who can prepare the lunch on an alternative monthly basis. All that is needed from would be helpers is a happy and cheerful outlook on life plus the ability to help to either prepare the meals or to help to get them to the tables.



The lunch demonstrates the quality of our community life which of course, is only as good as the spirit of the community.

Please ring Lilian or John Smallshaw on 828540 if you would like to help.

Other events in Seend Community Centre

See the events section for details of the Quiz Night, Josh's disco, the Barb Jungr concert (courtesy of Rural Arts Wiltshire) and, of course, the 10th Seend Beer Festival.

Summer events include the three-a-side skittles competition (starting 26th April, Saturday breakfasts and the First Seend Ball, to name but a few! More details are in 'Happenings!' newsletter enclosed with this Spotlight.

SEEND 100 CLUB



The draw for March took place on Wednesday 24th March following a meeting of the Seend Fete committee; the numbers were drawn by members of the committee, and the results are as follows:

1 st Prize	£35	131	Seend Gardening Club
2 nd Prize	£30	164	Mrs Diana Sawyer
3 rd Prize	£25	25	Eric Ackerman
4 th Prize	£20	34	Mrs M Burden
5 th Prize	£15	39	Miss Elizabeth Burrard
6 th Prize	£10	112	Bob Howe

DON'T FORGET – 100+CLUB YEAR ENDS ON 30TH APRIL. IF YOU HAVEN'T COMPLETED YOUR APPLICATION FORM, DO SO NOW!!! IF YOU'VE LOST IT, CALL ME FOR A NEW ONE.

Bernie Prolje 828391
Organiser

ANOTHER WORLD EXCLUSIVE FOR SPOTLIGHT!

Linkvo Lunteer's latest work exclusively reviewed by Spotlight!



This month we review **The Incredible Niceness of Being Good** the latest offering from Finnish author, Linkvo Lunteer. As the literati among us may recognise, the title is an homage to two much more celebrated works, **The Unbearable Lightness of Being**, by Milan Kundera, and *The Incredible Lightness of Being* by Ajay Ahuja.

Although an homage to both works, this work makes no pretensions to challenge in any way the artistic and philosophical merits of either, but it does nevertheless contain an important and powerful message which is at one with the main theme of the work by Ajay Ahuja. And that message is clear, not least in the gently persuasive nature of the title of the work, but more stridently as a clarion-call within the book itself : surely, the message goes, it is better to do good unto others than to oneself.

There is an old Tibetan proverb that says ‘Water, if you don't stir it, becomes clear’. Regarding water, we say ‘Still waters run deep’. Surely, therefore, still water is water unstirred. In ‘...Being Good’, Mr Lunteer makes us understand very clearly that we are a society which may very well have too much deep, clear water. To get a flavour of the book for yourself, read the chapter called **Christopher Robin’s Question** which we have printed in full below. This chapter more than any other seems to sum up the theme of the book, and will, I feel sure, prompt us all to examine if we can do a little more to ‘stir up the clear water’, if not in the wider world, at least here in Seend.

To start the stirring process, let me remind you that the village Link organisation needs volunteers - desperately. We need drivers, and we need coordinators. Despite our earlier appeal for coordinators, we were able to attract only one additional volunteer, which means we are still perilously close to closure of the service. Furthermore many of our drivers (including yours truly) are seriously mature. In a nutshell, we need more coordinators and younger drivers.

So read **Christopher Robin’s Question**, think about what it is trying to say, and call me for a chat on **828391**- even if it’s only to tell me I’m wasting my time. But I don’t think I am. Like Pooh, I’m an eternal optimist! If I don’t get you this month, I’ll be back at you next month...and the next month...and the next....

Bernie Prolze
Link Volunteer Recruitment
(Linkvo Lunteer – get it? Oh, please yourselves...)

Christopher Robin’s Question

(from ‘The Incredible Niceness of Being Good’, by Linkvo Lunteer)

In the south-west corner of the 100-acre Wood, Christopher Robin, Pooh Bear, Piglet and Eyeore were discussing The World, although to tell the truth, until Christopher Robin had proposed the idea that there just might be a world outside the Wood, he and his three friends had thought that The World **was** the Wood and vice-versa.

Pooh then thought he would ask a question, and the more he thought about the question he would ask, the bigger the question seemed to become until it became a Very Big Question indeed. ‘Do you mean’ asked Pooh, rather nervously, eyes squinting ever-so-slightly with the effort that is needed to ask a Very Big Question, ‘Do you mean, Christopher Robin, that there might be another Christopher Robin outside the Wood, and another Pooh and another Piglet and another Eyeore?’ The germ of this thought had already occurred to Piglet, but he had not been able to put it into words in the way his friend Pooh had, Pooh being much cleverer than he, but to show that he was thinking in the same direction as Pooh, Piglet gave a nervous little cough of support. And the thought had also occurred to Eyeore but he was so struck by the possibility, that he felt uncharacteristically almost happy, which left him momentarily non-plussed and unable to speak.

Christopher Robin thought for a moment before replying to Pooh's question. And instead of answering it (because really he didn't know what the answer was), he decided that the best thing to do was to answer Another Question. The problem was of course that no-one had asked Another Question, so he thought he would ask it himself, and then at least he would know the answer. And so he addressed this question to his three friends: 'Would you be happy if there were a world outside the 100-acre Wood?'

Eyeore, who by now had recovered from his unusual but temporary happy feeling, was the first to answer. 'I know that my little house at the corner of the Wood isn't very special, or even especially comfortable, but it is mine, and although the thistles in my field are a bit spiky and sharp, they are my thistles and if another Eyeore came into the Wood from The World, would he want my house and thistles, and if he did what would I do, although I suppose I could complain, not that that does you any good these days, nobody wants to listen any more?'

Since asking the Very Big Question, Pooh had tried to think another question into his head that he could ask, but the only one that seemed to be in his very small brain was one that was prompted by Eyeore's question, and so he asked it. 'If another Pooh comes into the Wood from The World, would he want my house and my honey, and if he did what would I do?' And thinking about his honey he realised how hungry he was, so it must be nearly tea-time.

Piglet had been thinking along the very same lines as Eyeore and Pooh, except he didn't think about thistles or honey, he thought about acorns. He thought about where the acorns came from and he remembered they came from the oak trees and that there were a great many oak trees in the Wood, and therefore a great many acorns, so many in fact that he knew he could not possibly eat all of them, so in answer to Christopher Robin's question, he said forthrightly, but a trifle nervously 'I, hmm, should be very, hmm, happy to meet another Piglet from the, hmm, The World. My house is quite small but Piglets are also quite small and there are plenty of acorns for two Piglets to eat'. 'Hmm, or even three.' he added, with a small feeling inside him as though he were on an adventure.

'Well' mused Eyeore, ungrudgingly, 'I do have quite a lot of thistles in my field so I s'pose there would be enough for two of us.' 'And I know that a Pooh never travels without his honey.' said Pooh. 'So-another-Pooh-wouldn't-need my-honey-at-all.' he said, finishing all in a rush and smiling happily.

Christopher Robin looked at his three friends with deep affection. Although they were only small animals, unbidden they had each one arrived at the right answer to the Another Question, which was that sharing what you have with others who may need it is a really nice thing to do. As they made their way

home, hand-in-hand through the Wood, in the dusty, golden light of evening, Christopher Robin realised that today he had learned a very great wisdom: if you want to get the right answer to a question, you have to ask the right question.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on 30 th March was attended by eleven Councillors, with Chairman, Mike Davis, in the chair. Members of the public were also in attendance, together with County Councillor J. Seed.

Adoption of Red Telephone boxes

The Clerk has received two enquiries about the adoption of the BT Red telephone box in Seend Cleeve. These boxes can be adopted by Parish Councils for the cost of £1. This has been discussed at previous PC meetings, with the PC deciding not to adopt. The PC are willing to re-look at this question, but do not want the boxes to become a liability. It was agreed to find out:

- a) How much it would cost to buy and maintain a box?
- b) If the PC wanted to dispose of the box in the future, is there a time limit how long they must have kept the box?
- c) Can the box be covered by insurance?

Community Police matters / meetings

PC Emily Thomas has contacted the PC about the NPT meetings that have been run on a quarterly basis. These have been poorly attended. She has now suggested that they run ad hoc meetings when a need arises. She also proposes that they send out an e-mail every 12 weeks, asking for current issues or ideas for priorities. If there is a need for a meeting, this can be arranged. Councillors agreed that community policing is now much improved, and the PC has regular contact from the Community Beat Manager.

Matters arising

Spout Lane – The Police undertook a traffic survey of the lane between the 11th and 18th March. This showed that 2,892 vehicles had used the lane during the week. The average speed was 27 mph, no vehicles had travelled in excess of the speed limit. An e-mail had been received from Andy Cadwallader, Area Highways Engineer, to advise that the cost of kerbing the area where vehicles park would be £13,000, and to construct a retained parking area would be in excess of £25,000. These items could not be covered by the budget, which does not extend to improvement schemes. He suggests installing more verge marker posts and white edge of carriageway lines to try and deter vehicle mounting of the verge.

Road signage, Martinslade – Letter received from Mark Stansby, Senior Traffic Management Engineer, suggesting a meeting to discuss. This will be organised for end of April/beginning of May.

Spiderweb Paddock – It was agreed to go back to the start of Mr. Shearmon’s applications to Kennet DC, and subsequently Wiltshire Council, to ensure that he has complied with the conditions of the planning approvals he has received. It would also be necessary to know what buildings and articles are actually on site. Cllr Seed reminded Councillors that Wiltshire Council will only consider looking at a breach of planning regulations. It was agreed that this should be discussed at a separate planning meeting.

Road signage from Redstocks to The Bell – Cllr Seed confirmed that a survey has been undertaken.

Other matters:

Cllr Seed advised that **Seend Playgroup** has received a grant from County, and had provided match funding.

Wiltshire Council has received £1.4 million to deal with **potholes**, so any in the vicinity of the village should be reported to the Clerk for remedial work to be carried out.

Wiltshire Council propose a **diversion of footpath** SEEN6 from Egypt Farm to Little Foxes gate, to go around the edge of the field beyond the recreation ground rather than across it, as this is the more sensible route. Some Councillors felt there will be opposition to the proposal, and Cllr Seed said it has to go to consultation first.

Planning Matters

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

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| E/10/0094/FUL | Mr M Hardiman New Buildings, Seend Cleeve
Second storey extension to existing single storey extension |
| E/10/0138/FUL | H J Smith & Sons 1 & 2 Ivy Cottages, Inmarsh
Creation of vehicular access |

Mr Nichols declared an interest in the following application.

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| E/10/0285/FUL | Seend CE Primary School School Road, Seend
Proposed outdoor classroom |
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No objections.

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| E/10/0325/FUL | Mr M Newman Rew Farm, Seend Cleeve
Conversion and extension of barn to form two dwellings |
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This application has been **suspended** temporarily, as the applicant has submitted significant amended plans.

The follow application has been withdrawn:

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| E/10/0053/FUL | Mr N Keen The Darrells Cottage, Rusty Lane, Seend |
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The **Parish Steward** will be in Seend on 29th April and 1st July, there will not be a visit in May because of hedge-cutting.

Wiltshire Council is holding a **Flood Fair** on Wednesday 14th April at the Olympiad Leisure Centre in Chippenham. They are also asking for information on flooding of land, roads and property in villages. If there are any flooding issues in your area of Seend, please advise the Clerk.

There have been complaints about dog mess on pavements, especially between The Lye and the shop in the High Street. If you are a dog walker, please be considerate to other pavement users and clear up after your dog. Thank you.

The bench by the stone steps in Love Walk is in need of repair. However, the PC is not sure who owns this bench. Is anyone able to give the Clerk any information about this?

Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 27th April 2010. The date for the **Annual Parish meeting** is Wednesday 19th May, commencing at 8.00 p.m. in the Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher
Parish Clerk
www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

SCHOOL NEWS

News from Seend School

I have had a lovely welcome into the busy life of Seend School. Moving from the headship at Keevil Primary, I am used to the workings and delights of a small village primary, and I am looking forward to building relationships with the members of the school and village community.



Jackie Chalk

May Fair Saturday 8th May 2010 **2 – 4.30pm at Seend School**

Homemade Cakes and Biscuits, Refreshments, Ice creams, Tombola, Raffle, Book Stall, Toy Stall, Face painting, Tattoo transfers, Side Stalls, Cake and Biscuit decorating, Welly Wanging, Local Community Police Officers, Fancy Dress Competition, Football Shootout and much much more.

It would be lovely to see you on the day or, if you are able to donate items for sale, we would be extremely grateful if you could donate toys, books or raffle prizes.

Items can be brought into school on Thursday 6th May at 3.15 pm or to the school on the day between 10.00 and 12 noon.

FRIENDS OF KEEVIL SCHOOL

Hi! It's been a while but I thought I would bring you up to date with what's been happening in the world of FOKS (Friends of Keevil School).

All our fundraising over the last few months has been hugely productive with the Snowball held last December raising £1700, and the Keevil cookbook equally as successful raising over £125. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to raise the funds and also to those who supported them. As a result we have managed to put on a school disco for the children to enjoy, have paid for a circus group to come to school to teach the children circus skills and have paid almost £1200 towards coaches for school trips. Our main project is still the timber trail for the playground which we hope to have very soon.

We have recently drawn the 140 Club twice and the results were as follows:

October 2009 draw

- 1st Prize £50 Jacqui Hart, Bulkington
- 2nd Prize £25 Mrs Ann Ryan, Steeple Ashton
- 3rd Prize £15 Guy Bagnall, Steeple Ashton

Easter draw

- 1st Prize £50 Donal Henry, Steeple Ashton
- 2nd Prize £25 Pete Shaw, Keevil
- 3rd Prize £15 Mrs Wade, Semmington

Dates for the diary are the Scarecrow trail the weekend of May 15th and 16th in Keevil. This was hugely popular last year and promises to be so again with over 40 scarecrows dotted around the village to test your knowledge, teas and coffees being served at school together with a BBQ and ice creams and there will be a plant and cake sale. Saturday starts at 10am until 4pm and Sunday 10.30am until 3.30pm. Free parking is available behind the Manor.

Another date is July 10th for a concert at Keevil church. For those of you who attended Impromptu's concerts in 2007, you may remember the soloists who sang alongside them performing 'Songs from the Shows'. This group known as 'Stage 7', are now performing independently and are planning to bring similar music to you in July. Tickets will be available nearer the time but for further details you can contact me on 828248 or in the meantime, just keep that date in your diary!

The biggest thing of note recently was the departure of Mrs. Chalk as our Headmistress before Easter. As you are all aware she has been appointed as the Head for Seend School and whilst we wish her well in her new role, we will most definitely miss her. Mrs. Chalk has been extremely supportive of FOKS whilst at Keevil and for that we are most truly grateful. Our new Headmaster, Mr. Burr, is due to join us in September – we very much look forward to that and in the meantime we have Mrs. Rogers to step into the void!! Thanks once again to Mrs. Chalk and everyone who has supported FOKS over the last few months.

Jan Flynn

Keevil Village Scarecrow Trail

Sat 15^h May 10am-4pm

Sun 16th May 10.30am -3.30pm



Refreshments

BBQ

Plant & Cake Sale

Raffle - Quiz sheet

Entry £2.50

Free Parking behind the Manor



**All proceeds towards
Keevil CE Primary School**

For further information please contact:
keevilscarecrows@yahoo.co.uk

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Football

Seend 1st XI – Manager – Steve Burns

Assistant Manager – Matt Pearce



27th February – Away vs Broughton – Won 6-0

6th March – Home vs Steeple Ashton – Won 4-1

13th March – Home vs Semington Magpies – KO Cup – Lost 2-3

20th March – Away vs Minety – Wilts Junior Cup Semi-Final – Lost 0-4

27th March – Home vs Trowbridge Wanderers – Won 2 - 1

3rd April – Home vs Bradford – Drew 3-3

6th April – Home vs Bromham – Won 4 - 0

8th April – Away vs Trowbridge Wanderers – Won 3 - 1

10th April – Home vs Blue Circle – Won 4 - 0

13th April – Away vs Bradford – Won 5 - 2

15th April – Home vs Freshford – Drew 2 - 2

17th April – Away vs Lavington – Won 5 - 2

The team have played 16 league games of which they have won 14, drawn 2 and lost none and are currently leading the 1st Division with 50 points. They have 4 games left this season, with their last match on the 1st of May.

Top scorer as of 14th April is Gary Higdon with 32 goals, and 5 for the reserves. In second top scorer is Craig Townsend with 13.

Seend Reserves – Manager – Keith Anteny

6th March – Away vs The Stiffs – Won 3 - 0

20th March – Home vs Heytesbury – Lost 3 - 5

8th April – Home vs FC Chippenham Youth – Won 4 - 2

13th April – Home vs Calne Eagles – Won 2 - 0

The reserves have played 17 matches in the league, having won 12, drawn 1 and lost 4. They are currently 2nd in Division 2 with 34 points. They have 3 matches left and their last match is on the 29th April.

The top scorer is Dan Moore with 14 followed by Dan Humphreys with 8.

Cricket – Captain – Ben King

Sunday 18th April

Seend had their first match of the season, being the first match on the newly laid strip, against the Canal Taverners from Bradford on Avon. The Taverners elected to field first, and this decision suited the home side, with Seend batting out their 40 overs to score 201. Top scorer was Scott Cameron contributing a thunderous 85, supported by Paris Goddard with 29, Tom Wallis with 26 and Will Croucher with 24.



The team then followed up this impressive batting display by skittling out the opposition for 55. The last time these sides met the Taverners scored 216 with Seend winning on the very last ball of the match, so a much tighter contest had been anticipated. Seend's victory has to be put down to hard work from the whole team over the last season.

Opening bowler Nathan King started the fall of wickets taking 3 early victims for just 12 runs. He was backed up by debutant Will Croucher, who's string of yorkers presented him with figures of 5-19.

The "champagne moment" must go to Jack Davis' fantastic catch to round off the Taverners innings. An early candidate for catch of the season, diving to take the ball at full stretch over his right shoulder.

Before the match started, the team were honoured to have Walter Mayall say a few well chosen words before unveiling the new wicket for the club.

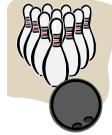
New Umpires

Congratulations to Richard Walker who has just completed his umpiring qualification enabling him to officiate in all matches below Wiltshire Premier League standard. Mel tells me that it has been a long haul but now Richard has got his badge she hopes it will not be too long before he is able to return to light household duties, recognising of course that the right hand will now have to be carefully protected.

Skittles

Seend A – Captain – John Wiltshire

The end of season results for the A team will be in the June edition of Spotlight



Seend B – Captain – Nick Easton

The Bs have played 6 games since their last set of results, winning 3: 6-1 vs Semington A, 7-0 vs Animals and 6-1 vs Staverton B; and losing 3: 1-6 vs Cons B, 0-7 vs Lacock and $1\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$ vs Melksham Sports B.

Seend C – Captain – Josh Hamblin

In the last month the C team have played 2 matches, losing 1-6 against Legion, and winning 6-1 at home against the Cons E. This final result confirmed the team's position at the top of the league, winning the 2nd Division by 5 points, and ensuring promotion in the process. Congratulations to all the team for a great season!!!

Mixed Pairs skittles

Chris Waylen and Mollie Maslen won the Mixed Pairs Tournament in the Community Centre, beating Graham and Molly Hamblin in the final. Apparently Mr BJ got the presentation right this time! Congrats all round.

Short Mat Bowls – Flight Deck Attendant – Colin Waldeck

The team have rallied over the last few weeks and propelled themselves to 5th in the division. The season has now ended but the summer league is about to start. Congratulations all round.



I was very glad to hear that all went well in Whistler – let us hope another exchange can be organised next year. I had my eyes on the Amazon Basin, or at least something more tropical.

To most of us the word “Eyjafjallajoekull” is not only the name of the Icelandic volcano, but is also impossible to pronounce. Not so in the world of short mat bowls, where of course, it is a technical term referring to the player throwing the bowl out of the back of the hand and hitting the MDF block without bouncing, thereby tripling the score – or so Colin tells me.

Before the next issue Colin is going to kindly produce a brief list of the common phrases used in short may bowls in order that the uninitiated can better follow this sport.



Tennis – Chair – Elaine Davis

Matches get underway this week, with Seend Men's playing Bloomfield Club Bath on 23rd April. Both mixed teams also start within the next few days, as do the ladies. Elaine would love to hear from any new players as the ladies could well be short of a player or two this year. Full results for the coming month will be in the June Spotlight.



Running

This year's Bishops Cannings 5000m dash, the 28th successive run, will take place on Saturday 10th July. All details including entry form are on the new website at www.bishopscanningsdash.co.uk

The Lye Field Sports Facilities

Phillip Proven reminds me of the superb standard of facilities we have in Seend for tennis, cricket, skittles, football and many other sports. All the sports clubs are asked to remember their obligation to look after all these wonderful amenities particularly where the sport involves use of the pavilion, and to this end Phillip will be inviting the various clubs to a brief meeting to discuss "house rules", thereby ensuring that we preserve our fantastic sporting resources – club officials, please watch this space.

Results for the next Spotlight by the 10th May to the Nutritionists Office – thanks.

Frankie Goddard - 828488

BITS'N'BOBS

BARN DANCE

Moorhouse Farm, Netherstreet, Bromham

Saturday 19th June 7.30pm-12

Live music - caller - buffet bar

In support of Help for Heroes

Tickets £15 including food and one free drink

Available from Bromham Post Office

Kennet Citizens Advice Bureau

NEW

Drop in Service

Monday - Thursday

10.00am – 3.00pm

Call in at:

New Park Street, Devizes SN10 1DY

For a short assessment of the help you need.

Wiltshire Citizens Advice Line: 0844 375 2775

www.adviceguide.org.uk

Duvet day or emergency? **Choose well to get the right treatment**

You've shut your finger in a door and think it might be broken. You've got a really bad cold and it might even be flu. It's ten o'clock at night and your three-year-old is screaming with earache. Your elderly mother has fallen downstairs and lost consciousness. Do you call A&E, an out-of-hours GP, go to a Minor Injury Unit (MIU) or wait until it goes away?

Each of these common medical situations has a different solution. In the first instance, you should go to an MIU. In the second, take a paracetamol and curl up somewhere warm with lots of tissues. The three-year-old needs a call to the out-of-hours service and a fall leading to a loss of consciousness means call 999 at once.

Making the right choice is important for you, so NHS Wiltshire has produced Choose Well – a webpage and leaflet that act as a simple, handy guide to getting the right treatment.

The webpage – www.wiltshirepct.nhs.uk/choosewell, went live on April 1, along with a new Wiltshire-wide service for out-of-hours medical and dental services, provided by a local company, Wiltshire Medical Services. Click on the website, or pick up a leaflet at your doctor's surgery, library or other public building, to find out who to call when.

In an emergency (eg serious injury, loss of consciousness, chest pain or suspected stroke), patients should always phone 999. For healthcare advice over the phone, NHS Direct is available on 0845 4647.

Contact details for further information:

Sharon Charity, Communications Manager
01380 733930. Sharon.charity@wiltshire.nhs.uk

Summer Visitors

House Martins: These lovely migrant birds fly from Africa to nest in the British Isles, many in our area. They spend a long time making their mud nests under the eaves of houses. Please be tolerant of their building habits. The birds do not cause too much mess and they become distressed if all their hard work is destroyed. If house martins cannot raise their brood, yet another species will be endangered.



Swallows: Always return to their old nest sites, so please make access to them. If for security, access has to be shut, swallows will fly through small openings in order to reach their traditional nesting sites.

Swifts: Their nesting sites, some of which are centuries old, are fast disappearing. They require an access tunnel of at least 18" long with a small entrance hole;

please don't block them off. Swifts are believed to spend as much as nine months a year on the wing and are known to nap whilst flying.

Should you require any advice about these birds or how to obtain artificial nesting boxes and how to erect them, please contact Wildlife Trust Wiltshire. Tel: 01380 725670.

These birds are, of course, protected species. It is an offence to disturb or destroy their nest sites and environments.

Ron Westacott Memorial Walk

Now it's well into the walking season, if you want to follow the REW memorial walk you should find copies of the leaflet with map and directions at the shop and village pubs or the caravan site - or you can phone 828617 to request a copy.

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.

WANTED URGENTLY – to purchase or possibly lease – grazing in the Seend Cleeve area. We have experienced numerous thefts and a recent incident of criminal damage in our current location, so are anxious to supplement this with an additional area which we can make safe.

Anything considered; we are willing to include uplift clauses etc in any potential sale to alleviate any concerns regarding development. Please contact us, without any commitment at this stage, at 108 Seend Cleeve or on 07885 103071. Thank you. S & J Wilfort.

And finally....

Q. What did the inflatable teacher in the inflatable school say to the inflatable pupil after he'd been on the rampage with a pin?

A. You've let me down, you've let the school down, but worst of all you've let yourself down.

USEFUL CONTACTS:

Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285 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 - 828796 (bar opening hours only)
Hall bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617; Skittles bookings: Stan Wiltshire 828559
Seend School - 828334
Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Private hire 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 - Neil Yockney 827139
Bulkington Website: www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington
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
MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

100+ Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391
Book Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325
Bouncy Club - Clare Stynes 01380 827164
Brownies - Helen Hook 828477
Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 828757
Fawtly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617
Fete Committee - Fiona Johnson 828401
Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067
Fun Station, Bulkington - Anne Saywell 01380 828931
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.
Other Book Club - Frank Teasdale 828617
Preschool - 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 - Ric Ellinger 828683
Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612
WEA - Pam Church - 828597
WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730 and Jo Vaux on 828970
Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446
(Please call Tessa on 828617 if your group's contact details change.)

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

WINES BEERS & SPIRITS

GROCERIES

NATIONAL LOTTERY

POSTCARDS & STATIONERY



	Village Store	Post Office
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