

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



February 2010

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY

- 27th Nosh and Natter, 12 for 12.30pm, Seend Community Centre
- 29th Closing date for applicants for School midday supervisory assistant (p.14)
- 29th Keevil School disco
- 30th Ramblers' skittles evening, Corsham Football Club, 7.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 1st Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 1st Dr Tom Robson at Seend School, 7pm
- 2nd First Steps Service, 2.15pm
- 3rd Shuttle Shopping Trip - phone Terry on 828203 by Monday 1st to book
- 4th Bulkington Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm
- 6th Ladies & Gents' singles skittles, Community Centre 8pm (enter by 4th)
- 7th Draw for first round of Seend Club Snooker tournament
- 13th LAST DAY FOR ENTRIES FOR MARCH SPOTLIGHT
- 13th Valentine Dance in aid of Help for Heroes, Community Centre
- 15th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 18/19th 'Androcles and the Lion' Fawly Panto, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 20th 'Androcles and the Lion' Fawly Panto, Community Centre, 7.00pm
- 21st Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am
- 22nd Guides reunion
- 27th British Legion Dugout Supper, 7 for 7.30pm, Seend Community Centre

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

- 1st Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 3rd Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, 12 for 12.30pm Seend Community Centre
- 3rd Shuttle Shopping Trip - phone Terry on 828203 by Monday 1st to book
- 13th Folk Music Night for Hope & Homes for Children, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 14th LAST DAY FOR ENTRIES FOR APRIL SPOTLIGHT
- 15th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 20th Disco for Breast Cancer & Dorothy House, Community Centre, 8pm
- 25th Theatre Club AGM
- 27th National Trust Lecture on Avebury, Community Centre, 2.15pm
- 29th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 31st Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, 12 for 12.30pm, Seend Community Centre

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 February 2010 issue



We hope you've come through the snow and ice without too much inconvenience; we know there have been a few weather-related injuries, hopefully none too serious. (If you have found yourself in serious difficulties, you will find details of how to apply for help from The Seend Fund on page 11.) At least when we get into February - whatever the weather is doing at the time - we know that spring is not far away.

February looks like being a bit less hectic than the Christmas and New Year period. The main village event of the month is, of course, the panto on 18th-20th February. All the proceeds go to local organisations and good causes, and village organisations gain from the raffles each evening. And it's fun!

Another major annual event is the British Legion's Dugout Supper (with cabaret) on 27th February. Also in the Community Centre you can enter the skittles singles competitions (ladies and gents) and the Club snooker competition. If you're of a romantic frame of mind, there's a Valentine's Dance in the Community Centre on 13th February, or if you're interested in the evolution of our landscape, there's a new WEA class starting on 1st February.

Looking ahead, there are lots of events in the coming months that you can already book for - or at least put in your diary - including very interesting news for all the ex-guides, scouts, sea rangers etc on page 11. Our county councillor has sent in a report of his activities (which follows the Parish Council report).

Just a reminder that we'd still be interested in feedback (whether you live in Bulkington or Seend) about putting all the Bulkington News together (pp 6-7) instead of mixing it in with the news from Seend. And don't miss the pull-out centre pages of Church News, and the several loose inserts in this edition, including the Community Centre Newsletter, 'Happenings!'.

The Spotlight Contacts

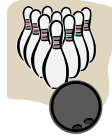
Contributions for the **March issue** (*copy deadline 13th February*) can be e-mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office or, for Bulkington contributions, to Jo Bell at 1 Northfields, Bulkington (e-mail to trevor@bell8490.freeserve.co.uk). Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

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 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 FEBRUARY

**Saturday 6th February in Seend Community Centre
Ladies & Gents' Singles Skittles Competition
Contact Russ on 0790 555 8309 before 4th February
to enter. £1.50 entry fee.**



**Saturday 13th February
8pm in Seend Community Centre**

Valentine's Dance

**In aid of Help for Heroes
Tickets: £15 including meal and disco
Tel: 01380 828846**



**See enclosed flyer for
full details.
Don't miss it!**

**(If you would like to
advertise in the panto
programme, please ring
Tessa on 828617 in
early February)**



**Saturday 27th February
7 for 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre
British Legion Dugout Supper
*with cabaret***

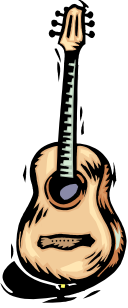
Tickets: £12.50

from Peter Fisher (828305), Anthony Hodgkinson (828545) or Nigel Knocker (828609)

EVENTS IN MARCH

**3rd and 31st March
Nosh and Natter Lunches
12 for 12.30 in Seend Community Centre
(Phone 828540 a few days ahead to book)**





Saturday 15th March.

An evening of folk music

presented by Rotary Club of Melksham.

at Send Community Centre from 7:30pm

Tickets £8:00

available from Autoline Service Station, Spa Road,
Melksham, phone 07706 059 365

All proceeds for Hope and Homes for Children

Saturday 20th March

8pm in Send Community Centre

Disco!

in aid of Dorothy House & Breast Cancer Research

For details phone Barb Tilbury on 01380 828786



THE NATIONAL TRUST

**North and West Wiltshire National Trust Association Winter Lecture
“Avebury and its long history”**

Speaker: Mr Chris Penny

Mr Penny works for The National Trust at Avebury

Saturday 27 March 2010 at 2.15pm

in Send Community Centre

Admission: Association Members £2.00, Visitors £3.00

If you are a member of The National Trust and would be interested in joining the North and West Wiltshire National Trust Association, please contact Dr David Chalmers, Membership Secretary, on 01225 866734.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thank you for your donations

The donations for Relate Mid Wiltshire which were collected at the Craft Fair and the Christmas Carols at Cleeve House came to **£231.39**. Thank you to all who donated. Also thank you to Potterne Hand Bells for their beautiful seasonal music which helped to inspire the carol singing.

Desmond Edwards

Des, or Dessie as he was affectionately known, died peacefully in Savernake Hospital on 11th January, at the age of 81. He was a much loved and respected man both in Seend, where he lived all of his life, and in the towns and villages around. He was unfortunate in that he was born disabled and it is understood was not expected to live, but that determination to overcome his disability must have cut in at that early age and he just had to prove the doctor wrong.

He attended the village school and when he left he was employed as a gardener at Miss Usher's house at the eastern end of the village where he worked many years until the death of Miss Usher. He then worked in Row lane, first for Mr Webster and then for Mr and Mrs Philip Proven. Desmond's gardening knowledge was very comprehensive and many were the number who called upon his expertise.

He lived in the Sells Green area of Seend, moving from the house where he was born about 50 yards along the road to the house in which he lived until his death. He had a great sense of humour; for example, he always told people that he was born in the USA and when pressed on that statement, told them that it was 'Up Stairs in the Attic'. His main social life revolved around the Seend Working Men's Club, which became the Seend Social Club. He was a founder member and acted as Secretary for a great many years. When the new lounge bar was created it was named 'The Desmond Edwards Lounge' in his honour. His other main interest was skittles. He was a member of the Seend 'B' team in the Devizes League, that team being one of the founder teams of the league and similarly with the Rowde Summer League. He was at the time of his death Vice President of both of those leagues.

This obituary cannot close without mentioning Desmond's assistance with the WI Breakfasts where, in his own words, he started by 'making the toast' and was eventually promoted to 'Bacon Chef', all the time keeping the ladies amused in the kitchen with his banter.

His last few years have not been good for him physically, but even then his sense of humour did not fail him. He will be sorely missed.

Terry Sleightholme

Peter Fisher adds: Another memory is Des's annual appearance on the Club float at the village Fete, usually in some noble capacity. Latterly he was a Trustee of the Social Club and was supportive of the creation of the Community Centre.

He was very active as a member of the Gardening Club and served on the Flower Show Committee for 55 years. His vast knowledge of shrubs, plants and trees made his advice and contributions particularly valuable and sought after.

He was held in great affection by all that knew him for his personality, his help whenever sought, his willingness to draw on his knowledge of village affairs to explain a situation or to add colour to particular issues. He was a delight to know.

And we must mention his many appearances in the village pantomimes - whether playing the dame, Mr Punch or a parrot - always game for a laugh.

Thank you

Two separate thank-you messages have been received anonymously, but we're sure the writers speak for us all:

A big thank-you to Richard and the paper boys & girls who kept us supplied with papers through the ice and snow and dark mornings - they did a fantastic job.

Thanks to Dobbin (Andrew Waylen) for taking the time and trouble to grit the entrance to the Lye during the snow, which was a great help to all the residents.

Jackie and Roger have moved!

After nearly ten very happy years living the village life in Seend Cleeve we have sold our house. Retirement, pensions, creaking bones and a desire to escape to the sun in the winter in our motor caravan made us decide to downsize. But it's not easy to find a smaller house in Seend, Bulkington, Keevil, Poulshot or any village around with essential parking for a motor caravan! So we are renting locally for six months.

If you are thinking of putting your home on the market or you know of a friend in this area who is, please call Jackie and Roger Merivale on 0795 633 2416.

We love this village community where we have made many friends and have enjoyed the privilege of being involved in Link, the Fete, the WI, the Community Centre, Spotlight and the Fawltly Players Pantomimes. Thank you everyone for making us so welcome.

Most of all, we would like to give a tremendous thank you to all our friends in the Cleeve for being the best of neighbours and for all their help, support and friendship since July 1st 2000.

Please give a warm welcome to Helen and Simon. We know that they will enjoy living here.

We hope we may be back! Happy New Year.

Jackie Merivale

CHURCH NEWS

Please see Renée's letter and the schedule of Church services up to April in the pull-out centre pages.



First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service

First Steps will meet again on Tuesday, 2nd February, at 2.15pm. We will listen to the story about Mary and Joseph going to the Temple to give thanks for Jesus' birth. There will be something to make and take home. Please come!



The Cleeve Open Gardens will take place on Saturday 5th June 2010.

Please make a note in you diary, and look out for further information in future editions of Spotlight.

FROM ROY...

‘Unclench your fists.’

I have discovered recently that the word the ancient Assyrians used for prayer was the same word that they employed for unclenching the fists. Unclenching the fists suggests openness to me. It speaks of being ready for all that God can impart to us. A clenched fist makes me think of being closed to the outside. I can imagine a clenched fist being banged down on the table and demanding whatever it wants. In the context of prayer, it might mean that we are not open to the possibilities of God because we are too wound up in our own expectations.

Unclench our fists and let the deepest part of our being open up to what God will reveal to us.

This month sees the beginning of our Lenten journey. The journey will take us with Christ to the cross and on to Easter. The cross sees Jesus opening his hands wide to God and to us. Easter is full of promise of new life – God’s opening up to us. There is a way to go still. Maybe as we journey with Christ we will understand something more about ‘unclenching our fists’.

I am going to give up not eating kangaroo meat this Lent. I don’t know whether I shall get the opportunity to eat kangaroo meat, but I will be open to the possibility. Let Lent be for us about being open to possibilities – God’s possibilities.

God bless you,

SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL - Services for February

14th February – 10am Mrs Pauline Tiller

28th February – 10am Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion.

On 7th March at 10am we celebrate our 235th Chapel Anniversary with ‘Villages Together’ – our friends from Bromham and Whitley Chapels. The service will be conducted by Revd Derek Frost.

Everyone always welcome.

BULKINGTON NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of Bulkington Village Hall

will take place at 7:30 m on Thursday 4th February 2010.

We would be pleased to see some people from the village in attendance.

BOXING DAY REPORT (Great Bulkington Railway) 2009

December 26th dawned with bright sunshine, dry and a good weather forecast which, in the event, (apart from one shower) was mostly true. We were scheduled to start running the trains at 1300hrs and by eleven o'clock in the morning the 'Early Birds' were arriving and asking for a ride! Happily my train crews arrived on time and the first fully loaded train departed bang on 1 o'clock. By 2:30 there were over 70 people in the garden and two passenger trains in operation. My wife Thelma and her friend Angela Read were heavily engaged in cooking and distributing the 200 sausages on sticks that Tim Taylor from the village Well Inn had kindly donated for the event. At the same time we gave away a couple of large tins of 'Quality Street' toffees to our guests and the children. The two trains did 86 trips around the 1000 foot long track– this works out at just over 16 miles and nearly a train departure every 2 minutes! Each train carried an average of 6 or 7 passengers so we carried well over 500 adults and children. I would like to praise the train crews who worked solidly for over three hours without a break – 17 year old Driver Lee Thorp in particular (from West Lavington) and his Guard Ben Dobson (from Bulkington). Both these youngsters have done many hours of training on the railway and are qualified drivers and guards. Thanks to the generosity of our riders and guests we were able to send £581 to our very deserving '*Help For Heroes Fund*'.



Nev Boulton, Station Master GBR

The next planned steam up on the GBR is on Easter Monday 05th April

THE FUN STATION



The FUN STATION will meet in Bulkington Village Hall on Tuesday 9th February 4.30 - 6.00 pm.

The theme this month is "Love is in the air". Come and make something for St. Valentine's Day.

New members from across the Benefice always welcome. For further information, please contact Anne Saywell 828931 or Liz Futter 828485

SEEND CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

W.E.A. Spring course: 'Evolution of the Landscape'

A reminder that our next course starts on Monday 1st February at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Bookings have been good but there is always room for a few more so feel free to just turn up on the night. More information from Pam Church on 828597or pmmchurch@hotmail.com



HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

The Club's next meeting will be on Thursday, 4 March, at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion when members will hear about the programme for the coming year.



This will be followed by a talk entitled "Methods of Researching Local History" and will include features such as metal detecting and dowsing.

New members are always welcome - just turn up at the meeting.

Joy Stack 828809



SEEND SHUTTLE

First Wednesday Shopping Trip

Phone Terry on 828203 by Monday 1st February to book your place on the monthly shopping trip to Salisbury on Wednesday 3rd. You might like to think about the March trip too, as it will also be on 3rd with booking by 1st March.

Thursday Devizes Service

After driving the Shuttle on most Thursdays for a number of years, Joe Hardstaff is having to call it a day - partly because of an operation it will take weeks to recover from and partly because he is about to reach that magic age when we can't insure him any more!

The committee and Joe's regular passengers would like to thank him for his long commitment to this weekly outing, and for his willingness to help carry heavy shopping bags on and off the bus - and to assist their owners!

Stepping into the breach, we would like to warmly welcome Malcolm Tucker from Bromham who has volunteered to drive on most Thursdays from now on.

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

First of all our apologies for cancelling the January meeting at almost the last minute. It was very icy around the Pavilion and the car park so it was felt safer for everyone to forgo our meeting. The speaker was, I suspect, quite relieved, as were some of the members! I do hope we managed to get the message to everyone in time. At our previous meeting in December, which seems a long time ago now, Milly Carmichael, our speaker talked about the uses and history of holly, ivy and mistletoe and superstitions connected to them. From her extensive list I gleaned the fact that holly is an ivory coloured wood that takes a stain well, and was planted outside houses as a good lightning conductor (not sure about that!) It is apparently very bad luck to cut down a holly tree. Ivy does not harm sound brickwork (but in my garden got under roof tiles into the garage and broke the guttering), is a good dye plant and its late nectar and berries are good for wildlife, especially bees. Also if you put some in your socks for two weeks it will cure verrucas. Mistletoe mainly grows on trees with soft bark, like apple, was a fertility symbol and should be



harvested with a golden sickle. Recent research though has shown it could have useful medicinal properties.

Milly also talked to us about having a 'green' Christmas and her statistics about the huge volume of waste, particularly paper in various forms, were chastening and gave real food for thought.

The winner of the competition for a table centre was Rita Watson.

Next month Chris Smith of Pennard Plants who was unable to come last year will be talking about behind the scenes at the flower shows and the competition will be for the best photo of a single flower.

Sue.

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

For all the news of events past, present and future, please see our newsletter 'Happenings!' which you should find inside this edition of Spotlight. Coming events are also listed inside the front cover.



NOSH & NATTER

Very regrettably the date planned for the February luncheon has had to be cancelled due to a prior booking and a luncheon cannot now be arranged for this month. To make up for this cancellation there will be two meetings held during March and the dates are Wednesday, 3rd March and Wednesday 31st March. It is hoped that this rearrangement will not be in any way disadvantageous to any of our diners.

Lilian & John.



SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

It was a lovely bright morning when Bob and Brenda Jones took a party of 13 walkers on a 4½mile circular walk in the Roundway area on Sunday 6th December 2009.

Social Skittles Evening – Saturday 30th January 2010

Corsham Football Club (Lacock Road out of Corsham) starting at 7.30pm. Bring a plate of food for the supper. Wendy and Reg are organising this event and would appreciate a phone call to establish whether you are able to take part. Please call them on 01249 652422 home or 01249 652573 during working hours.

Sunday 21st February 2010

Mark the above date in your diary as Brian and Geraldine De' Ath will be organising this walk. Details to be finalised. Contact number nearer the time is 01225 705806. Otherwise, just turn up in Rusty Lane on the day for a 9.30am departure.

Keep Sunday 21st March free – our AGM

The meeting at 3pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion will be preceded by a local walk within the village, starting from the Pavilion in Rusty Lane at 1.30pm

Lin Salter – 01225 706451

SEEND WI

Unfortunately, due to the weather conditions our January meeting had to be cancelled. This was a great disappointment as the talk by Seend favourite Freddie Giles had been much anticipated. However, we are delighted to say that we will reschedule Freddie in our new programme for later in the year.



Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10 February and our speaker will be Gaynor Vale from Wiltshire Social Services with a talk 'Looking forward to old age in the community!' It promises to be a very interesting and thought provoking subject which touches us all in one way or another - so we look forward to seeing you there.

There will also be a cake stall in aid of WI funds – so get baking!

Looking forward to our meeting on 10 March – this will be a social with a quiz and 'Beetle Drive'. A fun night with plenty of chatter among friends.

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 AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB**

Happy New Year to all our members! May 2010 be great for theatre-going!

The next date after "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" on 28th January, will be 18th March when we have booked to see Brenda Blethyn in "Haunted" at the Theatre Royal Bath, a pre-West End production. This much-acclaimed comedy by Edna O'Brien is an exquisitely written story of love and betrayal.

Then we plan to go to "Gigi", that wonderful musical which many of us remember as a rollicking film with Maurice Chevalier, Leslie Caron and Louis Jourdan. This will be Deanna Capper's production at the Wharf Theatre in Devizes on 6th May. There will be the usual trip to the Watermill in August. We are also looking at the possibility of another trip to the Globe Theatre in London in the summer.

However, the most important date for your diary is the AGM on Thursday 25th March when Deanna Capper and Friends will entertain us in their usual inimitable way!

So see you all there! New members always welcome.

Sylvia Ewin

CALLING ALL EX-GUIDES...

GirlGuidingUK is celebrating it's 100th anniversary in 2010. We are aware that Seend Guides were one of the earliest units to form and realise that there must be a lot of history that we don't know about. To right this we would like to invite all ex-members to join us to celebrate Thinking Day (22nd Feb) and share your memories of being a Guide. From what we are told we hope to put together a history of Seend Guides and will have a scanner on hand to copy any old photographs you may bring along. In return the Guides will provide refreshments of tea, coffee, home made cakes and entertainment in the form of camp-fire songs. Perhaps you will be able to teach us some that you used to enjoy!

If you are interested in attending please contact Dawn Sedgley on 07747758254 or Nell Keene on 07595027397 - AND SEE BELOW!



SEEND SCOUTS AND GUIDES REUNION

Were you a member of the Seend Scouts, Wolf Cubs, Sea Rangers, Guides or Brownies before 1986?

If so, an idea was put to me at the Seend Fete last year that it would be great to have a get-together of all past members if possible.

I have booked Seend Community Centre for Saturday, 26th June, from 7.30-10.30pm. Could you please make the date known to any members of your family and to anyone living away whom you are still in contact with.

I do hope we get a good response on an evening of memories and achievements of the Scout and Guide movement of Seend in past years.

Gwyn Hopkins 01225 425695

MOTHERS' UNION

Seend and Bulkington Branch



By the time you read this we hope the Annual General Meeting will have taken place on January 20th. This is to elect new officers and review the previous year.

Our meeting on February 17th is a talk on the Women's World Day of Prayer.

THE SEEND FUND

Please don't forget that one of the purposes of The Seend Fund is to relieve hardship. If anyone has been struggling during the severe weather, maybe unable to get to work or needing extra money for heating, do let the trustees know and we could help out with some emergency funding. Contact the secretary, Anita Shea at 34 Seend Cleeve, SN126PY, OR e-mail anitashea@hotmail.co.uk.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



COMMITTEE MEETING

Would members of the Committee please note that the next Committee Meeting will be held in the Community Centre at 2000hrs on Wednesday 17th February 2010.

DUGOUT SUPPER

The annual Dugout Supper (open to everyone, whether members of the Legion or not) will take place in the Community Centre on Saturday 27th February 2010 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. As usual, supper will be cooked by a dedicated team of Dugouters. There will also be a raffle in aid of The Royal British Legion and a Cabaret will be provided by The Academy Singers, who are making a welcome return visit after their success last year. Tickets (£12.50 per head) can be obtained from Peter Fisher (828305), Anthony Hodgkinson (828545) or Nigel Knocker (828609). There are only 96 tickets available, so get your bids in early.

WARNING ORDER The Dugout Supper in 2011 will be on Saturday 5th March.

OBITUARY

It is with great regret that we report the death of the following members of the Seend Branch of The Royal British Legion:

Flora Heavisides 23rd December 2009

Jack Parsons 14th January 2010

Our deepest sympathy goes out to all members of their families.

Roger Brind

Flora Heavisides was, of course, the widow of Stan Heavisides who, as ex-headmaster was known to a generation of Seend School pupils as 'Sir'! Flora was a popular member of the village community and will be much missed. Jack Parsons was from an established Seend family and brother of the famous 'Aunt May' who ran the Brewery Inn for 50 years. Ed..

100 CLUB RESULTS October, November, December 2009

The draws for October and November took place on Monday 26th November in the Irene Usher Hall during a meeting of Link volunteers; the numbers were drawn by the volunteers and the results are as follows:



October 2009

1 st Prize	£35	59	Peter Ewing
2 nd Prize	£30	117	Mrs L Puntis
3 rd Prize	£25	203	Mrs Louise Proven
4 th Prize	£20	176	Mike Moore
5 th Prize	£15	103	Eric Akerman
6 th Prize	£10	130	Richard Walker

November 2009

1 st Prize	£35	168	Simon Phillips
2 nd Prize	£30	159	Michael Symington
3 rd Prize	£25	172	Ron Apted
4 th Prize	£20	167	Mrs Kate Elston
5 th Prize	£15	132	Max Bolton
6 th Prize	£10	94	Carl Orlans

December 2009

This draw took place on Tuesday 8th December in the Irene Usher Hall following the quarterly meeting of the Lye Field Committee; the numbers were drawn by the members, and the results are as follows:

1 st Prize	£100	78	Miss Rachel Kilduff
2 nd Prize	£75	188	Mrs Anne Burgess
3 rd Prize	£60	61	Mrs P Hawkins
4 th Prize	£50	44	Neil Yockney
5 th Prize	£45	80	Ric Ellinger
6 th Prize	£40	185	John Kingswell
7 th Prize	£35	124	Mrs Alison Bottomley
8 th Prize	£30	11	Mrs Jane Martine
9 th Prize	£25	194	Phillip Wood
10 th Prize	£25	167	Mrs Kate Elston
11 th Prize	£25	42	Mrs Brenda Goodier
12 th Prize	£25	199	Mrs Joanna Goddard

A Happy New Year to all!

Bernie Prolze

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS - 'Androcles and the Lion'

Rehearsals, scenery and costumes are all looking very promising so far. So, do come along and enjoy our 31st village panto. It's what everybody will be talking about while they're queuing in the village shop so you really need to be there! See the enclosed flyer for full details.

**SCHOOL NEWS****NEWS FROM SEEND C.E. SCHOOL**

The **severe weather conditions** have made it a very exciting start to the New Year for the children. They have been busy making snowmen, throwing snowballs & making dens and igloos. There were no complaints from them when we had to close for two days in the first week of term.

This term we have numerous **sporting fixtures** to look forward to including Tag-Rugby on Fridays after school, we have qualified for the County Football Finals,

we have entered a Boys and a Girls team in the Wiltshire X-Country Championships and we have some netball tournaments to look forward to. Also this term the sports coaches from Dauntsey's will be coaching soccer skills to the year 5 and 6 children.

Dr. Tom Robson. "Learning to Learn". Tom visited the school in November and had such an impact that staff and parents have asked if it is possible for him to return to share his ideas. Therefore I have arranged for him to lead a meeting on Monday 1st February at 7pm in the school hall. Next half term we will be looking to develop his ideas within our classrooms. I am very keen to encourage as many parents as possible to attend because I believe it will enable you to support your child's learning.

He says, "I would like all adults, not just teachers, to model a love of learning, to inspire children to want to find out more, to demonstrate what a motivated adult looks like when they are learning and to enable our young learners to be able to remove the barriers they come across on their journey. Let's make sure we practise what we preach."

Barry Hickey (Acting Head)

Seend Primary School has a vacancy for a midday supervisory assistant.

Seend School, School Road, Seend, Melksham, Wiltshire SN12 6NJ.

01380 828334 e mail admin@seend.wilts.sch.uk

Hours 12-1p.m 5 hours per week term time only. To start week commencing 22nd February 2010. Grade B point 7 £6.63 per hour

Closing date Friday 29th January interviews week commencing 8th February
Please contact school office for further details and an application form

Seend Cof E Aided Primary school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Criminal Records Bureau check before appointment is confirmed.

SEEND SCHOOL PARENT SOCIAL CLUB

Happy New Year to everyone! We have started 2010 with some great news – at our Christmas Fayre we raised around £1,100 for our all-weather surface! So first of all I would like to say a big thank you to all the local individuals and businesses who sponsored the fayre – it's very much appreciated.

A special thank you to Megan Williams and Mia Elliott who assisted Father Christmas with the gifts.

Our first meeting of the new year had to be delayed due to the weather, but it is now scheduled for the 1st week in February. There are lots of ideas in mind for fund-raising, so I will keep everyone posted on events coming up. Thank you once again to Mr Hickey for his continued support.

Rachel Lewis (01380 828293)

FRIENDS OF KEEVIL SCHOOL

Happy New Year to everyone from the FOKS team at Keevil School. Hope that this year is good for everyone!

May I take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to you all for your support and generosity over the last year – especially over the Christmas period which is always very frantic, but fun nonetheless! Our annual Snowball held at the Civic Hall in Trowbridge on December 5th was a massive success. Over 200 people dined and danced the evening away and although the total profit made that evening is still being finalised, I am sure we will have made a healthy profit. More importantly, we all had a great time.

Our coffers look particularly healthy at the moment due to other events FOKS ran in the lead up to Christmas. The Ladies Pamper event was a success with some very relaxing treatments available to try and making over £180 profit. Seven beautiful hampers were raffled off after the Nativity service – sadly I didn't win one yet again and the calendars have been a roaring success with their Victorian theme. We still have a few left selling at £7.50 each – a bargain! We are soon to be spending some of the money on a timber trail for the playground and some fun days for the children – one of which is a circus workshop on February 11th at school.

We are about to make our first 140 Club draw so if you are still contemplating joining with a chance of winning up to £50 for a one off fee of £12, then please contact me, Lesley Carter (871966) or Sarah Henry (870577).

Events planned for this year so far are a disco for the children on January 29th and another Scarecrow trail – date to be confirmed. The cookbooks – recipes donated by Keevil parents and collated by Sophie Mowbray (fab job Sophie!) are also available now at £4.50 each. These can be bought from the school office, from Sophie or me.

Many thanks to you all once more.

Jan Flynn (Chair of Friends of Keevil School)

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on 24th November was attended by 11 Councillors, with Chairman, Mike Davis, in the chair. Five members of the public were also in attendance, together with County Councillor J. Seed.

An enquiry has been received about **recycling of plastic** in the village, asking if a recycling bin could be sited in Rusty Lane by the present bins. The Area Board has been contacted about this matter, and the advice is that a review of recycling is currently taking place as, prior to the formation of the Unitary Council, the District Councils all had different policies. A county-wide recycling policy will be introduced in 2010. Until that time, it will not be possible to provide separate recycling bins as requested.

Cllr Seed had been in correspondence with Wiltshire Council relating to **Footpath 6**, and advised that the kissing gate will be reinstated back to its original position at Wiltshire Council's expense.

Spiderweb Paddock – The Chairman and Cllr Seed would speak with the owner again for an up-date.

Mobile home, G & S Patios – Letter received from Wiltshire Council, advising that the application for planning permission has been withdrawn on the basis that the proposal does not require planning permission. A breach of planning control has been identified, and the Council will continue to work towards resolution of the matter. The objective is to achieve permanent closure of the former access, the reinstatement of the grass verge and additional planting to screen views of the mobile home. The matter is being passed to the Enforcement Officer.

Speed signs – Cllr Seed advised that plans for providing mobile speed signs for villages are going ahead, and the Area Board will get a decision where they are going in the New Year.

Kennet & Avon Canal **The canal bridge** by the Barge Inn is owned and maintained by British Waterways; they are aware of the condition of the bridge, and it is included in their annual bridge inspection programme.

Spout Lane – **The PC would like to have the views of residents living in Spout Lane on whether they would be in favour of parking restrictions in the lane by means of, for example, double yellow lines? Please feed back your comments to the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Rosemary Fisher.**

Planning Matters

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

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| E/09/1173/FUL | Dr R Gabriel 5 School Road
Second storey and garden room extensions and detached double garage |
| E/09/1197/TCA | Mr R D Trahair The Rectory, High Street
The felling of a group of four sycamore trees situated in the garden of the property toward the roadside boundary |
| E/09/1246/FUL | Mr S Johnstone 60 Bath Road, Sells Green
Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of four bedroomed house and double garage |

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

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| E/09/1430/FUL | Mr D Akerman Broad Lane Farm
Change of use of 3 buildings and the rear yard area.
Retention of feed barn as built
(amendment to K/57694/F) |
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- E/09/1472/LBC Mr L Murray 2 High Street
Opening up of original fireplace and division of existing rear kitchen/dining room
- E/09/1489/LBC Mr L Murray 2 High Street
Replacement of existing roof lantern over bathroom, installation of roof light and repair of rear roof
- E/09/1523/FUL Dr R Gabriel 5 School Road
Second storey and garden room extension and double garage (garage roof changed from hipped to a gable as was approved with previous application E/09/1173/FUL)

The **Parish Steward** will be in Seend on 25th February and 25th March.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 26th January 2010.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

This is the first of regular articles for your Parish Magazine. The aim is to keep you informed of where I am involved on your behalf in the workings of Wiltshire Council and also to expand on particular aspects of the workings of the Council. I will also cover my involvement in local village issues. I am always happy to receive suggestions and feedback so please do contact me at any time.

The New Year has come quickly and brought with it an icy grip on the Country and County. Wiltshire seems to be coping as well as any County in these difficult climatic times. If the lengthy cold snaps are repeated on a regular bass then clearly the County will have to revisit the investment needed to cope with the arctic conditions. For the moment we seem to be coping.

Since being elected last summer I have become deeply involved in the rural affairs of the County and in particular the Division of Summerham and Seend. I attend as many of the seven Parish Council meetings as I can but there are inevitable clashes with other evening meetings. I have been elected as Chairman of the Melksham Area Board and your Parish is making a significant contribution to both the Area Board and the Community Area partnership. Most parishes have also received community grants from the Area Board and Seend received a grant for improvements to the Community Centre.

I have been appointed as Chairman of the Urchfont Manor Adult Learning Centre Board of Management and have recently taken on as Chairman of the northern half of the County's Operational Flood Working Group. This Flood Group works closely with Agencies and local Flood Groups to minimise the effects of flooding in the County. This will also give me an opportunity to help with the particular flooding issues in Keevil, Bulkington and Poulshot as well as in other local areas.

I am a member of the Management and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee which examines many detailed aspects of the Councils work. I am also a Member of the Licensing Policy Committee and the Western Area Planning Committee. Residents have told me that there is concern at the handling of planning matters by Wiltshire Council. I am always happy to discuss individual applications with residents or Parish Councils. I only have three weeks from the registration of an application to call it in for a Committee decision so I need early involvement to be effective in my help.

If you need to contact me please telephone 01380 850 696 or e-mail jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk.

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Football

Seend 1st XI – Manager – Steve Burns,

Assistant Manager – Matt Pearce

Saturday 21st November vs Lavington (league) won 5-1

Saturday 28th November (cup match) vs Freshford won 7-2

Saturday 5th December (Wiltshire junior cup) vs Stockton & Codford won 1-0

Saturday 12th December vs Blue circle (league) won 2-1

All matches since 12th December have been postponed due to the bad weather.

Top scorers:- Gary Higdon – 20

Craig Townsend – 6

Mike Hopkins – 6

Seend Reserves – Manager – Keith Anteney

Saturday 21st November vs Bratton won 3-1 (league)

Saturday 28th November vs FC Northbridge won 4-3 (league)

Saturday 12th December vs North Bradley drew 2-2 (league)

Saturday 2nd January vs FC Northbridge lost 3-4 (KO cup)

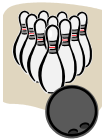
Saturday 2nd January vs FC Northbridge won 4-1 (league)

Saturday 15th January vs Westwood won 4-1 (league)

Top scorers:- Dan Moore – 12

Dan Humphreys – 6

Skittles



Seend A – Captain – John Wiltshire

4th December vs Spencers A lost 2-5

11th December vs Drifters won 6-1

18th December vs Cons D won 5-2

29th December vs Aron A lost 1-6



Seend B – Captain – Nick Easton

13th November vs Semington A lost 1-6
 20th November vs Animals lost 0.5-6.5
 4th December vs Melksham sports won 5-2
 11th December vs Staverton B lost 1-6
 8th January vs Seend C won 6-1
 14th January vs Cons B won 6-1

Seend C – Captain – Josh Hamblin (still top of the league!)

6th November vs Animals won 6-1
 13th November vs Melksham sports won 5-2
 18th November vs Semington won 5.5-1.5
 20th November vs Staverton B won 4-3
 11th December vs legion E won 5.5-1.5
 18th December vs Cons E won 6-1
 8th January vs Seend B lost 1-6

Seend D – Captain – Luke Ballinger - results will be in March Spotlight**Short Mat Bowls – Red Fox – Colin Waldeck**

Colin tells me that the team are looking forward to the New Year's fixture list starting with the Burns Night supper, followed swiftly by St David's day lunch, St Patrick's day dinner and St George's day barbeque before they settle into a steady stream of bank holiday picnics and a clutch of Royal birthday celebration breakfasts. Understandably there is little time in between these gastronomic encounters for too many matches, and given recent results that is no bad thing! Or as Robbie Burns himself put it "and surely ye'll be your pint stowp!" which Colin assures me means.. (continued on page 94)

However, in between this indulgence of celebratory feasts the team managed to find time to play some actual matches. Unfortunately they still languish at the bottom of their division, but a glimmer of hope shines through as one of the teams recently won the shield competition in the County Mixed Fours Tournament. The other Seend team involved in this Tournament reached the semi-finals and have qualified for the National Finals to be held in April at Bedford.

Tennis – Chair – Elaine Davis

The matches in the Chippenham and district tennis league start in April – any would be new team members who fancy playing regularly please let Elaine or Frankie know. In the meantime we all wish Elaine a speedy recovery from her sledging accident!

**Cricket – Captain – Ben King**

The new all weather pitch has been installed during the winter and the first match to be played on it should be in April. Ben is organizing cricket nets to start end of February – all enquiries to Ben.



Please send all your sporting news results and gossip to the Seend velodrome by 12th February. Frankie Goddard on 828488.

BITS'N'BOBS

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

I am looking to purchase land suitable for grazing (to supplement my existing rented grazing) within a reasonable radius of Seend Cleeve. Any acreage considered. Ideally looking for five acres upwards; realistic market price paid. Will consider inclusion of uplift clauses etc, if required.

Please call/write without commitment at this stage: Julie Wilfort, 108 Seend Cleeve. Tel: 07885 103071 (evenings/weekends). Thank you.

FOR SALE

Porcelain Dolls in Victorian Dress

Part of Heritage Mint Collection and the Leonardo Collectors
8 Porcelain dolls – 5 at 18 inches high, 2 at 14 inches high and 1 at 16 inches high. Five come with stands.

Each is dressed in a different Victorian Outfit

Seven have bonnets and all have shoes.

Excellent condition

Over £15 each new; will sell as a set for £70 or nearest offer.



All proceeds to Seend School All Weather Surface Fund

Please contact Emma Smith, Home Farm, Seend. Tel. 01380 828056.

FREE TO COLLECTOR: secondary double glazing units suitable for coldframes – various sizes. Call Juli on 07885 103071 evenings/weekends.

And finally.....

Emergency Operator: 999 What's the nature of your emergency?

Caller: My wife's pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart.

Operator: Is this her first child?

Caller: No, you idiot! This is her husband!



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:

<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

MP - Michael Ancram 01672 512675; 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

Fawley 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 - Philip Proven 828407

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

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FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

WINES BEERS & SPIRITS

GROCERIES

NATIONAL LOTTERY

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	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