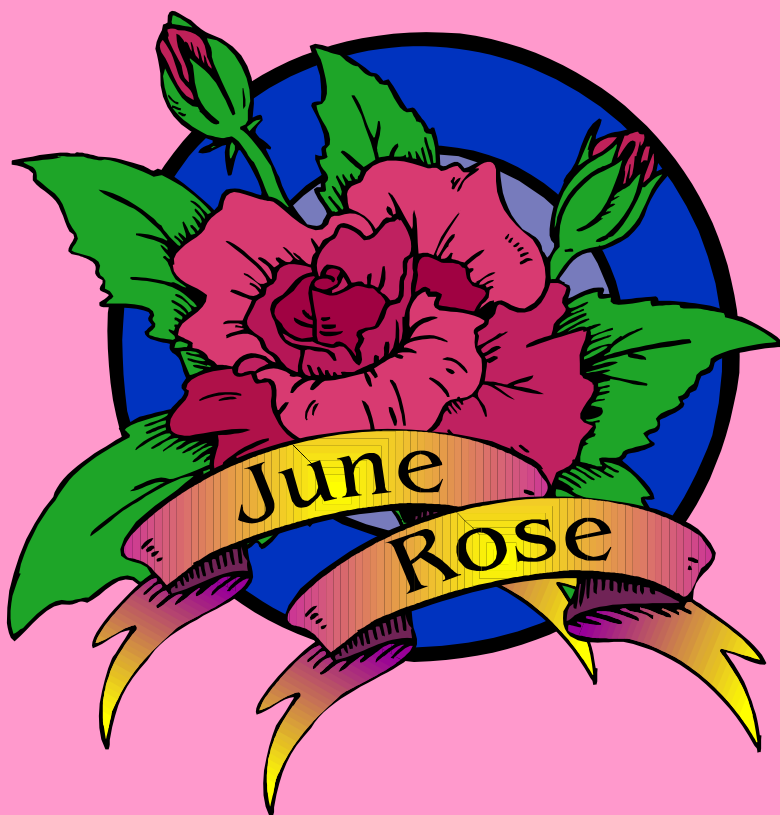


# SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



June 2010

## DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 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

- 2nd Shuttle Shopping Trip (phone 828203 by Monday 31st May to book)
- 5th Cleeve Open Gardens 1-5pm
- 7th Mobile library – 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 12th Gardening Club outing to Wisley
- 12th **LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY SPOTLIGHT**
- 13th Manor House Open Garden, 2-6pm
- 13th Kennet Valley Driving Group open day
- 13th Open Farm Sunday - Five Lanes Farm, Potterne
- 18th School open afternoon/evening, 1.30-7pm
- 19th Historic Houses Club to Stourhead
- 19th Barn Dance, Moorhouse Farm, Bromham, 7.30pm
- 20th Seend & District Ramblers, meet 9.30am Rusty Lane
- 21st Mobile library – 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 23rd Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, 12 for 12.30pm, Seend Community Centre
- 25th Barn Dance, Leaze Farm, Bulkington, 7.30pm
- 26th Coffee Morning, Somner Place, from 10.30am
- 26th Open Gardens at Great Chalfield Manor 2-5pm
- 26th Scouts and Guides reunion, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 29th Seend Parish Council, 7.30pm Seend Community Centre

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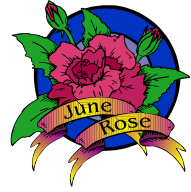
- 2nd First Seend Summer Ball, Community Centre, 7.30 for 8pm
- 5th Mobile library – 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 10th Church Fete, Vicarage Garden 1-5pm
- 15th Gardening Club outing to Cranborne and Wimborne
- 19th Theatre Club to Watermill Theatre
- 24th Summer Saturday Breakfast, Community Centre, 7.30-9.30am
- 26th Historic Houses Club to Berkeley Castle

### **Newcomer to Seend?**

Call in at the shop/PO and ask for your copy of the **Welcome booklet**, which tells you all you need to know about the village.

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

## Welcome to the June 2010 edition



The Seend Cleeve Open Gardens on 5th June is a date to look forward to this month. Let's hope for a sunny day so we can really appreciate the gardeners' hard work! The Manor House garden is also open on Sunday 13th. Other events are the Barn Dance in Bulkington on 25th, Gwyn Hopkins' Scouts and Guides Reunion and a coffee morning on 26th, and Nosh and Natter lunch on 23rd. Gardening Club members have an outing on 12th, Historic Houses Club goes to Stourhead on 19th and the Ramblers are rambling on the 20th.

Did you forget to send in your entry/renewal form for the Lye Field's 100 Club? If so, it's not too late to contact Bernie - see page 14.

There's advance notice within this magazine of some of the summery things that will be happening in July and August too; make sure you put those dates in your busy social diaries!

Talking of dates, to avoid the unfortunate clashes of events that occasionally happen, if you ask Neil Yockney nicely (827139) he'll put your planned events on the 'What's On' page of the Seend website ([www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk)). Then, if we all remember to consult that oracle, we might just prevent double-bookings in future. Or for church events within the Benefice, Sue Taylor will try to coordinate dates.

Breaking news! Mike Davies has resigned from the Parish Council as he no longer lives in the village. Anita Heatley is the new Chair, and there is a vacancy for a Councillor.

Finally, please note the changes to the editorial arrangements for Spotlight below.

### **THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS**

Contributions for the **July issue** (*copy deadline 12th June*) can be e-mailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) or delivered to Seend PO or, for Bulkington news, to Jo Bell at 1 Northfields, Bulkington ([trevor@bell8490.freeseerve.co.uk](mailto:trevor@bell8490.freeseerve.co.uk)). Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617, Anne Ewing on 828557 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

**N.B.** In future, Anne and Tessa will be editing alternate issues of Spotlight, so please send all emails to the Spotlight address or deliver entries to the Shop/PO, rather than gamble on whose turn it is!.

**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 or Anne (see above) to check if all is well. And please read the following:

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

## **EVENTS IN JUNE**

(See also Bulkington News on page 9 for Barn Dance details)

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### **The Cleeve Open Gardens**

at Seend Cleeve

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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




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### **SEEND MANOR HOUSE OPEN GARDEN**

**Sunday 13th of June 2010, from 2 pm until 6 pm.**

This beautiful garden is perhaps well-known to local people,  
and is looking stunning at this time of year.

Free parking available on the Lye Field, (if dry!!)

Proceeds for Charity, including Help for Heroes.

All Welcome.



### **NOSH AND NATTER LUNCH CLUB**

**Wednesday 23rd June - 12 for 12.30pm**

**in Seend Community Centre**

**Please make sure you phone 828540 a few days**

**before to book your place. John and Lilian and the team  
really need to know how many they are catering for.**





## **SEEND SCOUTS AND GUIDES REUNION**

For members of Seend Scouts, Wolf Cubs, Sea Rangers,  
Guides or Brownies before 1986  
**at Seend Community Centre on Saturday, 26th June  
from 7.30-10.30pm.**

Tea, coffee and biscuits only will be served.

Please bring along any photos or other memorabilia of interest.  
Please let Gwyn Hopkins (01225 425695) know if you wish to attend.

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## **EVENTS IN JULY**

### **First Seend Summer Ball**

**Friday 2nd July - 7.30 for 8pm in Seend Community Centre**  
**Tickets £20 including 3-course meal; phone 828687 or 828846**  
**Black Tie**

### **Church Fete**

**Saturday 10th July 1-5pm in the Vicarage Garden**

### **Summer Saturday Breakfasts**

**Start in Seend Community Centre on 24th July**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

I would like to say thank you so much to everybody who came to the **Coffee Morning in aid of Church Flowers**, We all had a very pleasant time together and raised £135. Many thanks also to Nancy and Ann who did stalwart work with coffee and biscuits, Pat and Joy with the Bring & Buy and Susan with the Raffle.

Lilian.

The **Seend Car Boot Sale** has made a recent donation to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance amounting to £1,772.21.

I would like to thank the many Seend people who support this event. This recent donation has brought the total raised over the years to in excess of £40,000.

Phil Cottle

## The Seend Fund

For those of you who don't already know, this is a local fund combining two long standing previous charities who's purpose, apart from providing an annual donation to the church for its buildings, is to provide relief to those in need with particular emphasis on educational funding. We are limited by what we can give away by the current low interest rates but we do want to encourage you or someone you know to apply for this money . During the last year we have helped with funding for things such as clothing for agricultural courses, musical instruments, specialist training for disabled children and educational trips. This is money for all local residents whatever their age if they need help. You might be a carer who needs to pay for some respite care or someone who needs some emergency funding. Do let us know by writing to our secretary Anita Shea at 34 Seend Cleeve, SN12 6PY or e-mailing her at anitashea@hotmail.co.uk. Let us know who you are, what you need money for and when you need it by and the trustees will see if they can provide a contribution towards your needs.



### SEEND FETE 2010 - Saturday 14th August

Only just over two months to go until the Seend Fete!  
We're delighted to announce that Paul Martin of 'Flog It' fame has kindly agreed to be our guest of honour this year.

Among the attractions in the arena will be a fantastic Falconry display and a display by the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics. Salmagundi Folk Band will again perform during the afternoon. Also, by popular request, John Alderslade and Mr Snuffy will be entertaining the children (and adults)! There will be static displays (including a Penny Farthing), train rides, pony and donkey rides and all the fun of the fair.

We are still 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 us, even if it's just for one hour. The more helpers we have the better.

Now is the time to put to one side all those items which would be suitable for the many stalls which include White Elephant, Books, Toys, Bottles, Grand Draw and Tombola. We are always so grateful for all donations that are so generously given.

Fiona Johnson Fete Chairman (828401)

## CHURCH NEWS

### The Vicars Long Walk!

At the time of writing we understand from brief contacts from Renee that she is doing well In anticipation of her completing her journey successfully from St Jean de Port to Santiago de Compostela we would like to say WELCOME HOME RENEE. You have been very much in our thoughts and we send you huge congratulations on your achievement. We've missed you and are looking forward to seeing you soon. WELL DONE!



PS You can still sponsor Renee by visiting the webpage on:  
[www.justgiving.com/Renee-Coulson](http://www.justgiving.com/Renee-Coulson) or by adding your name to the sponsorship form in the church. Thank you

### **We have a new Lay Pastoral Assistant.**

We could not let an event of note pass without comment. After many weeks of training, Liz Futter was commissioned as a Lay Pastoral Assistant at a joyful service at St John's Church Devizes on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May. A well filled church saw Liz and 14 other LPAs from all round the district commissioned by the Archdeacon of Wilts. Ven. John Wraw.

A Lay Pastoral Assistant is trained and authorised to engage in pastoral ministry on behalf of the local church, working as part of a team of clergy and laity. Each individual's ministry will vary according to their gifts and skills and according to the local situation. Some will be involved in visiting the sick or housebound in hospital or at home, others will exercise their ministry through supporting the bereaved or through visiting baptism families. In all cases, however, the ministry of an LPA calls for a loving and compassionate heart and a willingness to listen to and support those in need. This is a weighty task which those who are called to this ministry can only fulfil by the grace of God and with the prayers and support of all God's faithful people. Let us pray for Liz in her new role.

The Other Churchwardens.

### **Church services during June**

#### Sunday 6th June

- 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 13<sup>th</sup> June

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

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June

- 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 27<sup>th</sup> June

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 9.30 am Matins at Poulshot (Patronal Festival)
- 11.15 am Family Communion at Seend
- 6.00 pm Evening worship at Bulkington



### **First Steps Service**

Because of the Whitsun holiday the First Steps service will be on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2.15 to 2.45pm. We shall be hearing the story of the special gift Jesus gave to his friends.

### **SEEND CHURCH FETE - SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1pm – 5pm**

This year we are back in the vicarage gardens with all the usual stalls and entertainment. Time to clear out those cupboards again!

We need books, bric a brac toiletries, home baking, toys, bottles etc.

In fact almost anything you may wish to part with (within reason !)

If you are able to help in any way then please contact Tina Yockney On 01380 827139.



That aside do come along and have fun and look out for further details in next month's Spotlight.

All donations and all offers of help are always appreciated THANK YOU

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### **Coffee Morning**

Rosemary Mayell is holding a bring and buy/coffee morning in aid of church funds at Somner Place, High St, Seend, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am.

### **SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL - Services for June**

6 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Bromham Methodist Chapel United Villages for their chapel anniversary Service led by Mrs. Ruth McGregor
13 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion
27 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Revd Derek Frost

Everyone always welcome

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

We have a new government at last. The few days following the election have been exciting and interesting, anxiety raising, irritating or disappointing – depending, I expect, on everyone's own perspective. Our national politics will look different over the next few months and years.

Government is God's providential gift to us. It is intended to help us towards peace and well-being. So it is our calling to pray for those who accept the responsibility of governing us. But what shall we pray? We begin always by asking that our rulers may have Godly wisdom to govern with respect for all, seeking justice and peace, and having compassion for those in need.

But at this particular time, I suggest that there are a number of more specific issues that might occupy our prayers – I am sure you can add your own:



- A coalition government will need special grace if it is to remain together
- Trust in politicians and parliament to be restored following, among other things, the expenses scandals of the last parliament
- Our economy and finances will continue to be a concern – this has to be seen a worldwide context
- The poor and vulnerable must not be forgotten
- Our troops are still being killed and injured in Afghanistan – there is a still a need for peace in the world
- The challenges of protecting our environment must not be lost in the other pressing issues

Let us be pledged to accepting our calling to continue to pray for the future God wills for us. God bless us,



## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

A big thank you must go to the seven villagers and a Cornish visitor along with Paul Millard and Ken Ball from Wiltshire Rights of Way Department who volunteered to help lay many tons of scalplings on Footpath BULK8 adjacent to the pumping station in March. Many wheelbarrow loads were needed, helped by the loan of a powered barrow by our Parish Council chair. The work was needed due to the treacherous condition it was in and the end result is a vast improvement and made the path far safer to walk along. Well done all. A picture of the team can be seen on the village website in the 2010 activities section.

Tony Bradford

### **Discussed at Bulkington Parish Council Meeting on 17 March:**

**Disposing of grass cuttings** - green bins too small, but extra ones refused, and there is no suitable site in the village for a dump. Any suggestions welcome. (*See item below*)

**Footpath** from Pumping Station to be resurfaced and new “kissing gate” put in at the far end.

Cllr Bradford will speak to Highways about filling **potholes** etc on Back Lane. Footpath from Seend Bridge has been closed off – Pc Thomas will contact Wiltshire Council.

Police warning of **thefts**, especially from isolated farms – meat from freezers and 4WD vehicles such as Land Rovers.

**Drainage** – Area Board Flood Prevention Plan welcomed, but still difficulties in Bulkington; Wickleaze Lane ditch to be cleared by landowner(s). Cllr Ogilvie will keep Spotlight up to date with developments.

More **litter bins** to be provided, especially for dog waste.

Area Board refused joint application led by Melksham Without for mobile **Speed Indicators**, suggested application to Wilts & Swindon Road Safety Partnership.

**Playing Field** – still waiting for news of grant for new play equipment.

Fears of “**night hawking**” dismissed – holes and heaps of spoil must be work of moles.

**Planning:** (revised) Application for extension at 28 Bulkington – Permitted.

Draft **Accounts** for 2009/10 – no queries at this stage, last set of payments approved. Final Accounts, after Internal Audit, to be agreed at Council’s Annual Meeting in May.

Decided to raise Section 137 grant to PCC for **churchyard maintenance** to £120.

### **What Do I do with my grass cuttings?**

We all know the problem - the lawn looks fabulous...but where do the grass cuttings go? Please don’t dump them “ over the fence”, because they might cause an obstruction to a ditch, waterway or footpath. Everyone will be aware of the efforts made by the Council and landowners alike to improve drainage and reduce flood risk in the village.....having made this effort we now have a responsibility to maintain things.

There are many ways to dispose of mowing leftovers so that they need never be a problem:

#### **Bin them.**

We all have green bins to dispose of grass cuttings. Of course, this is limited in volume, so the average country-garden lawn owner could fill this many times over in one mowing session.

Don’t be tempted to put them in your standard wheelie bin, because sending cuttings to landfill is an expensive and sinful waste of landfill space. Why not explore other options?

#### **Compost them.**

Grass cuttings are approximately 85 percent water and 4 percent nitrogen, which means if composted correctly they will rapidly reduce to one tenth of their volume. Your bag of cuttings will reduce to handful or two of compost.

The wet “green” material (grass cuttings, veg peelings etc.) should be roughly balanced out by dry “brown” material (newspaper, cardboard, sawdust etc.), reducing nitrogenous materials and allowing air to circulate. By adding a bag of newspaper for each bag of grass, you will ensure the cuttings cannot overwhelm your heap.

#### **Return them.**

The simplest way of getting rid of grass cuttings is to leave them on your lawn, where they will dehydrate before decomposing and disappearing from view, recycling non-toxic nutrients back into the soil. It reduces your mowing time due

to the lack of bag emptying and may save the expense of buying lawn feed. But you must mow frequently (every five days) to prevent your lawn drowning in grass cuttings longer than an inch.

### **Mulch them.**

Grass cuttings can be used for weed control at the base of your hedges, whilst retaining moisture and adding organic matter/nutrients to the soil. For best results spread no more than an inch or two depth of weed free grass cuttings at the base of the hedge avoiding its main stems. Do not add any more clippings until the previous batch has broken down.

What ever you do with your grass cuttings, thank you in advance for not feeding them to animals, or allowing them to obstruct any of our vital waterways.

**Bulkington Parish Council**

## **THE GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY**

**Open Day** from 1300 hrs until 1630 hrs on **August Bank Holiday Monday** 30th August. Teas and buns on the lawns.

**Train Rides Saturday 17th July** - from 1330 until 1630 hours. Teas and 'sticky buns' will be served on the lawns. We

are located on the corner of Mill Lane in the village of Bulkington, near Seend next to the village hall. Toilets are available in the Village Hall. All profits will go to Dorothy House and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.



Nev Boulton Head Porter, GBR. 01380 828 101



## **Barn Dance**

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

**with charismatic caller 'Miss Dixie'**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Proceeds to local charities**



## **SEEND CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS**

### **MOTHERS UNION - SEEND AND BULKINGTON BRANCH**

The Mother's Union meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May was a talk on social responsibility by Mrs. Gillian McKenzie. Unfortunately the Spotlight deadline was before this event.



#### **Future Dates**

- 16<sup>th</sup> June      Members are invited to the Bishop's Garden Party in Salisbury at 2pm.
- 7<sup>th</sup> July        A quiet afternoon in St. John's church, Devizes
- 10<sup>th</sup> July       Seend Church Fayre. The MU will have a stall.
- 29<sup>th</sup> July       Seend Branch will join in a World Wide Wave of Prayer in Church

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



On the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> May some 34 of us (some of us unexpected) were guided around Stourhead garden by Dawn Collins, who had talked at our March meeting. Almost unbelievably it didn't rain, the wind disappeared and the sun shone. To see the views across the lake, without other people there, was a real privilege and added to the peace and tranquility that are always a feature of the garden. Swallows were swooping across the water over the reflections of trees and temples, rhododendrons and magnolias were in bloom and ferns unfurling. Dawn told again the stories of some of the temples that we had forgotten from her visit and was a gently amusing and interesting guide. After this we all had supper at the Spread Eagle Inn and then found our way home.

The coach for Wisley leaves The Bell lay-by at 8.30am promptly on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June. (I had the wrong date last month.) The cost is £15 per person or £16 for non-members. Could you please pay Joe by the end of May. We will be leaving Wisley at 4.30pm. Contact Monica on 828472 with queries.

The coach for Cranborne Manor Garden and Wimborne will be at The Bell lay-by at 9.15am for 9.30am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July. The cost is £12 per person or £13 for non members. Please pay Joe by 14<sup>th</sup> June. We will leave Cranborne at 1.00pm and drive to Wimborne for lunch in a place of your choice in the town and then have time for sight-seeing and shopping, leaving to return home at 3.30 pm or thereabouts.

We will have a stall at the Church fete and the Lye Field fete for which some of you have already volunteered help. Contributions and queries to Joyce please.

Our next meeting will be in September with a talk on Barnsdale, the garden of the late Geoff Hamilton. Non-members are welcome.

Sue.



## SEEND WI

Send favourite Freddie Giles treated us all to a funny and fascinating talk at our last meeting on 12 May. As an honorary member of Seend WI, Freddie appeared appropriately dressed as a WI lady – he could nearly have been mistaken for the real thing! A couple of chaps braved it, to join some 35 ladies for an evening filled with laughter. Many thanks to Freddie for coming along to speak to us.

Our June meeting takes place on Wednesday 9th June where Dr David Ball will talk about Hearing Dogs accompanied by his own very special dog, Bruce! Bruce has his own website, so if you would like to read a little more, please check out [www.debrucie.co.uk](http://www.debrucie.co.uk)! It promises to be a very, very interesting evening. We will also be holding a plant sale at this meeting, so if you have any extras – cuttings or those extra plants (because this year all the seeds germinated!) then please bring them along.

We also have a regular book box – so stack up on your summer reading. Bring along your old paperbacks and buy a new one for 50p or a nice magazine for 20p – bargain!

Our future programme has been finalised and it looks to be a very interesting year with something for everyone. In July we have a tour around Marlborough College, a Treasure Hunt in August (lets hope the sun shines) and autumn talks to include architecture, the making of a TV drama, the legends of Wiltshire's highwaymen plus seasonal celebrations.

We are also pleased to report that, thanks to the support of organisations and individuals within the village, plus the hard work of our own members, Seend WI has now paid all outstanding fees and costs associated with the rescinded decision to sell the land situated in Rusty Lane.

The membership has agreed that, for the foreseeable future the hall will continue to be used for the benefit of the village. It is currently in active use as a storage facility for the Lye Field Committee, the Community Centre and Fawltly Players and with their continued support and the support of the village this active community use will be able to continue.

A member in 1923 described the hall as useful if not beautiful - the same remains today! Some, in more recent times, have described the hall as an eyesore, but there are many others of us who are comforted by its quirkiness and the reminders of remarkable women who have gone before!

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



## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

All Committee members are reminded that the next meeting will be held in the Lower Room of the Community Centre at 2000hrs on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

### **SEEND SHUTTLE**

#### **First Wednesday Shopping Trip**

The next shopping trip to Salisbury is on June 2nd . Please phone Terry on 828203 by 31st May to book your place.



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

There will be a report of the AGM in the next issue of Spotlight.

### **SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

Thirteen ramblers set off from White Street, West Lavington, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May, walking the footpath skirting the sportsground perimeter of Lavington School, upward and onto the Plain.



A circular distance of six miles offered spectacular scenery and cowslips in abundance. The rain held off after a damp start. Our grateful thanks to Bob Jones for organising this lovely walk.

**Next walk is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June.** Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. The walk is starting in Hawkesbury Upton; six miles, mostly flat, with one long incline at the end. Leaders: Wendy and Reg (01249 652422). Bring the usual refreshments.

Lin Salter 01225 706451

### **SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

#### **Nosh & Natter - or the Seend Community Centre Lunch Club**

We have just realised that there will be problems in producing luncheons for the months of July and August. Amongst the cooks and helpers a number of holidays have been arranged that will clash with the luncheons intended on 28<sup>th</sup> July and the 25<sup>th</sup> August and this unavailability of helpers, together with a number of usual diners also being away, means it is most unlikely that we could put on luncheons to our usual standard. Therefore, and with great regret, we feel it necessary to cancel these dates and start again as previously advertised on Wednesdays 29<sup>th</sup> September, 27<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> November.

We are truly sorry that we have to do this but it will give everybody a little something to look forward to as Autumn advances.

Also something to look forward to: Village Breakfasts start at 7.30am on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July. In good company enjoy a good breakfast at a very reasonable price.

Lilian & John Smallshaw.



### 10<sup>th</sup> Seend Beer Festival

Well, , after the concerns of last year, we are delighted that the 10<sup>th</sup> Seend Beer Festival proved to be an incredibly successful day and, passed off without any great incident.

During the course of the day more than 800 people weren't put off by the weather and were able to enjoy the fantastic range of beers and ciders along with some great music. Our old friends 'Black Sheep' kicked us off with their special brand of Celtic rock, followed by the brilliant Somerset Paddies culminating with 'Wipe Me Dry' for the finale of the evening.

With so many people wanting to share in this fantastic event, we know that it is really important to minimise the disruption to our local community – we hope that you feel with the new measures put in place this year, that this was the case. We want to thank all of our local community for your support.

Richard Todhunter on behalf of the organising team

### Rural Arts Wiltshire – Barb Jung

Thanks to Ric, Jan, Simon and Jan and all those who helped them to bring this very classy singer to the Community Centre on May 9<sup>th</sup>. £110 was raised for the Centre from the event.

### Disco

The disco on 15th May raised £100 for Help for Heroes and £100 for the Community Centre.

### Cinema Club?



We've had some expressions of interest in forming a cinema club. Is there anyone out there who would be willing to look into the costs and licensing requirements etc with a view to running such an activity? If so please contact any committee member or leave us a message in the suggestions book behind the bar. Thanks.

### World Cup Football on the Big Screen TV

Please note the times quoted in Happenings last month are an hour out (those pesky international time differences!). The England v USA match on 12<sup>th</sup> June and England v Algeria on 18<sup>th</sup> are both 19.30 kick-off, and the Slovenia v England on 23<sup>rd</sup> is at 15.00. You can join Seend Club at the bar at the event.



**Coming events:** Don't forget the Seend Ball on 2nd July, the start of the wonderful Summer Saturday Breakfasts on 24th July and the Flower Show on 14th August.

## **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS**

We have now sent £600 to Wiltshire Blind Association in memory of Des Edwards, and given £125 towards Sam Chard's trip which includes voluntary work in Africa.



## **SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB VISITS 2010**

Following a successful city visit last year, we repeated it with a visit to the historic city of Winchester on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Over the past 12 years we have neglected to visit the majestic Palladian mansion at Stourhead, built in the early 1700s. It is not just the garden that is worth a visit. We are going there on 19th June.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July we visit Berkeley Castle, which has stood since the 12<sup>th</sup> century, and where King Edward the Second was famously murdered.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August we have our summer walk around Corsham, followed by a pub meal.

We visit the lovely Dryrham Park on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September last visited in 2001 and certainly due a return visit.

At the AGM on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November there will be a talk on the Gibb family at Tyntesfield.

We will end the year with a VIP visit to Longleat with lunch, in early December - not to be missed.

For details about joining the Club contact – Tony Ewin. 01380 828325.

## **SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB**



We have an exciting programme planned for this year. Members are always informed individually of each forthcoming trip, but we thought it would be helpful to have some dates well in advance.

All members will have heard of the trip to the Watermill Theatre at Newbury to see “Cocacabana” on 19<sup>th</sup> July. This is a supper evening as well. Also on 19<sup>th</sup> August some have already booked for an outdoor performance of “Oliver Twist” at the Ball Park, Prior Park, Bath. We take along our posh picnics to enjoy beforehand on the beautiful lawns with extensive views.

You will be receiving information about “A Voyage Round my Father”, John Mortimer's wonderful memoir of his eccentric father. The date for this at the Theatre Royal Bath is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

“The Sound of Music” is showing at the Hippodrome in Bristol and we plan to organise a trip to this on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Following the success of last year's pre-Christmas trip to Salisbury in the Salberg Studio at the Playhouse, we will



go to “With a Song in my Heart”, a celebration of Rodgers and Hart, probably on Wednesday 15th December.

And as so many of our members (and some non-members) always enjoy Handel’s “Messiah” sung by the Bath Choral Society in the Abbey we shall be there on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

All these events are available to members and new members are always welcome to join for just £3 per head – a very reasonable price for the privilege of having your tickets booked and transport arranged. And we always have a very jolly sociable evening together.

Sylvia Ewin 828325

### **SEEND 100+ CLUB - FINAL REMINDER!!!**



Just a final reminder that if you intend to continue your membership of the 100+Club, or wish to join as a new subscriber, **please contact me as soon as you can.** Although the new 100+Club year started on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the May draw will not take place until early June so there is still time to join.

Bernie Prolze 828391, Organiser

### **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

The meeting held on 27th April was attended by eight Councillors, with Mrs T Carr in the Chair, in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Members of the public were also in attendance, together with County Councillor J. Seed.

#### **Footpath issues**

The Footpaths Officer, Esther Daly, confirmed that a meeting had taken place between the County Council, the Footpaths Officer and the owner of the field across which the footpath (SEEN 6) runs. The owner is considering making a proposal to alter the route of the footpath so that it goes along the boundary of the field rather than across it, but the application has not been submitted yet. Cllr Seed confirmed that once an application is made, the PC and parishioners will be able to make comments.

#### **Community Police matters**

PC Emily Thomas advised that there had been a break in at church. CSO Rose Baldock will be covering the fête.

***Spout Lane*** – E-mail received from Highways to advise that as ditches are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner, the Parish Steward is unable to dig them out. It was agreed to approach the Caravan & Camping Club to ask if they are in agreement with the ditch being piped and filled in.

***Road signage, Martinslade*** – E-mail received from Mark Stansby, Senior Traffic Management Engineer, suggesting dates for a meeting May 5th, 7th,

11th, 12th and 13th. Mrs. Savage agreed to contact residents of Martinslade and telephone Mr. Stansby to arrange a mutually convenient meeting.

**Spiderweb Paddock** – Details of Mr & Mrs Shearmon’s applications relating to Spiderweb Paddock had now been passed to all members of the PC.

**Website** – It was suggested that a link should be placed on the Seend Village website to the Parish Council website.

**Bench in Love Walk** – it was unclear on whose land this bench stood, it was agreed to ask the owner of Wiltshire House.

**G & S Patios** – The kerbing and landscaping was now complete.

**Red telephone boxes** – E-mail received from Pam Sewell at Wiltshire Council, to advise that the cost of adoption of a telephone box was £1. The PC would then be responsible for maintenance of the box, and if the PC wished the box removed in the future, they would be responsible for the cost of removal. E-mail received from the insurance brokers to advise that the cost of insurance would possibly mean an additional premium of £4.50 p.a.

### **Planning Matters**

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

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| E/10/0325/FUL | Mr M Newman Rew Farm, Seend Cleeve<br>Conversion and extension of barn to form one dwelling and one holiday let                            |
| E/10/0395/FUL | Mr M Hiscock Michley Cottage, 56 Pelch Lane<br>Creation of all weather horse arena   |
| E/10/0409/FUL | Mr M Stynes 39 The Lye<br>Proposed two storey side extension and lean-to front porch   |
| E/10/0416/FUL | TA & CR Sleightholme & H J Rose<br>Woodpeckers, Berhills Lane<br>Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two replacement dwellings |
| E/10/0480/FUL | Mr S Lynch 59 Seend Cleeve<br>Erection of raised deck area/balcony to rear of dwelling   |
| E/10/0497/TCA | Church of the Holy Cross, High Street, Seend<br>Reduction by 50% of two tulip trees situated within the churchyard                         |

### **Correspondence**

Letter received from Wiltshire Council, advising that they are preparing a plan that will identify **land for travelling communities** in Wiltshire. There is an eight-week public consultation on the issues and approach to identifying land.

E-mail from Melksham Without PC to advise that Bowerhill Residents Action

Group plan to erect some **picnic benches** at the canal end of the footpath and bridleway from the K & A Canal and Locking Close, Bowerhill. They are advising Seend PC as a matter of courtesy as the land is within Seend PC's boundary. Also, they will need a member of Melksham Without staff to go onto the land to empty litter bins, and so will need Seend PC's agreement to this. The PC had no objections to the picnic benches, but felt that the provision of litter bins may cause further littering when the bins were filled.

Letter received from Derek Barnes, Hon. Secretary of Seend Branch of the Royal British Legion, enclosing replies received from relatives of those listed on the **War Memorial**. These replies were all opposed to the possible removal of the War Memorial from its present site in the churchyard.

### **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 in Seend Community Centre. The following meeting is on 29th June.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Parish Clerk  
[www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

### **MESSAGE FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR JONATHON SEED**

I have enjoyed the past year as the Melksham Area Board Chairman and by the time you read this I hope to have been re-elected for a further year. Inclusion in the Melksham Area Board was not universally popular throughout the Division and clearly the process could have allowed for more consultation with the people of our seven villages. However we have not done at all badly out of our partnership with the Melksham Area, having had at least our fair share of grant funding as well as a good amount of influence in the affairs of the Board. I have not forgotten that we obtained a commitment from the Council that the parishes would be asked for their opinion of how they felt that things were working after a year in the Melksham Community Area and I will ensure that Wiltshire Council honours that agreement. My own opinion has not changed and I do hope that we will all still be working with Melksham for the foreseeable future – and that the partnership relationship will be all the stronger for a final consultation with the parishes of Summerham and Seend in the next month.

Political and Council work in Summerham and Seend also continues alongside Westminster matters and it is incredibly rewarding to be able to make a difference to community and individual lives by operating as your Wiltshire Councillor. Over the past month I have been quite heavily involved in planning issues in Seend, Steeple Ashton and Semington as well as improving my knowledge on Gypsy and Traveller Planning Matters. Planning issues are always of great concern to those immediately affected by them largely because they involve change or potential change to people's immediate environment. Most planning applications are determined by officers under delegated powers but some applications do come before a Committee of Council Members. In between all of this there is scope for discussion and negotiation with officers and often I am asked to help this process

along. Our Planning Officers are human and do like to be as helpful and professional as they can but they need to assess all the information concerning an application in order to reach the right decision. It is thus always helpful to talk to planners at the earliest possible stage in an application. Finally the local Member can only call an application to Committee within three weeks of registration so do involve me at an early stage if you need help.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### News from Seend School

I can't believe I have only been here a few short weeks. In many ways it feels like I have been here so much longer. I am taking it as a good sign meaning I feel settled and at home!



The school has received some good news recently. Plans to have the outside repainted have been agreed so over half term work is due to take place to brighten up the exterior with fresh paint. What a difference that will no doubt make. We are also hoping to make further improvement to the outside by replanting the pots and put up some hanging baskets. If anyone with green fingers is willing to help or if anyone has any spare pot plants then please let me know. Hopefully these improvements will be in place for the school's open afternoon/evening on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 1:30-7pm. Anyone is welcome to pop along and see what the school has been doing recently, especially if they have children needing a school place now or in the future. The school has also received planning permission for an outside shelter/classroom which will enhance the children's education by allowing them to work outside in all weathers!

The school is busy preparing for an Arts Week commencing June 7<sup>th</sup>. The children will be creating their way through the week in a host of different activities. They will also be having a fancy dress day on the theme of the sea which corresponds with a touring theatre group visiting the school, to perform a play called "The Fisherman and his Wife."

The girls' netball team have played a couple of matches recently and on both occasions played well. Unfortunately they are unable to compete in the Five Lanes Tournament on Saturday as it clashes with Bikeability training at school.

Many thanks to those of you who came to the May Fayre. Despite the weather it was well attended and over £600 was raised so well worth it I am sure you will agree.

Jackie Chalk



## **SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES**

Unfortunately our sports reporter is still stuck in the departure lounge at Knock International Airport (Mayo), as a result of the ash cloud, which seems to have settled at the end of runway 4. Consequently June's results and fixtures will have to be included in next month's Spotlight. If anyone would like any Knock memorabilia brought back please send me an e-mail care of the cashier at the duty free office at the airport:

***duty3@knockknock.co.ire***

P.S. during my enforced incarceration in the V.I.P. lounge I have been watching a local game of hurling, a cross between hockey and murder, details of which I will bring back as I feel it could catch on in Seend quite quickly.

Any results and fixtures for July Spotlight please forward to me at the Garda, 46 Limerick Road, Athenry, County Galway, by 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Frankie Goddard 828488

### **'The Badgers'**

Worton and Cheverell F.C. <http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk/> would welcome more players in the lower age groups of the Club – please see contact details on the website for the appropriate age group.

## **BITS'N'BOBS**

### **Summer Visitors**

*House Martins, Swallows and Swifts:* These birds are, of course, protected species. It is an offence to disturb or destroy their nest sites and environments.



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

### **PURSE THEFT AWARENESS**

Wiltshire Police, in partnership with Salisbury College, have produced a DVD to give advice on how to keep yourself and your belongings safe. The DVD shows different scenarios on how thieves work. It also gives advice on how to prevent purses being stolen. The DVD only takes five minutes to watch and it is mainly aimed at handbag/purse thefts which are prevalent in our area. If you would like to borrow this DVD to watch at home, please contact me on 01380 828491. I also have a few lanyards (mentioned in the DVD) to strap your purse to the inside of your handbag.

Anita Heatley  
Chairman and Police Liaison Officer for Seend Parish Council

**Refurbiz - the Domestic Appliance Re-cycling Charity.**

Replacing your washing machine, dryer, fridge or electric cooker? Please donate your old machines to us so we can refurbish them for families in need. Wiltshire-wide collection and delivery service. Call us on (01380) 720200.

**Open Farm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

FIVE LANES FARM, POTTERNE. DEVIZES SN10 5PS (on the Worton to Potterne road off the A360) will be open to visitors on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010 12-4pm. Farm attractions for all the family with refreshments available and free parking. (Look for the tractor signs). For more information go to the web site, [www.farmsunday.org](http://www.farmsunday.org) or ring John and Teresa Chandler on 01380 725643. The only favour we ask is to keep your dog on a lead.

**Grow (Enhancing Community Support)**

The new support service for the voluntary & community sector, funded by Wiltshire Council. Grow provides a range of services to voluntary organisations including: Online, Email & Telephone Support, Funding Advice, a Volunteer Centre for Wiltshire, Training Programme, Local Voluntary Sector VOICE Forum, Bookkeeping, Payroll & Accounts, Networking & Information Events, Resources & Publications, and Low Cost Printing. For further information call 0845 0345250 or visit [www.growwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.growwiltshire.org.uk).

**Open Day at Kennet Valley Driving Group Riding for the Disabled**

The Kennet Valley Driving Group RDA (registered charity no. 1074359) offers people with disabilities a unique opportunity to drive a horse and carriage through the beautiful Wiltshire countryside. To promote the work that we do and find sponsors and helpers, we are holding an Open Day on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June** at Manor Farm, West Overton. For further information, please ring 0845 241 5396 or email [kennetvalleydrivinggroup@googlemail.com](mailto:kennetvalleydrivinggroup@googlemail.com)

Maggie Lewis

Group Secretary, Kennet Valley Driving Group

**BARN DANCE**

Moorhouse Farm, Netherstreet, Bromham. Saturday 19th June 7.30pm-12 in support of Help for Heroes. Tickets £15 including food & one free drink. Available from Bromham Post Office

**Open Gardens at Great Chalfield Manor**

**in aid of ABF The Soldiers' Charity on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm. £4.**

**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. None this month.*

**And finally.....**

Life is like a tin of sardines. We are all looking for the key.

*Alan Bennett*

## **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](http://www.seend.org.uk) - Neil Yockney 827139  
Bulkington Website: [www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington](http://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](mailto: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*  
*Fawlty 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 - Gerald Salter 01225 706451*  
*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.)

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