

SPOTLIGHT

SEEND & BULKINGTON



MARCH 2010

DIARY DATES FOR LATE FEBRUARY

27th British Legion Dugout Supper, 7 for 7.30pm, Seend Community Centre

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- 1st Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 2nd First Steps service
- 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
- 6th Lent soup lunch, Bulkington Village Hall, 12-2pm
- 13th Lent soup lunch, Pavilion, Seend, 12-2pm
- 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
- 18th Cricket Club AGM, 8pm Seend Community Centre
- 20th Coffee morning, 10am-noon in the vicarage, in aid of VINE for PAT
- 20th Disco for Breast Cancer & Dorothy House, Community Centre, 8pm
- 21st Ramblers AGM, 3pm, Pavilion (preceded by walk at 1.30pm)
- 25th Theatre Club AGM
- 27th National Trust Lecture on Avebury, Community Centre, 2.15pm
- 28th Working day on tennis courts and shed
- 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

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 2nd Good Friday Workshops for children
- 5th Great Bulkington Railway steam up
- 7th Shuttle Shopping Trip - phone Terry on 828203 by Monday 5th to book
- 10th Quiet day at retreat in Devon
- 10th Mixed pairs skittles competition, Community Centre, 8pm (sign up by 8th!)
- 14th WI AGM
- 18th Seend Ramblers, meet 9.30am Rusty Lane
- 18th Mixed doubles family tennis tournament, 2pm
- 19th WEA AGM
- 23rd St George's Day Dinner
- 28th 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 MARCH 2010 ISSUE



Firstly, the annual daffodil alert: watch out for all those bulbs planted in past years by Joe Burbidge and friends as they come into flower.

There's a good mix of activities coming up. If you want a good night out while supporting a charity, you've got two good opportunities. There's an acoustic music night at the Community Centre on 13th March, in aid of 'Hope and Homes for Children', and a Disco in aid of breast cancer research and Dorothy House on 20th, also at the Community Centre.

If history is more your bag, you'll enjoy the National Trust lecture about Avebury on 27th, again in the Community Centre.

There are two Lent soup lunches, one in the Pavilion in Seend on 13th March, and another in Bulkington Village Hall on the 6th, and a coffee morning in the vicarage on 20th in aid of homeless young people.

And you've got two chances for a 'Nosh and Natter' lunch in the Community Centre, on 3rd and 31st March to compensate for their not being one in February.

The AGM season is getting under way, with the Cricket Club on 18th and the Ramblers on 21st March, which is preceded by a walk around the village at 1.30pm (meet in Rusty Lane).

We hope you manage to support at least a few of the many village events and organisations mentioned in this magazine. They are what make out villages special.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the **April issue** (*copy deadline 14th March*) 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 LATE 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

All ages welcome!



(Phone 828540 a few days ahead to book)



SOUP LUNCH

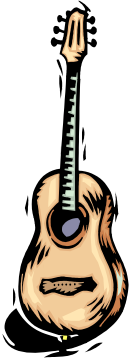
Saturday 13th March
12 - 2.00 pm in the Pavilion

Come and enjoy several special Seend soups!

Raffle and Bring & Buy

For further info, or to offer your help, please contact
Steve or Sue Taylor 01225 709360

In aid of Seend Church



Saturday 13th March.
An evening of folk music
presented by Rotary Club of Melksham.
at Seend 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-midnight in Seend Community Centre

Disco!

in aid of Dorothy House & Breast Cancer Research

Tickets £8 adults or £5 under 16s (including ploughman's supper)

from Lou: 01380 828842, Barb: 01380 828786

or Shirley: 01380 860266. Entry by ticket only.



Wear Pink!



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 Seend 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.

EVENTS IN APRIL

SEEND & DISTRICT LINK SCHEME AGM

7.45 for 8 p.m. Wednesday, 7th April 2010

in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion

Everyone welcome



Learn to Propagate Successfully

An event with presentations and hands on practical involvement - methods of seed propagation, successful transplanting and soil preparation techniques.

Fully qualified speakers from University of Bristol and Local Horticultural College.

Friday 9th April 2010

10am - 3pm

Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend

Limited spaces available so book **NOW** for a full day's tuition to include a hands on practical experience - lunch and refreshments

£30 each (block booking discounts)

Contact: **07977184501** or **01225 812117**

St George's Day Dinner

7.30pm Friday 23rd April

in Seend Community Centre



Three course meal

Guest speakers and entertainment

Tickets £15

Phone Peter Fisher (828305)

Proceeds to Seend Community Centre



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For Harold Hubert (died 31 January 2010)

When I die, miss me yes, but do not grieve.
It's better where we go, I do believe.
I've had a long and very happy life
as son, father, and with my beloved wife.
So miss me, if you will, but do not grieve.



Rural Arts Wiltshire

Barb Jungr in Concert

Sunday 9th May, 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre

After producing a number of plays over the last two years, we decided that Seend could do with a bit of a change for their next RAW event. We are therefore extremely happy and fortunate to be able to present internationally acclaimed singer Barb Jungr in concert in the Community Centre. A not to be missed experience!

What the press says:

New York Times:- *"Taking Familiar Songs by writers as diverse as Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen and Jacques Brel, her passionate intensity, extraordinary singing, vitality and musical intelligence have made Barb Jungr the talk of New York..... Both rivetingly dramatic and completely unpretentious - a miraculous balancing act that perhaps no one else pulls off quite so compellingly"*

The Independent:- *Barb is listed in their "Hot List" which brings together the hottest people, things & fashion in the UK.*

The show will last for approx 2 hours including an interval. Prices:- £6.50 for adults, £3.50 for children (under 16) and £5.50 for senior citizens.

Tickets available from the Community Centre, Post Office, Jan Harding (828778), Jan Crabtree (828687), Ric Ellinger (828683) and Tessa Doe (828617)

CHURCH NEWS

Mum's the Word ...

Many of you will know that in England, since at least the 17th Century, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "Mothering Sunday". Historically it was a day when servants were given the day off and encouraged to return to their homes and spend time with their mothers, often taking with them a special cake, known as a Simnel Cake. Even today, children often make a special effort to return to the family home to celebrate with their mothers or, at the very least, to send a card home.

Parenthood isn't something any of us is really trained for, though is it? We fly by the "seat of our pants", don't we - and we often get it wrong, despite what we read in all those books and newspaper columns!

This year, Mothering Sunday falls on 14th March, and I wonder if it might be appropriate for us to acknowledge both the good and the bad experiences people have regarding motherhood generally. If we don't, then there's the danger that we end up not talking about "the elephant in our living room". At the very least we should face both our positive and negative experiences, bringing to mind those whose mothers were abusive, neglectful or addicted - or who enabled fathers to be like that; those who grew up in single-parent families, or who never got the chance to know a mother or father; those who have not been able, for whatever reason, to form adult relationships with their parents; those who wish they could become parents but can't; those wanting and waiting to adopt; those fortunate enough to have adoptive parents who loved them; children of extended families with step-parents; those who had an abortion long ago and now feel torn by it (yes, we really do need to acknowledge that there are people on both sides of the abortion issue who are in pain). Spare a thought too for those who never had an opportunity to become mothers, and those who have had to "mother" their own elderly, crippled, parents or parents suffering from dementia. And there are bound to be other situations I haven't touched upon. Mothering Sunday can indeed bring to the surface many raw emotions and painful memories.

In bringing all these things to mind, and in our prayers, let us remember – each one of us (regardless of whether or not we are a parent, single or married, male or female) should play our part in upholding an ideal Christian family life. Being human, we can only ever hope to partially meet that standard ... and then only with God's grace ... but be assured, that grace is there for the asking, in our prayers, if we only have the mind and will to do so.

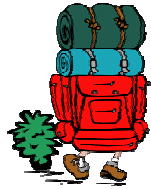
God bless,
Renée

The Churchyard

There has been an increasing number of artificial flowers, containers, toys and shrubs appearing in our churchyards over the past few weeks and months. There are very strict rules concerning church burial grounds generally (as opposed to Council operated ones), and these are set out in Churchyard Regulations, a copy of which will be available to read in each of our churches. A few people have commented on how unsightly the churchyards are becoming. In addition, maintenance of the churchyards becomes a much more difficult job, meaning more time has to be spent on grass cutting, leading to increased costs. Because it is not always possible for us to identify graves in order to speak with surviving family members, may we ask, please, that all prohibited items are removed from gravesides by the end of March? Your co-operation will be very much appreciated. In the meantime, of course we understand that there may be real pastoral issues in individual cases so please do contact the Vicar if that would help (827285).

The Vicar's OFF !!

Following my successful Trek for Treatment in the foothills of the Himalayas in November 2008 when I was sponsored to the tune of £6,380 in aid of The Leprosy Mission's Anandaban Hospital near Kathmandu, I feel in need of another challenge!



This time I will be walking the pilgrim way to Santiago de Compostela – a mere 467 miles, which I aim to complete within the space of six weeks, all being well, in April and May. All sponsorship monies raised will be shared, with 90% going to Help for Heroes and the remaining 10% to the Bishop of Salisbury's retirement appeal in aid of the Bishop Gwynne Theological Training College in Juba, Sudan. It would be fantastic if I could exceed the amount raised last time, when I walked only 50 miles (admittedly a bit up and down, but then so will this walk be too – Pyrenees here I come!). If you are willing and able to sponsor me for any amount, I would love to hear from you – or you can donate direct and on-line through JustGiving/Renee-Coulson. If you're a tax payer and would be willing to gift aid your donation, then that would be even better – increasing your giving by an extra 28p in the £.



First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service

First Steps Service is on Tuesday 2nd March at 2.15pm. Parents, toddlers and babies welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

Don't forget this year's workshops for children on Good Friday, 2nd April from 10 – 11.30am approximately.



There will be all the usual activities, including clay modelling, making the Easter garden, collage, Easter cards, and many more. Drinks and hot cross buns are included!

The morning ends with a very short celebration of the Children's work, which will be lead by Mrs Pam Muller.

If there is a craft or activity that YOU would like included, or you would be able to help out in any way, please contact Sue Taylor 01225 709360

There is no charge for these workshops, but a collection will be taken during the service.



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.

"THE POETRY of EASTER"

A quiet day led by The Rev Canon Neil Heavisides, Precentor of Gloucester Cathedral will be held on Saturday 10th April at Mill House Retreats, Westleigh, Devon from 10am - 4pm.

£20 includes lunch and refreshments. This will be a long but very enjoyable day for anyone who is interested. A small additional charge will be made for transport.

Please contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 for further details as soon as possible if you would like to go.

FROM ROY...

My personal devotions recently reminded me that when we wish to rob people of their dignity, we strip their clothes from them. Our disgust of torture is partly that it often involves stripping the victim naked and leaving them feeling vulnerable.

And so I am led to the foot of Christ's cross. Before the soldiers crucify Jesus, they remove his clothes. In at least one of the gospel accounts, we are told that they gamble for who will get to keep his clothes. Then in great shame Jesus is crucified and with intense suffering he dies. All human dignity is taken from him.

The events of Good Friday remind us that Jesus' whole ministry was spent among people who had lost their dignity – the poor, the exploited, the forgotten and the despised. Through his ministry, Jesus proclaimed that God was with them to restore their dignity. Finally, at the cross, stripped of all his own dignity, we see God's deep concern for our dignity meets with our human indignity in Christ. Where all sense tells us that God is absent, the crucified Christ reveals that God has not given up on us.

There are times when I despair of what we humans do to each other. There are times when I am still shocked by the indignities we inflict on each other. It is then that I return to the cross to be reminded that God never gives up on affirming our human dignity. God goes on challenging me to recognise the dignity of all his children. God forgives and renews me when I rob others of their dignity.

God bless,



SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL - Services for March

March 7th - 10.30am Revd Derek Frost will conduct our 235th Chapel Anniversary Service. All welcome.

March 14th - 10am Dawn Bartlett from Trowbridge will lead our worship.

March 28th - 10am Revd Roy Fowler will conduct the service.

BULKINGTON NEWS

Christ Church Bulkington



Lent Soup Lunch **Bulkington Village Hall**

Saturday 6th March 12 noon- 2 pm
Adult £5; Child £2.50

Tickets from: Anne Saywell 828931
Audrey McDonald 828376
Liz Futter 828485

Proceeds to Shelter Box

The next planned steam up on the GBR is on
Easter Monday, 5th April

Nev Boulton, Station Master GBR



THE FUN STATION

We will be concentrating on Mothering Sunday this month and maybe Palm Sunday as well. Crafts and games both on offer!

SEEND CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

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. Please bring along any photos or other memorabilia of interest.



Gwyn Hopkins 01225 425695

HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB



Thursday 4th March: Meeting in the Pavilion 7.30pm. Speaker John Rogers on “Methods of Researching Local History”, you will be surprised. Members to be given details of visits in 2010.

15th May: Visit to Winchester Cathedral and sightseeing of the many attractions of Winchester.

19th June: Visit to Stourhead House. Majestic Palladian house with a unique collection of Chippendale furniture and magnificent library - one of the finest surviving regency rooms in England. Stourhead is not just a garden!

25th July: Visit to the infamous Berkeley Castle where a King was murdered. Built in 1153 and still the home of the Berkeley family. A remarkable castle and a beautiful 18th century country house.

19th August: Evening walk round Corsham village followed by dinner.

18th September: Visit to Dyrham Park. An outstanding house with its lavish Dutch collection little changed since 1700. Plus an intriguing insight into Victorian life below stairs.

December: Longleat House. Christmas lunch and special tour of House. All welcome to an enjoyable evening whether members or not. Look forward to seeing you.

Tony Ewin, Chairman. 828325.



WEA Basic Technology Group

Is there anyone out there who is not confident about using a mobile phone in an emergency? Or who would like to send a text to a grandchild or a TV station, but who doesn't like to bother their friends or family to show them how (again!).

The WEA is encouraging the formation of small self-help groups, and I would like to start one to tackle some of the baffling modern technological innovations, starting with the easiest and perhaps working our way up to the dizzy heights of an i-pod, depending on what people would like to master.

There would be no 'experts' as such. I anticipate that to begin with, if we get stuck, we might look at an instruction book together and if that is total gobbledegook we might call on some kindly person who does know what to do to help us solve the problem. If you are at all interested, please ring me, Pam Church, on 01380 828597.

The WEA AGM is on 19th April in Seend Community Centre. All welcome to talk about future courses and events.

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Having cancelled Alison Peterson in January due to the icy conditions in Rusty Lane we were lucky enough to re-book her for 9th February as the programmed speaker cancelled us for the second time. Her talk was entitled Organic Pest Control, which could have been rather dry but turned out to be very interesting and informative.

Alison was an organised and clear speaker with a strong sense of humour, who instantly appealed to our members and has been booked for next season already! She told us that controlling pests was often down to common sense in the garden starting with knowing friends from foes. Only 2% of the insects in our gardens are pests, the rest are either harmless or beneficial. To ward off the 2% ensure that your soil is fertile, that you grow resistant varieties of plants, grow plants that attract pest predators and provide habitats for them, practise crop rotation if growing veg, grow plants in the right places so they are not stressed and use good hygiene, cleaning pots in soapy water and cleaning and oiling tools each time you use them. I'm afraid I often don't even put mine away. Then you protect your plants by using barriers of dried and crushed egg shells, bran, coffee grounds, netting, fleece or cloches. As you go round your garden, rub aphids off leaves with your fingers, pick off caterpillars and slugs and dispose of them. I think her phrase was rub, pick and crush. Use beer traps (yoghourt pots) for slugs and snails. The resulting goo can be put on the compost heap. Rats apparently hate the smell of peppermint so stew mint leaves, leave for a couple of days, strain and water their runs and favourite places. Or scatter crushed Polo mints instead. You can make a garlic spray by putting 4 or 5 cloves in water, leave for a couple of weeks and then spray plants with the liquid. Chillies might work the same way. So with your garden smelling of peppermint, garlic and chillies you will probably get rid of your neighbours as well. The most interesting fact of the evening was that pests like aphids have an accelerated breeding cycle, giving birth to pregnant young so they recover quickly from chemical insecticides.

In the notices David told us that he has now finalised arrangements for a trip to Cranborne on Thursday 15th July. A list will be out soon.

If Chelsea tickets are wanted please get in touch with Sue Johns who also won the competition for a photo of a single flower.

Next month Dawn Collins is returning to talk on 'The Path to Paradise. A journey through the Stourhead landscape.' This will be followed in May by a guided walk with Dawn round the garden. The competition will be the Spring Bulb Show. If you have lost your schedule Joyce has some still or I can mail one to you.

Joyce has the pair of fur-lined gloves left behind at the last meeting.

Sue.

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS



On 24th January, 24 walkers assembled at the top of Caen Hill Locks to commence a 7½ mile circular walk along towpath and tracks via Lower Foxhangers, Poulshot and through to Devizes. It was a bright day, very muddy underfoot after the recent snow, but nevertheless a most bracing and wonderful walk led by Sandy and Tim James. Many thanks to them both.

On Saturday 30th January, an enjoyable evening of skittles took place at Corsham Football Club, organized by Reg and Wendy. Four teams played against each other. A lot of fun was had; our thanks to both Wendy and Reg for all their efforts organizing a most successful evening.

Sunday 21st March – AGM at 3pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, preceded by a walk organized by Ron Apter – most likely covering the recently designated ‘Ron Westacott Way’. Those members wishing to do this walk should assemble in Rusty Lane to commence at 1.30pm.

The meeting afterwards will commence with tea and cake and should last no longer than an hour. Walkers are reminded that the yearly subscriptions will be due on this date.

April’s walk will be on Sunday 18th. Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure.

Lin Salter – 01225 706451



SEEND WI

Our February meeting, attended by over 30 women and was a very thought provoking and informative interactive discussion led by Gaynor Vale from Wiltshire Community Services exploring how social services can be accessed and what is available. It was a great opportunity for members to discuss with the speakers and each other, some difficult situations and to understand what services can be provided. Many thanks to our own Carolyn Bowen for arranging this talk.

Our next meeting on 10 March will be a fun social with a Beetle Drive (remember those) – well it’s a great way for people to get to meet each other and have some laughs and chatter along the way, so please do come along and join us. Why not bring a glass and your favourite tipple!

Our April meeting on Wednesday 14 April will be our AGM – obviously there will be the regular business to transact, but we have also invited a speaker, to make it a really interesting evening. Jean Parsons will be joining us to talk about ‘A Peculiar Occupation’ – life in Jersey under the German Occupation during World War II. One not to be missed!

You may also be delighted to know that Seend favourite Freddie Giles has been able to reschedule his talk for our May meeting .

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

MOTHERS' UNION **Seend and Bulkington Branch**



At the Annual General Meeting on January 20th, the accounts for the previous year were presented by the outgoing treasurer, Margaret Coley, and they were then approved and signed. Several donations were approved for MU charities.

The following officers were appointed:

Enrolling Member – Elizabeth Campbell

Secretary – Joanna Bell

Treasurer – Janet Gudge

New programmes are now available for all our members and anyone else who is interested.

Future dates:

Our speaker on **March 17th** is Mrs P Penny. She is speaking about the Vine charity, which helps homeless young people in the Trowbridge area.

April 21st – Guest Service in church at 2.30pm. We hope we will have visitors from branches in the Deanery. This will be followed by tea and refreshments.

The branch would like to thank Seend Fawltly Players for the opportunity to hold the raffle on one evening, and also friends for the generous gifts of prizes.

V.I.N.E. for P.A.T.

A coffee morning will be held in the vicarage on **Saturday, 20th March**, from 10am until 12 noon to support this local charity which is dedicated to helping homeless young people in Trowbridge and the surrounding area. The main focus of their work is to assist Pregnant and Abused Teenagers. There will be a bring and buy sale and a stall for home-made cakes.

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Past, present and future events

The Club **snooker competition** is ongoing, with the quarter-finals being played in March. If you want to enter the **mxed pairs skittles contest** on 10th April, you need to get your name on the list by 8th April. The **Burns Night supper** was extremely well-supported (extra tickets had to be printed to meet demand!) and all the cooks, waiters, entertainers and those dashing men in kilts contributed to a most enjoyable evening.

We've got a new **big-screen TV** in the Club bar. If you want to take advantage of it, see the **Club membership** form enclosed in this magazine!

Lots of things **coming up** - Dugout supper, folk night, charity disco, National Trust lecture - see events section at the beginning of this magazine for details.

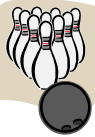
Nosh & Natter

This monthly lunch club is getting more and more popular, so book early by ringing John and Lilian Smallshaw. Coming dates are 3rd and 31st March and 28th April, 12 for 12.30.



Singles Skittles competition

Numbers were down this year on the last few years which was slightly disappointing but, after a slow start, it turned into an enjoyable night for all. The Ladies' final between Joan Elliott and Molly Maslen went right down to the wire. Molly couldn't get enough pins on the last leg leaving Joan to claim the top prize. The Men's final was between Geoff Ham and myself. Geoff required a spare on his last leg but was unable to get it. The highlight of the night was probably BJ's presentation at the end. For the Ladies, he presented the bottle of wine (meant for the winner) to the runner-up. Having learned his lesson, for the Men, he made sure he left the bottle alone and presented the winner's envelope to the runner-up instead!



In summary:

Ladies' Winner: Joan Elliott

Ladies' Runner-up: Molly Maslen

Men's Winner: Russ Collins

Men's Runner-up: Geoff Ham

Russ Collins

Ballot for Trustee of Seend Social Club Property

In the recent ballot for the co-option of Richard Todhunter, the result was as follows:

Votes received - 28

Votes disallowed because the voter could not be identified - 2

Votes in favour - 25

Votes against - 1

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS - 'Androcles and the Lion'

Thanks to all who helped to put on this production, and to all of you who came along to watch. A report will be in April Spotlight.

SEEND SHUTTLE



First Wednesday Shopping Trip

The next shopping trip is on 3rd March. Please phone Terry on 828203 by 1st March to book. The April trip is on 7th, so put that date in your diary.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on 26 January was attended by nine Councillors, with Chairman, Mike Davis, in the chair. Members of the public were also in attendance, together with County Councillor J. Seed who joined the meeting later. Apologies received from Mrs. A. Heatley, Mr. J. Padfield, Community Beat Manager PC Emily Thomas and Community Support Officer Rosina Baldock.

Planning Matters

Planning Consent has been approved for the following applications:

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| K/59694/F
K/59695/LBC | Mr & Mrs Giles Old Wyatts, Row Lane
Variation of condition no. 8 of K/59694/F and condition no. 7 of K/59695/LBC to vary the materials used in the construction of the wall |
| E/09/1430/FUL | Mr D Akerman Broad Lane Farm
Change of use of Unit E to B1/B2/B8;
Change of use of Feed Barn to B1 and retention of building as constructed (amendment to K/57694/F0;
Change of use to Old Bull Pen to B1; and
Change of use of an area of land to boat/caravan storage and car park |
| E/09/1472/LBC
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 (as was approved with previous application E/09/1173/FUL) to a full gable |
| E/09/1549/FUL
E/09/1550/LBC | Mr B Talmage Badbury House, High Street
Conversion and extension of existing coach house to provide self contained ancillary accommodation |
| E/09/1633/FUL | Mr & Mrs P O'Reilly The Dial House, High Street
Demolition of existing garage and erection of double garage |

Plans for approval - It was agreed that a visit would be made on Sunday 31 January to each of the following sites prior to reaching a decision:

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| E/09/1663/FUL | Mr D Akerman Broad Lane Farm
Three bedroom replacement dwelling with garage |
| E/10/0053/FUL | Mr N Keen The Darrells Cottage, Rusty Lane
Demolition of existing house and outbuildings and removal of mobile home. Erection of replacement dwelling. |

E/10/0094/FUL Mr M Hardiman 9 New Buildings, Seend Cleeve
Second storey extension to existing single storey
extension

Letter received from Wiltshire Council concerning a review undertaken of existing **speed limits on A & B roads**. Roads affected in the Seend area are:

A361 from the Strand to C226 junction – meets criteria for 50 mph

A365 from the 40 mph limit in Sells Green to Seend Fork – meets criteria for 50 mph

PC Emily Thomas has contacted the Transportation Planning Team and Highways Dept following the recent **accident at the A361 crossroads** by the Bell Inn, to assess the situation and check out the road signage.

Letter from Wiltshire Council concerning **grit bins** located within parishes, enclosing a map, asking that the bins be surveyed and a note made of their condition, and whether further bins are needed. This has now been done, advising that two bins shown on the map are missing, and requesting two further bins at the entrance to The Lye and at the top of Inmarsh, near the entrance to Turners Farm.

PC Emily Thomas had sent a **Farm Bulletin**. There is concern about Land Rover Defender thefts, in October 2009 eight were taken in one month. There have been other thefts of 4 x 4 vehicles as well. There have been 20 incidents of hare coursing. Theft from farms of Cotswold stone and bales of hay, and the Police are expecting thefts of fuel and metal to rise.

Letter received from Seend PCC concerning **Seend War Memorial**. There has been some talk about the possible re-siting of the memorial that is located at the entrance to the Churchyard, to a more prominent position within the village. This has been discussed by the Royal British Legion, the Community Centre and the Lye Field Committee, who agree that re-location would be worthwhile. A suggested site is the south edge of the Lye Field. The letter asks that the Parish Council take this matter forward. The PCC are perfectly happy for the War Memorial to remain in the Churchyard should the village wish it to. The PC discussed possible sites, including the entrance to Dial Close and top of Love Lane. It was agreed that this would be placed on the agenda for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting, so that parishioners could attend and voice their views.

The proposed **Marina at Foxhangers** will have an impact on Seend, including canal use and parking. Wiltshire Council to be advised that Seend PC wish to comment on the application.

It was agreed that contact details for the Parish Clerk would be displayed on all notice boards.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

The snow drops are up as I write this article and soon the daffodils will herald the arrival of spring. How time flies when there is so much going on in and around Summerham and Seend.

The Melksham Area Board goes from strength to strength. I really enjoy Chairing and working with the Councillors and the officers who support the Board. I see this as a cross party function and the Councillors of different political persuasions make a real effort to put party politics aside in the interests of the people of the Melksham Area. We are very lucky to have an outstanding area manager in Abbi Gutierrez (Tel 01225 718443) and also a very good Democratic Services officer in Kevin Fielding. Abbi is the Melksham Area's very own facilitator in County Hall. She deals with all the issues and grant applications as well as arranging meetings etc. It is of huge benefit to the community having an Area Manager and gives us all someone to turn to in order to contact the right person on local issues which need attention in County Hall. Last month the Area Board met in Broughton Gifford Village Hall where we heard a very interesting presentation on the new Melksham Canal link from Semington into Melksham and I also gave a Flood Alleviation presentation in my role as Chairman of the Operational Flood Working Group. Board meetings will move around the Area and the next meeting is in Melksham at the Rachel Fowler Centre on Wednesday 24th March at 6.30. The meeting after that will be in Seend Community Centre on Wednesday 26th May. Members of the public are welcome at Area Board meetings so do come along and see what goes on.

In Seend I have recently had a very positive meeting with Mr Sherman from Spiderweb Paddock and I hope that this will help to resolve difficulties. I have also been helping with the grant for play area refurbishment at the Lye Field. In Bulkington we recently had a detailed and highly productive meeting in Keevil Village Hall where the Highways and Drainage Engineers outlined the results of their flood and gully surveys to the Parish Flood Warden and Chairs of Parish Councils. The engineers then gave very welcome details of all the work that they will be doing to make the flow of water work in both Keevil and Bulkington.

If you need to contact me please phone 01380 850696 or e-mail jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL CONTACT NUMBERS

In a recent edition of Spotlight, we enclosed a list of Melksham contact numbers. Here are some other numbers for those who lean towards Devizes:

General enquiries: 01380 724911

Council tax enquiries: 01380 734733

Household waste collections: 01380 734849

Planning: 01380 734812

Housing enquiries and Homes4Wiltshire: 01380 734734



SEEND CRICKET CLUB - Annual General Meeting

As many of you already know, the new wicket has been laid at the Lye Field, and the club are looking forward to the first match on it on Sunday, 18th April. Prior to that however, the AGM will be held in the Community Centre, on Thursday, 18th March, at 8pm. Last year was a very successful season from all angles, not least the emergence of many promising young players. We hope to see many of you at the meeting as well as any newcomers to the village who would like to think about playing or be involved in an administrative capacity.

Brian Hunt.

Tennis Club

Just a couple of dates to put in your diary for the coming season:

28th March - Working day on Shed and Court:

If the weather is OK we plan to give the shed a lick of paint and generally tidy up the court and surrounding area ready for the tennis season. Starting at 10am. Please bring your paint brushes.



18th April- Mixed Doubles Family Tournament:

A friendly mixed doubles tournament to kick start the season. Again, if the weather is OK, we hope to put on a BBQ in the afternoon. Start at 2pm

New Committee:

Chair - Elaine Davis

Secretary - Victoria Bowes

Treasurer - Ric Ellinger

'The Badgers'

Worton and Cheverell F.C. <http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk/>

It is never too late in the season to start football, and training for the younger age groups takes place every Saturday morning at West Lavington Village Hall - all are welcome.

Steve Dagnall 01380-727976

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Football

The bad weather has not helped with the fixture list hence this month's results are limited



Seend 1st XI – Manager – Steve Burns, Assistant Manager – Matt Pearce

Beat Bromham 5-1

Cup match vs Olderbury- having been 4-1 up the opposition then drew level taking the match to extra time, which Seend eventually won 6-5!

In another cup match against Castle Combe, the score was 2-2 at full time. It remained 2-2 after extra time and then, unfortunately, Castle Combe won the penalty shoot out 5-4. this was the 1st eleven's first defeat of the season

Seend Reserves – Manager – Keith Anteney

Only one result to report – a 3-2 win last weekend over The Stiffs

Skittles

Seend A – Captain – John Wiltshire

The A team plays in the premier division where they presently lie 4th out of 12 teams with two thirds of the seasons matches played

22nd January vs Cons A won 7-0

28th January vs Steeple Ashton lost 1-6

12th February vs Saracons lost 1.5 - 5.5

On the 30th January the As took part in the semi-final and final of the front pin first competition, which they won by 41 pins in the semi-final and by 10 pins in the final against Cons D. Congratulations

Seend B – Captain – Nick Easton

The B team are in the second division where there are again 12 teams with the B team in 7th place

22nd January vs Cons E won 6-1

29th January vs Legion E lost 2-5

12th February vs Staverton A won 6-1

Seend C – Captains – Josh Hamblin

The C team still tops division 2 . However, a few recent slip ups have made their overall lead more precarious. If they are going to get promotion they will need some good results in the last part of the season

22nd January vs Staverton A won 5-2

29th January vs Cons B lost 1-6 top scorer Andy Tilbury - 37

12th February vs Lacock lost 2-5 top scorer BJ Tilley - 34

Seend D – Captain – Luke Ballinger

The D team is presently half way down the premier table in 6th place – where are your results, Luke??

Skittles Singles Competition see Community Centre news.

Short Mat Bowls

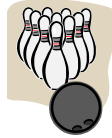
Flight deck Controller – Colin Waldeck

Recent results

Vs Trowbridge at home drew 4-4

Vs Trowbridge away lost 2-6

The team are still anchored at the foot of the North Division of the Wiltshire winter league.



The Short Mat Bowls Club night is from 7:30 until 9:30 on Monday evening, bar open throughout, at the Community Centre. Attendances this season are reportedly up.

Please send all your sporting news results and gossip to the top of the Seend downhill course by the Ides of March. Frankie Goddard on 828488.

(Actually, the day before the Ides, Frankie - 14th March please! Ed.)

BITS'N'BOBS

FOUND

LONG HAIRED, MAINLY WHITE WITH SOME BLACK, CAT

This lovely cat has found it's way to our house in Seend Cleeve. Without any encouragement she sits by our front door most days. I assume she has lost her way on a hunting trip! If you think this is your cat, or know who it may belong to, please let me know. Charlotte Martin 07712654679

WILTON WINDMILL SOCIETY

The 2010 Wilton Windmill open season starts on Sunday 4th April. However, before the season starts and hot off the press is news of our Volunteer Training which is taking place on Saturday 13th March at **10.30am** starting at The Swan Inn, Wilton. So, if you fancy yourself as a miller or guide, or in the shop or running events, then please book a place with Susie Brew (Susie.brew@hotmail.co.uk – 01264 731404 – 15 Wexcombe, SN8 3SQ) – places are limited, so it's first come, first served!

Coming events at Wilton Windmill

Victorian Food Fayre – Saturday 15th May 12 noon to 4.30pm

Heritage Open Day – Saturday 11th September 1.30pm to 4.30pm. For more information on the Windmill events, please visit www.wiltonwindmill.co.uk

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.

Not for sale – but a take-away

Black, mock leather, padded high-backed swivel **office chair**, with side pockets and a rocking footstool. No charge, but would appreciate a donation to Bulkington Church or a local charity.

Please phone Deryn Stafford on 01225 345305. Would need to be collected.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Barn Dance at Leaze Farm, Bulkington

Dancing to Spill the Whiskey (with caller) on Friday 26th June. More info later.

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

Fawltly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Fete Committee - Fiona Johnson 828401

Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067

Fun Station, Bulkington - Anne Saywell 01380 828931

Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433

Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583

Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators - Tony Ewin (Seend) 828325;

Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.

Other Book Club - Frank Teasdale 828617

Preschool - Liz Futter 828485

Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Ramblers - Bob Howe 828554

Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830;

Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson on 828545

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828683

Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612

WEA - Pam Church - 828597

WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730 and Jo Vaux on 828970

Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446

(Please call Tessa on 828617 if your group's contact details change.)

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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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