

SPOTLIGHT

SEEND & BULKINGTON



OCTOBER 2010

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 24th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre 10am-Noon
- 24th Harvest Supper, 7.30, The Pavilion
- 24th Seend School Family Fun Night
- 26th Harvest Festivals, Holy Cross 11.15am, Christ Church Bulkington, 6pm
- 27th Mobile library – 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 28th Seend Parish Council, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 29th Nosh and Natter in the Community Centre, 12 for 12.30
- 30th Rural Arts Wiltshire ‘What Would Helen Mirren Do?’ Pavilion, 7.30pm

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 5th First Steps Service, 2.15pm
- 5th Acoustic Club - guest John Alderslade - upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 6th Shuttle Shopping Trip - phone Terry on 828203 by 4th to book
- 8th British Legion Annual Lecture on ENIGMA, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 11th Start of WEA course on Renaissance, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 11th Mobile library – 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 13th WI birthday party, Pavilion.
- 15th LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES FOR NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT
- 16th Nepalese evening, Pavilion, 6.30 for 7pm
- 19th Acoustic Club - open floor night - upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 21st Annual Meeting of Seend Trust & Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 21st Talk on Voluntary Work in Romania, Bulkington Village Hall, 7pm
- 23rd Dance for Dorothy House, Community Centre, 8pm
- 24th Pumpkin Day at the Brewery Inn, Seend Cleeve, lunchtime
- 25th Mobile library – 9.35am The Lye; 10am phone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 27th Nosh and Natter, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30
- 29th ‘Wear it Pink Night’ for Breast Cancer Research, Seend Club from 7.30pm
- 30th Quiz Night , Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 31st Safari Church at Poulshot, Bulkington and Seend, followed by lunch

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 2nd Acoustic Club - guest Phil King
- 6th Fireworks, Bulkington Playing Field, 6pm
- 13th Murder Mystery, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 14th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am
- 16th Acoustic Club - guests Sally in the Wood
- 20th Wine and Food Fair and Art Class exhibition, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 24th Nosh and Natter, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30
- 26th Ramblers’ Social, Pavilion, 7.30 for 8pm
- 27th WI Christmas Bazaar, Pavilion, 10am-12
- 27th Pond clearing at Seend School

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 & back numbers of Spotlight and Happenings!

WELCOME TO OUR OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT

We hope an enjoyable summer was had by you all, and as the evenings shorten we look forward to a busy autumn programme of events and activities. There are plenty of things to attract you and look forward to. If you get this in time the next Rural Arts event is on Thursday 30th September with 'What would Helen Mirren Do?' in the Pavilion at 7.30pm. Further ahead, there are interesting talks ahead from our Vicar on Nepal (with a Nepalese meal), on voluntary work in Romania, and on the development of the first computers in Bletchley Park, and of course the WEA courses start again this month. In addition there is culture, drama, dancing, opera, a quiz, Nosh and Natter lunch club, a ramble, acoustic music nights, the monthly Shuttle shopping trip, the Community Centre Annual Meeting and a chance to wear pink (yes, really!) to get us out of our sofas in the coming weeks. So do please support these events.



There are some more serious issues addressed in this edition too, and if you have an interest in road safety, or the use of public footpaths and bridleways then please look for these items in the magazine. Our vicar is also ringing the changes for church services and we encourage you not to skip her message to get to the Events section.

If sport is more your thing, the Seend B Skittles team are looking for new members and youngsters to stick up for home games, and Seend Football Club is looking for new players.

Do make a note in your diaries of events that interest you - and if you are planning your own events please have a look at the 'What's On' page of the Seend website (www.seend.org.uk) to try to avoid clashes.

Spotlight collection: Thankfully, monies are still coming in so we can't give you a figure yet. If you missed the collection and still want to contribute to the costs of producing this magazine, you can still leave some money in the Shop/PO or with Neil and Tina Yockney.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the November issue (copy deadline 15th October) can be e-mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend PO. Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Anne Ewing on 828557. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO.

N.B. Anne and Tessa now share the editing 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!

Lost emails: 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 please include the word SPOTLIGHT in uppercase as the first word of the Subject. This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

Letter from the Vicar: Commitment ... Ah ... Commitment !

"When I was a boy, my father, a baker, introduced me to the wonders of song," related tenor Luciano Pavarotti. "He urged me to work very hard to develop my voice. Arrigo Pola, a professional tenor in my hometown of Modena, Italy, took me as a pupil. I also enrolled in a teachers college. On graduating, I asked my father, 'Shall I be a teacher or a singer?' "Luciano,' my father replied, 'if you try to sit on two chairs, you will fall between them. For life, you must choose one chair.' "I chose one. It took seven years of study and frustration before I made my first professional appearance. It took another seven to reach the Metropolitan Opera. And now I think whether it's laying bricks, writing a book--whatever we choose--we should give ourselves to it. Commitment, that's the key. Choose one chair."

It's the same throughout life but I'm here to promote our Lord Jesus Christ and I just can't begin to tell you how grieved I feel when it's clear to me that he has no place in so many people's lives. Not only that but also when they actively discourage their children from knowing him. "I won't have my child christened (go to church – attend school assemblies) now – I'll wait until they grow up and they can make up their own mind then." But do parents allow their children to sail through their early days choosing whether or not to clean their teeth, go to school, play in the traffic or live on a diet of solely junk food? Of course not! What they do (or at least should do!) is to offer the best now – everything that makes for a balanced, whole and healthy person. Once those values are in place children, as young adults, have a sound basis on which they can make their decisions.

And yes. I've also heard it said that people were made to go to church three times a day when they were little and how they just can't stomach it now. Well, things have "moved on" considerably since those days. Church can actually be an enjoyable experience! Here in these villages we work hard to make our worship accessible to all – something for everyone, if you like. Not too many people came along to "Messy Church" in the Pavilion recently but I think those who did were surprised. They actually enjoyed themselves – you could tell that from the noise level, from parents as well as the youngsters! (Next session Friday 14th January – straight after school. It'll end with a hot meal for those attending – as before. Why not put a note in your diary now?)

As for last Sunday – well, that was the first of our "All Age" services (at Seend) which will be repeated on the first Sunday of every month (Bulkington too), Again, people seemed a little surprised at how much fun worship can really be! "I didn't know whether or not to wear a tie!" someone said after the service! WHAT? T-shirts and trainers are the order of the day if that's what you're most comfortable in. It's YOU we want to see. Clothes are only trappings. It's your heart Jesus wants, not your Gucci handbag! And, as I say so often, Jesus loved to party too! So come on. This (shorter) service, "with something for everyone", is only once a month and, judging by the buzz over coffee in the Vicarage after the last service, it was and is worth a try! Please don't let the rather formal exterior of the church put you off – things are very different inside.

EVENTS IN LATE SEPTEMBER

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

If you read this in time, do please support the Community Centre's participation in 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning' from 10am till noon on Friday 24th September. Coffee and cakes, games for adults and kids, and (courtesy of Melanie Steel) Phoenix cards and giftwrap are for sale with 10% of those proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support. All welcome.



Traditional Village Harvest Supper

with musical entertainment for all the family

Friday 24th September

at 7.30pm in the Pavilion

Tickets £5 available from the Post Office

Sue or Steve Taylor 01225 709360

or Tina Yockney 827139

Proceeds in aid of Church funds



Seend School Parent Social Club

Family Fun Night in the school grounds

with BBQ and games

Friday 24th September



Nosh and Natter Lunch Club

Wednesday 29th September 12 for 12.30

in Seend Community Centre

Advance booking essential

Please ring John and Lilian on 828540



Rural Arts Wiltshire

Our next RAW production takes place at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th September in the Irene Usher Hall (Pavilion)

Anita Parry stars in her one-person show

"What would Helen Mirren Do?"

a Charming Comedy drama about love, work and finding out who we really want to be.

Tickets £6.50 from the Post Office, Jan Harding (828778)

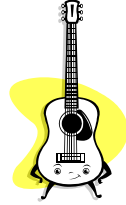
Jan Crabtree (828687) & Tessa Doe (828617)



EVENTS IN OCTOBER

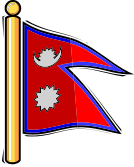
Seend Acoustic Club

Upstairs in Seend Community Centre
 5th October - Guest John Alderslade
 19th October - Open floor night
 8pm start (earlier to book a floor spot)
 Entry £2



A VISIT TO NEPAL

Saturday 16th October 2010; 6.30pm for 7pm start



Come and join us for a very special evening, to hear a short illustrated talk about her recent visit to Nepal by the Rev'd Renée Coulson, and to enjoy a Nepalese meal The Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend Licenced bar

Tickets £10 per person from the Post Office, or contact:-
 Jenny Phillips 828822, Tina Yockney 827139, Angela Knocker 828609
 In aid of Church Funds

Thursday 21st October at 7.30pm

Annual Meeting of Seend Trust & Community Centre

All welcome

Saturday 23rd October - 8 till late

Dance for Dorothy House

With live band 'Get This!' - in Seend Community Centre

Tickets £10 including ploughman's
 from Ray (01225 708811) or Geoff (01380 828603)



NOSH AND NATTER LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 27th October - 12 for 12.30

in Seend Community Centre

Advance booking essential - please ring John and Lilian on 828540



*'Wear it Pink' night in aid of Breast Cancer Research
 in the lounge bar in the Community Centre*

Friday 29th October from 7.30pm

Pay £2 for the privilege of wearing pink and looking girly. There will be a pink theme to the evening - to be decided on! (For Seend Club members and their guests)





Saturday 30th October 7.45pm
in Seend Community Centre

Quiz Night!

£2 per head entry - teams of four

Cash prizes and special prize for best team name

Bar - interval snacks - raffle

You can book a table in advance by phoning Tessa on
01380 828617



EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

ADVANCE WARNING OF A DASTARDLY CRIME!

A murder will take place in the Pavilion, Seend at 7.30 pm on Saturday 13th November by a member of the Bulkington Murder Mystery Players.

You are invited to display your detective skills and bring the culprit to justice. We guarantee plenty of fun as we struggle through the complicated script and there will be a bar and optional light snacks available during the interval to activate the little grey cells.

Funds raised will support Christ Church, Bulkington and a national charity.

Tickets £6.00 from Seend Post Office, Anne Saywell 828931, Sue Noad 870343,
Liz Futter 828485, Audrey McDonald 828376 & Jane Coles 828145.



Seend Community Centre on Saturday 20th November from 7.30-10.30pm

Wine and Food Fair

Wine tasting from Majestic Wines, a mini-food market,
live music and wonderful raffle prizes

Tickets £6.50 to include six wine tastings and a buffet supper

Art from the Thursday morning art class will be displayed in the Kennet Room.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Charity Swim

On July 3rd I took part in the Great Swim which is a One Mile swim in Royal Victoria Docks, London Docklands. One of my main reasons for doing this was to raise money for Dorothy House in memory of a friend of mine, Sarah, who was a mum of three young girls and sadly lost her battle with cancer in April.

In total I raised £600 and I would just like to say a very big thank you to everyone who sponsored me. Also thank you to everyone who sponsored me when I took part in the 'Swimathon' in April (5k swim in Devizes pool) which raised £360 for Marie Curie.

Your support and encouragement is really appreciated. Thank you.

Sonja (Nichols) x

SEEND FETE 2010

As I write this on a glorious sunny day it's hard to believe that Saturday 14 August began as such a wet one!

Fortunately we were lucky that the weather improved and after we'd all dried out, a little, the sun nearly shone!



In spite of the weather, a fantastic and very enjoyable day was had by all. The stalls and sideshows were as busy as ever, the band entertained us, the teas, beers and the Pimms flowed, the birds flew and amazed us and all around there were happy, smiling faces which are what the Seend Fete is all about!

The final total has yet to be announced but we're hoping that it will be in the region of £6,500 which is an amazing amount of money, all things considered. So a huge 'thank you' to you all, without you the fete would never happen! We were so grateful to all the willing volunteers who braved the elements to help set up, and take down, the stalls and tents and also to the many people who manned the various stalls during the afternoon.

We would also like to thank Paul Martin for so generously giving of his time to be with us.

Seend Fete is a very special community event and we're now looking forward to the next one, Saturday 13 August 2011. So on behalf of the whole fete committee: Susan Bolton, Jane Borwell, Andy Brown, Bernie Prolze, Rebecca Rowan, Nicky Scott and Mo Weston

THANK YOU!

Fiona Johnson Fete Chairman

SCOUT AND GUIDE REUNION

On Saturday 26th June 45 members of the scout and guide movement supported what turned out to be an excellent evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all with reminiscences of past camps and the chance to catch up with friends whom they have lost contact with.



From outside the village, Mary Franklin came from Hythe and John Hunt from Exeter and it was great to see them both.

My thanks to Anne Salter for serving the teas and coffee.

After paying for the hall, a collection was taken and a surplus of £80 has been given to the Girl Guide Campsite at Berwick St James, which provides excellent facilities for disabled children.

In response to a great demand at the end of the evening, I will organise a final reunion which will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday, 18th June, 2011.

Gwyn Hopkins - 01225 425695

CHURCH NEWS

Church Services for October

Sunday 3rd October

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 9.30 am All Age Worship at Bulkington
- 11.15 am All Age Worship at Seend
- 6.00 pm Evensong at Poulshot

Sunday 10th October

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

Sunday 17th October

- 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 24th October

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

Sunday 31st October

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 10.00 am Safari Church at Poulshot
- 10.30 am Safari Church at Bulkington
- 11.00 am Safari Church at Methodist Chapel
- 11.30 am Safari Church at Seend (followed by a bring & share lunch)
- 6.00 pm Benefice All Souls' service at Seend



First Steps

There was no First Steps service in August. It started again on September 7th. If you have a pre-school child please come to this service – it is fun and enjoyable for all. The next one is on Tuesday 5th October, 2:15 – 2:45pm.

METHODIST CHAPEL SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

October 10th 10a.m. Mrs Jeannie MacMeekin

October 24th 10a.m. Mr Douglas Colborne

October 31st Safari Church with Revd Renée Coulson and Revd Roy Fowler

Please see notice elsewhere in SPOTLIGHT for full details of times at the Benefice Churches and the Chapel.

Anne Salter

FROM ROY

Dear Friends

The other evening, I was driving back from Trowbridge in the warm, evening light. There was a field that had been recently harvested. The stubble that was left in the field was a wonderful, golden yellow. The large, round bales of straw glowed the same colour and created a beautiful pattern in the field. Blow, I hadn't got the camera. Another great picture was left uncaptured, again. A harvest refrain came back to me: 'All is safely gathered in.'

What to me was a brief moment of wonder was probably a deep moment of satisfaction to the farmer whose field of grain it was. Another year's work that had almost certainly begun last autumn when the field was ploughed was now coming to completion. There were only the bales to haul and the grain to be sold at a, hopefully, reasonable price that made all worthwhile. Harvest time makes us glad to live in among such beautiful countryside and to see the farmers and growers working in the fields to produce our food. It is also a time to say thank you to everyone who produces our daily food. Thank you, God, for beauty and bounty and human work and care.

At the same time as I celebrated the harvest at home, I was also aware that in Pakistan there would be no harvest this year. Millions of people are homeless and their crops lie destroyed because of the monsoon flooding. There is only one true way to celebrate the bounty we receive and that is to share our bounty with each other and to care for those who have no harvest to celebrate. Compassionate God, help us to care for each other.

God bless you,



BULKINGTON NEWS

Christ Church Bulkington

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

by

'Stage 7'

Featuring Songs from the Shows, Christmas Songs and Carols and much more !!

Saturday, 4th December at 7 pm. More details next month.

‘Voluntary Work in Romania’

involving Education Health Care, Social Care and Reconciliation

a talk by

Jan Sanders , SRN, SCM, RCNT

Jan is a Trustee of ‘Share’, a Charity working in the poverty stricken villages of Romania

THURSDAY 21st OCTOBER at 7 pm in BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Please do try and come and support the valuable ‘hands on’ work this small charity is doing



Fireworks at Bulkington Playing Field

Saturday 6 November 2010

Please come along to enjoy the Bulkington fireworks

William Breach Playing Field, Bulkington

Saturday 6th November 2010

Gates open & bonfire starts at 6pm, fireworks start at 6.30pm

Burgers, hot dogs, mulled wine, soft drinks all available from 6pm

Donations welcome on the gate

All profits go to improving Bulkington Playing Field.

Event organised by the Bulkington Playing Field Committee

Bulkington Ladies Group

Bulkington Ladies Group at the 29th July meeting heard a really first-rate talk on rescuing canals, from John Laverick who was Project Manager on the successful restoration of the Kennet and Avon Canal, with its famous Caen Hill flight of locks. This work involved the restoration of locks and gates, bridges, clearing and sealing the canal bed and banks, pumps etc, and cost around £25 million of Lotto Money. John is now working with another volunteer group, on raising money and organising work to do the same for the Wilts & Berks Canal which will link up with the Kennet & Avon near Melksham at Semington Junction. When this is finished, it will be possible to do a circuit with a canal boat using the two canals and the Thames and Kennet rivers as far as Abingdon and Reading then back to Melksham.

The ladies were especially impressed by what Mr Laverick had to say about the care taken over the wildlife that lives along the banks of the canal. Many plants were lifted and replaced as each stretch was repaired, work was done outside the nesting season for birds, and the rare and endangered water voles were actually evacuated to a safe place miles away during work on the bank where they have their burrows – their life-span is so short that it was their children and grandchildren who came back! Where the earth banks had to be faced with concrete, passages through to the soil behind were built in for the voles and other burrowing creatures. Striking “before” and “after” slides showed a really attractive landscape has been created, a long narrow nature reserve to explore on foot, or even better, by boat.

The ladies felt this evening was one of their best, and went away eager to explore their local canals.

Public Inquiry for Seend Head Bicycle Bypass

On the 12th of January 2011 a three day Public Inquiry is to be held in Seend Community Centre. before an Inspector, to determine whether or not to modify the right of way at Seend Head into a Restricted Byway. This is open to members of the public to watch or contribute as appropriate. Anyone wishing to give evidence should submit a statement by the 2nd November.

The purpose of the inquiry is to allow the Inspector to hear the evidence from all parties involved and witnesses may be questioned. It is scheduled to last for three days because the quantity of evidence, mostly historical, relating to the case will have to be examined. It will be like a mini law court with barristers for the opposition and proposition. A Restricted Byway would not allow cars, but allows horses, cyclists and carriage drivers to use it. The path goes from Row Lane at the steep hairpin bend, over the brook at the Parish boundary by Seend Head Mill, south to the metal gate on the A361 near the turning to Keevil.

Seend is very lucky to have got an Inquiry because there are literally hundreds of applications languishing in the WC files. But this path, if granted, would make such a good long distance link and improve public safety that the Rights of Way Department have prioritised this application because it accords with the aspirations of their new Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Wiltshire. If it is upheld the effect on the cycling and riding network in Seend will be very much enhanced as there would then be a lovely quiet route which avoids going round Baldham Bridge or down Bell Hill on a horse or bicycle, towards Keevil and Bulkington and all points South where there are many quiet lanes and drove roads.

However, it will all depend on the evidence, not the desirability, of the route. If any of our older residents have memories of using this route it would be very good to hear of them. The link to the details of the inquiry is as follows http://www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/pins/row_order_advertising/councils/2010/documents/FPS_Y3940_7_4ORDERNOTICE_000.pdf

Lucy Garton.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND CLUB AND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Summer Saturday Breakfasts: Thanks to all the volunteer teams who made this yet another successful season of sociable breakfasts. And very special thanks to John and Lilian Smallshaw, who are stepping down from their key role in organising these events over the last few years. Anne Ewing and Pauline Robertson will be picking up the baton next summer.

Who's got our breakfast sign?! We would very much like our wooden painted sign publicising the breakfasts returned to us. If whoever has it has views on where and when the sign should be displayed, we would be delighted to come to a mutually acceptable arrangement. Please get in touch. Thanks.

October 21st at 7.30pm is Seend Trust and Community Centre's Annual Meeting, when all users of the Community Centre and any other interested parties can hear our news and put forward their own ideas. The last such meeting was very informative and productive. Do come along.

Other events: We have an action packed few weeks coming up. See the 'events' section at the beginning of the magazine for more details.

Last minute reminder: '**The World's Biggest Coffee Morning**' is in the Centre on Friday, 24th September, from 10am till noon. **Nosh and Natter** has returned after its summer break, with lunch dates on Wednesdays September 29th and October 27th, 12 for 12.30. **WEA's autumn course** starts on Monday 11th October. On October 23rd at 8pm is **Ray and Geoff's annual dance for Dorothy House**, with a live band playing all the best of the 50s to the 80s. Support a good cause and have a great evening. Club members and their guests are invited to join in '**Wear It Pink**' day on Friday 29th October by coming along to the lounge bar suitably dressed (in aid of Breast Cancer Research). We've got another **Quiz Night** on Saturday 30th October, with Graham and Tony putting the questions and keeping the scores.

Refurbishment: The new black stage curtains are now in place. Many, many thanks to Simon Harding for making them for us. The red velvet curtains have been cleaned and put back up. By the end of September the stage and backstage area will be up to the standards of the rest of the Centre at last! As well as some grant funding and some help from Seend Fawltly Players, we also used the legacies we received from Ron Westacott and Des Edwards to revamp the stage as they were both thespians of note. It seemed appropriate.

Dates for your diary:

November 20th – Wine and Food Fair; food stalls, wine tasting, music and supper – an ideal preparation for the festive season. The Thursday morning art class will be displaying their work in the Kennet Room that evening.

November 24th – Nosh and Natter

December 4th – Sam's Christmas Bingo (to be confirmed). This replaces the planned concert which we have cancelled to avoid clashing with what is on offer at Bulkington Church that night.

December 11th – Amunet's Christmas Show – a splendid feast of middle-eastern music and dance. You will be invited to join in!

January 1st - New Year's Day Walk followed by soup and snacks

March 19th – White Horse Opera's production of 'Pirates of Penzance'

Seend Acoustic Club Review

On Tuesday the 7th of September I headed upstairs at the Seend Community Centre not knowing what to expect but thinking £2 for an evening's live entertainment had to be worth a try. It was a really enjoyable evening in a relaxed, cosy atmosphere with soft lighting and



very accomplished musicians playing guitars, harmonica, banjo, mandolin and singing a wide range of songs from traditional folk to blues, modern acoustic covers or their own moving and often very humorous numbers. I counted eleven performers in all but very few who had just come to listen. Apart from the organisers I think there were only three of us from the village. You may have felt from the poster that there was some expectation that you would perform but what this club really needs to survive is an audience. Do go along on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Even if you think it's not your sort of thing you might be pleasantly surprised. The club is only on a trial period until January but with your support it could become a great new feature of village life.

Anita Shea

Acoustic Club future dates:

Tue 5th October - John Alderslade (known to you all as Mr Snuffy at the Fete, but also an accomplished and entertaining folk musician) plus open floor spots.

Tue 19 October - Open Floor Night - No Featured Guests - Lots Of Variety

Tue 2nd November - Phil King - One of Bristol's finest up and coming singer / songwriters. www.phil-king.net - plus floor spots

Tue 16th November - Sally In The Wood - Female Acapella Trio from Wiltshire plus open floor spots

Tue 7th December - Open Floor Night - No Featured Guests - Lots Of Variety

Tue 21st December - The Sodburys - Folk trio from Wiltshire -Plus open floor spots.

All the above are £2 entry to all.

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Sunday 8th August On a hot muggy morning, 14 walkers completed a 5 mile circular walk commencing in Radstock, Somerset, taking tracks along the disused rail-line known as The Colliers Way for half the distance. We climbed the famous Steps of 'Jack and Jill went up the Hill' situated in the village of Kilmersdon, viewing the well at the top, before following a stream and valley, then crossing open Access land at the end. Our thanks to Ron Apted for planning such an interesting walk



Saturday 14th August was Fete Day and I should like to thank all members and non-members who gave so readily of their time; working so hard towards providing the community with refreshments from the marquee. It was all very much appreciated, resulting in a most successful day by raising a considerable amount of money for the Lye field. Well Done!

Week-end 8th / 9th and 10th October

Twenty-seven members will be taking part on a walking break in the Swanage area.

Sunday 14th November – Meet in Rusty Lane for 9:30 a.m. departure. Leaders: Wendy Miller and Reg Cox. The walk is anticipated to be no longer than 6 miles and most likely in the local vicinity. Ring them a little nearer the time should you wish more information 01249 652422

Make a note in your Diaries for Friday Evening, 26th November

This will be our Annual Social and open to anyone interested in coming along for a really relaxed and entertaining evening. Do come along and join us for a supper and a glass of wine, where you bring along something nice to eat and share. Mr Gordon Cottis will be our Guest Speaker who will be showing us his slides on his experience of walking the Inca Trail for Charity.

Venue: The Seend Pavilion. Time: 7.30 for 8pm start. Entrance:£2.50 per head .

There will also be a raffle'

Lin Salter

N.B. At the moment, the majority of Seend & District Ramblers are not from Seend (yet they still generously turn out in force to run the tea tent at Seend fete!). It would be good to have a few more Seendites coming along to support them. Ed.



SEEND WI

Back in the Pavilion after gadding about over the summer, Howard Waters treated us to a fascinating and very thought provoking talk about architecture and development.

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday 13 October when we will have the chance to celebrate our 91st birthday with a cheese and wine supper, following what promises to be a very interesting talk on the making of the TV drama, Larkrise to Candleford. The speaker is Mr M Pope whose land was used for the filming of the series.

There will be a nominal charge of £1 to cover the cost of the buffet – the wine is free!. Our normal tea and coffee will also be available, as will our regular book box! We will also be starting our Christmas draw at this meeting, so we hope lots of you will sign up for the chance of winning some great prizes!

Make a note in your diaries for Saturday 27 November 2010 when we will be holding a Christmas Bazaar in the Pavilion from 10 till 2, where there will be a fabulous range of traditional WI fair – cakes, preserves and gifts, alongside some other craft stalls, including high quality cards and gift wrap!

Seend WI now have a web site – it is very much in its infancy and will need lots of work, but you can see our programme and events on www.seendwi.weebly.com

For more information please contact Fiona Johnson on 01380 828401

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Annual Lecture

The first of the annual lectures will take place in the Pavilion at 1930 hrs on Friday 8th October 2010. The subject is "ENIGMA. How the cracking of the enemy's codes during the second world war led to the world's first computer." The speaker will be Hugh Davies. This lecture is open to all comers, whether members of the RBL or not, and tickets (price £6.00 including a glass of wine) can be obtained from the village shop, Tony Hill (828397), Nigel Knocker (828609), Peter Fisher (828305) or at the door.

There will also be a cash bar and a raffle in aid of the Royal British Legion.

Annual General Meeting

All Members are reminded that the AGM will be held in the Ground Floor Room in the Community Centre on Thursday 28th October 2010, at 2000hrs. Please put this date in your diary and endeavour to attend.

Remembrance Sunday - Warning Order

The usual parade and service will be held in the Church of the Holy Cross, Seend on Sunday 14th November 2010, followed by a social gathering in the Community Centre.

Please put this date in your diary and let us see if we can increase the good turnout we had last year. Further details will be published in the November edition of Spotlight.

Remembrance Day

There will be the usual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Thursday 11th November 2010, at 11.00am.

All are welcome.

Roger Brind

Poppy Fortnight

This notice may seem a little premature but the fortnight will be under way by the time the next copy of Spotlight is printed. The fortnight lasts from Friday 29th October until Saturday 13th November 2010.

Our faithful collectors like to start early both by day and during the dark evenings. It is a great help if donors can complete their Gift Aid forms before they call as it does save a lot of time.

This is one way of increasing our contributions. So long as you fill in your name and address and you are a tax payer, the Poppy Appeal/RBL can reclaim 28pence in every pound donated at no extra cost to yourselves.

A R Hodgkinson

12 Dial Close. Tel: 828545.



SEEND SHUTTLE NEWS

You may have noticed that The Shuttle is looking very smart now having had its minor scrapes and bumps removed. Many thanks to the committee members who organised this and drove it to the coach works and to the drivers who have managed with borrowed buses.

First Wednesday Shopping Trip

Phone Terry on 828203 by Monday 4th October to book your place on the shopping trip to Salisbury on Wednesday 6th.

MOTHERS UNION - SEEND & BULKINGTON BRANCH



At the M.U. meeting in July we welcomed the new Diocesan President Ann Howard, as our speaker. She gave a very lively talk on her life in M.U. and the Church.

Several members visited Lavington on Mary Sumner Day, August 9th. They were entertained to a ploughman's lunch in the garden, followed by a service in the Church. The other visit was to North Bradley branch for a cream tea. This raised £428 for the Manchester Link.

The next Mothers Union meeting is on 20th October – speaker and topic to be arranged.

W.E.A.



A reminder - our Autumn sessions start on Monday 11th October at 7.30pm in the upstairs room of the Community Centre. Come along to enjoy the pictures of the Italian Renaissance. The fee is £47 but it's free to anyone in receipt of a recognised means tested benefit, just bring along a relevant letter. To book, phone Pam on 828597 or e-mail pmmchurch@hotmail.com

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on 31st August was attended by eight Councillors, with Mrs A Heatley in the Chair. PC Emily Thomas, Cllr J Seed and members of the public were also in attendance. Apologies received from Mr M Beasley, Mr D Nichols and Mr J Padfield.

Items for Discussion from Members of the Parish

Proposed weight restriction to A361: The Clerk had contacted Wiltshire Council Transport Department to follow this matter up. Cllr Seed agreed to get an answer for the next meeting in September.

Smiley SIDS, and the decision by Melksham Area Board in February: Cllr Seed explained that the Area Board had decided against funding SIDS., because of the problems of siting, maintenance and re-charging if Councils were to have

their own devices. Wiltshire Council has taken on responsibility for SIDs; they will decide on siting, where the devices are going and when they are being deployed, and a list will be issued every 3 months. PC Thomas advised that Seend didn't qualify for Community Speed Watch following the recent survey. Cllr Seed said that the next list will be issued in the middle of September for the next quarter, and he will try and get Seend onto the next list. The Chairman asked whether there was a possibility of a sign indicating on-coming traffic each way, similar to that in West Lavington, or a "Slow Down" sign could be placed at the bend by Wesley Cottage/ Sparks House, to slow traffic at this pinch point in the High Street. Also better signage is needed at the Station Bridge, i.e. chevrons on the south side to indicate that the road bends sharply after the bridge; another serious accident had taken place at this location recently. Cllr Seed promised to look into these matters.

Rights of Way – Seend Head – Public Enquiry:

The Chairman introduced Lucy Garton from Seend Cleeve, who explained that a Public Enquiry will take place in January into the Rights of Way Modification Order relating to Seend 57. The order will modify the public right of way by upgrading it to a restricted byway. This would make a huge difference to the safety of horse riders and cyclists. The enquiry will only look at historical evidence, not need. The byway appears on three main historical maps, which show it as a right of way. Wiltshire Bridleways put in an application in 2006 for modification; the Order was made in 2008. However, there was an objection by the owner of the land. The enquiry will take place on Wednesday 12 January at Seend Community Centre. A copy of the Public Notice will be placed on the website and notice boards.

Notice Boards – The Clerk reported that the locks on the large notice board in The Lye Field had been replaced by Dave Sawyer, and the correct oil had been obtained to treat the woodwork. George Meer would supply a quote to replace the board in Seend Cleeve by the telephone box, but would be unable to undertake the work for 6 weeks or so.

Spout Lane – The Clerk had forwarded the Caravan & Camping Club's e-mail to Cllr. Seed, and he confirmed that he has made enquiries, but there is insufficient budget to undertake this work. However, it was important to keep pushing and keep this item on the agenda.

Spiderweb Paddock – An e-mail had been received from the Planning Dept., advising that the site is being used for the purposes of agriculture, the stables had not been built in accordance with the plans and are not being used for equestrian purposes. However, they feel it is not expedient to pursue a breach of planning control, in the meantime the Planning Dept will continue to monitor the site. Mrs Carr expressed disappointment at the conclusions drawn by the Enforcement Officers. Cllr Seed explained that whilst planning was needed for stables for equestrian use, if they were then used for another purpose, i.e. office, it was not necessary to apply for a change of use. It was agreed that a response would be sent to the Enforcement Officers, copy to the Chief Planning Officer, expressing disappointment.

Road signs, Martinslade – This should be complete by the end of September/beginning of October.

Caravan Bollands Hill /Pelch – E-mail received from Steven Jenkins to advise that a meeting with the owner had not taken place as arranged on 3 August. Another meeting will be arranged.

Bollands Hill – The majority of residents preferred the name of Bollands Hill to Station Road. Councillors voted in agreement. The Clerk to write to the Address Information Manager at Wiltshire Council to advise her, and request formal change of name.

War Memorial – Still awaiting a request from Seend branch of Royal British Legion.

Seend Shuttle – The Clerk has contacted Liam Tatton-Bennett, to arrange a date for a meeting about transfer of the bus to Seend PC. When a date has been arranged, the Chairman, Mrs Carr, Mr Manning, Mr Haines and the Clerk to attend.

Seats around village

Entrance to Dial Close - This is in good repair, but covered in lichen from overhead trees. The lichen needs to be removed and the wooden areas treated.

Pelch/top of Bollands Hill - This seat is in good repair, but covered in lichen. The lichen needs to be removed and wooden areas treated.

Love Walk – Just the frame remaining. The wooden slats could be replaced and treated, permission needed from owners of land, Mr & Mrs Lawrence.

Jubilee Seat at entrance to Love Walk - Replaced a few years ago, this seat is in good repair, but needs treating.

Top of A361, near The Bell - The seat has completely disappeared, only the concrete base remains.

Bradley Lane – The seat is in good repair, but the wooden slats need treating.

It was agreed to obtain a quote for a new bench, the position to be agreed, whether to replace the bench at the top of the A361, or possibly in Seend Cleeve; also obtain a quote for cleaning/treating the other benches. It was also agreed to budget for annual maintenance of the Council's fixed assets.

Allotments – The Clerk had circulated the statutory duties of the PC with regard to allotments. Mrs Savage proposed investigating the possibility of selling the site, and obtaining a more suitable site to use as allotments. Councillors discussed the feasibility of this suggestion. Following a proposal from Mr. Diffy, seconded by Mrs. Savage, it was agreed, by 5 votes to 2, to look at the deeds of the site (currently lodged in Lloyds Bank, Devizes), and investigate the possibility of getting the site valued. The Clerk to enquire whether a grant could be obtained for improvements, i.e. install water and improve access.

Potholes in Rusty Lane – This matter to be chased again with Highways, emphasising the safety issues and need for the work to be completed before winter.

CLlr Seed asked to be advised when a response was received from Highways.

Planning Matters

Plans for approval

E/10/0929/FUL Mr & Mrs Shearmon, Spiderweb Farm, Rusty Lane
Erection of replacement pig pens

There had been numerous objections to this application from parishioners. Parish Councillors had passed their comments to the Clerk and, these, together with other points relating to the lack of information contained in the application form, the size of the site and sustainability, environmental concerns, soil erosion, access and traffic and landscape issues would be passed to Wiltshire Council, urging them to refuse the application.

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

E/10/0931/FUL Mrs Gill Berry, 15 The Lye
Proposed conversion of outbuilding to hairdressing facility

E/10/1040/FUL Mr David Akerman, Broad Lane Farm, Broad Lane
Change of use of boat building units to wine store (unit B5) and rickshaw manufacturing (unit B8)

E/10/1046/FUL Mr Brian Bond, 61 Seend Cleeve
Replacement of existing dormer window with new dormer window (re-submission of E/10/0505/FUL)

E/10/1071/LBC Mrs Rosemary Cook, 3 Weavers Cottages
To replace windows with double glazing. To replace door with double glazing.

Correspondence

Letter received from Wiltshire Council to advise that they are not going to take any action to amend which parishes make up **Melksham Area Board**.

E-mail received from Jeremy Cottle, concerning an accident last October at the **canal bridge on Bridleway 13**. Following discussion, it was agreed that British Waterways would be asked to place 6" skirtings on the bottom of the bridge to prevent a horse's legs slipping through (the same as the swing bridge at the bottom of Rusty Lane), and to apply a non-slip surface.

E-mail received from Maurice Mullings, to advise that residents of Park Lane, Seend Cleeve intend to erect a **convex traffic mirror** opposite the entrance of Park Lane into Seend Cleeve, the mirror to be placed on Rew Farm land. Highways have been contacted and have no objection.

Letter received from Wiltshire Highways Dept., containing a list of **highway defects** completed during July.

E-mail forwarded from Terry Sleightholme, to advise that the **evening bus service** (after 6 pm) and the Sunday service will still be run by First. The **Saturday service** will be run by Faresaver, but the timetable is not yet finalised.

Letter from Richard Whitehead, Seend Community Centre, to advise that they do not own the land opposite the entrance to the centre, and would not wish to see any further **recycling banks** placed in this area. This follows requests from Wiltshire Air Ambulance and British Heart Foundation to place clothing and shoe recycling banks in Rusty Lane. The Clerk has advised Ms Kearney at BHF that the PC would not support the placing of further recycling bins in Rusty Lane.

Letter received from Wansbroughs, addressed to Mr Eric Akerman, Trustee to Seend Social Club re. **Seend Social Club and the transfer of assets and dissolution**. Max Bolton, Treasurer to Seend Community Centre, explained that the freehold of the building, the land around and 60% of the adjoining field are nominally owned by the Seend Social Club Trustees. The building and land is leased to the Community Centre for 99 years, the field is let for grazing. Providing members of the Social Club (as at 2005) accept the proposals from the Trustees the freehold, land and part of the field will be passed to Seend Trust and Community Centre. The solicitors suggest that Seend Parish Council is party to the transfer of the assets for the benefit of the community. Councillors discussed this and agreed, provided the Parish Council does not incur any debts themselves. The Clerk to write to Mr Akerman to advise agreement.

Police matters

PC Thomas advised that there had been some issues at the industrial area in Sells Green, with diesel and a lorry being taken. It had also been noted that people living in Seend Cleeve and Cooks Close had reported nails being put into car tyres. Following the anti-social behaviour outside the Community Centre, the police would be advised when a party was taking place, so that they can pay some attention to the area on those evenings. The arson at G & S Patios was being investigated, and in Row Lane it was reported that motorbikes were being ridden up and down the lane.

Date of next meeting: The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 28 September 2010 at 7.30 in the Community Centre.

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

WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

Summer is drawing to an end and what a dry season it has been. It is ironic that I have spent much of this summer working on flood alleviation in Wiltshire. I Chair the northern half of the county's Operational Flood Working Group, and in July I represented Wiltshire Council at the Wessex Water Customer Liaison Panel meeting in Bath as well as attending the National Flood Forum on behalf

of the Council in London. Finally, I have also been working on a flood presentation for all the Area Boards and will be delivering this across the county starting in the autumn.

In June I was re-elected as the Chairman of the Melksham Area Board. I was pleased to see that the deputy Leader of the Council fulfilled his promise to offer the seven parishes of Summerham and Seend a formal review concerning their placing in the Melksham Community Area. None of the Parish Councils asked for such a review and so the Division stays in the Melksham Community Area. The Melksham Area Board itself goes from strength to strength and it really is becoming an influential part of our community life. I was pleased that the Board has helped with the closure of the King Street Lorry Park which will make the lives to local residents so much more comfortable. We have also recommended to the Council the transfer of the Bowerhill Sports Field to the local Parish Council and the retention of land for a link between the A350 and the Industrial Estate which will help with industrial regeneration and job creation in the Area. We have come out of the County Leisure Review exceptionally well and within the next three years we can look forward to a brand new Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool almost certainly adjacent to the new Melksham Oaks School. This location will be very handy for all of the residents of Summerham and Seend.

Contact Jonathon Seed on 01380 850696 or jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk

A fuller version of this message can be seen on the Seend website.

Road Safety Matters

I have recently been in communication with Councillor Seed and felt that you may be interested to receive a summary of our discussion.

A few months ago I asked the Parish Council to consider purchasing some equipment to be placed on Seend High Street that would draw motorists attention to their speed, this equipment known in the trade as 'smiley sid's', the PC were advised to make an application to the Melksham Area Board and I am informed that request was turned down.

Many of you will have also attended the packed meeting at the Community Centre relating to a weight restriction along the A361 through Seend, and there was a unanimous vote in favour of this by residents. However, I have been informed by Cllr Seed that this process has concluded and the proposal is not proceeding.

Finally, some of you may have observed the speed survey that took place between The Lye and Seend Lodge in July, again according to Cllr Seed there was no indication of speeding.

I am most disappointed that measures to improve the safety of pedestrians along the High Street have thus far not been achieved. May I encourage you all



to campaign Cllr Seed and members of the Parish Council to keep these issues on the agenda and to find a solution to this ever growing problem.

Justin Conboy

And ...

Our Community Police Officers Emily and Rose have recently been informed that over the past couple of years tyres have been damaged along the Seend Cleeve area where they have been parked overnight. A garage confirmed that on one of the occasions the object put into the tyre would have been done deliberately and would have required some force (i.e. a hammer.) If you have any information or you have witnessed any of the above incidents then please get in touch. We take criminal damage very seriously especially when it can potentially put peoples lives at risk.

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

Everyone at school was pleased to return to see some newly painted classrooms and hall. With the outside looking clean and fresh too, it is really looking a school to be proud of now. Many thanks to those of you who have complemented the school on its appearance since it was repainted; it is good to know that you appreciate it as much as we do.



This term we are hoping to improve things further. We are holding a day where we are hoping to restore the pond to its former glory. A representative from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is leading a day (Saturday 27th November) when we are hoping that as many people as possible will get involved. We already have a few families signed up but we are keen to get the local community involved so please drop by and lend a hand if you are free sometime that day.

12 children have quickly settled into the Reception Class and we also have a couple of other children join us in other years. We now have 95 children on roll but still have a couple of spaces in most year groups so give us a call if you are looking for a place.

The new school website is developing and gradually filling up with information. www.seend.wilts.sch.uk is the address if you are interested. There is also a link to this from the Seend village website.

We are pleased to be able to use the services of Trowbridge Town Council this term in helping us run some after school clubs. There is much talk in the press about children and their fitness so we are doing our bit to help by offering a wider range of active clubs. This term we have netball, tag rugby, football, judo and multi-skills so I am sure you will agree, something for everyone.

Jackie Chalk, Headteacher

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Cricket – Captain – Ben King

Sunday 25th July – Home vs Nettleton Nomads

Seend were put in to bat first against a competent Nettleton side, and managed to reach a score of 169, with Dave Wallace scoring a half century, supported by Tom Wallis' 37 and Jake Sainsbury's 28. Special mention to Harry Waylen for his 18 not out. Unfortunately the Nettleton batsmen were too strong for the home team, finishing on 172-5. The pick of the bowlers was Russell Collins with 3-27.



Sunday 1st August – Away vs Frome Red Star

Skipper Ben King won the toss and elected to field first on a cloudy day in Warminster. Seend bowling their opposition out for just 97 vindicated this decision, with Tom Wallis' figures of 2-8, and Paris Goddard's of 2-22. John Wiltshire finished off the Red Stars' innings by taking a hat trick, giving him 3 wickets for just 13 runs. Little trouble was taken in reaching the target of 98, with 5 wickets being lost. Top scorer was Russell Collins at number 3 with 30 not out.

Sunday 8th August – Away vs Compton Bassett

A very strong Seend team travelled to Compton Bassett, and this was shown by the team's score of 250-8 after 40 overs in the first innings of the match. The stars of the show were the Wiltshire brothers, John hitting 74, and Mark scoring 60. Seend blew away the home team for just 48, Dave Wallace taking a fantastic 5 wickets for 7 runs from 4 overs, earning him the man of the match award.

Sunday 15th August – Home vs Keevil

Seend were looking to avenge the defeat suffered in the first leg of this local derby earlier in the season, and they looked to have done a good job of containing Keevil in the first innings, restricting the side to 201-6 from 40 overs. Russell Collins had the top bowling results of 2-34. However, Seend did not follow their performance in the field with a similar display with the bat, being bowled all out for only 144. Mark Wiltshire hit a good 75, but was not supported by the rest of his team.

Sunday 22nd August – Home vs Golden Fleece

The home team were sent in to bat for the first innings, and proceeded to notch up what must be one of their highest scores in a 40 over game, a total of 297-7. Mark Wiltshire top scored with 71, ably supported by John Wiltshire's 68 and Russell Collins' 49. In reply the Fleece made 162, well short of the target. Russell Collins bowled his way to 3-24, and Jake Sainsbury bowled a very tight 2-6.

Sunday 5th September – Home vs Frome Red Star

In the home leg against the Red Star, Seend batted first, and scored a huge 248 all out in exactly 30 overs, the length the innings had been reduced to due to rain. Skipper Ben King scored his maiden century with 100, and Tom Wallis hit 111; between them a 224 run partnership, which has to be a Seend record. However, once Ben was run out, the rest of the team fell in just 5 overs! Red Star were never

going to reach the mammoth total set for them, and were all out for 123. Charlie Waylen picked up a fantastic 5-15 as well as a wonder catch, and Freddie Goddard took an unexpected 2-7 in his only over. Tom Wallis followed up his century with three catches at third man.

Sunday 12th September – Home vs Beanacre

This was to be the final game in the cricket season, and unfortunately only eight players were available. However, Beanacre kindly lent us two of theirs, and a 10-a-side match took place. Seend won the toss and chose to bowl first, and whittled away at the Beanacre attack until they were all out for 180. Russell Collins and Tom Wallis both took 2-25, and Paris Goddard bowled 2-34; with Ben King taking 3 catches. Seend suffered a mini collapse 2 wickets into their innings, and never really recovered from this despite a spirited last wicket partnership, finishing on 155 all out, just 26 runs short of victory. Tom Wallis scored 40 runs, and Ben King hit 26.

Players so far this season:- Ben King, Russell Collins, Tom Wallis, Paris Goddard, John Wiltshire, Mark Wiltshire, Will Croucher, Jake Sainsbury, Will Goodier, Dan Waylen, Chris Waylen, Charlie Waylen, Harry Waylen, Freddie Goddard, Jack Davis, Greg Bowen, Will Purdy, Nathan King, Scott Cameron, Andy Furness, James Dancey, Jeff Mattock,

Football

After winning Division 1 of the Trowbridge and District League for the last three years, there has been something of a revolution at the Seend equivalent of Lancaster Gate with the manager moving on to pastures new – Melksham! – followed by much of the team.



Into the breach has stepped Mike Hopkins, the new manager, together with Mark Newman and Ben Grinham as his assistants.

The first four matches played in September have produced the following results:

- Vs. Steeple Ashton – Won 3-1
- Vs. Trowbridge Wanderers – Won 1-0
- Vs. Broughton Gifford – Won 2-1
- Vs. The Foresters – Lost 1-2

Any keen footballers, must be aged 16, who would like to join up, please contact Mark Newman on 07801 820652. Mark tells me training will be once a week, probably on a Wednesday. Seend needs you!



Short Mat Bowls – Strategist – Colin Waldeck

I had the good fortune to call into the Community Centre today (Sunday) and watch the S.M.B. county training session where I found 20 or more keen followers neglecting the gardening for this key pre-season training session. I saw the lads being put through their paces – but not until I was sworn to secrecy as to the techniques that Colin has put

together to thwart the opposition, so mum's the word, but I'm sure Colin will not mind if I ask why they were all wearing cricket boxes and crash helmets? Anyway, he knows best and I'm sure the proof will be in the results.

So far there have been two friendly matches against pub teams which unfortunately resulted in an 8-0 thrashing by the regulars at the Goat and Nightgown, followed by a match against a touring team from the Blind Beggar on the Mile End Road which sadly had to be abandoned at half time – a mix up over some misplaced rhyming slang I understand. Anyway, c'est la vie, and I hope to report a string of victories next month.

Tennis – Chair – Elaine Davis

End of season final league results – Chippenham and District League.

Ladies captain – Pam Akerman :- Played 12, Won 5, Lost 6, Drew 1.
Team from: Susie Meharg, Carol Whitley, Victoria Bowes, Jeanne Bergen, Christobel Garrett, Elaine Davis, Pam Akerman, Jenny Akerman, Celia Rigg and Kate Honibone.



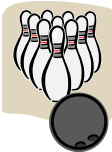
Men's Captain – Frankie Goddard:- Played 9, Won 3, Lost 4, Drew 2.
Team from: Chris Ellinger, Mark Newman, Dan Waylen, Charlie Scott, Lawrence Jackson, Tom Jackson, Frankie Goddard, Matthew Hardman, Paul Addington.

Mixed A:- Captain Mark Newman:- Played 12, Won 7, Lost 2, Drew 3.
Runners up, therefore likely to be promoted to Division 1.
Team from: Mark Newman, Dan Waylen, David Meharg, Elaine Davis, Sally, Carol Whitley, Susie Meharg and Chris Ellinger.

Mixed B:- Captain Ric Ellinger:- Played 10, won 7, Lost 2, Drew 1.
League winners, promotion guaranteed.
Team from: Ric Ellinger, Chris Ellinger, Lawrence Jackson, Pam Akerman, Frankie Goddard, David Meharg and Susie Meharg.

Results and sporting news for the next spotlight to the unsaddling enclosure by the 12th October - Frankie Goddard - 828488.

SEEND B SKITTLE PLAYERS NEEDED



Players are urgently required for Seend B men skittles team playing on Friday nights. Also youngsters are sought, who might be interested in sticking up for us at home games. I am struggling this year to get a regular side together. I know I have left it a bit late but several players will be away on holiday in October. I can be contacted on 01225 708817 evenings or 07961 540 309 anytime. Many thanks.

Nick Easton - Seend B skittles captain

ODDS AND ENDS

'Access Must be Tidied Up'

A Lament for Bridleway Seend 49 (aka Bradley Lane)

Readers, pause a while and mourn with me the passing joys of Bradley Lane!
No longer can I wander quietly down the muddy track and marvel at the imprint
of my boots mingled with those of dog, rabbit, fox and deer.

No longer can I tread the ridge where tufts of grass and flowers bravely grow.
No longer can I feel the leafy branches brush against me as I pass or glimpse a
snowdrop at the verge.

No longer can I shout with laughter as my grandson jumps the brimming puddles.
A voice is heard, 'The lane must be tidied up!'

Access must be smooth and strong and wide. Hedgerows must be cut back.

Lorries, trucks and vans must pass with ease.

Children and animals alike press back in fear as traffic sounds are heard. Birds
rise from the trees - their nests are gone.

My soul no longer sings.

Bridleway Seend 49 has disappeared beneath the cruel weight of stone crushed
over and over by roller and machine.

It's tidy and our shoes are clean and dry.

But, dear Reader, if that was truly what we needed would we not live in towns
and cities and walk on concrete and pavement.

Let us keep the mud, the ruts, the puddles of our bridleways and lanes. Such
things feed our souls and we are diminished by their loss.

Elaine Brooker

Genealogy – The Stokes Family

We have had a request from an elderly gentleman (86) from the USA who has
been recently tracing his roots and believes he is descended from the Stokes of
Seend. He would be happy to find out if there are still some descendants of them
around. He has found that one of his antecedents, a John Stokes, has a plaque in
the Church, which is what sparked his enquiry. We have already drawn his
attention to the information on this ancient family in Edward Bradby's book about
Seend. If anyone can help him further, his name is Jim Minor. US phone is
#614/370/8191 or you can send him an Email stpat1122@aol.com

DOG MESS AND LITTER

We've had a complaint that people are picking up their dogs' mess in a bag, as
required, but then leaving the bags in garden hedges around The Lye and Cooks
Close. There are also concerns about broken glass left in the Rusty Lane and Lye
Field area. If you know who is doing this, please try to persuade them to stop!

TROWBRIDGE ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP (TAG)

Interested in archaeology? Look no further than TAG, your vibrant local group covering Trowbridge and its surrounding villages. Open to everyone from the armchair follower of Time Team to those with seasons of digs behind them. Nationally known speakers, fascinating field walks, opportunity to become involved in new Parish Survey Project.



Autumn Programme

Sunday October 24th 2.30 Bristol – ‘Monks and Bones’

WALK through Medieval Bristol - Jinx Newley (Meeting point to be arranged)

Monday 29th November 7.30pm West Ashton Village Hall

TALK Mike Allen - Environmental Archaeology – What is it? What can it tell us about the lives of our ancestors?

More Info: Jenny Arkell 01225 782061

White Horse Opera

La Sonnambula (The Sleepwalker) by Bellini
at The Corn Exchange Devizes

Wed 13th, Fri 15th & Sat 16th October at 7.30pm

A real comic soap opera with musical fireworks and beautiful rousing choruses in the bel canto tradition

Tickets £15 & £5 from Devizes Books 01380 725944.

Please visit www.WhiteHorseOpera.co.uk for more details

Support our Armed Forces on Saturday 27th November at 7.30pm when Charles Dickens` Best Seller comes to Potterne !

Michael Bawtree gives a dramatic reading of

Charles Dickens` A Christmas Carol

in St Mary`s Church, Potterne

Organised by Project 65 for Armed Forces` Charities

Tickets at £12 include Mulled Wine and Mince Pies after the show will be on sale from 1 October. Phone Robin Burnett on 01380 725375

PUT IT IN THE DIARY NOW !

Fungi Feast at the Coronation Hall in East Grafton on Saturday 9th October, starting at 6pm. World expert **Roger Phillips** will give a talk on 'Trifling with Truffles' as well as signing his new book. **Artwork from local artists** will also be on display.

Tickets in advance £15; children under 13 £2. Call 01264 731404 or 01672 870266 or email mushroom@graftonparish.com. Proceeds will go to the Coronation Hall and the Grafton Parish Public Access Defibrillator Scheme.

Advice from Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Get your chimney swept!

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service is reminding people about the importance of getting chimneys swept after being called to seven chimney fires since the beginning of August.

The Service's advice is to ensure that chimneys for wood burning fires are swept every three months when in use. If you burn bituminous coal, the chimney should be cleaned at least twice a year, and at least once a year when burning smokeless coal. An annual clean is sufficient for oil and gas fires.

* Inspect your chimney breast, particularly in the roof space. Make sure that it is sound and that the sparks or fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.

* Make sure you are not at risk from carbon monoxide poisoning by having appliances installed and serviced by competent engineers. Fit a carbon monoxide detector and never block air bricks, vents or flues.

* Have the chimney properly swept – using a vacuum cleaner alone is not sufficient.

A wide range of fire safety advice can be found on the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service website - www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Firework safety

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to offer the following information and advice to help you and your family have a safe and happy Bonfire Night:-

1. Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
2. Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
3. Keep fireworks in a closed box.
4. Follow the instructions on each firework.

If you require any further information or advice please contact:

Melanie Jezzard. Community Safety Advisor, Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service
Tel: 01380 731188 E-mail melanie.jezzard@wiltshire.gov.uk

PERSONAL ADS

To place a small ad (individuals, not businesses, thanks) please give your ad plus £2 to the PO/Shop.

Wanted

Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area - to lease with view to purchase. We are looking for an area of grazing which we can fence securely to make a safe haven for our ponies and their feed /water following numerous incidents of theft and now criminal damage at our current location. Anything considered, although 5 acres plus preferred. We are happy to include uplift clauses etc to alleviate any concerns regarding development etc if required.

Please contact us at 108 Seend Cleeve or on 07885 103071 without any obligation at this stage. Thank you S & J Wilfort

TWO ORGANISATIONS THAT HELP ELDERLY OR VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Bobby Van Trust

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is a registered charity that has been supporting our communities for over 12 years. The charity offers a free security and fire risk assessment to elderly and vulnerable folk living in Wiltshire. We secure 1,300 homes a year. The Operator will upgrade your locks, add window locks, door viewers etc to your property free of charge plus give you advise on how to remain safe at home. If you know anyone over 60 or in a vulnerable position who would benefit from this support, please call our office on 01225 794652.

Handihelp

This non-profit-making organisation offers help with repair and maintenance tasks around the home - from putting up pictures to electrical work and plumbing - at competitive prices for over-60s or younger people with disabilities. Two hours of free help is available to people on means-tested benefits; there would be a charge for materials. For more information, hone 01380 735555 or see www.ridgewaycommunity.org.uk .

And finally...

A vicar received a parrot for his birthday present. Unfortunately, the parrot was fully grown with a bad attitude and worse vocabulary. Every other word was an expletive. Those that weren't expletives were, to say the least, rude.

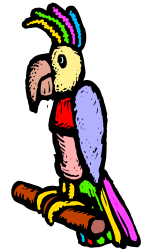
The vicar tried hard to change the bird's attitude and was constantly saying polite words, playing soft music, anything he could think of to try to set a good example. Nothing worked.

Finally, the minister lost his temper and yelled at the bird, and the bird yelled back. He shook the bird and the bird just got more angry and ruder. Finally, in a moment of desperation, the minister put the parrot in the freezer.

For a few moments he heard the bird squawk and kick and scream. Then suddenly, there was quiet. Not a sound for thirty seconds. The vicar was frightened that he might have hurt the bird and quickly opened the freezer door.

The parrot calmly stepped out onto the vicar's extended arm and said, "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I will endeavour at once to correct my behaviour. I really am truly sorry and beg your forgiveness."

The vicar was astonished at the bird's change in attitude and was about to ask what had made such a dramatic change when the parrot continued, "May I ask what the chicken did?"



USEFUL CONTACTS:

CHURCH: Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285; Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01380 828733. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend; S Taylor 01225 709360 Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485 Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; St Peter's Poulshot: Mrs Janet James - 724944 Mrs Paulette Bremner Milne 828527; LPA's: Mrs Audrey McDonald 828376 and Mrs Liz Futter 828485; Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340
Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250
Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485
Seend Community Centre & Club - 828796 (bar opening hours only)
Hall bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617; Skittles bookings: Stan Wiltshire 828559
Seend School - 828334
Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Private hire bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568
Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281
Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Mr Jonathan Seed 01380 850696
Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139
Bulkington Website: www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington
Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01672 513157
Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255
Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. She can be contacted on 0845 408 7000, or e-mail melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk
MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

100+ Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolje 828391
Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 827041
Book Clubs - the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617
Bouncy Club - Clare Stykes 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.
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 email Spotlight or call Tessa on 828617 if your group's contact details change.)

Seend Post Office & Village Store

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

* note early closing