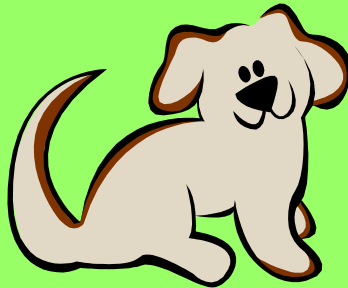


# SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



Happy  
Valentines  
Day!

February 2011

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE JANUARY

- 26th Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30
- 29th Ramblers' skittles evening, Corsham Football Club, 7.30pm
- 31st Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington

## DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 1st Acoustic Club - Felix Byrne & Jackie Sharp, Community Centre, 8pm
- 2nd Shuttle Shopping Trip (phone Terry on 828203 to book by Monday 31st Jan)
- 2nd Rural Arts Event - 'Tales of the Country', Pavilion, 8pm
- 4th Theatre Club to The Pound, Corsham
- 7th Start of WEA course, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 9th Deadline for completion of questionnaire on future of policing
- 12th **LAST DATE FOR MARCH SPOTLIGHT CONTRIBUTIONS**
- 12th Singles Skittles Competitions, Community Centre, 8pm
- 14th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 15th Acoustic Club - Mike Scott, Community Centre, 8pm
- 16th Head Over Heels, Cleeve House, 7pm
- 20th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane 9.30am
- 22nd Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30
- 24th 'Ali Baba & The Forty Thieves' panto, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 25th 'Ali Baba & The Forty Thieves' panto, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 26th 'Ali Baba & The Forty Thieves' panto, Community Centre, 7.00pm
- 28th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington

## DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

- 1st Acoustic Club - The Cleverly Brothers, Community Centre, 8pm
- 2nd Shuttle Shopping Trip (phone Terry on 828203 to book by Monday 28th Feb)
- 3rd Historic House Club - unveiling of 2011 programme & talk, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 5th British Legion Dugout Supper, Community Centre, 7 for 7.30pm
- 12th Charity Disco in aid of Breast Cancer Research, Community Centre, 8pm
- 14th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 15th Acoustic Club - H Club, Community Centre, 8pm
- 16th Theatre Club AGM
- 19th National Trust Lecture on Stourhead Garden, Community Centre, 2.15pm
- 19th White Horse Opera, 'Pirates of Penzance', Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 21st Theatre Club outing to Watermill Theatre
- 23rd Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30
- 28th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington

### 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.

Visit [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) for past editions of Spotlight & 'Happenings!', local history, 'What's On', links to other village sites etc

## WELCOME TO OUR FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT

We'll believe it or not, there are signs of spring beginning to emerge after the terrible winter weather of November and December. A big thank you to those of you who supported elderly residents and others, who had difficulty getting out during the snow and ice. It is at times like these we appreciate and value having such a strong community, and also our own village shop and Post Office. We need to continue to support our shop when life begins to return to normal, to ensure its survival.

As we write, the sun is shining on the catkins and the snowdrops are beginning to burst forth. We do hope this better weather is an incentive for you to get out and enjoy some of the delights of living in our villages. Why not make a late New Year's resolution to try something new this year. There are lots on offer, not least our own panto time again (Oh yes it is!!!). There are a wide range of activities to suit all tastes, from dancing and music, to skittles, rambling and other sporting activities, through to theatre, the WI and gardening. Additionally the Rural Arts team have arranged another treat for us on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. So get out of your armchair and come along and support these activities and activities in and around the villages.

The Church and Chapel are starting the new year working more closely together, and have agreed on joint services on all the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the year, starting with a joint service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January. This will be at Poulshot church, with a speaker from Save the Children, to which all are invited whatever your religious persuasion.

Finally at the back of the magazine there are some notices from organisations offering a variety of support, including an item from local Credit Unions which may be of interest. Happy reading all.

### **THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS**

Contributions for the March issue (**copy deadline 12<sup>th</sup> February**) can be e-mailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) or delivered to Seend Post Office. 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](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) please include the word SPOTLIGHT in uppercase as the first word of the Subject. This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

## Letter from the Vicar

### **What? Can it really be ?**

That was the title of my letter for the magazine this time last year. It's hard to think that I've already been in post over a year now. At the time of writing this (3<sup>rd</sup> January,) I can still remember the really warm welcome I was given when I arrived – and I am truly grateful for your friendship and support.

I intended to put visiting very high on my list of priorities but have failed miserably, making nowhere near the progress I'd hoped for: time, or rather the lack of it, is the constant enemy. You might catch a glimpse of me, whiz-zing by while walking my dog around the villages, making house calls where I can - but what else does a vicar do? Well, I am charged with “cure of souls” in each of the parishes I serve in the Benefice. At my Licensing Service I was tasked that “as a leader of God's people in their ministry and a teacher of his word, I must help them to proclaim and live out his love. With them I must be diligent in prayer and in study of the scriptures, that I may discern the mind of Christ and know his will for his church, and that I may lead all who come here to grow in their faith and in their love and service of our Lord”. In other words I am under a legal obligation to comfort, help and respond to anybody, of any faith, living within our parishes, at any time. In this, I need your help. I welcome any calls for help, for information, or just an invitation for a cup of tea and a natter! And that's from everyone, not just regular churchgoers.

So then, how was Christmas for you? Was the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of the Christ Child relevant to you, I wonder? Many of you watched “The Nativity” on BBC2 and have told me what an excellent production you found it to be – far more realistic than the syrupy story we are so often fed with. I was unable to watch any of it “live” and only managed to see the first two episodes so if anyone has recorded it, I'd love to hear from you!

In the meantime here we are, a new year and an opportunity for a new start. It may sound ironic, but the greatest barrier to our truly embracing a new life in Christ is that, for the most part, we in this country already have it so good. Of course I realise we all face challenges but, let's make no mistake about it, there are people who would give anything to be in our shoes. It's hard to be a Christian when we're surrounded by so much affluence – even if only speaking comparatively. Why do we need God in our lives when we can get all our daily needs met by the money we earn? I'm in no doubt that if we had to struggle more with life, we would understand what good news the Gospel really is. Christ is offering us an opportunity for an entirely new life – a new attitude, a new sense of identity, a new heart, as it were. Christ died for us that we might live for Him. We are chosen to be a light in the world – to be God's people. God has blessed us. We, in turn, are reminded to be a blessing to others, knowing that nothing in this world can separate us from His love.

Happy New Year and God Bless ...

*Renée*

## EVENTS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

*(See Happenings for further information on the events in the Community Centre)*



### *Skittles Competitions*

*Singles (Men's and Women's) Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>  
February @ 8pm*

*Mixed Pairs starts on 26<sup>th</sup> March*

*Open to everyone - novices or champions!  
Contact Russ Collins or sign up at the Bar  
before the event*

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**Seend Fawltly Players'  
32<sup>nd</sup> Village Pantomime**

**'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves'  
24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> February**



**Tickets available from The Shop/PO, Community Centre  
and Brewery Inn. See insert for more details.**

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### **British Legion Dugout Supper**

**(open to everyone, whether members of the Royal British  
Legion or not)**

**in Seend Community Centre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**7.00pm for 7.30pm - with cabaret by Bow and Bellows.**

**Tickets (£12.50 per head) from**

**Peter Fisher (828305), Anthony Hodgkinson (828545)**

**or Nigel Knocker (828609)**

**Book early!**

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*Annual Charity Disco with Mark Anthony*

*In aid of Breast Cancer Research*

*Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March in Seend Community Centre*

*8 till late*

# NOSH AND NATTER LUNCH CLUB

12 for 12.30 : 26<sup>th</sup> January

22<sup>nd</sup> February 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Advance booking essential - please ring John and Lilian on  
828540



White Horse Opera presents

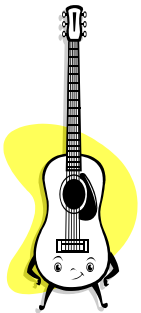
**'The Pirates of Penzance'**

by Gilbert & Sullivan

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

in Seend Community Centre

Tickets £8/£5 from Seend Shop or Seend Community Centre  
nearer the time.



## Seend Acoustic Club

Tuesdays, upstairs in the Community Centre

1<sup>st</sup> February - Felix Byrne and

Jackie Sharp

15th February - Mike Scott

1st March - The Cleverly Brothers

8pm start (earlier to book a floor spot) Entry £3

## April 19<sup>th</sup> : Richard Digance!

Remember him, the brilliant poet & singer/songwriter that used to have his own TV show? Well he's coming to perform for us courtesy of Seend Acoustic Club to just 50 people (Richard still plays regularly to thousands). Tickets are only £9 each and selling fast. Simply call Malcolm on 01380 827041 or email to [malcolm.shipp@gmail.com](mailto:malcolm.shipp@gmail.com) to reserve tickets. (Priority given to those from the Seend area and regulars of the club!)

**Relate Mid Wiltshire invites you to go**

## *Head over Heels*

*An evening of entertainment with*

*Christopher Martin*

**Ex-headmaster of Millfield School**

**will give a fascinating insight into education in a range of schools including Africa and India**

*Wednesday 16 February*

*Cleeve House, Seend, 7pm*

*Drinks and nibbles on arrival*

*£7.50 per person*

**To book a place, please call or email  
[office@relatamidwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:office@relatamidwiltshire.co.uk) 01225 350 010**

Charity number: 1080492

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**North and West Wiltshire  
National Trust Association**

**Winter Lecture**

**"The Management and Conservation of the Stourhead Garden"**

**Speaker: Mr Alan Power**

**Head Gardener, Stourhead**

**Saturday 19 March at 2.15pm**

**Seend Community Centre**

**Admission: Association members: £2.00; Visitors  
£3.00**

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**Rural Arts Wiltshire - Wednesday 2nd February at 8pm in  
the Irene Usher Pavilion**  
***(Please note the change of time from 7.30pm)***

The next RAW event will be a play produced by the Pentabus Theatre Group called "Tales of the Country".

The work tells the story of Brian Viner and his family as they move from a terrace in Crouch End (north London) to a rambling grange in rural Herefordshire. (It could just as easily be rural Wiltshire!!!). Based on the book of the same name, and inspired by his weekly dispatches from the country, published in **The Independent**, this is a chronicle of hilarious incidents and compelling characters.

Adapted for us by the brilliant Nick Warburton, **Tales of the Country** is a beguiling look at the pleasures and pitfalls that await a family from the city chasing the rural idyll.

**Ticket Prices: £6.50 Adult, £5 Concessions, £3.50 Children under 16 and £15 for a family of 4 (2 Adults/2 Children)**

*(From the RAW team - Apologies we could only get the Pentabus Theatre Group in Seend on a Wednesday evening due to the popular demand for this production)*

Ric, Simon, Jan & Jan

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**Stop Press – Parish Council**

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, caused by the resignation of Nick Haines. For more details please see notice boards or the Parish Council website [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk) or contact the Clerk.

**Bulkington Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**



The house to house collection, together with the donation tin in the 'WELL' raised a magnificent £206.42. This when added to the Remembrance Sunday collection in church meant a total of £311.42 from the village – a wonderful effort and much appreciated by the District Branch

David Raby-Cox

Her many friends will be sad to learn that the gentle American Cocker Spaniel, Delhi, died on November 26<sup>th</sup>. She had lost her sense of hearing sometime ago and her general health had been gradually deteriorating. Delhi was a founder member of what has become the annual Pets Service.

Rev. Julian Harford



**Albert William Pearce** : My name is Anne Rohrich, my father was Albert William Pearce, born 28.5.1904. His airforce records say born Seend, UK. I have been having problems finding additional information. I thought maybe someone in the village may recognize the name and could give me some leads as to where to look. Any help would be appreciated, Anne, Capertee. NSW, Australia.  
[arohrich@westnet.com.au](mailto:arohrich@westnet.com.au)

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

### From Roy

I am eagerly awaiting the snowdrops. We will be staying in the New Forest at the beginning of this month and we hope to get to Kingston Lacy where they have snowdrop walks in February every year. Snowdrops always suggest to me that Spring is coming and with it the return of warmth and light. There is something both defiant and fragile about them. Winter will not win, they seem to say. They also appear very delicate with their thin stems. How great it is to enjoy their beauty.

The other day I came across a few lines from the writings of Thomas Merton. He wrote:

He saw that all things were good, and He did not enjoy them.  
 He saw that all things were beautiful, and He did not want them.  
 His love is not like ours. His love is unpossessive.  
 His love is pure because it needs nothing.

These lines have been challenging me ever since. What does it mean to see that all things are beautiful and yet not want them? Well I know that I can only look at the snowdrops in someone else's garden. I can only admire and treasure their beauty, but must leave them there when I depart. They will anyway fade so quickly. Yet for a while they bloom and delight. Everything, it seems, has space to be itself. Everyone has room to be their self. That's God's way. As a hymn by Dora Greenwell puts it:

... with thee,  
 is light, is space, is breadth, and room  
 for each thing fair, beloved and free,  
 to have its hour of life and bloom.

God bless you all,



## **Church services**

### Sunday 30th

<u>January</u>	8.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
	10.00 am	Benefice service (With speaker from Save the Children Fund)	at Poulshot

### Sunday 6th

<u>February</u>	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 13th

<u>February</u>	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 20th

<u>February</u>	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 27th

<u>February</u>	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

## **Methodist Chapel Services for February 2011**

February 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Wesley Road Worship Team will lead this service
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion.

Everyone welcome. Coffee served afterwards.

## **Church Register Notices**

### **Church Floodlights**

Christmas In memory of Neil Bloxham. 1953 – 2005, and  
Ted Mayell and Patricia Mayell

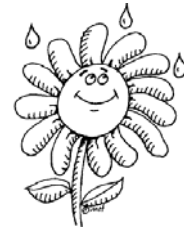
26/01/08 In loving memory of Don Coulson

18/02/11 In celebration of the Golden Wedding of Michael and Margaret  
(nee Smith) Tanner

[To make arrangements to have the church floodlit please contact Tina Yockney on  
01380 827139. Suggested donation £10]

## ADVANCE NOTICE OF OPEN GARDENS

On alternate years the Church, with the kind co-operation of many garden owners, arranges the Open Gardens event in Seend.



### **THIS IS THE YEAR!**

The gardens will be open on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Make a note of the date now to ensure that you are here to enjoy seeing other people's hard work. Anybody who hasn't opened their garden before and would like to do so, and anybody who would like to join the team organising this event, please contact Steve Taylor on 01225 709360 or email [ssstaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:ssstaylor@btinternet.com)

### Seend & Bulkington Mothers Union



The November meeting of the Branch was held at the Vicarage and our speaker was the Rev Jane Knowles from Keevil. Jane was the Vicar of a country parish in Oxfordshire where she had the care of four churches. She spoke about the ethics of the Church of England which holds together both Catholic and Evangelical principles, within the fellowship of a world wide mission. Jane brought some beautiful embroidered stoles for us to see, linking them with the liturgical colours of the Church's seasons.

At our December meeting, again in the Vicarage we enjoyed poems, stories and anecdotes brought by members. Seasonal hot mince pies were also enjoyed.

#### Future Dates.

- 15<sup>th</sup> February - Rev Colburn - Chaplain to the Deaf - at the Pavilion.
- 15 March - Diana Land from Devizes, on "The Wonderful Anglican Umbrella." - at the Pavilion.
- 28<sup>th</sup> February – Pauline Hawkins on The Women of Chile – who are writing the Service for this years World day of Prayer.  
All Cannings 2.15pm

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Pun : A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.☐

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

### **Discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on 5th January 2011**

Councillors asked Pc Thomas about coming cuts in Police funding – she could not be sure, but they are likely to be in back-office staff and PCSOs rather than front-line officers like herself.

Wiltshire Council's suggested plans for a fortnightly doorstep collection of plastic bottles and cardboard were condemned as completely impractical.

Refurbishing the War Memorial – the Chairman is getting quotations and is in touch with the War Memorials Trust about getting a full or partial grant. The Rev Maureen Allchin has found a bit more detail about the WWI dead named on the Memorial, but nothing about possible losses in WWII has yet come to light. Anyone who has any information is asked to get in touch with the Chairman or the Clerk.

The Playing Field grant application has finally been submitted after a lot of hard work - now everyone must wait, and hope for a good result.

The two Planning Applications considered in November – for an agricultural worker's house and a straw storage building at Leaze Farm - both got Wiltshire Council approval in December.

The Parish Council has changed Banks – to Lloyds, and told Wiltshire Council the new details in time for the Precept request, which was decided at the January Meeting.

Bulkington has kept its Precept the same for the third successive year, which actually means a tiny reduction in the Parish Council share of the total Council Tax paid by a household.

Both the Website and the Welcome Pack are being updated – anything for inclusion to Cllr Ogilvie as soon as possible please.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Bulkington Village Hall Committee will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday, 10th February 2011, starting at 7.30p.m. Everyone welcome!!

### **Exhibition of Embroidery**

More than a 100 of you supported and hopefully enjoyed our Art Exhibition in 2009 - now we are planning an Exhibition of Embroidery on Saturday, 10th September, 2011. It will be at 4 Northfields, Bulkington from 10.00-5.00. There will be lovely cakes and refreshments throughout the day, a raffle and bookstall, with the welcome to sit in our garden and admire the lovely view. We will have our own embroideries on show + others from our gifted and creative friends.

Entrance will be £2.00 (children free) with the money going towards Christ Church, Bulkington. Please put this date in your diary and bring your family, friends and neighbours. And - if you have any embroideries you would like to display - contact us in March (01380 828931).

The Revd. Maureen Allchin and Mrs Anne Saywell

## **PERSONAL ADS**

### **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

## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

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



At our December meeting we ignored gardening and enjoyed a programme of Christmas songs by the singers from the University of the Third Age from Devizes; joining in ourselves with some of the traditional carols. The singing was interspersed with humorous readings from John Smallshaw and Marion Whitehead; and Tim Vince, with his guitar, sang his own Christmas song. This was followed by refreshments provided by the committee. Members and the singers all enjoyed their evening, the choir particularly enjoying the refreshments and expressing thanks for the friendly welcome they received. Our thanks go to those who provided the food and who helped in the kitchen. The competition for a festive decoration based on a sphere was won by Jeni Raby-Cox. Alan Christopher returned for our January meeting and informed us that to make gardening easy we should take care of our tools, use them correctly and use the correct tools for the job. They should be cleaned, sharpened and then oiled, unless made of stainless steel, and put away for the winter, hung handle down. Wooden handles should be treated with linseed oil. Mowers should be emptied of petrol and serviced. No tool will work properly if dirty or blunt.

There were 2 interesting demonstrations, one on the use of long handled shears for lawn edging – you walk behind, keeping the lower blade against the edge and only moving the upper. The other was the use of a proper half moon edge cutter which you don't push down with your foot but push along like a pizza cutter. To save

weeding time use a sharp Dutch hoe to slide between plants and cut off weeds. It slides through less than 5 cm and therefore doesn't bring more weed seeds to the surface. And lastly the use of secateurs with a ratchet takes the strain from your hands and arms when cutting thicker stems.

The competition for a photo of a winter scene was won by Mary Hardstaff.

Next month on February 8<sup>th</sup> we have the return of another favourite speaker, Alison Peterson from Lackham, to talk about Companion Planting. The competition will be for an indoor plant.

**NB. In future we are not putting out lists for people to sign up for trips. We are copying the custom of other village organisations and sending a flyer, by e-mail, hand or post in some cases, with all the details for a trip and a slip at the bottom to fill in and return to Joe with a cheque. If you have not attended a meeting yet this season and therefore not paid Joe your subscription you might miss out, so please remember to join!**

Sue



## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

### **DUGOUT SUPPER**

The annual Dugout Supper (open to everyone, whether members of the Royal British Legion or not) will take place in the Community Centre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. As usual, supper will be cooked by a dedicated team of Dugouters. There will also be a raffle in aid of The Royal British Legion and a Cabaret will be provided by Bow and Bellows. Tickets (£12.50 per head) can be obtained from Peter Fisher (828305), Anthony Hodgkinson (828545) or Nigel Knocker (828609). Tickets are limited and they go very quickly for this popular event, so get your bids in early.

### **WARNING ORDER**

1. The next Annual Lecture will be on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Speaker Brian Poulton, Project Director A 400M.
2. It is hoped to celebrate Armed Forces Day (25<sup>th</sup> June 2011) with a Hog Roast. The Bratton Brass Band will be in attendance. Profits will be donated to Armed Forces Charities.

Roger Brind

## **W.E.A. SPRING COURSE**

Dinah Starkey will be continuing with her local history series looking at the experiences of ordinary people in our region during the Tudor and Stuart periods.

The course starts on Monday 7th February in the upstairs room of the Community Centre at 7.30pm. There will be 6 meetings, with a break for half-term. The fee is £34 but free to anyone in receipt of a recognised means tested benefit (just bring along a relevant letter). If you haven't already booked a place, please do so by contacting Pam Church on 828597 or by e-mail: [pmmchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:pmmchurch@hotmail.com)

## **SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

The main news is that the **11<sup>th</sup> Beer Festival** will not now be happening on April 30<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised. We hope to be able to offer a similar, but smaller, event on 15<sup>th</sup> October instead – so watch out for details.

**Zumba Classes** are now happening on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm.

Otherwise, please see the events section at the front of Spotlight, and your copy of 'Happenings!', which should be inside this magazine, to see what delights are on offer at your Community Centre!

## **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS 32<sup>nd</sup> VILLAGE PANTO – 24<sup>TH</sup>-26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Come along to the Community Centre to see the story of Ali Baba and The Forty Thieves as it has never been told before! And find out why! See insert for full details.

## **SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB**

The next meeting of the Club will be on Thursday, 3 March, at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion when details of the programme for the coming season will be announced. Our speaker on this occasion will talk about the Merchant's House in Marlborough, which we plan to visit in May. New members to the Club are most welcome.



### **Seend**

A treat from John Kendall brightened our first meeting of the New Year. In a insightful talk called 'From Cowshed to Classroom'. he charted his life growing up in Marlborough and his subsequent journey from being a vet to a teacher

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday 9 February with an evening testing and trying different fragrances in our perfume evening. One lucky person will go home with their own special perfume, so make sure you come along and enjoy the fun.

We march into March with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Dr J Austin talking about the rich birdlife of Wiltshire.

All meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified. For more information please check the website [www.seendwi.weebly.com](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com) or contact Fiona Johnson on 01380 828401

Sarah Todhunter

## **SEEND SHUTTLE**

Happy New Year to all our volunteers and passengers.

Apologies for the grubby state of the bus this winter. Obviously the state of the roads doesn't help but also it was impossible for our volunteer cleaners to do the job during the icy weather. It should be sparkling clean again soon. Don't forget to let Terry know (828203) if you want to go on the shopping trip to Salisbury on the first Wednesday of the month. If we don't get ten passengers it's not financially viable.

## **SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December - On a sunny crisp morning, 19 members met in Biddestone for a circular 5 ½ mile walk, taking us across fields to Weavers Lane down into the valley. Up through Monks Wood; fields and lanes to Thickwood, and back along the tracks to Slaughterford; then back to our cars in Biddestone. A lovely walk, thanks to Gerald.



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - 15 walkers attended. Contrary to the predicted weather forecast, for the entire 5 miles, it remained mild, dry, even the sun appeared for a short while, for the walk commencing from Nettleton Green. Following footpaths to Goulter's Mill and then south to Lugbury Long Barrow, Nettleton Mill and Brookmead Brook. Upon reaching the village of West Kington, we made our way over more fields and lanes back to Nettleton Green. Our grateful thanks, yet again, to Gerald.

Our next walk is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Leaders; Brian and Geraldine De'Ath. Provisionally arranged to commence from Rusty Lane at 9.30am. The actual circular 5 ½ mile walk will start from Edington Priory at 10am, where we will proceed south onto the Imber Range footpath and on to Coulston. Bring the usual refreshments for the half-way stop.

Lin Salter

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

The meeting held on 30th November was attended by 10 Councillors, with Mrs A Heatley in the Chair. Apologies received from Mrs. L. Waylen, Cllr. J. Seed and PC Emily Thomas.



## **BT Infinity – Faster Broadband for Seend Exchange**

The Chairman advised that an approach had been received from Bulkington and Poulshot PCs to see if there is interest in the villages served by Seend exchange to gain access to faster broadband. An item has already been placed in November Spotlight, and flyers have now been printed to be distributed to individual households, asking everyone who can to vote on the BT website by 31st December for faster broadband for their postcode.

## **Royal Wedding celebrations**

Peter Fisher, on behalf of the Community Centre has suggested that the village could take part in the Royal Wedding celebrations, perhaps by screening it on a large screen.

*Allotments* – Quote to be obtained for hiring a portaloo for Community Payback. Quote to be obtained from Bodmans for widening the entrance to the allotments and installing a slope and handrail. Quote to be obtained from Weesex Water for installation of a trough. Artisans to be asked to remove security fencing which is on the site.

*Smiley SIDs* – Ask Cllr. Seed if he can follow up the inclusion of Seend on the list for a Smiley SID; also if there is any progress on a reactive sign for the narrow bend at the western end of Seend High Street.

*Notice Boards* – Repairs needed to the lock on the right-hand door of the board outside the Post Office; different locks to be fitted to each door with the key for the right-hand door to be left with the Clerk for PC notices only with the key for the left-hand door left at the Post Office. The question of whether the phone box in Seend Cleeve should be retained and used as a notice board was discussed again. A vote was taken whether to retain the box with 7 against, and 3 in favour.

*Seats around village* – The seat in Love Walk has now been repaired, and a generous anonymous donation received to pay for the work carried out. There was no response from the note in Spotlight about where a new bench should be placed; it was suggested it could be placed in the allotments once they were cleared.

*Canal Bridge Bridleway 13 & Canal Bridge, Barge Inn* – A letter had been sent to Robin Evans, Chief Executive of British Waterways on 14 November, no response received to date. Matter to be referred to Canals Officer, Wiltshire Council as a safety issue.

*Traffic speed, Bollands Hill* – Ask Cllr Seed to follow up the monitoring of traffic speed on Bollands Hill at the junction with School Road, and further down the hill where pedestrians cross at the canal.

*Dial Close to School Road* – The Clerk to follow up again with David Bullock the pedestrian safety issues in this area of the village.

## **Melksham Area Board**

Mrs. Savage advised that the two landowners of the old railway bridge in Station Road are in agreement with proposals to lower the bridge and straighten the road, and have offered to undertake the works free of charge.

### **Planning Matters**

The following applications were considered, and no objections raised:

E/10/1400/TCA Ms M Cottle Nornour, High Street

Works to trees at the property to comprise: the reduction of a laburnum by about 30% to clear phone lines, the reduction of a holly by approximately 1 metre, the reduction of a silver birch by about 15% and the reduction of a maple by about 30%

E/10/1445/FUL Mr & Mrs Louca White House, Row Lane

Erection of railings to provide balcony over existing flat roof of kitchen at rear of property

**Overgrown hedges by Horse Pond** – Residents to be asked to cut these back to improve access along the High Street

**Road signs for School Road** – there are currently no school signs for School Road, Highways to be asked to erect these.

**Seend Head** – The Clerk to ask the Parish Steward to cut back the hedging to improve visibility coming out onto the A361.

**Police matters** – PC Emily Thomas had supplied some yellow stickers for wheelie bins showing 30 m.p.h. The Clerk would take these to the Post Office for distribution. There had been some criminal damage in the Lye Field. There had been no more reports of nails in tyres in Seend Cleeve.

**Date of next meeting** The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

[www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

## **WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM CLLR JONATHON SEED**

Firstly a Happy New Year to you all. We enter 2011 knowing that we will all have to tighten our belts and enter an age of austerity. Life will be tough but we are determined to do our best for the people of Wiltshire. There are times to justifiably have a go at your Wiltshire Council when we get it wrong but I am proud to be a Member of a Council that is getting it right most of the time. To illustrate my point just recall news stories during the recent snows and you will see what I mean. Rubbish piling up in the streets of Bristol, rubbish not being collected in Gloucestershire, deep staff cuts in Somerset and roads being left un-gritted across the country due to lack of funds. Just for once have a smile and recall what happened with our rubbish and our roads in Wiltshire during the same period. Rubbish was collected almost entirely on time regardless of weather or holidays

and even many of our minor roads were gritted whenever the gritters could be spared.

The Wiltshire Council Cabinet has agreed that the Melksham Community Area Campus will receive a £10million investment and it will be complete by mid 2013. This will be a project with a new swimming pool, a new leisure centre, a new indoor bowling facility and a range of new service delivery centres plus possibly a new library. It will be run by a Melksham Trust Board and so you will have a say in how it is run. Not only that, but the Melksham Area Board will be advising the Council just what facilities they believe the Melksham Community Area should have in the new Service Campus. You can have your say in forming this opinion in one of three ways:

**Turn up at the Melksham Area Board on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at The Oak School at seven o'clock and hear the options for the Melksham Community Campus unveiled.**

**Take part on the Campus consultation run by the Community Area Partnership at <http://melksham.communityarea.org.uk>**

**Turn up and have your say at the special Melksham Area Board Campus Meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at six o'clock in the Melksham Assembly Rooms. It is here that decisions will be made by your Councillors.**

So look forward to a 2011 when Wiltshire people can be justly proud that not only are we getting the services for which we pay our Council Tax and investment in our future but we generally get our services with a smile and we can all have our say on how our services are delivered.

Jonathon Seed

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

The term has started well and we are pleased to be enjoying the return of hot dinners to Seend Primary School. When I show prospective parents around the school, one of the most regular questions I get asked is "Does the School have hot dinners?" Well now I can answer yes it does! We have on average 21 children having a hot dinner each day but undoubtedly the favourite meal is a roast dinner which they have once a week. The feedback from the children has been very good and the staff have also enjoyed having the opportunity to have a hot meal to keep them going!

The children will be enjoying another themed day this term. February 3<sup>rd</sup> is Chinese New Year so we will be planning a host of activities for that day (including having some chicken Chow Mein for our school dinners!).

Over the Christmas holidays the children were asked to take part in a sponsored read. They have managed to raise £112 which will be used to help buy some new books for the school.

We are expecting to do some major fundraising over the coming months so any help / ideas that you have will be really appreciated. Please contact me at the school if you can help in any way.

Jackie Chalk, Headteacher

## **Seend School Parent Social Club**

Happy New Year!!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everybody who came and supported our Christmas Fayre this year. Although the weather was freezing, (literally!) and numbers were down, we still managed to make around £1200!

In addition may we thank our sponsors: NFU Mutual Insurance (Swindon), Matt Hill Aikido Classes, JDS Electrical, Aurora Beauty Salon, Cielo Blu Italian Boutique Devizes, Sarah Hill Avon Cosmetics, Nigel Block Engineers, Seend Post Office, Brian Hunt Driving Consultant, P M Bines Stone Mason, R & GS Hickman Building Contractors, The Daily Drinker Wine Club, Cleeve Cats Boarding Cattery, Camelot Media, Haine & Smith Opticians, Wiltshire School of Gymnastics, Old Mill Accountants, Nick Haines Fencing and Gardening and Bovisand Lodge Estate Beachside Holiday Park.

### **Seend School 100 Club**

Last month I touched upon the School 100 Club. The role of the Parent Social Club is to raise funds for things that do not come out of the School budget. The **100 Club** is one way that we do this as any person, whether they have a connection to the school or not, can help us and to raise much needed funds. Recently this has paid for coach trips to local libraries and sports equipment.

November and December winners were:

#### **November**

#### **Christmas draw**

1st Mike Baker ( previous parent)    1st Sam New ( Melksham Groundcare)

2nd Joan Townsend (previous parent)    2nd Angie Gazzard

3rd Julie Holliday ( previous lunch time assistant)    3rd Ellie Oddy

For your chance to win, all we ask is that you pay £12 a year and each month you will have the opportunity to win a share of £45. First Prize is £20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is £15 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is £10. This means that you have a 1 in 50 chance of winning. Now compare that to the odds of winning the National Lottery!! In December we have a Christmas Jackpot with 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of £80. The winning tickets are drawn during Gold Book Assembly. The winners will be published in the Spotlight each month.

To join - put your name, address and telephone number on a piece of paper. State how many tickets you wish to purchase, and attach a cheque, made payable to "Seend School 100 Club". Hand the paper and cheque to either Melanie Steel (07801 68853) or Emma Smith (01380 828056).

Emma Smith

## **KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS**

It's wonderful to have an opportunity to write for the newsletter and keep the villages we serve informed about the school.

We are at the final stage of completing our new building at the school. This means we are able to purchase over 15 lap tops which will enhance the children's' work with the internet and computer based programs enormously. Our new Timber Trail goes up in the February half term and, due to the new building, we now have space in a way that we never had before – small group work can now be done properly and the Hall, at last, can be kept clear and used for PE.

PE is an area that we constantly seek to enhance and we are so lucky to have the field behind the Church. Far from this being a school with limited space I see it as a school with limitless space. I've taken children on cross country runs and walks around the area – something I couldn't have done in schools in the middle of estates. Just the walk past the Church to the field, is, in itself, a pleasure and a History lesson for the children.

As it says on our new sign we are a school that serves a wide area and the four villages equally, as well as children from this side of Trowbridge, whose parents are seeking a different, more family orientated kind of education – something I'm proud we can provide. Our links with St. Leonard's' Church are critical and defining. It has been a real 'positive' that Rev. and Mrs. Thomas's tenure coincides with mine. I know our links will only build and flourish.

During my first year I'm picking up, all the time, what we can do better, and I will ensure that our doors are open to area residents whether you are con-nected to the school or not, through the Summer and Autumn terms this year.

I have started my tenure at the school in momentous times. Whilst Schools must be grateful for not having budgets cut in the same manner as Local Authorities there is no question that we face cuts nonetheless. Education in the UK has not had to think in these terms for a while and whilst it wouldn't be true to say that we have been as 'flushed' as is often portrayed we do face a much more 'tightened' future.

Therefore it is vital we don't lose sight of what we are here for and what we do for the little and not so little people who walk through our doors, with all their hopes and aspirations, every day.

**Max Burr, Headteacher.**

## **SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES**

### **Football**

Manager Mike Hopkins

Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham

December and January results will be in next months Spotlight, so many matches having been postponed due to the severe winter weather

### **Short Mat Bowls – Maitre d’hotel Colin Waldeck**

A consistent run of matches saw the boys consolidate their League position with the following results

–v Kingston Langley away lost 2-6

v Atworth away drew 4-4

v Crudwell home drew 4-4

v Marshfield away lost 2-6

Colin looks forward to the first win of the New Year. Incidentally he has asked me to point out that the roll attributed by some of the less well informed elements of the press to the team in the failed bid for the 2018 world cup is far from accurate. Whilst it is true that the lads were, coincidentally, in Geneva on that fateful evening, the apparent invitation to the FIFA committee to join in the Morris dancing demonstration was an unfortunate misunderstanding, and as soon as Colin’s hand is out of plaster he assures me that a personal letter of apology will be on its way. I don’t think that anyone needs to know how the injury was sustained but don’t say that the Consul didn’t warn against those Greco-Roman wrestling bouts. I do of course admire such a competitive spirit, even if tragically misplaced. (yes the seedless grapes are on the way!)

### **SKITTLES**

Results for the 3 mens Seend teams in the Melksham and district skittles league.

#### **Seend A – captain John Wiltshire**

The A team currently are lying in second place in the Premier Division.

#### **Seend B – Captain Nick Easton**

##### **Results**

Melksham Sports – won 6-1

Semingon – lost 0-7

Staverton – lost 0-7

Avon D – lost 1-6

Lacock – won 6-1

Kings Arms – won 5-2

Present position in league division two is 5<sup>th</sup> out of 11.

#### **Seend C – Captain Graham Hamblin**

##### **Results**

League Matches

Good Bad and Ugly – won 5.5-1.5

Top scorer – Will Goodier

Cons A – Lost 1-6

Top scorer – Ron Apted

Drifters – won 6.5-0.5

Top scorer – Harry Waylen

Cavaliers – won 5.5-1.5

Top scorer – Andy Tilbury

Cooper Avon A – lost 2-5

Top scorer – Andy Tilbury

Cup Matches

Lost to Spencers A – top scorer Harry Waylen

Beat Muds – top scorer Nathan Hamblin

League position division one – 10<sup>th</sup> out of 12.

The captain is confident that at the end of their first season in this league, the C team should preserve their status

Results fixtures and news for February Spotlight to the unsaddling enclosure by 12<sup>th</sup> February please. Frankie Goddard 828488.

**‘The Badgers’**

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

The January transfer window is now closed, with Beckham deciding instead to go and train at some small London club. However, the Badgers still welcome new members (both boys and girls) to come along and join the Club (see website for contacts).

We would like to thank all Club members and parents who took part in the Charity in-door event at Lavington School on 29 December, with 16 hours of non-stop football from 6.00 am until 10.00 pm, where the final score was a draw at 317 goals for Blues and Reds (decider by golden goal). A total of £2,853 was raised for Help For Heroes and CLIC Sargent charities. Many thanks to Mike Van Den Bergh for organising this event, with Chris Pearce and Alan Mitchell.

Adult February fixtures. Saturday 14.30 pm K.O. at West Lavington Village Hall pitches:

- 12 Feb v Castle Combe
- 26 Feb v Bromham

**Steve Dagnall**

01380-727976

## ODDS AND ENDS

### **BETTER BROADBAND FOR SEEND, POULSHOT & BULKINGTON**

In the lead up to Christmas a significant number of you will have cast your vote on the BT website <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com> in response to the Broadband Campaign poster delivered to your doors during early December. The purpose of the campaign was to assess the level of local interest in up-grading our broadband service delivered via the Seend Telephone Exchange.

At close of play on 31st December some 230 households and businesses had voted in support of the campaign, and I would like to thank all those who took the time to do so. This represents some 28% of all households within the three parishes of Seend, Poulshot and Bulkington.

Under the terms of the Race To Infinity BT undertook to assess the necessary improvements needed to the infrastructure provided we could demonstrate that at least 75% of registered premises voted in favour of improvement to our broadband services. Unfortunately we fell significantly short of this target and will not therefore be able to depend upon BT for their support for our cause.

Although nationwide interest in optical fibre upgrades to local broadband services is gaining in popularity among a number of commercial companies, it appears unlikely that we could attract such interest without a significant increase in subscriber support. The notional point of interest for commercial viability appears to be something in excess of 50% of exchange subscribers.

There is a glimmer of hope for those keen to access faster broadband - the Government recently announced a significant increase in the commitment to support 'next generation' broadband delivery, despite the downturn in the economy. However this has been slow to focus, and in any case, in areas such as our own where broadband speeds are tolerable but barely acceptable we are unlikely to see a rush to improve our lot in preference for those areas of higher business population.

This Campaign is organised jointly by Poulshot, Seend and Bulkington, and has the support of all three Parish Councils.

Local Contact	Area	Tel.	Email
Calum Ogilvie	Bulkington	828202	<a href="mailto:calum.ogilvie@lineone.net">calum.ogilvie@lineone.net</a>
Steve Housby	Poulshot	828100	<a href="mailto:steve.housby@btinternet.com">steve.housby@btinternet.com</a>
Anita Heatley	Seend	828491	<a href="mailto:Justus1066@btinternet.com">Justus1066@btinternet.com</a>



## Difficult Financial Times

These are difficult financial times for many families but there is a lifeline which is available and will help many who are struggling. The four Credit Unions in Wiltshire have worked together and now offer loans of up to £500 at an interest rate of 2% per month (calculated only on the reducing balance of the loan), to borrowers who can demonstrate the ability to repay. These loans are called Moneyline loans.

What are Credit Unions? They are non-profit making co-operatives, regulated by Government and run in Wiltshire by trained volunteers. Local residents can join their Credit Union for life for £2 and would normally save for a minimum of three months before a loan would be considered. However Moneyline loans are available immediately. New members are encouraged to save even small amounts into their Credit Union account while paying off their loan, but are not compelled to do so. The application process is rigorous and takes about ten days to investigate the borrower's ability to repay.

The policy of Credit Unions is to help their members through a tough period and offer a genuine alternative to high cost lenders. £500 borrowed from a doorstep or internet lender, and repaid over a year will cost an additional £410 in interest. From Moneyline the interest would be £63, a saving of £347!

These Moneyline loans are offered by your Credit Union, and initial investigations are done by Community First, a registered charity in Devizes. Applicants should in the first instance contact:

Community First on 01380 736387 or their intended Credit Union

North Wilts Credit Union	01249 248313
West Wilts Credit Union	01225 709865
South Wilts Credit Union	01722 421881
Kennet Credit Union	01672 562666

All these Credit Unions have been encouraged and supported in offering Moneyline loans by Wiltshire Council and the Housing Associations / Registered Social Landlords operating in Wiltshire.

## **Devizes Child Contact Centre**

When parents split up, emotions often run high and there may be real tensions between the adults involved. The children can end up in the middle and it can be very difficult for them to maintain a relationship with the parent with whom they are no longer living. But in almost all cases, children benefit from both parents continuing to play a part in their lives.



**Devizes Child  
Contact Centre**

Devizes Child Contact Centre provides a safe, friendly and neutral place where children of separated families can spend time with a parent and sometimes other family members. It provides toys, games and facilities that reflect the diverse

needs of children affected by family breakdown. It provides a warm and friendly atmosphere for the non-resident parent to be a parent to their child again.

A local family solicitor writes: "In many cases the Child Contact Centre acts as a springboard to families in the long term. Several of my clients have used the Centre to carry out handovers before and after contact so that they still feel supported. *Contact for many would never have been re-established had it not been for the Centre.* Further, the centre has been enormously valuable in supporting both the non-resident parent and the child/children when contact has for whatever reason not taken place for months or even years."

Devizes Child Contact Centre is based at St Andrew's church and is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month for 2 hours. It is staffed by volunteers.

Without such support the Centre could not operate, so new volunteers are always urgently needed. Is this something you could help with? Volunteers work on a rota so helping out at the Centre does not have to be a large or onerous commitment but you would be providing a service of long-term benefit for the children and parents who use the Centre, some of whom would simply not see each other without this. For more information about what is involved in being a volunteer please contact Lisa Green on 01380 726817.

## **'Now we're talking'**

### **Your opportunity to influence the future of policing in Wiltshire**

Wiltshire Police Authority (WPA) is seeking the public's views on the future of policing across the county with the publication of a short questionnaire on the authority's website.

Wiltshire Police Authority's annual budget of £108 million must be reduced by £15 million over the next four years, to meet government spending cuts.

It is the police authority's responsibility to ensure the police continue to provide an effective and efficient service across the whole of the Force area.

WPA Chairman Chris Hoare said: "We are committed to keeping officers on the streets and protecting the frontline as far as possible but we want people to give us their views and tell us what they value in their police service."

Please visit the authority's website - [www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk) - to read more about these plans and give your views via a short questionnaire. You have until 9th February 2011 to complete the questionnaire.

## **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 times only)  
Hall and meeting room bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617  
Seend School - 828334  
Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Private hire bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568  
Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281  
Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Mr Jonathan Seed 01380 850696  
Seend Website: [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) - Neil Yockney 827139  
Bulkington Website: [www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington](http://www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington)  
Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01672 513157  
Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255  
Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. She can be contacted on 0845 408 7000, or e-mail [melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)  
MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265

## **CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

*100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391*  
*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 - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581;*  
*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