



SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington

October 2012

DIARY DATES FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

- 28th Macmillan Coffee Morning, Community Centre, 10am-12 noon
- 29th Seend School Auction of Promises and Tea Party
- 30th Harvest Thanksgiving Service, Seend Methodist Chapel

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 2nd Seend Acoustic Club – Reg Meuross – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 3rd Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip – phone 828203 by Monday to book
- 6th British Legion Lecture, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 5th-7th Ramblers' weekend in Weymouth
- 7th Harvest Festival evensong at Poulshot, 6pm
- 8th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 10th Melksham Area Board meeting about Melksham Campus, Melksham House 7pm
- 10th, 12th & 13th White Horse Opera 'La Traviata', Corn Exchange, Devizes, 7.30pm
- 13th Smarten up Seend working party, meet 9am at Pavilion
- 15th Start of WEA course on ancient Egypt, 7.30pm upstairs in Community Centre
- 15th Devizes Autumn Fair, Corn Exchange, 10am-4pm
- 16th Seend Acoustic Club – Dan Raza – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 20th LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT**
- 20th Dance in aid of Dorothy House, Community Centre, 8pm
- 21st Free Film for Club members – 'Mao's Last Dancer', 7.45pm Community Centre
- 22nd Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 23rd Seend Trust & Community Centre Annual Meeting, upstairs at 7.30pm
- 24th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 26th Acoustic Club Special – Richard Digance, 8pm upstairs in Community Centre (combined with 'Wear it Pink' fundraising campaign)

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 3rd Fireworks – Bulkington Playing Field, 6pm
- 5th Seend Acoustic Club special – Hickman & Cassidy, The Bell Inn, 8pm
- 6th Seend Acoustic Club – Geoffrey Bowman - upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 8th Historic Houses Club AGM in the Pavilion
- 17th Wine & Food Fair, Community Centre, 7.30-10.30pm
- 18th Afternoon of silent films for Seend Club members, 3pm (refreshments from 2.45pm)
- 20th Seend Acoustic Club – Sid & Merv – upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 21st Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 29th Journey to Santiago de Compostela + Spanish supper, Pavilion, 7pm

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 for past editions of Spotlight & 'Happenings!', local history, 'What's On', links to other village sites etc.

Welcome to October 2012 Spotlight



Well, as we say goodbye to the house martins and swallows we say goodbye to summer. This summer was one that saw many records broken; amongst them the wettest summer for a hundred years was not a good one, but watching the records broken in the Olympics and Paralympics was indeed awesome – and the weather stayed fair for the majority! Talking of wonderful entertainment and good weather leads onto the Seend Fete and Flower Show; full details are later on in this edition. There's also a report on the successful Summer Saturday Breakfasts.

Things to look forward to this month include a dance to raise funds for Dorothy House, plus an intriguing free film show, acoustic music nights including the return of major attraction Richard Digance, the start of a WEA course on ancient Egypt, lunch club, and the chance to join a working party to smarten up Seend. If you're a Bulkington resident, please note the request for volunteers to keep the village hall going. And if you receive this early enough, you can still join in the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 28th and the school's Vintage Tea Party and Auction of Promises on 29th September.

Looking beyond our villages, there are chances to find out about the Melksham Campus and to comment on the Wiltshire Core Strategy. Plus you can find out about being a local councillor. There's no excuse for being bored around here!

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the November issue (**copy deadline 20th October**) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Sue Isaac on 828461. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO. Sasha Heseltine – sfheseltine@gmail.com - deals with advertising queries.

N.B. Sue and Tessa share the editing of Spotlight, so please send all emails to the Spotlight address or deliver entries to the Shop/PO.

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Village events in October and beyond

(see pages 8-9 for Bulkington events)

Seend Acoustic Club

1st & 3rd Tuesdays upstairs in Seend Community Centre at 8pm

Admission includes a free chocolate!

2nd October – local hero Reg Meuross (admission £5)

16th October – rising star Dan Raza (admission £4)

*****Plus two ACOUSTIC CLUB SPECIALS!*****

(Please book in advance for these by phoning 01380 827041)

None other than star performer

Richard Digance

makes a return visit to the Club **at 8pm on Friday 26th October (£10)**

and the return of amazing Anglo/American fiddle and guitar duo

Hickman and Cassidy

at the **Bell Inn on Monday 5th November (£7.50)**

See www.seendacoustic.org for full details

N.B. The date of the Richard Digance gig happens to be the date of the 'Wear it Pink' national fundraising campaign for breast cancer research. Joining in is totally optional, but if you come along wearing something pink you pay £2 for the privilege of doing so and that money goes toward this worthwhile cause. Men in pink tutus especially welcome!



Free Film Show for Seend Club Members in Seend Community Centre

Film starts at 7.45pm. The bar opens at 7.30pm. Membership cards must be shown, or non-members can join on the door.

Sunday 21st October 'Mao's last Dancer'

Based on an inspirational rags to riches story of a peasant boy in rural China who becomes a world-renowned ballet dancer.

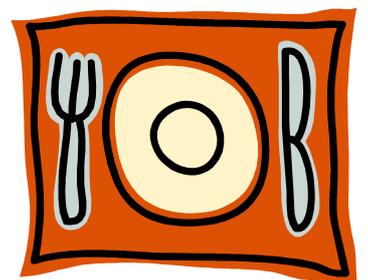
Director Bruce Beresford. Cert PG.

Visitors from outside the village accompanying local Members can take out temporary membership for the film show for just £1 each.



Nosh and Natter Lunch Club **Wednesday 24th October, 12 for 12.30pm** **in Seend Community Centre**

**All welcome, but you need to book in advance
by calling 01380 828540.**



Royal British Legion Annual Lecture

Seend Community Centre

at 7.30 pm on Saturday 6th October 2012. The bar will be open from 7.00 pm.

Air Vice Marshal Patrick O'Reilly CB

'The Falklands War – Picking Up The Pieces'

Tickets £6.00 from Joe Hardstaff (828458), Marion Whitehead (828612),
Nigel Knocker (828609) or the Village Shop.



Dance for Dorothy House funds

8pm on Saturday 20th October

Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend.

Live music from Sticks Rock Band

Tickets £10 (including Ploughman's supper)

from Ray (01225 708811) or Geoff (01380 828603).

SEEND TRUST AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Annual meeting

Tuesday 23rd October at 7.30pm

Upstairs in the Community Centre

An opportunity for everyone to hear and comment on reports of the Committee's activities during the past year and future plans. All welcome.

Olé !

Come and join us on a

Journey to Santiago de Compostela

An illustrated talk by Renée our Vicar

To be followed by a

Spanish Style supper

On Thursday 29th November 2012 at 7.00pm

The Pavilion Rusty Lane



Tickets £12 in advance from Fiona (828401)

Tina (827139) or Post Office

Includes a glass of wine

Raffle Licensed bar

In aid of Friends of Seend Church



SEEND WINE & FOOD FAIR
7.30-10.30pm on Saturday 17th November
in Seend Community Centre

Tickets will be on sale early in October from Seend Shop/PO, Seend Community Centre or from Tessa Doe or Marion Whitehead, price £8 including six wine-tastings and buffet supper and – NEW! – a cookery demo.

Full details in next Spotlight, but we can tell you the food stalls include chocolate, cheese, olive oil, wholefoods, tea, cookware and much more!
Numbers limited by space, so don't miss it. Book early!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Audrey MacDonald

We would like to thank everyone who supported Audrey and ourselves through her brief illness. It has been a great comfort to us that she had such kind friends. We will not forget Rev Renée and Rev Maureen for their many visits and prayers. We also would like to thank those people who took over the task of taking Audrey for her many visits to the Royal United Hospital. You know who you are and we shall always be grateful to you all for your support and the way you kept her spirits up right to the end. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who came to the church to celebrate her life and give so generously to Dorothy House. The collection has not been closed as further gifts are expected. John will be delighted to see any of his friends once he has settled into his new home. Sue Noad can be contacted for details. Once again, thank you all for your kindness.

John, Joan, Debbie and Karen.

THANK YOU FROM SAM JACKSON . . .

I would like to thank all the readers of Spotlight for their support in sponsoring me on my trip to Romania. I had the most amazing time while I was out there and it was an experience that I will never forget. All the kids at the orphanage were so excited when we arrived with the items we had gathered through our sponsorship and we gave them a week that they will never forget. I would like to thank everyone that gave for our cause and I know you will all be glad to hear that your kindness gave them some real enjoyment in lives that seem to have none.

Thank you again, Sam Jackson

SPOTLIGHT DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone – and of course to the collectors. We're still counting! If you are one of those who receive your Spotlight by post and would like to make a contribution then please send to "SPOTLIGHT" c/o Tina Yockney, 37 Seend Cleeve, Melksham, SN12 6PU. (If anyone hasn't made a contribution and would like to send something then it's never too late!)



SMARTEN UP SEEND!

Saturday, 13 October from 9am

You are invited to join a Working Party on Saturday, 13th October engaged in smartening up the village. Activities will include litter picking, removing weeds from pavements and curbs and any other small jobs that the group decides are necessary. This first session will concentrate on the main village with future occasions being concerned with the Cleeve and Sells Green.

If you feel you can give some of your time from 9am do join us. The group will meet at the Pavilion. If you can bring appropriate implements that would be appreciated but some bags, gloves and high-viz jackets will be available.

If you would like to part part and/or know of areas that you would like to see improved in this first session do contact me please.

Michael Johnson mdjmusic@gmail.com

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE FRIENDS OF SEEND CHURCH

Formed in February this year, the Friends of Seend Church are now well established with nearly 50 members. Why not join us and directly express your support for the Church and its continuation in the centre of village life, as was so clearly expressed in last year's Village Appraisal. The Annual Subscription is £15 per person and £25 per family.

Thank you to all those who supported the Violin Recital on 7th July, a most enjoyable and convivial evening. This was the first of many events to be organized by the Church Friends.

Thanks to the funds raised so far, the Friends will be offering to pay for modifications to the pews at the front of the church that will enable a flexible open space to be created when required, making the building more suitable for weddings, funerals and public performances of all kinds.

Please see the earlier entry in Spotlight giving details of our next event – a Journey to Santiago de Compostela with Spanish-style supper.

For more information about the Friends please contact Michael Johnson on 828401.

Seend Church Clock

Residents of Seend may have noticed that the church clock has been chiming the hour out of sync with the actual time. The mechanism has been assessed by our clock maintenance company. It is over 50 years old and needs a major overhaul in order to put it right. The Parochial Church Council has decided to disable the mechanism for the time being until the church finances have sufficiently improved to enable it to pay the £1,500 cost of repair. Apologies to those of you who will miss this.

VILLAGE PROMOTION 2013

At the Parish Council meeting on 28th August 2012 a number of proposals were discussed relating to the promotion and presentation of the village over the coming months. One, a 'Smarten Up Seend' campaign, is mentioned earlier in this issue of Spotlight.

Other matters discussed were the upgrading of the village website, the provision of a number of floral display units to be placed around the village which might be sponsored by prominent village groups, a visitor display board with a map of the village, 'Welcome to Seend' village signs, a walks leaflet and an information display about village facilities on the canal.

If you have views about these ideas as well as other related matters relating to the presentation of the village that you would like discussed at a future Council meeting you are invited to contact Michael Johnson
Email: mdjmusic@gmail.com

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Letter from the Vicarage

I had an inkling these were busy parishes when I had sight of your parish magazines and the village websites before I moved here but, goodness me, it can be exhausting! There's so much going on and so many things I'd love to support and can never quite get round to - but then isn't it great that we live in such a vibrant place!

The past two months have been particularly busy for me personally, what with family visits, Jamie undergoing treatment at the vet's, training days, etc. But what has your village church been up to? After all, it may not seem to be all that active, especially when the building itself is tucked away at the bottom of a lane, or at the edge of the village. Well, here's just a flavour of what we've been engaged in during August and September:

* "special" services, including a *Celebration of Marriage* (special invitations were sent out to every couple married in Seend Church since my arrival here, plus those celebrating a *big* anniversary this year), a *Pet Service*, five

Baptisms (christenings), three *Weddings*, and two *Harvest Festivals*. All those in addition to our regular services, of course.

* Sadly we've said "Farewell" to three of our villagers, including Audrey McDonald, one of our pastoral assistants. Also little Carrie Allen died in September. She was the second daughter of Jamie Allen, Vicar of these parishes from 2002-3, and his wife Suzie. Both Audrey and Carrie fought a brave battle against cancer. After the attack on the twin towers in New York on 11th September 2001, Queen Elizabeth is reported to have said "Grief is the price we pay for love." How right that is. And no-one has ever said it is easy to cope with, which, of course, it is not.

* *regular home visits* – made to the elderly, the infirm and the bereaved. Sometimes they included Home Communion; and *visits to hospitals and nursing homes*

* *with children in mind*: Messy Church (as well as the planning meetings), and Open the Book in school (*an alternative form of assembly, which is proving popular*)

* *house (discussion) groups*

* *lunch groups* ("Chomp & Chatter – while "Nosh & Natter" was enjoying its summer break). In July the £100 raised (including a generous donation) was sent to the Mother's Union for its Holiday Fund. In August (16 meals served, 3 of which were "takeaways"!) the £85 raised was donated to Seend Youth Club for games equipment.

* *two working parties* battling with the weeds and overgrown shrubs in Church Walk (still much to do there!)

And September is not yet at an end. It's only the 17th as I write this, with sunshine pouring through my study windows. There's still much to look forward to and to become involved with and people to visit in their times of despair. When I was walking in Northern Spain last year I came across a monument on which was inscribed "Above the clouds the sun is always shining." I think that, in spite of all the sadness, loneliness, hardships, brokenness, anxieties and other trials and tribulations in our lives we sometimes forget that. We don't allow ourselves to open our hearts and minds to the fact all that these "bad" things are only of a passing nature. The Apostle Paul urges us (in 1 Thessalonians 5, v 14) "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances" – only then might we know some peace in our hearts, in our homes and in our lives. May you know that very peace of God that passes all understanding. In the meantime please let me know if you, or someone you know, would like a visit (827285).

Renée

For Buzz Groups and Bite Size Learning, please contact Renée Coulson

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Church Services in October

Sunday 7th October

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 9.30 am Morning Praise at Bulkington
- 11.15 am Morning Praise at Seend
- 6.00 pm Harvest Festival Evensong at Poulshot

Sunday 14th 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 21st 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 28th 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



BENEFICE "BUZZZZ" GROUPS

Everyone is welcome - you don't need to be a churchgoer. You can dip in and out, attend any or all of these informal discussion groups as you wish! Copies of the schedule are available at the back of the church. If you have difficulty getting to a venue, please let us know, and we can arrange transport. The Buzz Group dates for October are:

October 3rd - Bulkington

October 16th - Vicarage

October 29th - Poulshot

and the final session on November 7th in Bulkington

We hope those who have attended these sessions have enjoyed them and found something new in their faith.

SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL

Services for October 2012

- 7th October 6pm at Chittoe Methodist Church for their Harvest Festival with Revd Alison Morley leading worship
- 14th October 10 am Mrs Michele Gard
- 28th October 10 am to be arranged

From Roy

Prayer is a great gift to us. It is a privilege to take everything to God in prayer. But sometimes I think prayer can be a worry to us. I don't just mean the struggle to find the right words – although that can be difficult. It may well be in accepting that there will always be a struggle to find the right words that we will realise that God accepts our honest endeavours to pray.

No, my concern about prayer is about what we are trying to do in prayer. We are surely not just bringing a shopping list of needs to God. It is hard not to think then that we are only telling God what God already knows, probably far better than us. Nor can it be that we seek an instant solution to all our own needs and those of the world. Experience alone tells us that it cannot be like that. Yet, we surely seek a difference when we pray?

Ray Simpson describes intercession as a Godward movement of the heart. When we pray, we come between a person or situation and God. We form a bridge to God. We hold the cause of our concern in the circle of God's love - in the promise of wholeness, peace, justice, joy. Then we let God be God. We are ready to trust that something good will come out of our prayer. We persist in prayer, even when we are not sure what we are going or where it will lead.

God bless,



BULKINGTON NEWS

The church hosted **Bulkington lunch** takes place on Wednesday, 3rd October, 2012 at 12.15 at The Well. Everyone in the village is welcome. It is a great village occasion with a good value two course meal for £12.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people are always welcome to join us. It is a good, social event for all the village.

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on the 8th and 22th October from 10.55-11.25 at The Well. Please support this.

Bulkington's fantastic "**Murder Mysteries**" which was planned for Saturday, 13th October has been postponed until 2013 due to unforeseen circumstances. But it will happen.....!

For Buzzz Groups and Bite Size Learning, please contact Renée Coulson



BULKINGTON BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

The Bulkington annual bonfire and fireworks event will be held on the playing field on Saturday 3rd November. The gates will open at 6pm, and the bonfire will be lit at 6:30pm.

A BBQ and refreshments will be available. Entry is via donation. You can either pay on the gate, or the Committee will do a 'door knock' around Bulkington a week or so before the event.

Your generosity makes it a great night.

If you'd like to volunteer to help on the night, please contact Ian Dobson on 01380 827126 or email him at ian@workingsolutions.fsnet.co.uk – your extra hands make a huge difference!

We look forward to seeing you there.

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

Our Village Hall has been beautifully restored for some years now and thanks to the efforts of our team of volunteers it has a new floor, new windows and good exterior walls and roof. We use it for voting, parish council meetings, funeral wakes, birthday parties, church events, art groups and ladies exercise classes. Unfortunately we are running short of villagers to manage it and it would appear that we may have to consider **closing the hall down** because there will soon simply not be enough villagers to run it.

Come along to our next meeting at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 10th October to find out more.

Angela Read, Chairman.

The Friends of Holy Trinity have been pleased to give grants of over £1,600.00 to Christ Church this year. Recent grants have been given for the deep cleaning of the Victorian tiled floor (which now looks great) and towards repairing the stone wall which surrounds two sides of the churchyard. Well done to all the Friends! If you have not yet joined – then please contact the secretary, Maureen Allchin (828931) for a form. The forms are also available in the church.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND SHUTTLE

First Wednesday Shopping Trip



Please ring Terry on 828203 by Monday October 1st to book your place on the trip on Wednesday 3rd. Please also ring or email Terry with your thoughts on preferred destinations for these trips (terryofseend@btinternet.com). Thanks. Timetable of scheduled services is available on www.seend.org.uk

Seend Fete 2012- Saturday 11th August

Seend Fete was once again a triumph! The final total has yet to be announced but we're hoping that it will be another Seend Fete record.

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 helped 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 10th August 2013**

The Fete will need a new chairman next year as I've decided to step down, please do get in touch with one of the team if you would like to take on the role.

So on behalf of the whole 2012 fete committee: Jo McManus, Andy Brown, Rebecca Rowan, Nicky Scott, Kerrin Theron, Steve Gee and Julia Payne

THANK YOU!

Fiona Johnson Fete Chairman

Lost Property: A child's bright green handbag was handed in on Fete day; please call me if it belongs to you! 828401

Seend Flower Show: Saturday 11th August 2012



Despite the poor growing conditions earlier in the year the entries in Section A of the show, Vegetables and Fruit, were of good quality and numbers as were the entries for the Cut Flowers and Pot Plants in Section B - gardeners can always find something good as well as finding things to moan about!

Naturally the Floral Art displays were magnificent and the goodies in the Home Produce Section were mouth watering - as usual!

Parents were able to enthuse over their offsprings' entries in the Children's Section F (I wonder if the section ought to be the exhibition OF children?) and in the display of art projects sent from Seend School. The newly expanded Arts & Crafts section was well supported and a cheeky basket of *knitted* vegetables won First in one class!

We had a new type of display this year which featured non-competitive exhibits reflecting personal interests and activities. Therefore a special mention and thank you to Julie Borkas for showing her wonderful quilt, to Ralph Hickman for his display of wood craft, to Carole Bowles for her excellent exhibition (and notes on how-to) of Canal Art, and to Jo and Simon McManus for showing and explaining their passion for alpacas and the products of their fleeces.

There were well over 500 visitors to the show to admire the exhibits (and, I hope, to be inspired to enter their own produce next year); this crowd is very

satisfying to the all those who did enter things and to the organising committee led by Show President Peter Fisher and Show Secretary Colin Carr.

However it did appear that some of our visitors, and also some in the Fete field, had not till then realised or did not realise that there *was* a Flower Show! So, Spotlight readers, please spread the message that there really is an alive and definitely kicking Flower Show (as a successor of the Horse Show!) - be ready to point yourself and friends to the Community Centre Hall when next August's show comes around.

The trophy winners were : Wareham Cup for Best in Show - Carole Vince, with a magnificent Jubilee exhibit. The Horse Show Cup for Most Points in Show - Colin Watts. Colin also won Challenge Cups A (most points in Vegetable Section) and B (most points in Flowers). The Colonel Dashwood Cup for Most Points by a Lady was given to Janet Giles. For fuchsias, the Tony McLoughlin Trophy, was won by A Williams. The Challenge Cup C for most points in Floral Art was won by Margaret Coley, although the best individual floral art exhibit prize went to Andie Elliot, and Challenge Cup D for most points in Home Produce by Janet Giles. The WI Rose Bowl (floribunda rose) and the Ivy Noad Salver (mixed roses) by Alexandra Grey, while the single rose Ann Brand Cup by Tina Yockney. The Seend Cricket Cup for the best collection of mixed annuals was won by Lynne Puntis.

The well contested Dorothy Hopkins Cup for best Victoria Sponge Cake went to Margaret Hopkins (no fiddle!) and ditto for the Gwyn Hopkins Cup (best flowering stem) won by - Gwyn Hopkins! The restricted entry class cup, a fuchsia this year, for Gardening Club members was won by Jaqueline Kildoff.

The new Show Secretary is Brian Jaques at 01380 827137 who will be pleased to receive suggestions for improving an already good thing.

Brian Jaques

WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Our next sessions start on Monday 15th October.

The subject is 'An Introduction to Ancient Egypt' which is a new topic for our group. We will be meeting in the upstairs room of the Community Centre as usual, starting at 7.30pm. The fee will be £50. However, all WEA courses are free to anyone on benefits: also everyone is welcome to come to the first session before deciding whether to sign up.

More info from Pam Church on 828597 or pmmchurch@hotmail.com, and ,if you possibly can, please tell me before 1st October whether you are interested in coming.



Pam Church

SEEND WI

There was no meeting in August. Our September meeting was spent at Marshfield Farm Ice Cream Factory where we were given a talk on the history of the company and then a tour of the factory. Finally we had a tasting session before we headed home complete with tubs of delicious ice cream.



We have a double musical bill for our meeting on Wednesday 10th October; Karen Diffey will be introducing us to Natural Voice and The Seend Singers will be performing. We would be pleased to see anyone who would like to join us for this evening.

All meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise notified. For more information please contact Gill Acornley on 01225 707218 or check the website www.seendwi.weebly.com

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

County Website

Members are encouraged to look at the County Website (www.britishlegion.org.uk/counties/Wiltshire/) which gives details of all future events in the county.



Annual Lecture

This year's annual lecture will take place in the Community Centre at 7.30 pm on Saturday 6th October 2012. The bar will be open from 7.00 pm.

Unfortunately Wing Commander Brookes is now unable to give his talk on Pilotless Aircraft, however Air Vice Marshal Patrick O'Reilly CB has kindly offered to talk on the subject of The Falklands War – Picking Up The Pieces.

Tickets are £6.00 and can be obtained from Joe Hardstaff (828458), Marion Whitehead (828612), Nigel Knocker (828609) or the Village Shop.

Annual General Meeting and Next Committee Meeting

All Members should note that the AGM will be held in the Ground Floor Room in the Community Centre on Thursday 1st November 2012 commencing at 1930 hrs. Please put this date in your diary and endeavour to attend.

There will be a short Committee meeting on completion.

Remembrance Sunday (11th November 2012) - Warning Order

The usual parade and service will be held in the Church of the Holy Cross, Seend on Sunday 11th November 2012. 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.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Watching the wonderful Paralympics makes us realise what can be achieved with the right support and determination. Whilst admiring the dedication and courage of the athletes, we must not forget others who have life-changing injuries of both body and mind that need the vital ongoing help that the Legion gives.

The Poppy Appeal is our main fundraiser. We rely on your generosity each year to continue this work that the Legion is so well known for. To do this our door-to-door collectors will be calling on you at the beginning of November. Gift Aid envelopes should be included in October Spotlight. (If they are not available in time they will be enclosed with November Spotlight.) In order to use the Gift Aid system, please fill in the slip with Name, Address, Postcode and sign it. We cannot claim the tax back unless you do this.

Collectors are always needed so if you can help please contact me. Many thanks.

Joan Savage (01380 828108).



SEEND & DISTRICT LINK SCHEME

The Seend & District Link Scheme provides an essential service to our community. If you would like to help, either as a member of the committee or as a volunteer driver, please ring 01380 828458. Thanks.

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Please come along to the Seend Trust and Community Centre's **Annual Meeting** on Tuesday 23rd October at 7.30pm in the upstairs Village Room. We would welcome your opinions and feedback on what the Committee has been trying to achieve over the last year.



Centre activities (see also Events section earlier in this magazine):

Dance for Dorothy House: Saturday 20th October at 8pm with Sticks Rock Band. Tickets £10 from Ray Willis or Geoff Wiltshire.

Zumba/conditioning on Tuesday mornings from 9-10am and **zumba toning** on Wednesdays from 6-7pm. Just turn up to have fun and get fit.

Seend singers meet on Tuesday mornings. If you decide to come along, please let Bob McCulloch know on 01380 828508 so he has an idea of numbers.

TGI Friday evenings: Don't forget early opening of the Desmond Edwards members' lounge at 6pm on Fridays. This extra 90 minutes is staffed by volunteers, and there are always nibbles on the bar!

Nosh & Natter lunch club – Wednesday 24th October. Call 828540 to book.

Free Film Show for Seend Club members: Sunday 21st October at 7.45pm 'Mao's Last Dancer'. December to April film programme is being planned.

Community Centre Summer Saturday Breakfasts

Thank you to all of you who supported the breakfasts, this year! It was good to see so many families enjoying the breakfasts.

During the five breakfasts in July and August, 329 people attended, although there were only 40 customers on the 28th July - the morning following the Olympic opening ceremony the night before! The profit raised, to support the Community Centre amounted to over £650.

Wiltshire Radio was in attendance for one of the breakfasts and there were two 'interview slots' for its Breakfast Show. This was the second year that a live broadcast had come from the Centre.

Thank you also to the team leaders: Lynda McMillan, Jeanne Bergin and Hilary Hutchings, Carol Vince, Ric Ellinger and Jan Crabtree and indeed to all of the volunteers who gave their time so generously, in support of the breakfasts.

Pauline Robertson and Tony Murch



SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Fete Day – Saturday 11th August: What a wonderful day – the sun shone beautifully all day for us. The Ramblers' contribution to this successful event was to staff the refreshment tent. Although we have not yet heard the exact amount raised, it far exceeds previous years! Well done our members for all their hard grafting, and a big thank-you to all the local community for providing us with lots of lovely cakes to sell. A remarkable effort from everyone.

Sunday 16th September: 15 walkers met at the Smallgrain Plantation site, near Devizes, for a five-mile circular route taking us over splendid open countryside, rich in wildlife and with archaeological features, incorporating Calstone Down and Rancombe Bottom. Our thanks to Brenda and Bob Jones for planning and leading this very pleasant walk.

Weekend in Weymouth, 5th-7th October: 26 members will be spending time in and around this resort. Two moderate walks have been organised for Saturday and Sunday, one coastal and the other more inland.

Sunday 11th November: Depart from Rusty Lane at 9.30am or meet in Faulkand near the village green at 10.15am for a walk in the Norton St Philip area of just over 6 miles. Bring the usual refreshments. For more details nearer the time, phone Penny and Ron England on 01380 828949.

Reminder: that our social evening is on **Friday 16th November** in the Irene Usher Pavilion starting at 7.30pm. The speaker is Sue Roberts on her 'Kenya Safari Holiday Experience'. Visitors most welcome.

Lin Salter

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

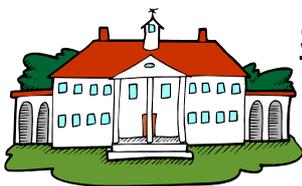
Firstly, a reminder for our next meeting on October 9th at which Marion Dale will be speaking on 'Building an RHS show garden' and the competition will be a title for a show garden. (If you have the time you can do a design as well!) We will also have our first seed and plant swap in which you bring either an envelope of seeds, a tray of seedlings, a recently split plant or an unwanted plant from your garden to swap for something else.



Alison Peterson got our season off to an efficient start by talking about gardening in containers. Her garden is very small and is nearly all in containers of all sizes and shapes. You can grow anything in containers, even trees as long as you ensure the container is the right size for the plant and you are using the right compost – Johns Innes no.3 for permanent plantings and multi purpose for annuals, but you do have to accept that at some point the plant will outgrow the pot and have to be potted on or disposed of. The material the pots are made of is quite important too. Plastic is light and cheap, lasts well and there is less evaporation from it but it is less stable than terracotta. This is heavier, more expensive and not always frostproof but less inclined to get waterlogged. Stone pots are beautiful but heavy and expensive. You can however plant in anything, such as wine boxes, olive oil cans, top hats (if you have a spare) wellington boots etc. It is important to put holes in the bottom if not already there and a good layer of crocks/gravel for drainage. Also leave a watering space at the top of the pot and give plenty of water. Cram annuals in, you can feed to keep them going, take more care with permanent planting and underplant shrubs and trees with other plants.

By the time you read this, Sue Jones will have taken her first cutting and overwintering master classes, so watch out for other workshops, also fundraising events for gardening charities.

Sue.



SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

The Club has had a good year with our very interesting visits being enormously enjoyed. We started with a visit in May to the SS Great Britain, where we travelled back in time as we met, among others, the Victorian crew and passengers ready to set off on their two month voyage to Australia.

June saw us at Woodchester Park, a remarkable place despite never being finished. In July we went to Avebury Manor and saw the wonderful result of the co-operation between the BBC and the National Trust. It must surely be a NT house beyond par.

Our summer guided walk took place in lovely Castle Combe followed by a pub meal. To finish a great year we joined Tina's trip to Buckingham Palace in September.

The AGM is on Thursday 8th November and the talk will be "The Titanic and a Wiltshire Family". Subs will be due for the coming year. We look forward to having new members, so please come to the AGM, to enjoy the talk, refreshments, and the general conviviality.

Tony Ewin. Chairman

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



It's the start of a new academic year at Seend CE Aided Primary School and we're pleased to report that everyone has returned looking fresh faced and ready for the busy year ahead. We even have a few extra new children throughout the school which takes us to a total of 112.

Our 15 new reception children have made an excellent start in Holly Class and have settled in well. There were a few tears on the first day but that was just the parents! Another arrival at Seend is our new teacher in Sycamore Class; Mrs Phillippa Hunt. Mrs Hunt has been busy over the summer holidays getting ready to meet her new class and has lots of exciting things planned for her children in the year ahead.

School life doesn't stop during the holidays and a group of our children entered a school float in the Seend Flower Show. The theme was Robin Hood and the children were thrilled to have won! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day with costumes and transport etc.

As always, we've got lots of things planned for the year. We'll be having our Harvest Service in Church on Thursday 18th October at 9:30am and on the last four days of Term 1 we'll be having an Arts Week. Something else to look forward to is the vintage tea party and auction of promises which has been organised by some of our parents here at Seend, mentioned below. Please come along and support the fundraising for our school and keep your fingers crossed the sun shines!

Jackie Chalk, Headteacher

Seend School Parent Social Club

Vintage Tea Party and Auction of Promises – 29th September. The tea party starts at 2.30pm, followed by the auction of many exciting lots and ice cream and activities for the children.

Textile Collection – 9th November 2012. Due to the success of the collection held earlier in the year, we have booked another. Blue Bags are available for good quality clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, bedding (not duvets or pillows),

etc and the School will be paid 50p/ kilo. If you cannot wait until this date, I will gladly take your items for you. Please think of us when sorting your wardrobes out!

Devizes Table Top Sale – Thursday 15th November. This will be held in The Brittox in Devizes on Market Day. It raises much needed funds from another source, as we are conscious we appear to keep asking the same people to buy things!! If you are able to assist with any cakes, baking ingredients, garden produce or preserves, we will be extremely grateful.

Christmas Fair – Friday 7th December - Please put this date in your diary. This is our biggest fund raising event of the year. Chuffy the Train has been booked and there will be something for everyone - refreshments, tombola, games, stalls etc. More details will follow nearer the time.

Nestlé Book Tokens – We are collecting the tokens found on the top of each Nestlé breakfast cereal packet, which the school can use towards the purchase of books. The more we collect, the more books we can purchase.

Morrisons Lets Grow Vouchers – Morrisons have relaunched their “Let’s Grow Vouchers”, which encourage children to grow plants and understand where their food comes from.

Seend School 100 Club

Anyone can become a friend of the school, whether they have a connection to the school or not. The odds of winning are better than the lottery, and it all helps the school with the little extras! So please join by picking up a form from school or contacting Victoria Bowes or myself.

Emma Smith 01380 828056

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

July and August meetings

N.B. These notes are from the draft minutes of Parish Council meetings, and have not yet been ratified.

The meeting held on Tuesday 31st July was attended by 8 Councillors with Mr. J. Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mrs A’Bear, CSO Baldock, Mr Nichols, Cllr J Seed, PC Thomas and Mrs Waylen.

Welcome new Councillor – Terry James

The Chairman welcomed Mr James to the Parish Council, and Mr James signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Chairman.

Police Matters

The Police advised that things were very quiet at present, although there had been some farm thefts with quad bikes being stolen. Both Police Officers would be present at the Fête in August.

Items for discussion from members of the Parish

The Clerk was asked to contact Highways, asking them to review the situation in Row Lane and its suitability for use by heavy goods vehicles, taking into account the width of the lane in some places.

A suggestion had been received that the Parish Council establish an annual Jubilee Award to be presented to a member of the parish who had given outstanding service to the parish. Councillors discussed this suggestion and agreed that it could be problematic, and would need transparent criteria. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to village organisations asking for their views, and once their comments and views were known, the matter would be given further consideration.

The Clerk to write to Highways to advise that the bus stop at Redstocks crossroads and another towards Melksham were leaning over; also requesting that a 20 mph speed limit be introduced in Seend Cleeve, Pelch Lane and Spout Lane.

Seend Shuttle – The Clerk had contacted Came & Company, the PC’s brokers. They advise there is no further action the PC needs to take with regard to insurance. Mr Murch confirmed that he has received a quote for a replacement bus, a VW 16 seater at a cost of £52,000, plus VAT. The Shuttle Committee has around £45,000, they would expect a trade-in value on the current bus of £8-9,000, and should receive a grant of £5,000 from Wiltshire Council. Mr Murch will now go ahead and obtain 2 further quotes.

Salt Bag Scheme – The Clerk to arrange for Sarah Peterson, Wiltshire Council Weather & Drainage Team to attend a PC meeting to discuss the scheme, before going ahead for the coming winter.

Bus Shelter, The Lye – The Clerk advised that ridge tiles are missing, ivy is growing over one end and encroaching under the ridge tiles. The shelter needs cleaning, painting and the wood areas treated with preservative. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes from local sources to undertake this work.

Rusty Lane, missing Bridleway sign – An email had been sent to the Footpaths Officer, awaiting response.

Village Promotion

Mr Johnson had placed this item on the agenda as he wanted to get the views of Councillors on a package of activities relating to promotion of the village; how visitors view the village and how Seend can be promoted as a village destination. This could include items such as leaflets for visitor centres, signs at entrances to the village saying “Welcome to Seend in the heart of Wiltshire”, floral displays, and smartening up the village. The project would have cost implications. Mr Murch said that it could be included in a Parish Plan. Mr Diffey suggested that Mr Johnson should scope out the proposals so that the PC could take a more in-depth look.

Planning Matters

Mr Jack Churchill of Broomhayes Farm, wished to draw the attention of the PC to Wiltshire Council's planned correction of a drawing anomaly on footpath 7. This involves an extinguishment order of two spurs and a creation order which confirms the footpath in its current location.

- E/12/0820/LBC Crossways, High Street
Replace single glazed stormproof windows (11 in total) with double-glazed windows; replacement front door.
- E/12/0836/FUL Carn Marth, 29 Seend Cleeve
Orangery style extension to rear of property
- E/12/0912/FUL Brookes Farm, Bath Road
Proposed change of use of 3 No. farmhouse bedrooms to letting rooms and use of annex as self-catering holiday let.

Councillors voted unanimously to approve all three applications.

It was noted that the application relating to Owls Corner, Martinslade had been approved. Councillors wondered what criteria the Planning Department had used to approve the application when it had been turned down previously, and not changed substantively. It was agreed to refer the application to Cllr Seed for his comments.

Lock Cottage mooring – An application has been submitted, but has not been received by the Parish Council.

Rusty Lane – The walkway between Rusty Lane and Dial Close was becoming overgrown with nettles. The Clerk to request the Parish Steward to deal with this on his next visit to the village.

The meeting held on Tuesday 28th August was attended by 9 Councillors with Mr. J. Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr Diffey and Mrs Waylen.

Winter Emergency Response Plan

Prior to the start of the main meeting, Sarah Peterson from the Wiltshire Council Weather & Drainage Team, gave Councillors a presentation on the proposed Salt Bag Scheme and explained about a parish winter emergency response plan, the role of a snow warden and liability. Cllr Seed explained that it is the parish's opportunity to have an influence on which roads are cleared after the main roads have been dealt with.

Lorries in Row Lane – Response received from Andy Cadwallader to advise that Row Lane is subject to the 7.5 ton weight limit that covers Seend Cleeve. The Clerk to write again to Highways to ask if a notice advising restricted width in Row lane could be placed at each end to alert lorry drivers.

E/12/ 0962/TCA Elm Cottage, Seend Hill
Fell 2 No. Conifer trees

No objections.

The Clerk had received a briefing note to advise that the mini recycling site at Seend School would be removed, also that summer evening opening at household recycling centres had now ceased.

Speed limits on A361 and A365 – It was noted that reduced speed limits were to be introduced on these roads. The Clerk to enquire if limits could be similarly reduced on Bell Hill and Bollands Hill.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

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www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk*

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS from Jonathon Seed

What a summer we have had! Dreadful weather brought flash floods and no chance of those long happy balmy evenings enjoying our gardens. It is just as well that this just happened to be such a special summer for celebrations for our Country and our county. With both the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympic Games this summer there really was something to celebrate. There have been events galore for the Jubilee and the bunting simply carried on for the Olympic Games with London 2012 delivering all that golden glory for Great Britain. It is estimated that half of the population of Wiltshire turned out to cheer the Olympic torch through the county. The widespread public support for the County Jubilee and Olympic celebrations showed just how right Wiltshire Council was to invest time and money into these events.

Given all that has gone on in the county this summer it is no wonder that Wiltshire ranks in the top four happiest places in the UK to live in. The council worked hard to achieve the reopening of the fire damaged Royal Wootton Bassett Leisure Centre in time for the summer holidays - with children enjoying free swimming at all our leisure centres during the holidays. We also have attracted huge inward investment to our transport services with major improvements planned for local railway system and the signing of the Vision of Salisbury Quality Bus Partnership agreement.

On 12th September the new offices and library in County Hall were opened. In order to make the management of facilities more efficient. Wiltshire Council is now only providing desk space for 60% of its staff. Every member of staff will have a laptop computer which they can plug into any work station. You will still be able to direct dial a council officer and reach them if they are in County Hall or working from home. This is a massive saving in the cost of the office facilities. Wiltshire Council has almost halved its administrative costs since 2009.

The new library has involved a move of over 40,000 books and the inclusion of new facilities including a children's area and public IT facility.

The entrance to the new County Hall cleverly incorporates the old gardens making them into a modern atrium, cafe and meeting area just inside reception. The next phase of the long overdue update of County Hall will be the redevelopment of the old County Hall area.

Finally, news on the wind farm issue. I was one of the councillors who argued in favour of restrictions on the placing of large wind turbines near to dwellings leaving it up to the developers of wind farms to convince local residents of their suitability and acceptability in their area. This policy guidance was incorporated into the Wiltshire Core Strategy. The Planning Inspector has now asked the Council to consult residents and stakeholders on this policy before finally accepting it. So if you have a view on this issue please write to the Spatial Planning Team at Wiltshire Council spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk. Tell them what you think and that these are your comments for the consultation as a result of the Planning Inspector's decisions on the Wiltshire Core Strategy. If you want to have your voice heard then you must respond by the end of October 2012.



(Consultation on the whole Wiltshire Core Strategy is open until November 1st. See www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/wiltshirecorestrategy.htm or documents can be viewed at libraries during normal opening hours or at County Hall from 8.30am-5pm. Ed.)

Green Energy Debate

I couldn't agree more with Anita Shea's piece in the last edition of Spotlight. With the recent news about the polar ice melting at a much faster rate than predicted by scientists, and its possible effects on the jet stream, I think we should all consider very carefully what we can do to minimise energy consumption and how fussy we can afford to be in producing green energy. The consequences of not bothering to even think about it could be dire.

Pam Church

INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CAMPUS?

Come along to your local Area Board meeting on 10th October 6.30 for 7pm, at Melksham House to find out more.

The Melksham campus business case was agreed by Wiltshire Council's Cabinet in December, funding having been allocated in the financial plan. The campus is being considered for the 13.9 acre Melksham House town centre site, purchased last September from Cooper Tires.

The initial proposals for the campus included a commitment to provide the following facilities on the Melksham House Site;-

1. Library with ICT facilities
2. Youth centre facilities
3. Swimming pool plus learner pool
4. Sports hall, squash courts & fitness suite
5. Multi activity rooms
6. Indoor bowls
7. Multipurpose training suite/meeting, office & resource rooms for use by the community, council, partners and others.
8. Soft play area
9. Café facilities.

Contact Alison Sullivan on 07917 721371 or alison.sullivan@wiltshire.gov.uk for more information about the Area Board or <http://www.melkshamcampus-scob.org.uk/> - the Blog site for the Campus or <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/communitycampuses/melkshamcommunitycampus.htm>

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Held over until next month, so Colin can sleep easy for a while longer. Please let Frankie Goddard (828488) have any relevant news for the November issue by October 19th. Thanks.

PERSONAL ADS

(Small personal ads - not from businesses - can be left at the Post Office or delivered to Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings with payment of £2 please.)

Still wanted: Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area - to rent with possible view to purchase. Please contact us at 108 Seend Cleeve or on 07885 103071 without any obligation at this stage. Thank you. S & J Wilfort.

For Sale

Two Sharp Electronic Programmable Cash Registers XE-A203 with one manual. Any sensible offers. Call 01380 827065.

Wanted

Jan Crabtree is creating a mosaic on her driveway wall and is desperate for more materials to use in her creative masterpiece. If anyone has any old brightly coloured plates, tiles or other flat ceramics, she would be pleased to receive them. (Especially blues for the sky and greens for the fields). Please just drop any donations off at 10 School Road. Free viewings available.

BITS AND BOBS

Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Wiltshire Air Ambulance have a container situated in the car park at Bell Hill, opposite the Bell Inn for bagged, clean, dry clothing, curtain and fabrics and paired shoes. Not many villagers know it is there. Thank you

Can the Seend Fund help you?

If you or someone you know who lives in or is closely connected with the Parish of Seend is struggling to make ends meet the trustees of the Seend Fund may be able to help. Maybe you are going to start a new course or apprenticeship and you need money for books or equipment or transport. We cannot help with funding that is covered by grants or loans but we do try to help with educational expenses as well as emergencies and necessities.



The fund is intended to relieve hardship so if you think we might be able to help send your details, the reason you need some money, how much you need and when you need it by to Anita Shea , Secretary of the Seend Fund Trustees,34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY or e-mail her at anitashea@hotmail.co.uk.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Family Events at our Nature Reserves

Dates and Venues:

Lower Moor Farm, Oaksey : Wednesday 31st October
Langford Lakes, Salisbury : Tuesday 30th October
& Friday 2nd November

- All children must be accompanied by an adult
 - Please wear suitable clothing and footwear
 - Our activities are specially designed for children under the age of 12 years
- For more information and to book a place please call:

Lower Moor Farm (01380) 725670 Langford Lakes (01722) 790770
Admission: £3.50 per child, under 3's free

White Horse Opera

presents

La Traviata by Giuseppe Verdi

in The Corn Exchange, Devizes
10th, 12th & 13th October at 7.30pm

Tickets £15 and £5 from Devizes Books. Tel 01380 725944

BELLY DANCE CLASSES

Tracey Jones, who ran Egyptian belly dance classes here in Seend a year or so ago, informs us that she is starting up the following classes within easy reach for Seend residents:

Steeple Ashton Village Hall - Monday Mornings
9.30am - 10.30am. Level 1 class (suitable for beginners)

Semington Village Hall - Monday Nights
6.30- 7.30pm Level 1 & 7.30-8.30pm Level 2

Devizes - Route 2 Fitness - Thursday Nights 8-9pm - Level ½

Cost & booking: £6.50 per class / £55 for 10 week term / £5 concessions

For bookings/ info call: Tracey 01380 870956/ 07702 166944

WEBSITE: www.wiltshirebellydance.com



GUEST SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

Marie Curie Cancer Care in Wiltshire has speakers available who are eager to come and talk about the work of the charity and local Marie Curie Nurses. If you are a member of a club, group or society please mention at your next meeting that we would be delighted to come and visit. We understand that spaces at meetings for speakers are booked up quickly but do please contact us if you have a cancellation or for the following year's agenda. Thank you.

Please contact Lucy Stockall on 01179 247 275 or lucy.stockall@mariecurie.org.uk for further details or to book a speaker.

DEVIZES AUTUMN FAIR

MONDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2012 - 10.00 am - 4.00pm

THE CORN EXCHANGE

A Wide Choice of Exciting Stalls

Refreshments

Please Support Us – Bring Your Friends

Every penny raised goes towards three vital local hospices –The Dorothy House Foundation (nr Bath), The Salisbury Hospice Care Trust (Odstock) and Prospect House (Wroughton, nr Swindon). **To date we have raised well over £125,000!** Last year this event raised £7,000

Entry Fee £3.00

Do you have the X Factor?



To celebrate Local Democracy Week, and to prepare for the forthcoming elections in May 2013, Wiltshire Council is holding events across the county so that people can find out more about becoming a local councillor. The sessions will be interactive and there will be an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about this rewarding and challenging role. They will take place on the following dates:

Monday 15th October – Civic Centre, Trowbridge

Tuesday 16th October – City Hall, Salisbury

Wednesday 17th October – Town Hall, Chippenham

Thursday 18th October – Corn Exchange, Devizes

All events will start at 7pm and will last about two hours.

If you are interested please contact Rita Sanders on 01225 718375 or email rita.sanders@wiltshire.gov.uk to book your place.

Wiltshire Buildings Record – Annual Study Day

Saturday 3rd November 10am-4.30pm

Market Lavington Community Hall

St Mary's Road, Market Lavington SN10 4DG

'Inside Architecture 1500-1900'

Domestic interiors c1550-1830

Bristol's Merchant Houses

The 18th Century – 'The age of bling'

The Victorian love of stuff

£12.50 or £10 members, students and senior citizens.

Details from 01249 705508 or dorothy.treasure@wiltshire.gov.uk

www.wiltshirebuildingsrecord.org.uk

Wheelchairs available for Seend and Seend Cleeve residents.

For hire free of charge, ring 01380 828354.

More dates for your diary:

Sun 18th Nov - Free for Seend Club members - a film fan's choice of silent short films, 3pm, Community Centre (refreshments from 2.30pm)

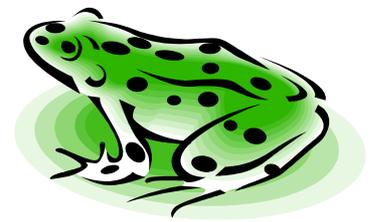
Sat 24th Nov - National Trust afternoon lecture, Community Centre

Fri 7th Dec - Theatre Club trip to 'The Messiah' Bath Abbey

Sat 15th Dec - National Trust afternoon lecture, Community Centre

Sat 15th Dec - Sam's Christmas Bingo, Community Centre
 Tues 1st Jan - New Year's Day walk followed by soup in the
 Community Centre.
 Sat 12th Jan - White Horse Opera 'Beggar's Opera',
 Community Centre
 Sat 26th Jan - Burns Night Supper, Community Centre (for Church
 funds)
 Thurs 14th-Sat 16th Feb - Seend Fawltly Players' panto in the
 Community Centre : 'The Golden Slipper'
 Sat 23rd Feb - Owdyado Theatre Co ' 'Wrongdoings and Wake-up
 Calls at the Stop-off Motel', 8pm in the Community Centre
 Sat 2nd March - Chinese evening in the Community Centre
 Tues 23rd April - St George's Day/Shakespeare's Birthday
 celebration, Community Centre
 Sat 27th April - an Evening of Magic and Fun with Jack Stephens,
 Bulkington Village Hall
 Sat/Sun 8th-9th June - Seend Open Gardens

And finally (and this one is painful)



A frog goes into a bank and says he wants a loan. The cashier, whose name is Patricia Wack, says you'll need collateral for that. The frog says that's OK - his name is Kermit Jagger, his father is Mick Jagger and he's got a tiny pink porcelain elephant that he can use as collateral.

So the cashier, somewhat astonished and confused, goes in to see the bank manager and explains that there's a frog called Kermit Jagger outside who wants a loan and wants to use this tiny pink porcelain elephant as collateral. She says she doesn't even know what it is.

The manager says 'That's OK; it's a knick knack, Patty Wack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a rolling stone.'

We did warn you.

USEFUL CONTACTS: *(Please tell Spotlight if your group's contact details change)*

CHURCH: Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: Revd Maureen Allchin. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, 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; LPAs: Mrs Jane Goman 827121 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 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: 07703 814111

Seend Shuttle: Booking: Alison Cobbing 07951030491; Keyholder: Gordon Galloway 828568

Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk

Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139. **Seend School** - 828334

Bulkington Website: www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington

Rights of Way Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01225 713000

Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255

Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. Tel: 101, or e-mail

melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. **Seend Fund (village charity):** 01380 828757

MP Claire Perry, 01672 519198 (10-5) claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk

MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265. **Melksham Area Board** – 07917 721371.

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

100+ Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391

Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 827041 - www.seendacoustic.org

Book Clubs - the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617

Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350

Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 01249 812088

Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Fete Cttee - Fiona Johnson 828401 (www.seendfete.co.uk) Flower Show – Colin Carr 828756

Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067

Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433

Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325

LINK Scheme - 075320 55560

Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583

Mothers' Union - Kay Beasley 828593

Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606;

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 - Joan Savage

Seend Singers - Roger Brind 82883, Bob McCulloch 828508

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 - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Gill Acornley 01225 707218

Wine Circle – Steve Parsons 828814

Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446

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