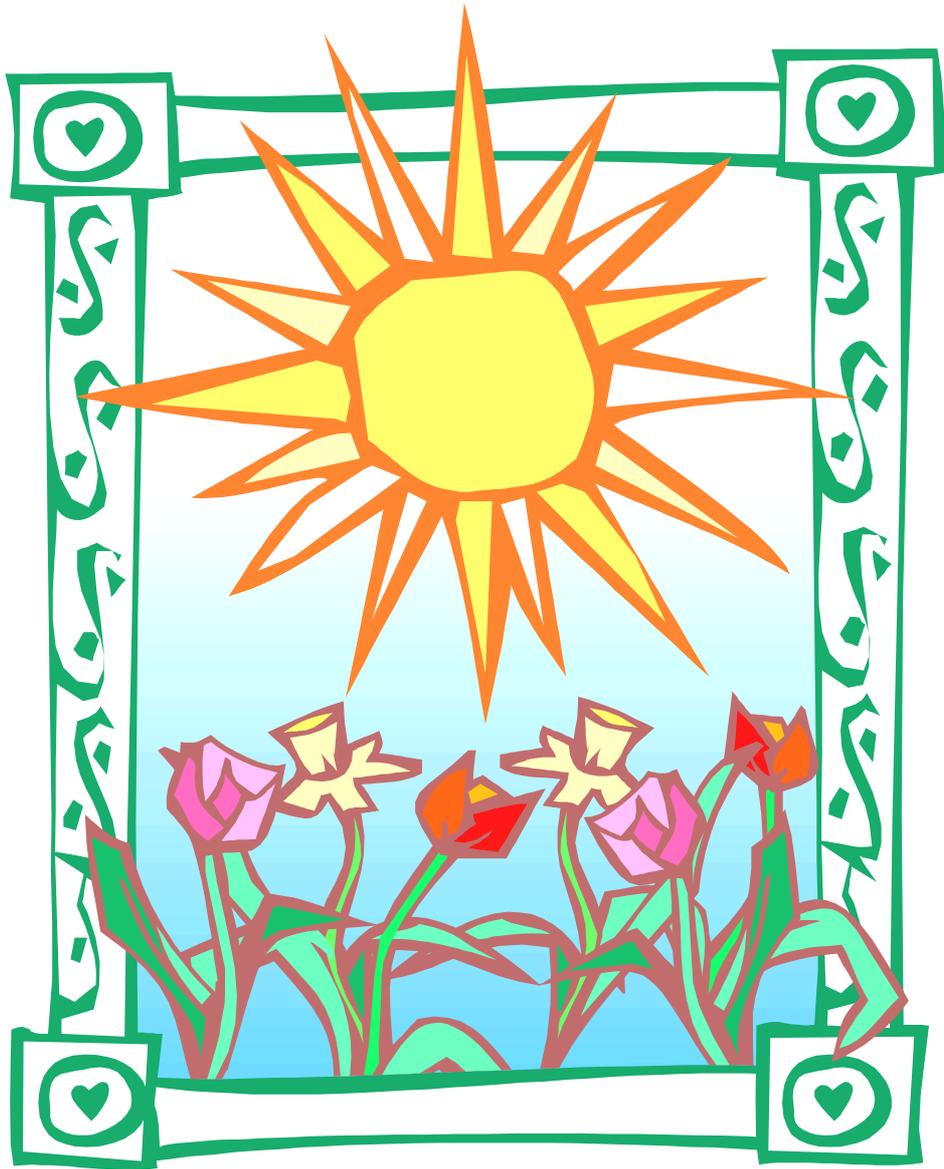


# SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



MARCH 2013

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE FEBRUARY

- 26<sup>th</sup> Free Film for Seend Club members 'Amazing Grace', 7.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm

## DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bulkington Soup Lunch, Bulkington Village Hall, 12 noon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 'A Night in Hong Kong', Community Centre, 7.15 for 7.30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Free Film for Seend Club Members 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel', 7.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Textile Collection at Seend School
- 6<sup>th</sup> Shuttle Shopping trip – ring 828118 by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to book
- 6<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club, Nick Tann, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.45 for 8pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Chocolate Bingo, Seend School, 5.45pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mixed Pairs Skittles competition, Community Centre 8pm (names by 6<sup>th</sup> please)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday - see Church Services on page 8
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 16<sup>th</sup> LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL SPOTLIGHT
- 16<sup>th</sup> Soup, Bread and Cheese Lunch, Pavilion, 12-2pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> National Trust lecture: 'Dad's Underground Army', Community Centre, 2.15pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> WEA AGM upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club, Jess Morgan, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.45 for 8pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Wessex Fuchsia Group, Pavilion, 7.45pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday - see Church Services on page 8
- 24<sup>th</sup> Ramblers meet at Pavilion at 1.30pm for local walk prior to AGM at 3pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Free Film for Seend Club members – Anna Karenina, 7.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn Quiz, 8pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday – Children's Workshops in Seend Church 10am & see Church  
Services on page 8
- 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Day - see Church Services on page 8

## DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

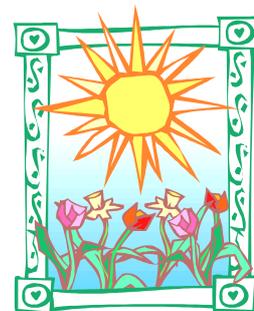
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Seend Acoustic Club, The Drystones, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.45 for 8pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night, Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 13<sup>th</sup> Organ Recital, Holy Cross Church Seend, 7pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Seend Ramblers – details tba
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Shakespeare's Birthday & St George's Day, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter lunch, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Start of 3-a-Side Skittles competition, Community Centre, 8pm

### **Newcomer to Seend?**

Call in at the shop/PO and ask for your copy of the **Welcome booklet**, which tells you all you need to know about the village. And visit **[www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk)** for past editions of Spotlight & 'Happenings!', local history, 'What's On', links to other village sites etc.

## Welcome to March Spotlight

February was certainly a month of cosmic activity; with an asteroid travelling on a 'near miss' passage past the earth (17,100 miles away) and a huge meteor hurtling into central Russia. Happenings like this certainly make us consider our place in the universe.



The first of March marks the beginning of spring and it would be wonderful if the cosmic activity this month means a lot more sightings of the sun. It's hard to remember that March 2012 was the third warmest on record. Will it be repeated? Whatever the weather, we can all admire the daffodils in the grass verges as they come into bloom – planted by the late Joe Burbidge and friends for our pleasure.

We start the month with a Chinese banquet – call 828401 quickly and there may still be tickets - and we can also enjoy acoustic music, film, rambling, skittles, shopping, lunches and a little bit of education for good measure. Details of all these activities and more are inside this magazine.

There are some special Mother's Day menus on display at local pubs so we hope lots of Mums will be spoiled on 10<sup>th</sup> March by their offspring. March culminates in an early Easter weekend, and the village churches will welcome you to their special church services, plus children's workshops (details on pages 8- 9).

### THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the April issue (**copy deadline 16<sup>th</sup> March**) can be emailed 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 Sue Isaac on 828461. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO. Sasha Heseltine – [sfheseltine@gmail.com](mailto: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.

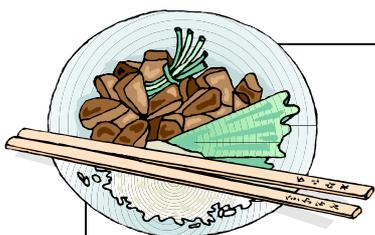
**Lost emails:** Emails to Spotlight sometimes go astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa or Sue (see above) to check if all is well. And please read the following:

**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

**PDFs:** Please note that we cannot use PDF files of posters etc if they are designed to fill a full page (which we rarely if ever can provide because of the volume of items contributed to the magazine). Word documents give us the flexibility to adapt your wording and pictures to fit the space available. Thanks.

## Village events in March and beyond

(see page 10 for Bulkington events)



Seend Community Centre

*Grand Chinese Evening*

### 'A NIGHT IN HONG KONG'

**Banquet Dinner - Music - Film - Demonstrations**

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013 at 7.15 for 7.30pm

**Tickets must be bought in advance: £16.50 from 828401**

**and from Seend Post Office**

In aid of Seend Community Centre



## Seend Acoustic Club

**Usually 1st & 3rd Wednesdays (apart from an occasional Tuesday)  
upstairs in Seend Community Centre,**

**7.45 for 8pm** Admission includes a free chocolate!

Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> – the Southampton sound of **Nick Tann**

Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> – 'gorgeous country folk' from **Jess Morgan**



Tickets for **SEEND ACOUSTIC FESTIVAL** on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September now  
available online or by phoning 01380 827041.

**Buy now for early bird discount!**

See [www.seendacoustic.org](http://www.seendacoustic.org) and [www.seendacousticfestival.org](http://www.seendacousticfestival.org) for further  
info

## **Free Film Shows for Seend Club Members in Seend Community Centre**

**STOP PRESS: 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'** will now be  
shown on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm!**

**Sunday March 24th at 7.30pm– 'Anna Karenina'**

The recent Joe Wright version starring Keira Knightley  
and Jude Law (130 mins cert 15)



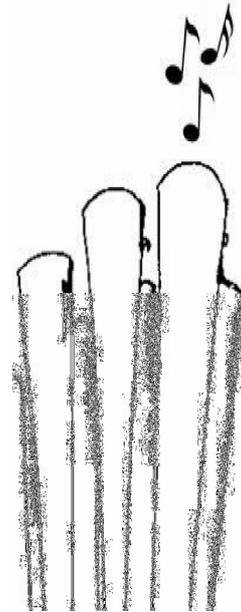
Membership cards must be shown, or non-members can join on the door.  
Visitors from outside the village accompanying local Members can take out  
membership for the film show for just £1 each.

## ORGAN RECITAL

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7 pm  
HOLY CROSS CHURCH, SEEND, WILTSHIRE

Featuring Gary Cook  
a local Church Organist and Church Organ Builder  
performing music by:  
Bach, Handel, Schumann and more .....

Tickets £7.50 including a glass of wine/juice  
Available on the door, from Seend Post Office  
or Tina Yockney 01380 827139  
In Aid of the Friends of Holy Cross Church



## SEEND SOUP BREAD and CHEESE LUNCH



The Pavilion, Rusty Lane

Saturday 16th March from 12 noon - 2.00pm

ALL WELCOME

Come and taste our delicious and warming home made soups  
Four varieties to choose from along with a chunk of crusty bread and cheese.

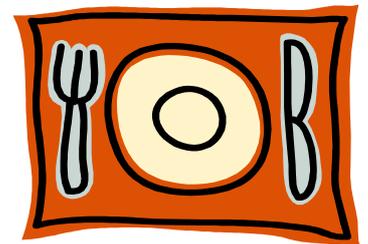
Entry £5.00 per person £3.00 children  
Tea and coffee will be served  
Proceeds to charity

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## Nosh & Natter Lunch Club

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 12 for 12.30pm

Please phone 828540 to book a place in advance.



*Nosh and Natter needs some more helpers. This monthly lunch club is hugely valued by the villagers who attend it. If you can spare half a day once a month and would like to help with cooking, serving or washing up please contact Lilian Smallshaw on 828540 or Pauline Robertson on 828638.*

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# The Brewery Inn Monthly Fun Quiz!

8pm start, Wednesday 27th March



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Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013

North & West Wiltshire National Trust Association

Winter Lecture on "Dad's Underground Army"

Seend Community Centre at 2.15pm

Admission: Association members £2, non-members £3



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## Skittles Competitions

in Seend Community Centre

### Mixed Pairs

8pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

(Names to Russ Collins – at the Bar or call 07905 558309  
- by 6<sup>th</sup> March please)

Entry £1.50 per person towards prizes

Players of all ability welcome – just come and have fun.

## Seend Three-a-Side Skittles Competition

It's that time of the year again nearly, the return of the three-a-side skittles at Seend Community Centre, running this year from 30<sup>th</sup> April to June 25<sup>th</sup> inclusive. The competition is in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year and still going strong. Attracting regular skittlers, part timers and newcomers alike, it's an opportunity to practise your skittling skills as well as partaking of the refreshments on offer at the bar and meeting like-minded people for a social evening and maybe even win a prize (maybe the raffle).

Last year's winning team was captained by Russell Collins, ably assisted by Messrs Wiltshire John Sr, John Jr and Mark (yes that's four, you can play as many as you like but just three in each game) .

Anybody wishing to take part in this year's competition should pop into the Community Centre and pick up an entry form. Entry fee is £7.50 per team (all to the prize fund). Anyone new to the game who doesn't know their spares from their floppers could call in at the Community Centre during the evening and I'm sure we will be able to arrange a trial run.

Thanks, Paul.  
[pawaylen@aol.com](mailto:pawaylen@aol.com)



# Seend Beer Festival

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Noon till 11pm**

It hardly seems possible, but we are approaching that time again. Hard work organising entertainment, food and, of course the dirty work of sampling beers is already underway!!!

Remember this is a ticket only event and you will be taking a risk if you do not buy in advance.

Tickets will be on sale in Seend – at the Post Office, The Brewery Inn and the Community Centre from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013. So Seendites have first opportunity to make sure they have their tickets.

Tickets will go on wider release and available online from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013!!

Beer drinkers tickets are £10.00 to include a glass and 2 beer tokens. Entry for non beer drinkers is £5 and are available on the day (please note these are not available in advance)

Online tickets will attract an additional £1 booking fee.

So no excuses – get your tickets now!!!!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **TERRY SLEIGHTHOLME**

Chris, Jane, Jon, Alex and Victoria would like to thank everyone for their lovely messages, cards and words of support during Terry's recent illness and subsequent passing.

As written in the previous edition of Spotlight, Terry was a friend to many in the village and loved to support the community that had been his home for 50 years. His personality shone through – he was kind, cheerful, funny, witty, and his infectious sense of humour will live on in his children and all who knew him for years to come.

The number of people who attended his funeral was a testament to the person that he was.

Although Dad lived to a great age, and until his stroke he lived life to the full, our lives are understandably sadder without him in it.

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## **Dog Walker Required**

I am sure everyone as seen me out and about with my canine partner Queenie. It has come a time in her life when she is to retire after working for me for the last 8 years. I will be training with a replacement working dog so my attention will be focused on the new partner, therefore I am looking for someone who would take Queenie out for her daily exercise on a regular basis so she will have a good quality retirement which she deserves. If you are interested could you please phone me on 07905798734

Liz Mooney



## **ADVANCE NOTICE OF SEEND OPEN GARDENS**

**Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June 2013**

It's that time of year again for the many kind garden owners to open their gardens in Seend and their support is so much appreciated. Gardens of all shapes and sizes are to be seen, and for those who would like to participate and haven't done so before, or for any other query, please contact Tina Yockney on 827139.

This is a hugely popular event attracting visitors far and wide and subsequently raises much needed funds for Seend Church.

Teas are held in The Pavilion and all volunteers to help either to bake cakes or to assist on the day will be welcomed with open arms. Again please contact Tina on the above number.

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## **Seend Parish Council**

### **SPONSOR A VILLAGE FLORAL PLANTER**

As part of the Parish Council's campaign to promote the village, invitations are extended to villagers who would like to sponsor a floral planter for a one-off sum of £50.

Hexagonal wooden planters (diameter 50cm) will be placed in various locations around the village during the coming months. The Parish Council will maintain the planters.

For further information please contact Michael Johnson on [mdjmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mdjmusic@gmail.com)

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## **CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS**

### **From the Church Register**

#### **Funeral**

8th February: Brian Mattock age 81yrs of Hillside, Seend Cleeve, Chairman of Melksham Motor Spares Ltd.

### ***From Reverend Renee Coulson***

In one of our large towns a minister served in a ghetto community. Once, while talking to a friend he told him all about his work, about all the human suffering he saw, and how hard it was for him to face it every day. His friend said to him, "Why don't you just run away from it all?" He replied, "I would, but a strange man on a cross won't let me."

I'm sure there are times when some of us are tempted to take the easy way and live to satisfy only ourselves, with no concern about the hurts of the world, the challenge of Christ, the call of the Church, the demands of the Kingdom. But that strange man on a cross who went to face Jerusalem won't let us get off the hook so easily, or disappear into some safe haven of escapism. He always calls us to meet Him on the road, and travel with Him. Will you, this Lent, I wonder?

*Renée*

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### **Changes to Holy Cross Church**

For well over 10 years the church has been in discussion with the Diocese, English Heritage and the Local Planning Authority in an endeavour to make some changes to fit our 15th Century church for the 21st Century needs of the parish. We are finally beginning to make some headway with our plans and getting close to the agreement of all parties. Essentially we want to put a toilet somewhere on the premises, have a water supply so that we can put in a kitchenette, and clear some space at the front and rear of the church to give more flexibility and improve disabled access. As these are the most significant changes to the church for a 100 years we plan to hold an open meeting for the village to attend and find out more about our plans. Details of this will be in next month's Spotlight. In the meantime do feel free to talk to the Churchwardens to find out more.

### **Seeking volunteer bell-ringers for Holy Cross Church, Seend.**

Anyone interested in taking up the ancient and noble art of bell-ringing should contact Len Murray (Tower Correspondent) on 01380 828513 or Charlie Mayell (Tower Captain) on 01380 828627, or come along to practice night at the church on Monday's at 8pm – best to ring (ha!) first though to check we're meeting. We are a friendly bunch and would welcome those interested in staying with us for the long term, to ring on Sunday mornings before Service and for weddings. It *can* take months to grasp the basics so patience is a valuable asset, however, if it's something you've always fancied trying then come along and you might get hooked! It's a good upper-body exercise too and a cheap hobby (the bells are in the church so you don't need to buy your own!) You will be taught to safely handle the bells and encouraged to join in with other Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers activities of which there are quite a few during the year. We look forward to welcoming you.

Many thanks.

## Church Services in March

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

08.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	at Seend
09.30 am	Morning Praise	at Bulkington
11.15 am	Morning Praise	at Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	at Poulshot

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

08.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	at Seend
09.30 am	Family Communion	at Poulshot
11.15 am	Family Communion	at Seend
4.00 pm	Family service	at Bulkington

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

08.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	at Seend
09.30 am	Parish Communion	at Bulkington
11.15 am	Parish Communion	at Seend
6.00 pm	Evensong	at Poulshot

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday

08.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	at Seend
09.30 am	Matins	at Poulshot
11.15 am	Parish Communion	at Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	at Bulkington

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm	Holy Communion and stripping of the altar at Poulshot	
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### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday

10.00 am	Matins and Litany	at Poulshot
10.00 am	Children's Easter workshops	at Seend
2.00 pm	An hour before the Cross	at Seend

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Day

06.00 am	Sunrise service	at Bulkington
09.30 am	Family Communion	at Bulkington
09.30 am	Family Communion	at Poulshot
11.15 am	Family Communion	at Seend

## **REQUESTS**

**Holy Dusters** are needed to fill some gaps in the church rota. If you can spare an hour or two every few weeks to keep our church looking lovely and welcoming please contact Lilian Smallshaw on 828540.

**Flower Arrangers needed** : if you would like to hone or practice your skills where they can be admired and appreciated then the church can offer you the opportunity to shine. If you feel you can help out with decorating the church periodically then please contact Lilian Smallshaw on 828540.



## **Good Friday Children's Workshops**

**29<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00 – 11.15 am**

Mums, Dads, and Grandparents - why not come along with your children to Seend Church for a morning of Easter themed crafts, including the ever popular clay modelling? You could help to create our Easter garden; make cards; tell the Easter story in collage; try your hand at the quiz, and many more activities.

After these exciting craft activities there will be a very short service. If you play an instrument, please bring it along and join the Youth Orchestra for the day. (Music can be available in advance by contacting Sue Taylor on 01225 709360)

There will be drinks and Hot Cross Buns too!

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### **From Roy**

What type of cross do you prefer? Do you prefer a crucifix with Christ still upon the cross or do you prefer a plain cross? Once upon a time the kind of cross you preferred would signify whether you were catholic (crucifix) or protestant (plain cross). Nowadays, I suspect that the choice is less rigid and if you include pictures of the cross, then it is even less so. Yet both plain crosses and crucifixes can speak to us. We need both.

Crucifixes remind us of the suffering of Christ. They fix our attention firmly on Good Friday. They help us to recognise the presence of God with us in our suffering and at our time of death. They are a sign of the depth of God's love for us. God is not detached from our own suffering, or the suffering of others in the world. We need sometimes be re-assured of this love.

Plain crosses remind us that Christ is risen, having come through his suffering and death. They fix our attention on Easter Day. They help us to recognise that God's love is stronger than death. They are a sign that death is never the end for us, but the beginning of a new life with God that is filled with peace and joy.

We will keep Good Friday and Easter Day this month. May our reflection on Christ on the cross and the empty cross bring peace and joy to us all. God bless.

### **Seend Methodist Church**

Methodist Church Services for March 2013

10<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m. We celebrate our 238<sup>th</sup> Chapel Anniversary with Villages Together at Seend

Bishop Bill Ind has kindly agreed to lead our service.

24<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m. Mr Peter Walker

31<sup>st</sup> March 11 a.m. Bromham Methodist Church for Holy Communion led by Revd Roy Fowler

Everyone always welcome

## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

**Advance Warning** - Put it on your calendar now!

**Great Bulkington Railway** will be operating on the afternoon of Easter Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Nev Boulton, Great Bulkington Railway

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The **Mothering Sunday Family Service** at Bulkington will take place at 4 pm on **Sunday 10th March**, followed by drinks and biscuits. There will be a posy of flowers for everyone, and everyone will be most welcome.

### **BULKINGTON SOUP LUNCH**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 12 noon  
in Bulkington Village Hall**

There will be several varieties  
of delicious homemade soups  
French bread and cheese and cookies to finish



**Tickets £5 and £3 for children**

**All proceeds to Devizes Food Bank**

### **BULKINGTON WAR MEMORIAL**

Our War Memorial is in need of a little TLC and the Parish Council will be applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant.

We already have some ideas and need to form a small group to determine how to progress the project.

A meeting will be held in Bulkington Village Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - This is important so - Please come along.

Nev Boulton, Bulkington Parish Council.

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### **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

**SEEND FETE SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2013**



Thank you to all the fabulous new volunteers that are helping to organise this year's fete.

We've got some exciting new things planned – watch this space!

In the mean-time, you could put your own stamp on this great village day out by creating a new stall or by taking over the running of an existing stall. Up for grabs are the Horse Race Game, the Wheel of Fortune and the Toy Stall, as well as lots of others. Please call Jo McManus on 07866 516020 if you're interested.

Thank you!



## **SEEND SHUTTLE**

Thank you to all those who turned up to our open meeting on the 12th of February. It was very constructive and we made a good start in working out how to split up and delegate the huge amount of work that Terry did to keep the bus finances in such good order. We would still be very pleased to hear from anyone with an accounting background that may be able to help. Please contact Pete Wallis on 07734303919.

### **First Wednesday Shopping Trip**

Please phone Stephen on 01380 828118 by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to book your seat on the shopping trip on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Thanks.

### **Stratford Shuttle**

Anyone interested in a trip to the RSC to see David Tennant as Richard II in the autumn, please contact Tessa on 828617 or Penny on 828949.

## **SEEND WI**

In February we held a Craft Evening when we all had the opportunity to try our hands at new skills. Our thanks to the very talented members of Seend WI who demonstrated their skills in knitting, crocheting, paper mat making, quilting and sewing. We are now feeling inspired to be more creative ourselves!

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March when we will be welcoming Louise Jameson Hull who will talk about how Osteopathy eases those aches and pains. Visitors are always welcome.

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](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com)



## **SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB**

Here is this year's programme:

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> May: Montacute House. Magnificent, glittering, 16<sup>th</sup> century mansion

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> June: Crofton Beam Engine & Wilton Windmill. One 1812 steam engine is still pumping water to the Kennet & Avon canal.

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> July: Tredegar House. One of the most significant late 17<sup>th</sup> century Houses in the British Isles.

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> August: Westwood Manor, a beautiful & elegant Manor House. Early evening visit, followed by a public house dinner.

And - a special September outing to Blenheim Palace, open to the whole village, organised by Tina Yockney.

An interesting year ahead, so we can look forward to our days out together.

Tony Ewin





## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

**Annual meeting – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013** – 3pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Hall (Pavilion), Rusty Lane. A short walk within the vicinity of Seend will take place prior to the meeting; commencing from the Pavilion at 1.30pm. Tessa Doe and Anita Shea will be leading the walk. Phone Tessa (01380 828617) or Anita (01380 828757) should you need to.

Welcoming tea and cake will be available upon returning to the Hall after the walk.

Membership subscriptions of £7.50 for the year will be due on this afternoon.

Should there be anyone interested in the pleasure of walking, why not come along to our Annual Meeting on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March to find out more! We undertake on average, 5 to 6 miles at any one time, once a month. You would be most welcome to join our very friendly club.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – walk led by Terry and Shelia Williams, please mark this date in your diaries. Further details in the next issue of SPOTLIGHT.

Lin Salter

## **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

**Dates to Remember.** The **annual lecture** will take place in the Community Centre on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013. It will be given by Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert and the subject will be "The Commonwealth War Graves Commission". A light supper will be provided, the cost of which will be in the price of the ticket.



Once again **Armed Forces Day** (30th June 2013) will be celebrated with a Drumhead Service on the Lye Field. The service will commence at 1500 hrs and will be followed by a Cream Tea for those attending.

Please put these dates in your diary.

**Festival of Remembrance.** The DVD of the 2012 Festival can be obtained by telephoning 0300 1239 110. The cost is £10.75 plus £2.95 postage.

**On Line Project.** This project needs volunteers to help people get on line. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Project Team on [www.wiltshireonline.org](http://www.wiltshireonline.org)

**Defence Discount Service.** This allows members of the Armed Forces, their families and Veterans to make savings when shopping on line or in the High Street. Sign up for free at <https://www.defencediscountservice.co.uk/>

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



AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

## SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

See details of ‘A Night in Hong Kong’, the unmissable **Beer Festival, Nosh & Natter, film shows** and the **skittles competitions** in the Events section at the beginning of this magazine.

Please note that **Acoustic Club** will now normally be on the first and third Wednesdays of each month instead of Tuesdays (apart from 19<sup>th</sup> March). If you haven’t yet tried one of these evenings, do come along for good music and good company.

**SEEND ACOUSTIC FESTIVAL** tickets are now available – at **early bird rates** if you buy quickly - from Malcolm (01380 827041) or online (where you can also find details of the first-rate artistes) at [www.seendacousticfestival.org](http://www.seendacousticfestival.org)

### **SEEND CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

Don’t forget that if you take out or renew membership of Seend Club before the end of March you get £1 discount (£9 adults or £5.50 over-60s or 14- to 17-year-olds instead of £10 or £6.50). And if you give us your email address, you will be entered into a monthly draw for a free drink! Membership entitles you to use the Desmond Edwards Lounge Bar every evening with its very competitive prices, plus snooker, darts, book swap, and big screen TV for major sports events.

Unfortunately, it has been decided not to continue with the free film shows for Club members after this month due to low attendances.

### **SEEND SINGERS**

The Seend Singers still meet and enjoy themselves on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am. We sing a variety of songs and at the same time try to improve our voices and the way we communicate the music. It doesn’t matter what standard you are. If you range from a



‘bathroom bass’ to a ‘shower soprano’, or if you are a more experienced singer, you’ll be made welcome and we’ll try to make sure you have a great and rewarding time.

We levy a small charge to contribute to the use of the centre. So – Tuesday mornings at 10.30am in the Community Centre - hope to see you there.

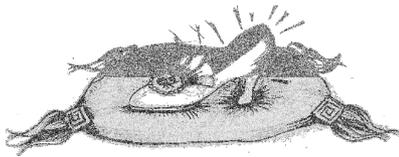
If you decide to come along, please let Bob McCulloch know on 01380 828508 so he has an idea of numbers.

Bob



### **WEA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The WEA AGM is on Monday 18th March. Anyone who has ever come to a WEA course would be very welcome. It will start at 7.30pm in the upstairs room. Help to choose the programme for the next year.



## **SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS**

Thanks to all who supported our village panto 'The Golden Slipper' at February half-term. The small but perfectly formed audiences seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves; they certainly joined in with gusto! The memories of Andy wrapped in loo-roll and Sam and John in Egyptian drag will remain with many people for a long time to come. We hope to be able to tell you how much was raised for Alzheimers' Support in the next issue of Spotlight.

Those not mentioned in the programme whom we would like to thank were: John Kendall for making those magnificent animal and bird masks, Colin Waldeck for making most of the props, Jane Hopkins for stepping in at the last moment to join our wonderful new make-up team and Mo Weston for lending us a few additions to our Egyptian costumes.

We said farewell this year to our pianist of 22 years' standing, Deryn Stafford, and to Front of House Manager for no less than 27 years, Dennis Frith. In losing him we also lost his glamorous assistant, Janine. Chris of Chris Henley Stage-lighting is also retiring after a decade or so of being an honorary Fawltly Player as he's worked so well with our team. Our thanks go to all of them.

We think we may have found people interested in taking on Front of House and Box Office next year, but would still like to hear from others interested in helping out with those tasks, plus publicity etc. And, of course, we would like to hear from any musicians who would be interested in taking Deryn's place. For that, you need the patience of a saint plus, ideally, a willingness to turn up at most of our Sunday evening rehearsals between early November through to the performances at February half-term. Are there such people in the village or was Deryn a one-off!? Call Tessa on 828617 or Anita on 828757 for more info.



## **SEEND FLOWER SHOW 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2013**

Seend Flower Show is set to notch up another year and so you are invited to help to make it a great success by entering an exhibit, or rather **exhibits**, in one or more of the sections.

There will be a succession of reminders via Spotlight – this is the first!

There are a number of changes to the arrangements of the show and all will be revealed - gradually.

Important changes have taken place in the Children's Classes. The former children's section has been split into two, one for children up to 8 years and the other for 9 to 12 year olds. We hope that you will encourage your youngsters to enter for there will be some new topics which will provide scope for imagination and effort, and since there will be no charge for children's entries we hope that we will get lots of exhibits from them.

The Show Schedule will be available soon on a new website for the show and later on in paper form in a variety of places, it will be FREE. There will be an eventual entry fee of £1 (children's entries free) and that will be collected when you bring your exhibits to the show on the Friday evening or Saturday morning prior to the show. The fee is regardless of the number of exhibits brought so it will be cost effective to enter as many as you can!

There will be an increased number of take-home awards so in addition to the natural pride of all who enter their exhibits there will be an increased number who are even happier!

Brian Jacques



### **Wessex Fuchsia Group**

*All meetings are held at The Irene Usher Memorial Hall, Rusty Lane, Seend, SN12 6NN commencing at 7.45p.m. usually on the third Thursday of each month.*

March 21st – Derek Luther from Wimborne. Derek is a long standing Wessex member, BFS committee member and national judge. A welcome return awaits Derek who will give us a talk on “Pests and Diseases”.

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

On March 12<sup>th</sup> Mike Burgess will be talking on ‘Growing Soft Fruit’, a subject which I don’t think we have looked at for a long time, if ever. It will also be time for our Spring bulb competition and show. Many Spring bulbs and flowers were seen by an intrepid group of 17 who visited Heale House gardens on 13<sup>th</sup> of February. We hired the Shuttle and Max very kindly drove us there in rain threatening to become snow. Luckily the river had not flooded the garden although much of it was closed because of water damage. However because of the cold and wet weather the time we spent outside was enough! The snowdrops and aconites were beautiful, the geese threatening, iris and crocus beginning to show and narcissi will be flowering soon. The plant centre had a wonderful collection of hellebores and other spring plants for sale and the café provided us with coffee when we arrived and a very good home-made lunch. So despite the weather everyone enjoyed themselves and thought it was better than staying at home.



Melksham Gardeners’ Society have asked me to bring to your attention their upcoming trip to RHS Hyde Hall in Essex, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, that you might be interested in joining and also a talk on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May when they are hosting an RHS sponsored talk by Adam Pasco from Gardeners’ World magazine on Easy Ways to Better Gardening. I will bring the details of both to the next meeting.

Sue.

## **Hellebore Heaven “A prelude to spring”** *by Mary Baker of The Botanic Nursery, Atworth*

The Hellebore is of the same family as Clematis and Buttercups – Ranunculaceae. They are all hardy and easy to grow, not much prone to pests or diseases. Hellebore like to grow in any open border, or even in heavy shade, on their own or among trees, shrubs, or other perennials, once established they seed around gently providing free plants for friends and much fun anticipating the colour of the new arrivals. All Hellebores look wonderful in association with sought after late winter flowering and evergreen choice shrubs, or subtly coloured spring flowers, a more tasteful arrangement than the ubiquitous polyanthus and wall flower.

The Hellebore has been distributed through Europe as escapees from mediaeval monastery gardens where it was used as a violent purge in early medicine. So remember no parts of the Hellebore should be consumed. The ancestors of Hellebores along with many other flowering plants are thought to have originated during the Jurassic period, evolving over the world during the interglacial periods adapting along the way to where ever the glacial flows took them. Hellebores are found in many climate zones and are varied in foliage, flower, colour, shape and size. Found in extreme drought regions around the Mediterranean, the cold northern European tundra to the jungles of the Himalayas. A plant that has tried many evolutionary routes in its long history and is well worth a place in your garden.

They can be planted at any time, in flower or as young plants. Divisions are best done after flowering and seed can be taken once ripe and sown straight away, cover lightly, germination takes place in the following spring.

Hellebores can last a long time in floral arrangements so long as they are cut when they are fully out. Hellebore buds will wilt immediately. One of the simplest and visually beautiful ways to display the flower is in a shallow bowl of water onto which you float the open flower heads perhaps with floating candles.

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Seend School Parent Social Club**

The PSC has been busy organising events for the forthcoming year. Most of which couldn't be possible without parental support. If you have any fund raising ideas or wish to help in any way, please contact any of the PSC members or Mrs Chalk, the head. We meet once a month and plan fundraising events to help buy the school things that do not come out of the school budget or the maintenance budget.



**Textile Collection 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 - *We can take adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows).***

We have arranged another textile collection shortly with Bag2school. Whilst Spring Cleaning, please think of us as we will be paid 50p / Kg – making it easy for you to support the school without putting your hand into your pocket. Please don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

For a bag please drop into school or contact me, Emma Smith on 01380 828056.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Chocolate Bingo - 5.45pm at school

**Seend School 100 Club** - 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.

**Seend School 100 Club** – Subscriptions now need renewing and new members are always welcome. Please drop a cheque made payable to Seend School 100 Club into the school and fill in a form. Best of luck and thank you!!

December Winners - 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Day    2<sup>nd</sup> Gwendoline Davina    3<sup>rd</sup> Sian Lythell  
January Winners - 1<sup>st</sup> Claire Taylor    2<sup>nd</sup> Jess Smith    3<sup>rd</sup> J Goman

The odds of winning are better than the lottery, so *please join the club and support your local village school* on a continuing basis. 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. Every penny helps the school. The winning tickets are drawn each month during Gold Book Assembly. The winners will be published in the Spotlight.

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

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

The meeting held on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** was attended by 9 Councillors with Mr. J. Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mrs L Waylen.

### **Co-option of Parish Councillor to fill vacancy caused by Steve Diffey's resignation**

There were two people willing to stand for co-option to the Council:

Mr Kevin Rigg                      29 Row Lane, Seend Cleeve  
Mr Martin Wiltshire              47 Sells Green, Seend

Both were present at the meeting and gave a short presentation on why they wished to stand for the Parish Council. Following this, a vote was taken by paper ballot, and the results were:

Mr Rigg                      5 votes  
Mr Wiltshire 4 votes

The Chairman declared Mr Rigg duly elected, and invited him to join the Councillors.

Cllr Seed spoke about the proposed decision with regard to **freight management proposals on the A361** Littleton Roundabout to Seend Fork; this had been circulated to all Councillors. The proposals are:

1. Hauliers regularly using the A361 between Littleton Roundabout and Seend Fork be liaised with and provided with information on the preferred alternative route options available, namely the A365 which is the designated local lorry route.
2. The introduction of positive signing to encourage HGV traffic to use the A365 via Sells Green rather than the A361 through Seend be investigated. Any changes to signing will be the subject of a separate Cabinet Member delegated decision.

He advised that Melksham Without Parish Council and Melksham Oak School had made representations against the proposals and suggested that the Parish Council considers its decision, takes a view and makes it clear to Wiltshire Council.

Councillors discussed the proposals and, whilst they could understand Melksham Oak School's objections, they were mindful of the strong feeling in the village when a public meeting had been held to discuss the question of heavy traffic passing through Seend, especially with regard to the limitations of the Seend stretch of the A361, including a bend at the eastern end of the village, narrow pavements along the High Street (a conservation area), a pinch point by Wesley Cottage and The Hatch, and west beyond The Stocks to the steep downhill S bend leading to Baldham Mill. It was agreed that Seend PC will send their comments in favour of the proposals before the deadline date of 11 February.

Cllr Seed advised that he has received complaints about the condition of the **bridleway** between Seend and Rowde (SEEN35/ROWD20), this has been passed to the Footpaths Officer.

Mr Murch asked Cllr Seed what is happening with regard to the removal of the old **railway bridge**, as the work had been due to take place in January but had postponed. Cllr Seed advised that the work is due to commence in March.

Mr Manning advised that the **drains in Inmarsh** had been cleared by Ringway's jetting vehicle, but water is still pouring out across the lane from a manhole in the middle of the lane outside Broomhayes. Cllr Seed said that he would take a look at the situation.

**Winter Emergency Response Plan** – The severe weather response plan has been completed and sent to Simon Rowe at Wiltshire Council, with a request for prices for the relevant salt spreading machinery. It was still not known which farmers are responsible for snow clearing in Seend. Mr Nicholls advised that the salt box by the entrance to The Lye was missing. Mr Murch said that the Lye Field Committee and the Community Centre would like to obtain a grit bin

for Rusty Lane, and were looking to the Parish Council for a contribution. This was discussed by Councillors, who thought it would be sensible to have two, one at either end of the lane. Cllr Seed advised that the cheapest option is Countrywide. Mrs Savage proposed that the PC should go ahead and buy two grit bins and ask for a donation from both organisations, seconded by Mr Johnson. Mr Manning proposed that the contribution should be one-third each from the Lye Field, Community Centre and Parish Council. All in favour.

***Lorries in Row Lane*** – Email from Mark Stansby to advise that he has been asked by Cllr Seed to check on the condition of the weight limit signs at either end of Row Lane. They will consider a request for “unsuitable for wide and long vehicle” signs when they make this inspection.

***Inmarsh Lane and top of Spout Lane, Give Way lines*** – These works were completed on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Manning pointed out that the lines at the bottom of Inmarsh Lane have not been renewed. The Clerk to request this work to be done.

***Highways Matters*** – The Clerk has received complaints about overflowing drains in Seend Cleeve, by the fork right to the Pelch; in Row Lane caused by lorries churning up the bank and mud blocking drains, and in the High Street, especially outside the vicarage and shop. These have all been referred to Highways. A request has also been made for a litter pick along the A361 from The Bell to Baldham Mill.

Pete Wallis, Chairman of the **Community Bus** Committee spoke about the difficulties encountered since the death of Terry Sleightholme. The biggest problem had been in dealing with Santander Bank, banking and making payments, as Terry had been one of the account signatories. Mr Wallis said that the drivers had organised themselves well, but he was looking for someone to take over the accounting aspect of the day to day running of the Shuttle. An open meeting is being held on 12<sup>th</sup> February, where it is hoped new people will be encouraged to help with the running of the bus. Mr Wallis advised that the latest quote for a replacement bus was £52,500. Mrs Carr, through the Chair, thanked Mr Wallis for everything the Shuttle Committee is doing to keep the bus running. Mr Murch suggested that there should be an acknowledgement of Terry Sleightholme’s enormous contribution to the running of the Community Bus, perhaps by his name appearing on the new vehicle.

Mr Johnson advised that he is organising a second **village clean up campaign**, probably in April or May. He suggested a complete revamp of the village **website**, and had obtained a quote of £440 from Lyndsay Moon. The webmaster would need to be trained to update and extend the website. There would be an annual listing fee of £23. Mr Johnson asked whether Wiltshire Council would be prepared to make a financial contribution to the cost. Cllr Seed suggested applying for a small grant from the Area Board.

Mr Johnson asked whether there was interest in obtaining **planters**, as suggested at a previous meeting, and circulated an illustration of a wooden hexagonal planter obtainable from Homebase at £29.99 each. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and 5 against. Mrs Savage offered to sponsor the cost of one of the planters. Following further discussion, it was agreed that Mr Johnson should purchase 4 planters. Mr Johnson to contact Highways about conditions/restrictions on the placing of the planters.

### **Planning Matters**

E/2012/1567/FUL Little Foxes Farm, Rusty Lane

Stationing of temporary mobile home, erection of new barn and alterations/extension to existing building

Mrs Raymond, one of the applicants, was present, and the Chairman invited her to speak about the proposed application. Mrs Raymond outlined the items covered by the planning application, and a brief overview of their plans for the site, which are to continue with their breeding programme and work sympathetically with the site.

The Chairman stated that everyone would be aware that this application has been something of a “hot potato”, and he asked Councillors to listen to the differing views and be open minded when it came to voting on the application.

Councillors questioned Mrs Raymond on various aspects of the proposed business plan, how the proposed new buildings would be used and the numbers of animals it was envisaged would be kept on the site, and how animal movements would be handled. They also expressed concern about the increase in traffic in Rusty Lane, which is an amenity area of the village. Mrs Raymond responded to the various questions.

Following a lengthy discussion, a vote was taken by show of hands with Councillors voting unanimously against the application.

E/2013/0025/TCA 8 School Road

Cherry tree – crown reduce approx 25% and reshape

E/2013/0029/LBC Seend Bridge House, Worton Road

Internal alterations and addition of door and window units

Following discussion, Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the above two applications.

**Vehicles parked by The Barge** - The question of vehicles parking along the roadside between the entrance to The Barge and the canal bridge was discussed. The Clerk to liaise with Community Police and Highways to see if this could be prevented.

**Inmarsh Lane** – It was pointed out that when the drains were cleaned in Inmarsh, the ditch by the Lawrence’s field had been silted up. The Parish Steward to be asked if this could be cleared.

**Spout Lane** – The surface of the lane has deteriorated, also surface water is not going down the drain but across the road. Highways to be asked to check the drains.

**Canal, between Spout Lane and Rusty Lane** – It was noted that wood is being cut along the canal path. Waterways to be asked to enforce the movement of barges out of the parish after 21 days.

**Spout Lane** – The sign at the top of the lane warning caravans not to go down the lane appears to be missing. Highways to be advised.

**Bollands Hill** – The hedge on Bollands hill has been cut back and the bank/roadside has subsided, also the drain appears to be blocked about halfway down the hill. Highways to be advised.

**A361 The Bell to The Stocks** – The old posts which had held the village sign were still in place, can they be removed, also the old seat which has disintegrated.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Full copies of Parish Council meeting minutes can be found on [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

### **Community Speedwatch**

Are you interested in helping to keep traffic speed down in Seend? If so, could you spare time to volunteer for Community Speedwatch? This will entail training by the police in order to log the speed of vehicles passing through the village. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Rosemary Fisher on 01380 828281 or email [owletts@care4free.net](mailto:owletts@care4free.net)

### **Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed**

Spring is in the air and it is certainly good to be drawing to the close of a very wet winter. Unfortunately the wet year meant that the water courses and the water table were full, resulting in exceptional levels of water throughout Wiltshire and some flooding. Those of us involved with flood alleviation have had much extra work to do, ranging from ensuring that Wiltshire Council is aware of imminent floods to monitoring flood alleviation work and communicating what the Council is doing to the media. As Chairman of the Northern Operational Flood Working Group I have been involved at all levels.

Wiltshire Council has invested from its discretionary budget into flood prevention schemes and doubled the money spent on flooding. This investment

throughout Wiltshire has reduced the number of properties flooded in spite of the exceptional rainfall over the past year. Wiltshire Council has also established two Operational Flood Working Groups to which the public can bring their local knowledge. Locals know best where the water is flowing from and to and how water flows should be channelled. We can all work together to target funding to where it is most needed and, although we are unlikely to ever eradicate flooding in Wiltshire, we can certainly reduce it and the misery it causes. It is the same hard-working teams that deal with flooding and drain clearance who also grit our roads. Reports are that this has also gone well this winter.

I chaired my last Area Board of this Council last month in Seend Community Centre. It was good to see representatives of so many villages engaging in the Area Board process at the last meeting before the election. All of the villages in Summerham and Seend have benefitted from Melksham Area Board grants during the lifetime of this Council. One of the biggest projects was the Lay-by in Spout Lane which would never have been constructed without Melksham Area Board and Community Area Transport support and funding.



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## **SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES**

Nothing this month (too many weather-related cancellations) but bumper report promised in April! Colin can rest easy for another month.

*(See Events section at the beginning of this magazine for details of open-to-all skittles competitions at the Community Centre.)*

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## **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 – for rent with a 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.

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## **ACCOMMODATION NEEDED:**

I am a responsible, quiet professional female in my early 50s, qualified in social work with many years of experience in social care. I am looking for accommodation, self contained if possible but also happy to share. I am also willing to help out with care, looking after animals, your home etc in exchange for accommodation. I have a very well behaved and gentle nine-year-old labrador which is a lovely companion.

If you can help, please contact me on 07824 773566.

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## **BITS AND BOBS**



Wiltshire Good Neighbours can put older residents in touch with the services and people who can help them to live more independent lives. We can provide information on a variety of topics and these may include befriending services; social activities; benefits; healthcare; transport and more.

**If you think we can help to find the services you need then call 07541 353430 or e-mail [melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:melkshamgnc@communityfirst.org.uk)**

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### **Waste Not Want Not**

Waste Not Want Not (WNWN) is a furniture recycling project where the primary aim is to help those 'in need' to furnish their homes with good quality **second-hand furniture**, at low cost. Waste Not Want Not has an excellent showroom displaying quality furniture and household goods (for every room) at: 303, Hungerdown Lane, Chippenham.

So **please**, when disposing of your furniture think of WNWN; your contribution will be so greatly appreciated. **To donate goods, please call: 01249 447140.**

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### **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Projects**

A collection box for local people to drop off all brands of **coffee packaging waste** for recycling is now situated in the reception of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Head Office at Elm Tree Court on Long Street in Devizes. It's good for the environment, and it will help earn vital funds for the Trust. Local people can drop off their waste coffee refill bags, coffee bean bags, single serving coffee sachets and coffee jar lids at the public access collection box between the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

To find out about volunteering for the **Source to Sea project**, clearing the River Avon of invasive non-native species, email [sourcetosea@wiltshirewildlife.org](mailto:sourcetosea@wiltshirewildlife.org) or visit [www.wiltshirewildlife.org/what-we-do/The+Source+to+Sea+Project.htm](http://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/what-we-do/The+Source+to+Sea+Project.htm)

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### **Citizens Advice Bureau Advice Tips**

#### **Purchases in sales**

The law says that any item you buy from a trader in a sale must be of satisfactory quality, fit for purpose and match any description given. If not then you are entitled to a repair, a replacement, or a refund. Traders must also point out any faults with damaged sales goods, for example a missing button on a coat. If this does not happen you are also entitled to a repair, replacement or your money back. Proof of purchase, like a receipt, will be needed to return goods bought in the sales. Some returns policies state that goods which have been opened or the package damaged will not be accepted. Some retailers will not accept returned goods which could carry an infection risk, such as pierced earrings, so always check the trader's terms and conditions.

### **What to do about loan sharks**

Loan sharks are illegal moneylenders who often charge very high interest rates – if they don't have a licence they aren't entitled to their money back. You can check if a company is licensed or anonymously report one that isn't by contacting: **Illegal**

#### **Money Lending Team – England**

- reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.gov.uk
- Call the 24 hour hotline: 0300 555 2222
- Text LOAN SHARK and your message plus the lender's details to 60003
- Twitter: [www.twitter.com/loansharknews](http://www.twitter.com/loansharknews)

**For free independent and confidential advice or information on these or other matters contact the Wiltshire CAB advice line on: 0844 375 2775** (from a landline) or **0300 456 8375** (from a mobile) or visit the CAB website:

**<http://www.adviceguide.org.uk>**

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**DogSEE** have launched new workshops for 2013 which are designed to train professionals how to keep themselves safer around dogs that they encounter on a day to day basis as part of doing their job. To learn more about how DogSEE can help to keep you or your staff safe around dogs, please contact us on 0845 833 0922 or email [info@dogsee.org](mailto:info@dogsee.org)

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### **PLANT FAIR**

Barbury Racecourse, Barbury, Wiltshire  
(by kind permission of Mr & Mrs N. Bunter)

SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL from 10.30 am to 4 pm  
Adults £3; Children (under 12) FREE

*PLANTS, PLANTERS AND GARDEN SCULPTURES*  
*TEA TENT, REFRESHMENTS*

In aid of Kennet Valley Carriage Driving Group RDA  
Registered Charity No. 1074359

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### **BEEKEEPING TASTER DAY**

**Robert Carpenter-Turner, Wiltshire's County Bee Inspector** – will talk about how to handle bees, the beekeeper's hive visit, the modern hive and much more. There will be an observation hive to watch bees working and honey tasting.

**Devizes Library 11am-3pm Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. £12 per person**

**To reserve a place – space is limited – please contact Brenda the Beekeeper on 01672 851931**

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***And finally.....***

**Notice in a farmer's field:** The farmer allows walkers to cross the field for free, but the bull charges.

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

**CHURCH:** Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: Revd Maureen Allchin 01380 828931. 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](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

**Seend's Wiltshire Councillor** - Jonathon Seed 01380 850695 [jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Seend Website:** [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) - Neil Yockney 827139. **Seend School** - 828334

**Bulkington Website:** [www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington](http://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](mailto:melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk). **Seend Fund (village charity):** 01380 828757

**MP** Claire Perry, 01672 512675 (M-F 9.30am-1pm) [claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk)

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

*100+ Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391*

*Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 827041 - [www.seendacoustic.org](http://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 Ctee - Jo McManus 828870 ([www.seendfete.co.uk](http://www.seendfete.co.uk))*

*Flower Show - Brian Jaques 827137*

*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 828830, 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*

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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

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