

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington

Seend Fawltly Players' 35th annual village pantomime

DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT

Thursday and Friday 20th and 21st February at
7.30pm

and Saturday 22nd February at 7pm
in Seend Community Centre



Tickets £5 (£3 pensioners and children)
from Seend Shop and Post Office
Seend Community Centre
or The Brewery Inn in Seend Cleeve

*Proceeds will be divided between
Children's Hospice South West, Revival Trowbridge,
and Seend School's staging fund*

February 2014

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 3rd Tea, Chat and Craft – 1 Mill Lane, Bulkington, 2pm
 - 3rd WEA Course 'Americans in Paris' begins, Community Centre, 7.30pm
 - 4th Seend Cricket Club AGM, Community Centre, 7.30pm
 - 5th Seend Shopping Trip to Salisbury; call 828118 to book by Monday 3 February
 - 5th Bulkington Lunch Club, Well Inn, 12.15pm
 - 5th Seend Acoustic Club – James Hollingsworth – C Centre upstairs, 7.45 for 8pm
 - 8th Coffee morning at the Vicarage for Christchurch Bulkington, 10.30am
 - 8th Wiltshire Protect meeting with Claire Perry re solar farms, 10.30am
 - 8th NT Assoc Lecture – Community Centre 2.15pm
 - 10th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
 - 15th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARCH SPOTLIGHT
 - 15th Skittles- men's and ladies' singles competition, Community Centre, 8pm
 - 16th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane for 9.30am departure
 - 19th Seend Acoustic Club – Tony Seeger – C Centre upstairs, 7.45 for 8pm
 - 20th & 21st Seend Fawltly Players – Dick Whittington – Community Centre 7.30pm
 - 22nd Seend Fawltly Players – Dick Whittington – Community Centre 7pm
 - 24th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
 - 26th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
 - 26th Monthly Fun Quiz, Brewery Inn, 8pm.
 - 28th Curry Night – Pavilion, 7 for 7.30pm
- (Throughout February, BBC coverage of 6 Nations on big screen TV at Seend Club)

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

- 1st Beer Festival tickets go on sale
- 5th Seend School Cheese & Wine get-together, School Hall, 6.30pm
- 5th Ash Wednesday – start of Lent
- 6th Theatre Club AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 8th NT Assoc Lecture – Community Centre, 2.15pm
- 8th Skittles – Mixed Pairs competition, Community Centre, 8pm
- 9th Launch of The Lighthouse, Seend Church
- 9th Choral Evensong with Capella Nova, Holy Cross Church, Seend, 6pm
- 10th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 14th Bowjangles on the Box, Rural Arts production, C Centre 7.30pm
- 22nd Charity Disco, Community Centre 8pm
- 24th Mobile Library: 9.35 am Seend The Lye; 10 am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55 am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington
- 25th Swishing Party – Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 29th Soup Lunch, Bulkington Village Hall
- 29th Royal British Legion Dugout Supper, Community Centre, 7 for 7.30pm

Newcomer to Seend?

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

Welcome to February Spotlight

Help! We've already told you that we've lost our super advertising coordinator, Sasha Heseltine, who moved up to Yorkshire, so would dearly love to hear from anyone who is able to volunteer for the role of dealing with advertising enquiries and payments and creating the master pages. Please contact any of the numbers below if you are interested. There's a lot to be done between May and July each year, but life gets much easier after that!

Now for February's events.... After such a wet December and January, let's hope for a drier February and a hint of early spring. The 35th Seend Panto is this month's main event during half-term week, but we also have a mouth-watering Curry Night, great guests at Acoustic Club, Nosh & Natter lunch club and a ramble, plus coffee, lunch and tea events in Bulkington. (It's amazing how many events in our villages revolve around food, isn't it?) And no doubt any of our excellent local hostellers will welcome your custom for romantic meals on Valentine's Day. Meanwhile the solar farm debate keeps running (see pp 17-22 & flyer).

As well as our own plea for help (above), the Lye Field 100 Club and the Community Centre are also looking for volunteers. Please don't be shy about taking on a new challenge! Our villages have a reputation for being more active than many; let's all do our bit to keep it that way.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

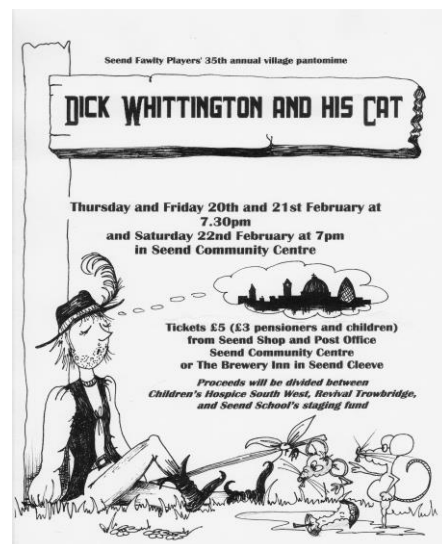
Contributions for the March issue (*copy deadline 15th February*) can be emailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Sue Isaac on 828461. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO.

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. Tessa is also dealing with advertising enquiries for the time being, but note all ads are annual from July-June.

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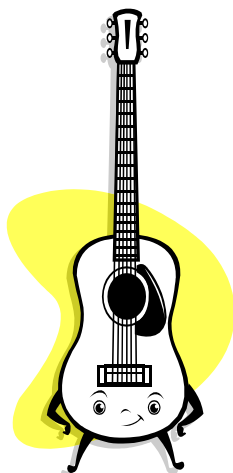
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Village events in February and beyond

(see pages 9-10 for Bulkington events)



Seend Acoustic Club

Seend Community Centre

7.45 for 8pm in the upstairs Village Room.

Only £4 entry. All welcome!

February guests (both return visitors by popular demand) are:

5th February - superb guitarist with gorgeous singing voice and lyrical songs - **James Hollingsworth**.

19th Feb - the man with the amazing harp guitar - **Tony Seeger**.

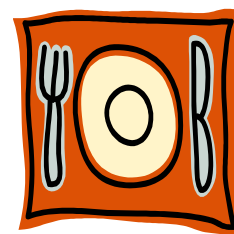
Plus support acts, floorspots, chocolates and unusual raffle

NOSH & NATTER LUNCH CLUB

12 for 12.30pm in Seend Community Centre

Wednesday 26th February - 12 for 12.30pm

Call Pauline on 01380 828638 to book in advance



??? Wednesday 26th Feb - Brewery Inn - Monthly Fun Quiz! ???

Not To Be Missed!!



CURRY NIGHT



**Come on a trip to India and hear a short, fascinating, illustrated talk
followed by a choice of delicious curries**

(chicken, lamb and vegetarian).

on Friday 28th February 2014 at 19:00 for 19:30

Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend

Licensed Bar

Ticket Price £12.50

available from:

Jenny Phillips 828822, Tina Yockney 827139 and Seend Post Office

In aid of church funds



Choral Evensong Holy Cross Church, Seend - 6pm Sunday 9th March

*Using the 1662 service **Capella Nova** will sing a full choral evensong supported by Gary Cook, our organist.*

Capella Nova are an excellent Chamber Choir who perform across the local area to raise funds for charity. Their next event will be at Gloucester Cathedral, but you will hear them here first.

Please join us for what will be a uplifting and special experience.

Collection for the Church fabric fund.



"Bowjangles on the Box"

an all-singing, all-dancing string quartet presents
a witty and dynamic TV stage show with a difference!

Friday 14th March at Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm.

The four performers take on all the roles between them, all whilst playing their instruments to a jaw-droppingly high level, in a clever and unique take on the cultural phenomenon that is TV. Suitable for all ages from 6+.

Tickets £7.00, £6.00 concessions, £4.50 children,
£18.50 per family of up to 4 from Penny England 01380 828949/07855
075780 and Jo Waldeck 01380 828946/07939 119236

Event provided by Rural Arts Wiltshire, the area's rural touring scheme.

(We've already sold tickets to someone who saw their previous show "Bowlympics"! And people who have seen this current show at Corsham can't praise it enough! Don't miss it.)

Barb and Lou's charity disco is back!

Saturday 22nd March at the Community Centre 8pm.

Dancing to DJ Ramon's 60s, 70s and 80s retro disco.

£8 per ticket including ploughmans - £5 for under 16's.

In aid of Breast Cancer Research
and Dorothy House Hospice.

Entry by ticket only. For details contact:

Barb Tilbury 01380 828786 or Lou Waylen 01380 828842



Spring Swishing Party

Tuesday 25th March

7.30pm in the Community Centre

Swap your nearly-new clothes! More details in 'Happenings!'



The Royal British Legion Dugout Supper is back!

On 29th March 2014 at Seend Community Centre we shall be commemorating the 100th Anniversary of World War I.

7 for 7.30pm. A supper of homemade faggots or Padfield sausages will be served with peas and mash followed by a choice of trifle or cheese. Vegetarian and gluten free can be catered for if advised in advance. There will also be light entertainment.



This has always been a popular evening so book early to avoid disappointment. **Tickets at £10.00 per person will be available from Robin Heatley 828491, Marion Whitehead 828612 or at Seend Post Office.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Noel Stafford

Deryn and her family would like to thank the many friends in Bulkington, Seend and Poulshot for their kind messages of sympathy and condolences on the passing of her husband, Noel.

Sam Sainsbury

On behalf of Trish, Wayne, Diane and families we would very much like to thank everyone for the many cards, flowers and messages of support that we kindly received, and the donations to the Alzheimer support charity in memory of Sam Sainsbury, who will be loved and dearly missed always.

Trish, Wayne and Diane.

Lyefield 100 Club.

Bernie Prolze has for a number of years administered the Lyefield 100 Club, which is a valuable source of funds for the Lyefield. But, due to his recent indisposition he has reluctantly asked to be replaced. Bernie has done a sterling job in keeping this interesting game of chance viable and a regular source of income for the upkeep of the Pavilion and the playing fields.

The 100 Club database is up to date and contains all the necessary information for someone to take over from Bernie with the minimum of effort.

The basic function includes the following:

Produce reminders / subscriptions forms which are delivered with Spotlight.

Receive subscriptions and update Access database.

Send reminders to "late payers".

When all receipts are in, a cheque to the Hon. Treasurer of the Lyefield.

Begin draw in May.

Bernie has said he will help with the transition to a new keeper of the draw.

The Lyefield is a precious resource of the village and I appeal for a volunteer to continue the traditions of the 100 Club to ensure the continuing financial contribution to the Pavilion for the future enjoyment of the village. Please call me on 828407 or David Sawyer on 828583 for further and better particulars.

Philip Proven, Chairman. Lyefield Committee

At the end of October some of the local men at The Brewery Inn, Seend Cleeve decided that they would take part in **Movember** and raise money for male cancers. Christopher Waylen was part of this team but unable to grow a moustache, so he decided that he would get his head shaved instead. He raised a total of £513.46 for Orchid Cancer Charity. The "Mo Bros" also did exceptionally well and managed to raise £402.68 for their moustaches, with top fund raiser Paul Shellard raising over £200! The boys would like to thank everyone for their support.

A warning: Residents and visitors to the High Street please be aware of your safety whilst walking on or near the road after I was hit by a passing van on Thursday 16th January. Luckily I was left with just a bruised arm, but it could have been worse.

Wendy Rowland

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

From the registers

Funerals:

Caroline Allen at Holy Cross Seend on 19th November
Sam Sainsbury at Holy Cross Seend on 26th November
Walter Mattock at Holy Cross Seend on 29th November
Noel Stafford at Christ Church Bulkington on 23rd December

Baptism:

Oscar Berrelley at Holy Cross Seend on 24th November

A word of "Thanks"

Christmas is long gone (at least it will be by the time you read this!) – the remnants of the special food we bought in, and wrapping paper, will have been disposed of and the ornaments safely packed away for another year. However I would like to thank everyone who helped, in their many different ways, to make the Christmas services such happy and special occasions. Our parish churches looked wonderful and the worship was a joy to experience. I hope Christmas proved to be a delight to you all, your families and friends. My prayer for our parishes is that 2014 will be a God-filled and Christ-centred time for all who live and work in our communities: that you might come to know Christ better, and make him better known.

From the Vicar

Water has been so much in the news lately – our thoughts and prayers have been with all those whose homes have been flooded over the past weeks, sometimes more than once. It seems even more cruel that many were also affected by power cuts and therefore unable to enjoy our traditional Christmas celebrations.

Water is so much a part of the drama of our life. It brings life, but a severe shortage of water, or, as we have seen, too much of it, can bring destruction. Last Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of Christ. You'll remember Jesus was Baptised (christened) by John the Baptist, in the River Jordan. At that time John recognised Jesus and said "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" For John it seemed odd that he should be asked to baptize Jesus, feeling himself unworthy to even carry Jesus' sandals. And yet, the writings in the Bible, from Old Testament times, were to be fulfilled. And as Jesus was baptised, so a voice came from heaven saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Wow! We might not hear the voice, but the sentiments are there as much today as they have always been. Imagine it ... "This is my son (*your name*)..." or "This is my daughter (*your name*) ... in whom I am well pleased." Jaw-dropping stuff isn't it. None of us feel worthy. We know we fall far short of what God wants us to be and yet we are *still* loved by him!

As I write this, at Rowde School, Bishop Ed Condry, Bishop of Ramsbury reinforced the message of God's love for us when he spoke about the brightest and best thing God had made. He produced a mirror and asked the child "What do you see?" She replied, "Me." She'd got it – the brightest and best thing he made was – is - US! You'd better believe it! Happy New Year. May He bless you richly. May he bless our communities, our homes and all those we love. All praise to His name.

Renée

"Feast" or "Famine"?

Well, no sooner is Christmas behind us than I already have to start thinking about Easter and the time running up to it – "Lent" in churchspeak. From the excesses of food in our commemoration of the birth of Jesus to the "fasting" of Lent in our approach to Good Friday, when Jesus died on the Cross – and then on to the joys of our Easter Day feasting when we're called to remember that Jesus lives on! It's generally felt that we should give something up for Lent – smoking and chocolates are good examples. But I don't think we're called to deny ourselves of such things to any great degree. Abstinence might just make the heart grow fonder (if you'll forgive the pun)- in this case fonder of the one who gave of his all. What I believe is, rather than give something up – or perhaps as well as, we should be doing something positive such as taking on an extra commitment for the good of others around us. That can be something as simple as calling in to see a neighbour who is ill or lonely – you know the kind of thing. We should look upon it as a time to draw closer to God.

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday (5th March this year). On that day there will be a special service at Bulkington starting at 7.30 pm, not only for our parish churches but also for Rowde and Bromham (whose Vicar, John Rees, will lead the service) and

Potterne and Worton with Marston. The service will include hymns, as well as the traditional “ashing” – the marking of a cross on the forehead, in ash from last year’s Palm crosses (to signify sorrow for our misdoings – but only for those who want it – no pressure, you understand!)

Lent meetings, for all three villages, will comprise a talk and short act of worship - everyone welcome, of course. This valuable “breathing space” in the midst of our busy lives will take place at Seend Church at 6.00 pm for up to an hour each Wednesday following Ash Wednesday, up to and including 16th April.

Church Services during February

Sunday 2nd February

8.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
9.30 am	Morning Praise	at Bulkington
11.15 am	Morning Praise	at Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	at Poulshot

Sunday 9th February

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 16th February

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

Sunday 23rd February

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

Sunday 2nd March

8.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
9.30 am	Morning Praise	at Bulkington
11.15 am	Morning Praise	at Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	at Poulshot

“The Lighthouse”

It’s taken some time, but we’re almost there! But what to call it? As we held our first planning meeting up there in the safety and relative comfort of the Parvis Room (the room above the church porch), on a wet, windy and very dark night, with the light shining like a beacon up Church Walk, what could be a more suitable name for our Sunday Club to be held at Seend Church for children from all our parishes? Thanks to

Matthew's superb efforts we already have bright yellow walls and an equally bright blue sky, so we're well on the way already!

Our "launch" is planned for Sunday 9th March with a "beach party" for the children!!! We will meet only on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays each month at 11.15 (1st and 4th already being rather shorter and therefore more family friendly services) but we hope to build in extra fun times as we progress. Children will leave the service during the first hymn for their fun time in the "upper room", and re-join us for the end of the service, when they will be encouraged to share with us the things they've been doing. We have quite a few resources to make all this happen but the one that's most important of all, of course, is people. Parents of children attending will be ideal, of course. All we ask is commitment to a particular date, in advance – not even on a regular basis if that's difficult. Please contact me and I'll arrange a meeting time for all "team members", so that we can get to know each other and plan the future. Email preferred, if possible (revren.d@btinternet.com) or call – 827285.

Renée

SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL

From Roy

February is a month for realism. The excitement of Christmas is long gone and the New Years' resolutions have had time to either work or fail. The weather can be cruel and the days are yet to start stretching out. It is easy to feel stuck in February. Sometimes our lives can feel like February. Everything seems familiar and the same. So we give up noticing what is happening around us.

If ever there was a month for taking true recognition of where we are, it is February. Instead of bemoaning the flatness and familiarity of our lives and surroundings, we have an opportunity to recognise the richness of the familiar. We can live in the moment and savour what is given to us in that moment. I challenge you to look up from reading this letter and see what is around you. Learning to be aware when there does not appear to be a reason to be aware is a good discipline to learn. It can help us to be more observant in more exciting times. We learn that every moment has something of God within it.

And just when we think that February is the flattest of months, suddenly we glimpse the first snowdrops, we see the catkins, or a robin perches on the fence. Nothing is ever as lifeless as we think. Maybe even we are not as turgid as we think. There may well be new life stirring in us too, a sign of new growth, something to stir the imagination and the spirit. Things are not as dead as they seem. They never are because God is always making all things new.

God bless you all



Methodist Services for February

9th February 10am A service will be held with guest preacher from Cricklade.
23rd February 10am Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion

Thank you, Anne Salter

BULKINGTON NEWS

BULKINGTON 100+ CLUB – CHRISTMAS DRAW



The bumper Christmas Draw of the Bulkington 100+ Club took-place on Friday 13th December at The Well. Our winners for this draw were:

£70:	20	Alan Dunlop
£30:	11	Nick Whiteley (woops – no fiddle there – promise!)
£20:	39	Sam Breach

Congratulations to our winners and our thanks to all members for their support.
The next draw will take-place in March 2014.

David Whiteley
For the Friends of Christ Church, Bulkington.

BULKINGTON NEEDS ...YOU!

We are gathering ideas and material for our commemoration in August of the start of the Great War in 1914.

It has been suggested we have a section for remembering those villagers who lived here at the time. These would be memories handed down to today's village families by grandparents and beyond. These often become family legend recalled now by younger members of the family. Nonetheless, they are a valuable legacy which, at this time for remembering, we'd like to include.

So please, ask Granny and Granddad or anyone in your family: do they have any stories to tell of the 'War to End all Wars'? Perhaps they knew of young men giving false ages so they could sign up for military service. Or, as I heard the other day, of horses requisitioned for the Cavalry and of the sad few who returned: our true story of *War Horse*.

If you can help, please contact me and I will help you to make sure your story becomes a part of Bulkington Remembering.

Angela Read, 'Plain View' - Tel: 828925

Advance Notice – Great Bulkington Railway

We will be operating a Passenger Service on Easter Monday (21st April) and August Bank Holiday Monday (25th August) between 1300 hrs and 1630 Hrs.



Nev Boulton, Station Master GBR (01380 828 101)



Monday February 3rd – Tea, Chat and Craft – Open Invitation – at Thelma Boulton's home – 1, Mill Lane, Bulkington, 2pm. No special skills required, just join us for tea and a chat.

Wednesday 5th February – Bulkington Lunch Club meet at The Well 12.15 for 12.30. Please contact Jane Coles on 01380 828145 or at leaze.farm@btconnect.com for further information and a menu.

Saturday 8th February 10.30 am – Coffee Morning at The Vicarage. There will be a raffle and Bring and Buy stall. All proceeds to Christ Church, Bulkington. If anyone would like a lift to the Vicarage, please contact Liz Futter on 828485. Hope to see you there.



Saturday 29th March – Soup Lunch, Bulkington Village Hall.

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on 10 and 24 February 10.55-11.25am at The Well. Please support this.

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND CLEEVE OPEN GARDENS SATURDAY 14th JUNE 2014

Calling all residents!

If you love your garden and would like to share it with others then please do join us for this popular village event. It doesn't have to be like Kew gardens. It doesn't have to be huge and manicured. Cottage gardens are loved by many and informal gardens are equally appreciated and enjoyed.

**PLEASE DO OPEN YOUR GARDEN FOR ALL TO ENJOY.
CONTACT TINA YOCKNEY tinayockney@btinternet.com
or 01380 827139 asap**



Many thanks. We look forward to hearing from you.



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Please see the copy of 'Happenings!' inside this issue of Spotlight for news of past and future events at the Centre

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS 35TH VILLAGE PANTO

Full details on the front cover and in 'Happenings!'. And find us on facebook!



Seend Beer Festival

Saturday 3rd May - Noon till 11pm

It hardly seems possible, but we are approaching that time of year again, and the organisation is already well under way. As we go to press the afternoon entertainment is yet to be finalised, but booked for the evening are the excellent local band A Dig In The Ribs.

Keep your eyes on the beer festival website for regular updates. **Remember this is a ticket-only event and we sold out last year** – don't run the risk of missing out, make sure you get your tickets in good time.

Tickets will be on sale in Seend – at the Post Office, The Brewery Inn and the Community Centre from 1st March 2014. So Seendites have first opportunity to make sure they have their tickets!!!

Tickets will go on wider release and be available online from 1st April 2014.

- 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 bookings attract an additional £1.50 booking fee.

So no excuses – get your tickets as soon as they're on sale!!!

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting will take place in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre on Thursday 13th February commencing at 1930 hrs.



Date to Remember

The Dugout Supper will take place in the Community Centre on Saturday 29th March 2014 commencing at 1900 for 1930 hrs. (See Events section for details.)

SEEND WINE CIRCLE



Our February event has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. The next event will be on 12th April in the Community Centre, when we will be tasting some excellent wines from Austria.

Places must be reserved in advance so that we can purchase enough wine!

The evening costs £10 per person.

More information at Seendwinecircle.org

Steve Parsons

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Happy New Year gardeners – and here's to some dry weather! If you missed our December meeting you missed a treat – James and Matthew from Avonfield Nurseries – a real garden centre – were not only informative, showing us how to plant up baskets and pots as Christmas gifts, but had us in stitches – a brilliant double act! The competition for six Christmas Biscuits was won by Tim (me) and thanks to everyone who brought refreshments for a very enjoyable meeting to finish the year.



Next month's meeting, on **Tuesday 11th February at 7.30**, returns to the usual format, with an audio visually illustrated talk by David Moon on The National Garden Scheme – the theme for the competition is 'A photograph of your Garden'. Please note that our March meeting – **Tuesday 11th March** – features our Spring Bulb Competition and schedules will be available at the February meeting.

You may be interested to know about this year's programme of RHS Shows, the first of which is in Cardiff from 11th - 13th April. Information about this and the other RHS Shows is available on the RHS website or call 0800 358 0058.

We should also say a big Thank You to Jenny Phillips and Len Murray, who have agreed to take on the upkeep of the planters set up in the village by the Parish Council.

See you in February.

Tim

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Sunday 15th December 2013

18 members completed a circular walk of approximately 5½ miles, commencing from the Village Hall at Grittleton, a nice bright start in the weather conditions but with intermittent drizzly spells inbetween. This was a very flat walk, covering fields and tracks. We all enjoyed Sandy's mince pies and hot mulled wine to complete what proved to be a very exhilarating walk – just what the doctor ordered to set us up for the festive season ahead. Many thanks to Reg and Tim for their planning.

The walk planned for **Sunday 15th January** did not take place owing to the extremely waterlogged conditions which prevailed over almost all of Wiltshire. All the active walkers had been notified in advance of this cancellation.

The next walk will be on **Sunday 16th February**. Please meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. The location for this walk of approximately 5½ miles will depend on the weather conditions. Every endeavor will be made to find the most suitable terrain under the existing circumstances. Leader – Gerald Salter (01225 706451).

Lin Salter.

SEEND POETRY GROUP – New members welcome. Call 01380 828617 for info.



SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

It has been decided that the way forward for the Seend Shuttle committee is to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This means that they will be able to register for V.A.T. and purchase a new bus. Pete Wallis is working towards this end with the solicitor who is also helping the Ramsbury community bus group who are in a similar situation. When the process is complete the Parish Council will hand over the vehicle registration documents to the new Organisation. If anyone wants to know more about this change feel free to contact Pete on his home phone: 01380 726560 or e-mail him at petewallis36@hotmail.com.

First Wednesday Shopping Trip: Please call Stephen on 828118 by Monday 3rd to book your place on the trip to Salisbury on Wednesday 5th February.

Timetable: See the scheduled services timetable on www.seend.org.uk



SEEND WI

Unfortunately we had to cancel our meeting in January due to a power cut in the Pavilion! So hopefully Anne Tottingham will be coming to one of our meetings in the near future to give us an introduction to Tai Chi.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th February when Malcolm Jago will be talking about A Day in the Life of a Bee Keeper. If you would like to join us on this occasion please do come along, visitors are always welcome.

Our 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 on www.seendwi.weebly.com

WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

This spring we have what promises to be another enjoyable course, to be given by Dr. Allan Phillipson. The title is 'Americans in Paris' and Allan writes: "Paris has been a catalyst for some of America's finest thinkers and creators. From Thomas Jefferson to Gene Kelly, this course explores their reasons for going and the work they produced. We will look at art (Sargent, Whistler, Cassatt), literature (James, Wharton, Fitzgerald), and a variety of films." Absolutely no previous knowledge is required, but if you can get hold of Ernest Hemingway's 'A Moveable Feast', that would earn you a few Brownie points.



Meetings start on 3rd February in the Community Centre. The cost is £54 for seven sessions (free to those on benefits). More information from Pam Church on 828597.

SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB



The AGM will be held in the Pavilion on Thurs 6th March starting at 7.30pm with a very entertaining illustrated talk by Alix Booth on “The History of Punch and Judy”. The business part of the meeting will follow once we are well relaxed with a glass or two of wine. Subs for the coming year will be payable then.

We look forward to welcoming all our members as well as those who may wish to join this thriving club.

We have several trips planned, including “West Side Story” at the Bristol Hippodrome in February, “The Canterbury Tales” in Salisbury in March, and “Sense and Sensibility” at the Watermill Theatre in Newbury in April, when we enjoy a pre-show supper.

We will also be going to the usual splendid show with actor/musicians at the Watermill Theatre in August or September (date to be announced later). This year it is “Calamity Jane”. “Sense and Sensibility” is now booking, but the previous two are fully booked already. However there may be spare tickets if anyone drops out.

The beautiful romantic setting of the tiny Watermill Theatre in its lovely garden by the river is always a great treat for us each summer.

Sylvia Ewin 828325



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

Seend School would like to invite you to a “Cheese and Wine get together” Wednesday 5th March – 6.30pm (School Hall)

On behalf of the Governing Body of Seend School I want to share some wonderful news.

Back in 2011, we embarked on the daunting journey to raise just under £31,000 as our contribution towards the building of the new wing of the school, incorporating a new class room and IT suite. This was not a project taken lightly, but in order to ensure the long term sustainability of our school, as a school, we knew that we had to take bold action.

Now thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our school and wider community we have reached our target and have enough to pay our final contribution to the Diocese. How have we done this – well, it is just amazing but it shows what a community can achieve when it puts its mind to it. So many village organisations and individuals have supported us – too many to mention individually, but every pound that you have contributed has made such a difference.

By way of saying “thank you” we would like to invite you to come and join us to celebrate our wonderful news at a “cheese and wine get together” on Wednesday 5th March at 6.30pm.

Sarah Todhunter

Happy New Year to everyone from Seend School!

We are pleased to welcome our new teacher of Holly Class, Miss Holland, to our team at Seend School. She has settled in very well and has been busy getting to know the children, staff and parents. This term, Holly Class are learning all about 'Winter.' Brrr!

Over the Christmas holidays all 12 of our computers (including screens) in the computer suite were replaced along with a new server and new office machines, making everything all that bit more up-to-date and efficient! With the 6 laptops and the 12 iPads all currently being used too, we are increasingly proud of our ICT provision and the children's achievements.

A huge well done to Seend School's Netball Team who won the best team award at last month's Melksham's Young People's Award ceremony. This award comes straight after they won a Netball Tournament between the other local Primary Schools. A very well done to them and Coach Elliott for all their commitment and hard work. A team of year 4, 5 and 6 Tag Rugby players performed excellently too, at a tournament with 2 other local teams where they came second. With Coach Elliott's help we are now looking to achieve a bronze standard in the School Games Kitemark. We are very lucky to have Coach Elliott on staff as her enthusiasm and skill are a real asset to our sport's provision, helping us go from strength to strength. Already, in a bid to ensure we are providing a variety of after school sports' clubs, the children in Chestnut and Sycamore Class enjoyed a taste of the free after-school Street Surfing club that is starting on Friday 17th. Nearly all the KS2 children have signed up to it which is fantastic news!

Our School Choir were invited to sing at a residential home in Melksham last term so one Thursday afternoon a group of the year 3 and 4 members (as the year 5 and 6 members were busy with a medieval banquet) went along and sang a selection of traditional and modern Christmas Carols, much to the delight of the residents and staff. The children also gave a selection of mince pies, cake and biscuits to help spread the Christmas cheer.

School Council have taken on the role of helping to make the school a "greener" place. As part of recycling, and to help us raise money, we have taken delivery of an ink cartridge recycling box.

For every genuine cartridge received, the school will earn £1 and for every remanufactured cartridge we will receive 50p. Anyone who wants a box for their place of work can use this to raise money for the school too. Please contact the school office for further details.

Seend School Parent Social Club

Christmas Fair – Thank you to all who turned out to support us and took the opportunity to look at the extension. We raised over £700.

I would like to especially thank our sponsors:

Bovisand Lodge Beachside Holiday Park, Brian Hunt Driving Consultant, The Daily Drinker, GrapePip (Wine auction site), Lyndsey Moon Website design, Online Autos, Deborah Holley Jewellery, Nortree Motors, Cleeve Cats Cattery, P B Bines Stone Mason, Mark Williams Logs, Spa Farm Meats & Cheeses, Optimise Energy and NFU Mutual Insurance – Swindon Office.

Textile Collection - We will be arranging another textile collection shortly with Bag2school. When sorting through your cupboards, please think of us. We can take adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (*not duvets or pillows*).

Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school (50p / Kg), it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. It is a fact that as a nation we still send 1,081,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

Emma Smith 01380 828056

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 **Monday, 25th November** was attended by 8 Councillors with Mr J Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr T James, Mr P Manning and CBM PC Emily Thomas.

Co-option of Parish Councillor

There had been two applications: Dr Robin Cordell (Sells Green) and Mr Christopher Waylen (The Lye). As only one of the applicants was present at the meeting, Councillors decided by a majority vote to consider this item at the next meeting when, hopefully, both applicants were able to be present.

Police and Local Councillor's Matters

An email had been received from PC Thomas, sending her apologies, and advising that a catalytic converter had been stolen from a vehicle in Sells Green on 22nd November; other than that Seend has been quiet. There have, however, been thefts of trailers locally in Worton, so parishioners should be extra vigilant and report any suspicious persons.

Cllr Seed advised that work would hopefully take place in Spout Lane to help ease the parking problems being experienced. This would consist of reflective posts on the opposite side of the road to the lay-by; also the surface of the lane would be looked at in the next couple of weeks to repair any potholes. Cllr Seed said a grit spreader, suitable for attaching to a Land Rover, would be available for communities to use. Mr Wiltshire advised that the ton of salt/grit for the village had been delivered and was stored at Egypt Farm. Cllr Seed also commented that if new grit bins were to be purchased, the best value was to buy through Countrywide. The Clerk to check prices at Countrywide and Mole Valley Farmers.

Items for discussion from members of the Parish – Poulshot solar farm

Mrs Lawrence spoke on behalf of “Wiltshire Protect”, to outline their objections to the application for the solar farm at Poulshot, but also to proposals in the pipeline within a five- mile radius of Seend, which it was felt would blight the beauty of the surrounding countryside. Mrs Lawrence stressed that WP are not against alternative forms of energy, but felt that they should be sited sympathetically. She also advised what action had been taken to date, including signs in the village to heighten awareness, contacting local MPs, Government Minsters and the Prime Minister, as well as local Parish Councils, Wiltshire Council and the media.

Cllr Seed explained that Government doesn’t have policies in place that would enable Wiltshire Council to turn down applications for solar farms on planning reasons. Poulshot Parish Council has voted in favour of the proposal and there is little that can be done. However, Wiltshire Council will consider the cumulative effect of subsequent applications for solar PV installations. He noted that the five Parish Councils who have considered solar PV applications in their parish to date have all voted against objecting.

A general discussion took place about the pros and cons of solar power, and the Clerk advised that the Irene Usher Pavilion had been booked for a public meeting on Thursday 5th December at 7.30 p.m. to which the developers had been invited.

Mr Murch requested that a vote on the application for a solar PV installation at Poulshot be taken, as comments were requested by 28th November. A vote was taken by show of hands, with 4 Councillors voting in favour (G. A’Bear, D. Nichols, J. Padfield and M. Wiltshire) and 4 Councillors voting against (T. Carr, T. Murch, K. Rigg and J. Savage). As there was an equality of votes, the Chairman used his casting vote in favour of the application.

Freight traffic through Seend – An email had been sent to Peter Baxter, Clerk of West Lavington PC for information about the VAS in that village. His response had been forwarded to the PC and Matthew Griffiths. Laura Gosling would like confirmation that the PC supports the installation of VAS at the pinch point in the High Street. Councillors voted 7 in favour, one against. The Clerk to advise Laura Gosling.

Community Speed Watch – Brian Jacques and Brian Crisp attended training in October, and Mr & Mrs Griffiths in the last few days. Brian Crisp has offered to act as co-ordinator for the group.

Old railway bridge – The blue signs for G & S Patios have now been removed.

Notice board, bus shelter Sells Green – Councillors agreed the purchase of an A2 size aluminium notice board at a cost of £148.95, plus VAT.

Possible skateboard park – RoSPA report on the Melksham skate park equipment still not received. Next Youth Council meeting arranged for 4th December.

Allotments – JDH Gardening Services will finish clearing the allotments shortly, including spraying for weeds and will also turn off the water supply for the winter.

Dial Close – The silver birch has been trimmed back. The Parish Steward will attend to broken tree branches at the entrance to Dial Close after the recent high winds.

Planters – A thank you email has been sent to Michael Johnson. Members of the Gardening Club have planted up the planters at the entrance to Dial Close and Church Walk.

Canal bridge at The Barge – Concerns about the bridge to be sent to Wiltshire Highways and also Wadworths, as the Barge Inn would be affected by any bridge closure for remedial works.

Footpath SEEN26 – notification about the blockage at the northern end of the footpath advised online via Wiltshire Council's website.

Barbara Booth's trees – Trevor Hales advised that all the trees have come through the summer and are thriving.

Seend Shuttle

Mr Murch advised that the Shuttle committee is due to meet on Tuesday 3rd December. The Clerk had contacted Ron Young, Vice Chair of Ramsbury Community Bus, to see if they could give information about their decision to become a charitable company.

Planning Matters

13/01866/FUL Sundial Cottage, Seend Cleeve

Enlargement of existing access and roadway plus extension of garage

Councillors understood that there was a boundary dispute, and professional advice was being sought by a neighbour. Councillors voted 6 in favour with 2 abstentions.

13/05416/TCA Seend Church, High Street

Works to various trees

Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

13/05808/FUL The Three Magpies, Sells Green

10 proposed touring/mobile caravan pitches

Mr Nichols declared an interest and withdrew from the room during the discussion and voting.

Councillors voted unanimously in favour, with the comment they would like to see more trees on the site for screening.

13/05854/FUL Berhills Farm, Sells Green

Erection of an apple storage building

Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

Seend Head – There is a large pot hole about 150 yards in from the western end of the lane. The Parish Steward to be asked to resurface this section of the lane, as patching has not been successful.

Sandridge solar farm – If the deadline for comments on this application are required before the next PC meeting on 28th January, a meeting will be called to discuss.

Horse Pond – It was noted that the surrounding wall is damaged and unstable following a collision by a vehicle. The Clerk to ascertain who owns the wall and see if it can be repaired.

The planning meeting held on Tuesday 17th December was attended by nine Councillors with Mr J Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr D Nichols and Cllr J Seed.

13/06140/FUL Land at Snarlton Farm, Snarlton Lane, Melksham SN12 7QP

Development of 80.5ha solar photovoltaic farm with attendance equipment and infrastructure

There had been two 1½ hour information sessions held the previous week, at which the developers had given a presentation and members of the public had been able to ask questions about the proposed application. Several members of the public had requested to speak at this meeting, prior to the Parish Councillors making their decision.

Mr Churchill spoke on behalf of Wiltshire Protect, a group campaigning against the cumulative effects of solar farms being located in any one residential, rural area of Wiltshire.

Mr Brooker then spoke to say he was generally in favour of solar power as a source of renewable energy, in the right circumstances. However, he objected to the size of this development; the effect on the visual amenity from Seend ridge and the offer of money to the local community.

Dr Phillips spoke of his concerns about the leaching of heavy metals into the soil below the panels, and eventually into water courses.

Mrs Phillips then spoke on behalf of Carola Thorpe who was concerned about the rural landscape and the need to protect it.

Mrs Lawrence then spoke about the composition of the Parish Council, and questioned whether it represented the village.

Parish Councillors then gave their reasons for either supporting, or not supporting, the application:

Mrs Carr said that she felt the developers' information, photographs and figures were misleading.

Mrs Savage was concerned about the loss of farm land and food production, and the pollution of land.

Mrs A'Bear said that the site was a working landscape that already had pylons on it, and she viewed it as farming energy rather than a crop. She was also concerned about energy security for the younger generation.

Mr Rigg said that he felt it was unwise to go ahead at this stage with this development as Wiltshire Council does not have a policy in place. He was also concerned about grid capacity.

Mr Manning had concerns about the high visibility of the site and the industrialisation of the rural landscape.

Mr Murch said that he was in favour of solar energy in the right place, but he did not support this development. He was concerned about what Cllr Seed had said at the meeting on 25th November about further applications in the pipeline, and wondered why the area around Seend seemed to be attracting several applications for solar farms.

Mr Wiltshire said that he did not have any comment to make.

Mr James said that he supported the application, and that it was necessary to consider alternative forms of sustainable energy generation.

Mr Padfield said that he agreed with Mrs A'Bear that this application was simply another form of harvest.

The Chairman then asked Mr St John Hughes of Sandridge Solar Power to address the comments made by speakers.

Councillors then voted on the proposed application as follows:

In favour – Mrs G A'Bear, Mr T James, Mr J Padfield and Mr M Wiltshire

Against – Mrs T Carr, Mr P Manning, Mr T Murch Mr K, Rigg and Mrs J Savage

13/05542/FUL The Cottage, High Street

Proposed demolition of rear lean-to porch and construction of single storey rear extension

13/05693/LBC The Cottage, High Street

Proposed demolition of rear lean-to porch and construction of single storey rear extension

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the applications.

13/05979/FUL 28B Seend Cleeve

Single storey extension to roof over existing swimming pool (resubmission of 13/00367/FUL)

Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the application.

13/06263/TCA Wiltshire House, High Street

Works to trees in a Conservation Area

Councillors voted in favour of the application, with the comment that replacement trees should be planted somewhere else on the site.

13/05008/FUL Cleeve House, Trowbridge Road

Siting of mobile home for use of residential accommodation for ground staff

Councillors discussed this application, but voted unanimously to reject the application on planning grounds as it was not necessary for staff to be housed on site in temporary accommodation. Councillors also questioned why the Enforcement Officer appeared to predetermine the outcome of the application in section 5 of the application.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 28th January 2014, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. .

Full Parish Council meeting minutes can be found on www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Wiltshire Council News from Jonathon Seed

I returned from a Christmas break straight into a period of dreadful weather and resultant floods. I got out and about quickly to visit the local and County affected areas. I spent time in villages where roads were flooded, drains were blocked, water was being pumped and I also visited some houses that were sadly flooded. All our thoughts should be with these members of our community whose houses flooded as the effects of flooded dwellings are experienced for months after the event and we wish them all well in the recovery from these local and personal disasters.

As the Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member responsible for flooding I am also heavily involved in dealing with flooding across the County and in particular how we can improve flood resilience and alleviation as well as communicating our policy on flooding to the press. Wiltshire Council spends hundreds of thousands of pounds a year on small flood alleviation schemes and each one makes a difference to dwellings and small communities and their flood risk and so slowly we are reducing the overall flood risk. The vital work on flood alleviation and emergency response is undertaken by our hard working teams of officers at all levels who have done a great job 24/7 over the Christmas and New Year period and then for the following two weeks manning the operations room, helping on the ground and keeping our road network as free as possible whilst at the same time giving all the help that they can to affected residents and communities. We all owe them our sincere thanks for the work that they do.

I have spent an increasing amount of time on the local solar farm issues and I have listened to the views of many local residents including those with strong views either way and also those who have talked to me but who are not prepared to enter the public debate. Awareness of the solar farm issue has been helped by the Wiltshire Protect pressure group. I also continue to oppose the concept of the solar farms in our area and I oppose them for several reasons. These reasons include concerns that they blight our beautiful local countryside, that they remove large acreages of land from agricultural and amenity use, concerns about the effects on local businesses, and concerns about residual pollution levels. Most importantly to me, many local residents also oppose these solar farms. However the reality is that Government policies mean that we cannot prevent them and the concerns which I have are, regrettably, not sound planning reasons for objection to the applications.

I have thus taken the view that if we really cannot prevent these solar blights on our local countryside then we should negotiate as many advantageous changes

and conditions to the plans as possible and I will continue to work in support of that position. These conditions include more natural fencing, community benefit payments, better landscaping, reducing total areas of panels and most importantly imposing a Bond on the developments. This Bond will ensure protected funding to enable the return of the solar farm site back to agricultural land either at the end of the 25-year period granted or if the situation changes sooner and the solar farm is no longer viable. This may be making the best of a bad job but I believe that in the absence of Government policies to stop these applications then negotiation of better conditions is the only responsible course of action available to local Councillors. I am therefore very pleased to report that Hive Energy have responded to my suggestions for alterations to the Poulshot Lodge application positively and are making adjustments and alterations to all the areas of concern that I raised.

Jonathon.seed@wiltshire.gov.uk



SEEND CRICKET CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of Seend Cricket Club will be held in Seend Community Centre on Tuesday, 4th February, at 7.30pm. If there are any newcomers to the village who would be interested in joining, we would be glad to see you. As most of you know we play 40 overs per side 'friendlies' on Sundays, with most already booked at this stage. Please make every effort to come along and meet some old and new faces.

Brian Hunt, Chairman.

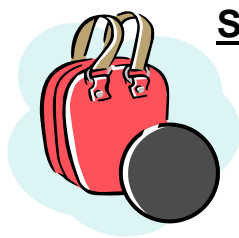
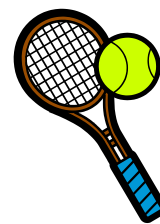
Seend Sports Results and Fixtures

TENNIS. Chair; Elaine Davies

We are now in the second half of the winter league fixtures with just three matches to go.

Seend beat Corsley 5-3 with the overall result coming down to a final set tie-break which Susie Meharg and her partner Jonathan Rigg secured. The other pairing was, for the second match in a row, Tom and Sally Jackson fresh from the previous week's victory over Frome when Seend managed an 8-0 win. Looks like a nomination for sports family of the year!

The normal League matches start in April and go on through to August. We shall be putting out two mixed teams of four plus a ladies and men's team, again with four players in each. As always if anyone out there would be interested in playing league matches they would be most welcome. Just contact Elaine or Frankie.



SHORT MAT BOWLS: Chief engineer, Colin Waldeck

I will come to any results shortly but before I forget I ought to pass on some more key information about the sport that Colin has given to me. With fracking very much in the news I, like many, was

completely unaware that this was a term which originated in SMB and has now been borrowed by the energy industry. Colin explained that if a contestant throws his or her bowl using such force, and indeed accuracy, with the result that the wooden block left in the middle of the pitch is split in half then that is termed "fracking", with the culprit obliged to buy a round there and then for the rest of the team. If not done immediately Colin says that matters can become quite unruly and a fracas usually ensues.

Oh yes ! those results.....the lads beat Trowbridge at home 6-2, but the next home match saw Bromham win 6-2. On the return match at Bromham Colin turned the tables, leading the team to a 6-2 victory. Reality dawned with the next away fixture at Kington Langley, a 0-8 loss ! Colin was heard muttering something on the way home suggesting that the wooden block did not survive the tie, but I did not understand what he was going on about.

SKITTLES

The three Seend teams in the Melksham skittles league are facing mixed fortunes.

Seend A play in the premier division which they presently top having played 36 with 27 wins, no draws and only 9 losses.

Seend B and Seend C are both in the second division lying in 8th and 9th places respectively.

The B team have played 32, won 12, drawn none and lost 20.

The C team have played 36, won 14, drawn 1 and lost 21.

If any skittles player would care to take on the task of match reporting then I would be very pleased to hear from you.

(See 'Happenings!' for details of the open-to-all Singles and Mixed Pairs skittles competitions in the Community Centre. Ed.)

Please would all the sports clubs let me have news and results for the March issue of Spotlight by 18th February please. Just send the same to my club.

Frankie Goddard, 01380 828488



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 urgently 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

Wanted: Bon Maman jam jars for the forthcoming barn dance. If anyone has any unused ones that we can have, please can you contact Gill on 07905 985444 or Jenny on 01380 827041

BITS AND BOBS

DRAWING AND PAINTING CLASSES - TUTOR - ALAN PADWICK



Linden House, London Road, Devizes, SN10 2DS

Tel.: 01380 721595 Mobile: 07711 018406

Email: alanpadwick@me.com

Classes take place in Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend on Thursday mornings – 10.00 to 12.30 during Spring and Autumn Terms – each being 10 weeks duration with a break for half-term.

The cost is £75.00 per term (or pro rata if you join after term starts)

This is a very friendly group and Alan welcomes beginners as well as more experienced artists. He teaches watercolour, pastel, acrylics and oils.

Contact Alan or Sarah Padwick for more information

THE NORTH & WEST WILTS NATIONAL TRUST ASSOCIATION

Winter Lecture Series - 2.15pm in Seend Community Centre

8th February 'The Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of The Guards'

8th March 'The Wonders of Westonbirt'.

Entry £2 Association members, £3 non-members.

FAIRIES IN THE GARDEN?

Did you know? There are no orange-peel, or other kinds of litter (or dog-poo left where people can stand in it) fairies living in Seend. I hate to see the highly visible trail of orange peel on the footpath or along Church Walk, as I'm sure most others do too. Please would you take it home – or use the bins provided for the purpose, including the ones by the tool-shed in the corner of the churchyard as you walk past.

Thanks.

THE SEEND FUND

Remember the **Seend Fund** is your local charity. Anyone living in or closely associated with the Seend parish can apply to the trustees by e-mailing their secretary (anitashea@hotmail.co.uk) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham, SN12 6PY.

If you find yourself in financial difficulties we might be able to help with anything from school uniforms to heating bills. Don't hesitate to send us your details, how much you need, what it is for and when you need it by. Even if we have helped you before we will consider your request.

YOGA

in Keevil Village Hall Thursday mornings 10.00 to 11.30 with Anne Vingoe.

£7 a session. Contact Anne by e-mailing annievingoe@hotmail.com if you would like to know more.



Melksham & District Girlguiding is part of the largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women in the UK. In Melksham and District we have 1 Rainbow Unit; 3 Brownie Units; (2 Melksham and 1 Seend) One Guide

Company and one Ranger Company.

Unfortunately Seend Guides had to suspend their Unit due to lack of members as it is not viable to run a unit with less than 5 girls.

We are now actively seeking women to volunteer to help us build up our District. We can offer:

Leadership experience - Skill development - Recognised training

By giving some of your time, even just one or two hours a month, can help make a difference to girls and young women in your Community.

To discover a whole new world of fun, friendship and adventure please call 0800 1 69 59 01 and mention that you would like to join Melksham & District.

In Melksham we are fortunate enough to own our meeting place. However, this does bring with it the perpetual problem of fundraising to keep the building in good repair.

Our latest fundraising events are :

Saturday 8th February – Family Quiz Night. 7pm. Teams of 5 and the cost is £5 per team. Tickets are available from your Brownie Guider or me, as below.

Saturday 8th March. An Evening of Musical Entertainment. Live music including Melksham Ukulele Social Club – Maisie Marchant and friends and others. There will also be Karaoke. Tickets are £5 each to include a Ploughman's Supper.

Tickets are available now and are limited. Please ask your Guider if you wish to buy tickets or ring me on 01380 816919. You will be assured of a good time.

We hope to see you at one or both of these events.

Susan Foreman, District President.

VOLUNTEERING

Have you thought about volunteering? Why not come along to Volunteer Centre Wiltshire's drop in session at Bradford-on-Avon Library on Thursday February 13th 10am – 12pm. If you can't get down to see us but want to get involved and make a difference phone our dedicated volunteering support line "Call-IT!" now on 0845 521 6224. Or visit our website: www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk.

(Voluntary and community groups can find out more about signing up to the Valuing Volunteers Promise by contacting Develop Enhancing Community Support on 0845 034 5250.)

RIGHTS OF WAY

In 2008, Wiltshire County Council produced its Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP), setting out how the council (now Wiltshire Council) would manage and improve the rights of way network to meet current needs and demands.



Although the guidance focuses on rights of way, it also states that improvements to other routes and areas which allow people to access the countryside need to be considered. To reflect this more clearly, the title has been changed to the Countryside Access Improvement Plan (CAIP).

Comments are invited on the draft CAIP and accompanying assessments. The consultation period runs from Friday 3rd January 2014 to Friday 28th March 2014. For further information about the CAIP and details on how to submit your comments please go to: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/rightsofway/countrysideaccessimprovementplanconsultation.htm>

HELP AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO CARE

According to the last census, there are 47,608 people in Wiltshire providing care and support to a relative, child, partner or friend who would not be able to manage on their own, whether through physical or mental disability, old age, long-term illness, special educational need, eating disorder or a problem with drugs or alcohol.

It is estimated that 3 in 5 people will become a carer at some point in their lives. Most people will not identify themselves as such – people simply consider themselves as a spouse, sibling, parent, grandparent or friend doing what they would be doing anyway.

Carer Support Wiltshire is a charity with a team of support workers who can provide information and support to carers living in Wiltshire, at the other end of the telephone, or face to face, along with access to counselling and advice relating to your role. Services are free and confidential for anyone aged 18 and over and we can offer you the chance to have a break through social cafés, days out, activities, craft groups and complementary therapies. We will shortly be running a monthly carers café in Devizes where you can come along to chat with other carers over a hot drink or two.

To find out more about us, or to register for some support, please visit our website www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk, email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk or freephone 0800 181 4118 (01380 871690 from a mobile).

CALNE CHORAL - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Spring concert (Mozart's Mass in C Minor) will be on 12th April 2014 and 5th July 2014 is the date for an Evening of Summer Music", both at St. Mary's School, Calne.



KEEVIL SCARECROW TRAIL

During the 17th-18th May weekend, Keevil CofE Primary School will be holding its annual Scarecrow Trail! This year's theme is Famous British Historical Figures. The school also runs stalls including a BBQ, bar, plant stall, cake stall, tombola, etc to raise money for things that schools today cannot afford from their tight budgets.



We are inviting everyone from the surrounding area to get involved by making a Scarecrow! We will provide the cross section and the head and then it's up to you to get creative! We have a list of historical figures to choose from, or you can come up with one of your own, as long as it hasn't already been taken. A great fun activity for any school groups, organisations, businesses, families and individuals! There are great prizes for the best scarecrow too, so your efforts could be well rewarded.

We would also dearly love to hear from any local companies or individuals willing to provide a raffle prize in return for advertising. Please do get in touch if you think you can help! It will be a great weekend for the whole of the local area.

Charlotte Martin (07712654679) and Jill Reynolds (07817 172884)
(Joint chair of the FOKS Scarecrow Trail committee)



White Horse Opera's Spring Concert Saturday March 29th 7.30pm in Devizes Town Hall with guest tenor Sebastiano Cipolla.

popular arias and choruses from "All Round The World".

Tickets £8 are on sale at Devizes Books tel: 01380-725944 and online at:
www.whitehorseopea.ticketsource.co.uk

SARSEN TRAIL AND NEOLITHIC MARATHON

It's back! The event that runners, walkers and bikers look forward to all year!

The Sarsen Trial and Neolithic Marathon will take place on Sunday 4th May 2014. Run it, walk it, bike it, enjoy it – this event includes the Full and Half Marathon, a range of walks (7, 11, 15 and 26 miles) and two new bike routes of either 30 or 50 km multi-terrain, circular mountain bike routes, starting and ending at Stonehenge. The new cycling routes will this year go through Salisbury Plain allowing cyclists to enjoy the vast beauty of this unique landscape.



Money raised from the event support the critical conservation work of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, developing a sustainable future for wildlife and people.

The route is fully stewarded with first aid cover and support vehicles and a free coach service is offered for walkers between the starting and finishing points. The Trust provides regular water and toilet stops with refreshments available along the route.

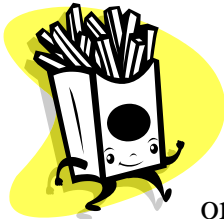
All participants who cross the finish line at Stonehenge receive free refreshments at the end, along with a medal awarded to all those who finish their chosen route.

Thanks to English Heritage those with medals will have the opportunity to enter the Stonehenge site for free for the rest of the day.

Entry fees cover the Trust's costs for organising the event and more funds can be raised for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust through individual sponsorship. Register before 7th March for our early bird discount!

For further information email derek@wiltshirewildlife.org. Online booking is available via www.wiltshirewildlife.org from Monday 20th January 2014.

GREAT BRITISH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER – FRIDAY 16TH MAY 2014



Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting the Spinal Injuries Association's vital services. You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local hall or community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting eight friends and asking them to donate an additional £5 you will raise at least £40 from your supper. We will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA. Last year we raised £12,500.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

I am appealing to your readers to volunteer for Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal, to help people with terminal illnesses get the care they need.

We're looking for people who can donate an hour of their time this March simply giving out daffodil pins in return for donations.

Marie Curie Nurses provide free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes. If you're able to donate an hour of your time then please contact me on 01179 247 275 or visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil.

Thank you for your support,

Natalie Taylor, Community Fundraiser



And finally ...

'I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back' - Zsa Zsa Gabor

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, Mr Steve Taylor 01225 709360; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; St Peter's Poulshot: Mrs Janet James 724944; LPAs: Mrs Jane Goman 827121 and Mrs Liz Futter 828485;

Bell Ringers: L Murray 828513

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: Bookings and drivers: Alison Cobbing 07951030491 or 01225 635463

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, 01380 729358 (M-F 9.30am-1pm) claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk

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

100+ Club Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391 (Please contact him if you would like to take over)

Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 07702 967150 - 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 - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Fete Cttee - Jo McManus 828870 (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 828687

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 07974 347487 or Simon McManus 01380 828870

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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