

# SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



March 2016

## DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

(All Six Nations rugby matches shown in Seend Club lounge bar)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shuttle shopping trip to Salisbury
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lent Course, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 4pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wine and chocolate tasting, Brewery Inn, 7pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lent Lunch, Bulkington Village Hall, 12noon
- 6<sup>th</sup> Café Church, Holy Cross, Seend, 11am
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.40am Seend The Lye; 10.05am Seend Cleeve phone box; 11.05am Well Inn Car Park, Bulkington (new timetable and monthly instead of fortnightly)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Seend WI AGM and Social, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> ‘Becoming Hatty’, Rural Arts Touring production, Pavilion,
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mixed Pairs Skittles competition, Community Centre, 8pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Slide & music show for Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Lent Course, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 4pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Parish Council meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> Seend WI Craft afternoon, Pavilion, 2-4pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Seend School Disco, 6-8pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO APRIL SPOTLIGHT
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jumble sale & train rides, Bulkington Village Hall, 1-4pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Wine Circle, Community Centre, 8pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers walk (9.30am in Rusty Lane) followed by AGM, Pavilion, 11am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Seend Playgroup Easter egg hunt, Easter Bonnet Parade & coffee morning, Pavilion
- 25<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Children’s workshops, Seend Church, 10am-12noon
- 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> Easter egg hunt and hat competition, Brewery Inn, 12 noon
- 28<sup>th</sup> Great Bulkington Railway, 1-4.30pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Seend Parish Council meeting, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn fun quiz, 8pm

## DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 1<sup>st</sup> Seend Club membership renewal due
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Spring Quiz Night, Community Centre, 7.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Closing date for Rural Housing Needs Survey
- 14<sup>th</sup> Link AGM, Pavilion, 7pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> English & French choirs in concert, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> British Legion St George’s Day supper, Community Centre
- 30<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> Seend Beer Festival, Community Centre, 12 noon - 11pm

### **Newcomer to Seend?**

Call in at the shop/PO and ask for your copy of the **Welcome booklet**, which tells you all you need to know about the village.

Visit [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) and remember that we now have a **facebook** page:  
[www.facebook.com/seendspotlight](http://www.facebook.com/seendspotlight)

## Welcome to March 2016 Spotlight



Well, March is the beginning of the official meteorological season of spring, the season of mad March hares, March winds and dreams of warmer and longer days ahead.

It looks like we have found people to take on the Rural Arts scheme for the village, but, at the time of going to press, there is still no word of a new Chair of the Fete Committee and so there is a very real danger that the village will lose this wonderful annual celebratory day. Let's hope somebody steps forward soon. (See p.4)

On a happier note, we have plenty to look forward to this month – from skittles to the school disco and from rambling to railways, rugby to Rioja and Rural Arts to royalty. See the diary inside the front cover and the events pages for details. We know the Beer Festival isn't until April, but tickets are now on sale locally and they usually sell out, so don't hang about!

The old Seend Shuttle bus is now being put to good use ferrying young people to and from the Canberra Youth Centre in Melksham, and the service extends to Seend. See p.26 for how to book a lift.

Mothering Sunday and Easter are, of course, important events this month. As well as family events involving chocolate, flowers, easter eggs, hats and hot cross buns, there are special church services in Seend and Bulkington to mark both occasions.

We always spare a thought at daffodil time for the late Joe Burbidge MBE and friends who raised money for and planted out so many bulbs in our grass verges years ago – such a lovely sight!

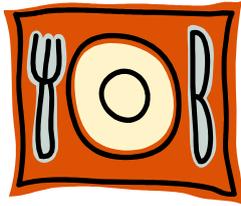
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**PDFs:** We cannot normally use PDF files of posters etc as they require a specific shape and space. Word documents give us the flexibility to adapt your wording and pictures to fit the space available. Thanks.

## Village events in March and beyond

(For Bulkington events see pp. 10-12)



### **Nosh and Natter Lunch Club**

in Seend Community Centre

Only £5 for two courses!

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March - 12 for 12.30pm**

Please call 01380 828638 to book your place.

### **Annual Skittles Competition in Seend Community Centre**

Mixed Pairs – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 8pm

All welcome! Call Paul on 07486 447604 to book.

Entry fee of £3 per pair goes toward PRIZES!

(And watch out for the three-a-side competition throughout May and June)



**The Award winning Proteus Theatre Company presents**

### **“BECOMING HATTIE”**

**at the Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NN on  
7.30pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Tickets – £8/Concessions £7**

Suitable for 15+

It's 1974 and eight year-old Jo is snuggled up on the settee in her flammable polyester nightie, watching the family's first colour TV. Sykes is on, and there, on the screen is woman unlike anyone Jo has ever seen. That woman is Hattie Jacques!

Forty years on and Jo has followed in Hattie's footsteps. But why is she cast as the nurse, never the surgeon? And why is she too fat to play Lady Macbeth?

Thoughtful, funny, warm and nostalgic, this one-woman show takes an affectionate look at the life and career of a remarkable woman, and a witty caustic look at modern day show business. The audience will be seated "café style", so please feel free to bring your own nibbles and wine and make up a party! This event is provided by Rural Arts Wiltshire.



**Contact for tickets – Seend Post Office 01380 828250  
or Penny England 01380 828949**

### **Brewery Inn Events**

Thursday 3rd March - 7pm - Wine & Chocolate tasting evening (with the chance to purchase homemade chocolates for Mothers' Day & Easter).

Sunday 27th March - Easter Egg Hunt & Hat competition from 12pm

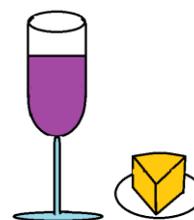
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm – Fun Quiz - all welcome.

## Seend Wine Circle

Espana por favor!

8.00 pm on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2016

Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend, SN12 6NS



The Seend Wine Circle is back and starting the 2016 tasting season in Spain. Whilst it's a popular holiday venue for many of you, it also has a long history of producing wonderful wines.

Please come and join us on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016 on a wine tasting trip around Spain. Closing date for bookings will be 14<sup>th</sup> March if not fully booked beforehand. Tickets are £12 each for the wines and nibbles.

Please return your names and ticket money to either of the following addresses. Cheques should be made payable to Seend Wine Circle or email if you're interested or would like to confirm you're coming: [Seendwinecircle@gmail.com](mailto:Seendwinecircle@gmail.com)

Cheques should be made payable to Seend Wine Circle and sent to:

Simon McManus  
5 Weavers Cottages  
Seend  
Phone: 07896 711764

or

Steve Parsons  
Seend Bridge House  
Inmarsh, Seend



## Seend Community Centre Grand Spring Quiz

Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.45pm

Quizmasters Graham Hickman and Tony Daly  
Teams of up to four - £2 per head entry



Licensed Bar – Interval Snacks – Plenty of prizes (including for best team name)

Are you tough enough for the Wipe Out Round?

Call 01380 828617 to book in advance

and get two bowls of nibbles on your table instead of one!



## Choirs in Concert

Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm  
in Seend Community Centre

A Choral performance by two great choirs from Bath and France. The Walcot State Choir and The Auch Escale Vocale, Musique du Monde. Combined membership of 80.

Admission will be FREE, the bar will be well stocked and food with a Gallic touch will be on hand. Make a note in your diaries now.

Enquiries to:- [frankiegoddard@gmail.com](mailto:frankiegoddard@gmail.com)



Seend Branch of the Royal British Legion

## St George's Day Supper

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 in Seend Community Centre, 7.15pm

with guest speaker Lt Col Robin Miller

on the subject "RAF Bomber Command 1939-1945"

plus The Seend Singers raising the roof with patriotic songs and bumper raffle.

Tickets £15 (must be purchased in advance) from Robin Heatley on 01380 828491,

Marion Whitehead on 01380 828612 or Seend Post Office. Vegetarians/Gluten Free

can be catered for if requested when buying tickets.

All welcome.



## The 16<sup>th</sup> Seend Beer Festival

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon till 11pm

Real ales and ciders – hot food - live music

Tickets (£10 including souvenir glass and two beer tokens)

now available for local purchasers in Seend Shop/PO, Seend

Community Centre and the Brewery Inn. They'll only be

available to the wider world online from 1<sup>st</sup> April at [www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk)

Tickets limited and last year sold out, so book early!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### SEEND FETE 2016

The Seend Lye Recreation Field is a charitable trust set up to administer and manage the Seend Lye Field, the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion and tennis courts. The trust is run by volunteer trustees and committee members. Committee members are elected from the organisations using the 'Lye Field' facilities. The trust's assets are held for the parishioners of the Parish of Seend.

The running costs for the Lye Field facilities are in excess of £10,000 per annum and costs are met approximately equally from the following primary sources, investment income, facilities hire/100+ Club and the annual Seend Fete. The combined annual income provides great facilities for many small interest groups and permits organisations, such as the Seend Playgroup, Seend WI, Seend Brownies and many others to operate at minimal group costs.

Readers will have noted the many recent pleas from Jo McManus, outgoing Chair of the Seend Fete Committee, for help in ensuring the Seend Fete runs in 2016 and

beyond. Seend is no different to many English villages, struggling with an ageing population, to keep village organisations and traditions alive for the future, making it the great place to live that it is. We have much competing for our time and attention but many of us can recall the names of the valiant many, going back into antiquity, who have freely given time and support to the social enterprises of the parish, including the Seend Fete, which has certainly earned the reputation of being the best fete for many miles around, making it a great community event.

The Lye Field trustees feel that this has to be the final appeal for people to come forward and be counted as friends of the excellent parish facilities we perhaps take for granted – simply because they have always been there and available.

The Seend Fete has always succeeded because of the wonderfully imaginative and dedicated efforts of small groups of friends working together as teams for the common good. A few fete stalls raise significant amounts of money, some lose money or break even, but they are all fun on the day and overall they cover over 30% of Lye Field running costs in one great summer afternoon. If you are not prepared to let that go quietly then contact the Lye Field trustees now. The equipment, facilities, financial support, all the “how to?” information remains in place for the fete to continue at any scale. The small teams who turn up time and time again to run the Bottle Stall, Tombola, Grand Draw, Book Stall, Bric-a-Brac and many others are all still there. They just need someone with organisation and direction skills to step up now and lead the way. If you feel you want to do this you will be supported. If you feel you have another idea that you would like to run with let’s hear it. The Lye Field trustees feel that if the fete fails to continue in 2016 it will be lost for ever.

Contact details: seendlrf@gmail.com, via the contact page at [www.seendlyefield.org](http://www.seendlyefield.org), by phone to me on 01380 828970 or a note through the letterbox at the Pavilion.

Thank you  
Steve Vaux, Secretary, Seend Lye Field Committee

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## Neighbourhood Watch

I have received a letter from a resident in Atworth stating that an elderly gentleman was called upon by a young lad around 12/13 years old touting for gardening and or drive work. The gentleman turned him down, he could see an adult male waiting in the vehicle on the roadside. It may be that they feel a young lad might pull in more work. Please be very cautious of this method of cold calling.

Maggie LEDBURY  
PCSO 6089, Melksham NPT - Tel: 101 Ext.7743609 -  
[Maggie.ledbury@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Maggie.ledbury@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

*The Clerk to the PC has added a page to the Parish Council website "Neighbourhood Watch", to include any alerts from Community Police or Neighbourhood Watch. See: <http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk/neighbourhood-watch/4591778503>*

## **SEEND FLOWER SHOW 2016 SATURDAY AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup> IS ON!**



Because the Flower Show is totally independent of the fete organisation **you can be sure that we will be at the Community Centre all engines running on August 13<sup>th</sup> and look forward to seeing YOU there, as exhibitor or spectator.**

The flower show finances are independent of those of the fete and since we pay to use the very good facilities of the Community Centre we have to charge admission – little though it is. It takes money to produce an up-and-running flower show and so we are very grateful for the continuing financial support of Altfield. We do need more helpers *on show day* – if you can assist us please contact me at 827137.

What truly makes the flower show is the support of those who exhibit and those who come to view. It is time for potential exhibitors to think about what they will show. The schedule of classes and entry form will once again be delivered as part of the show programme free to all in the locality. The show website at [www.seendflowershow.org.uk](http://www.seendflowershow.org.uk) has information and downloadable documents. The committee is keen to emphasise that this is a village show and potential exhibitors should realise that RHS Chelsea is something else! Despite that difference the quality of show exhibits is always high – so do put your mind to what you can show that could make us get extra tables and let those who as yet only look at the exhibits realise that they could do the same if ...

Brian Jaques

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### **ONE WAY SYSTEM IN SEEND CLEEVE**

For the duration of the work at the canal bridge by The Barge in Seend Cleeve, there is a one-way system in operation through Seend Cleeve, and exiting the village via Pelch Lane.

Pelch Lane is ONE WAY ONLY from Pelch Barn, 56A Seend Cleeve, SN12 6PZ to the top of Pelch Lane where it exits onto Bollands Hill, and it is NO ENTRY from Bollands Hill. If you spot any vehicle entering Pelch Lane from Bollands Hill, and can identify the company or driver, please contact me ((Rosemary Fisher, Clerk to the Parish Council on 01380 828281) with registration number if possible, and I will report it to the company concerned, and the Police.

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### **NEWS about the SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Soon after receiving this Newsletter, you will find the **Rural Housing Needs Survey** is dropped through your letter- box. It is very important to us that you do not think it is just another circular, and bin it by mistake! You will also see a number of A5 notices around the village, alerting you to its arrival and emphasising the importance of filling it in and returning it in the pre-paid envelope within 3 weeks of its arrival, which makes April 11<sup>th</sup> the closing date.

**Why do we need your co-operation over this?** Your responses will be influential in forming the basis of any future plan as to what housing, if any, will be required within our Parish. Only if we get a good return will the result be termed ‘robust’ in research terminology, and therefore become part of a reliable evidence base from which we can argue for what we, as a Parish want. If we do not get a good return, it could mean that much of our work is wasted, so please be sure to play your part in creating the Neighbourhood Plan.

A further comprehensive survey, which the Steering Group is developing, will follow later in the year to cover other aspects of our village life.

Our **Traffic Sub-Group** is collecting data about any accident or traffic incident within the Parish and would like to hear from you if you have anything to report. Nigel Knott may be contacted directly at [nigel@onbite.com](mailto:nigel@onbite.com) with any relevant information.

Please do take a look at the website [www.seendparishplan.org](http://www.seendparishplan.org) where you will find the names of the Committee members and links to further information about this process.

Carola Thorpe on behalf of the SPNPSG

**SEEND LINK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**  
**The Seend Link AGM will take place in the Seend Pavilion**  
**on the 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.**

## CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

### *Maureen's Easter ramblings.....*

On Easter Day I have the privilege and joy of proclaiming again “**Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**” I love it! I love Easter! The blessing of Easter has changed my life – giving me hope, purpose and meaning, especially as I reflect on the suffering and woundedness of the world. *“Tomb, you shall not hold him longer, death is strong, but life is stronger; stronger than the dark, the light; stronger than the wrong, the right; faith and hope triumphant say; Christ will rise on Easter Day”.*

A Sunday school teacher was teaching her class about the Passion of Jesus-his sufferings, death and burial and about how the women went to the tomb early in the morning and found that the tomb was empty. Then she asked, “**what do you think were the first words that Jesus said when he came out from the tomb, risen from the dead?**” Lots of hands shot up. “**Yes?**” She said, pointing to a child on the second row. The boy stood up excitedly – “**Ta da!**”

Easter Day is a **Ta-da day!** For me it is the most wonderful day of the year as I reflect that God walked our earth, sharing in the pain and suffering of a humanity that had lost their way, sharing in my pain. In his words and actions Jesus taught us all we

needed to know about love and hope and eternity. He looked into the face of evil that will always try and destroy love— and defeated it. Yes! Evil can be defeated! He faced the biggest fear of humanity – death – and moved beyond it into eternity. Yes! We can move beyond death into eternity! He rose again to be with us always. Therefore I am never alone. And still, with arms of love open to us – he invites us “come to me”. **Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The joy and excitement of Easter Day is like that of a premier division crowd as their football team scores the winning goal just 30 seconds from the final whistle. The resurrection is GOOD NEWS. Good news for those first disciples; good news for us and good news for the world. St Augustine of Hippo said that “*A Christian is an alleluia from head to foot*”. But, sadly, most people in our increasingly secular world miss it and Easter Day will be just another day (except for the chocolate and Easter bunnies!)

**“O Lord, you love us! Why aren’t we shouting? The stone’s rolled away! Why aren’t we dancing?**

**O Lord, you love us! Why aren’t the bells pealing? The victory’s won! Why aren’t the drums drumming? Why aren’t the feet stamping and the doves flying and the bands marching and the fingers snapping and the tongues praising and the hands clapping and the trumpets blaring and the choirs singing and the cymbals clashing and the children laughing? Why aren’t the eyes smiling and the banners blowing and the horns sounding and the voices calling and the crowds clamouring and the arms waving and the tambourines playing and the hearts humming.....”.**

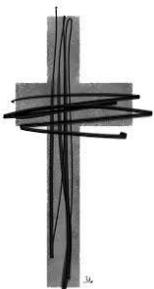
*Our Easter services are at 8.00am and 11.00am at Seend and 9.15am at Bulkington and Poulshot.*

May God bless you and surprise you with his love and joy this Easter.

*The Revd. Maureen Allchin, Rector*



**The church hosted Bulkington Village Lunch Club takes place on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016 at The Well. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). New people from the Benefice and friends are always welcome to join us. It is a good social event and a great lunch for the entire village and area.**



### **THE BENEFICE LENT COURSE 2016**

The 2016 Lent course for all the Benefice will be held on Wednesdays - March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 Northfields, Bulkington (SN10 1SE) from 4.00-5.00pm.

The sessions will be based on some of the poems of T. S. Eliot and will end with Compline. All are welcome to this informal group.



**Café Church for Mothering Sunday**  
on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 11am at Seend**  
Cake, singing, stories and activities for all the families of  
Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot. Flower posies for all mums.  
Other services in the Benefice as normal with  
a Mothering Sunday theme and flowers.  
The next Café Church is on May 1st 2016 at Seend.

**THE BENEFICE OF SEEND, BULKINGTON AND POULSHOT**  
**CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 2016**

*You are welcome to worship at any of the services in any of the churches in the Benefice. There is something for everyone!*



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Mothering Sunday**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend.  
*A short and reflective traditional service*
- 9.15 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Poulshot.  
*A modern language communion service.*
- 11.00 am Café Church at Seend.  
*A lively service, without communion, for all the family.*
- 6.00 pm Evening Praise for Mothering Sunday at Bulkington .  
*A modern language service without communion.*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Pulpit swap Sunday)**

- 9.15 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Seend .
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Bulkington
- 6.00 pm Evensong (Traditional) at Poulshot.  
*A gentle, reflective, traditional evening service.*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Palm Sunday**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 9.15 am Morning Praise at Bulkington
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Traditional) at Poulshot
- 6.00 pm Evensong (Traditional) at Seend

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

- 7.30 pm Maundy Thursday Benefice Eucharist at Seend

**GOOD FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

- 10.00 am Children's workshops at Seend
- 12.00-3pm Meditation and worship at the foot of the Cross at Bulkington

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2016. EASTER DAY**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at Seend
- 9.15 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Bulkington
- 9.15 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Poulshot
- 11.00 am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) at Seend

Every Tuesday at 9am there is a short Benefice service of Matins (BCP\*) at Poulshot church.

Every Thursday at 9am Morning Prayer will be said at 4 Northfields, Bulkington. All are welcome.

**On GOOD FRIDAY Maureen will be leading a 3 hour meditation  
"COMING CLOSER TO THE CROSS"  
at Christ Church, Bulkington from 12.00-3.00pm.  
Come for all of this time of reflection in words and music if you can,  
or just for an hour or so. You will be most welcome.  
The time goes more quickly than you might think!**



**GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 25TH  
CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS  
10.00am - 12.00pm in SEEND CHURCH  
Easter themed activities including;  
Scratch art, Easter biscuit decorating,**

**Stained glass windows, Clay Modelling, building the Easter Garden  
.....and more. This is for children and their families.**

**Steve Dewar will lead a short service before drinks & Hot Cross Buns!**

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**SEEND METHODIST CHURCH – Services for March 2016**

13<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m. Rev Ward Jones. Celebration of 241<sup>st</sup> Chapel Anniversary  
(Chapel opened by John Wesley on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1775)

27<sup>th</sup> March 10 a.m. Rev Wendy Tucker with Holy Communion

Everyone welcome at any service.

Thank you , Anne Salter

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**BULKINGTON NEWS**

**Bulkington Jumble Sale and Train Rides**

Bulkington Village Hall on Saturday 19th March 1-4pm (last entry)  
Entry 50p for adults; children free.

One free ride for children when they bring their teddy bear on the Bulkington Trains!  
Teas, coffees and cakes and a raffle.

Any donations of jumble gratefully received and can be dropped off  
at 2 The Close, Bulkington.

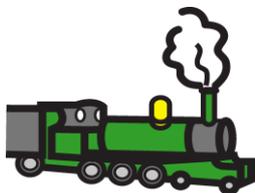
**The Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 from 11.05-11.30am at The Well. Please support this.

**Phil Bowen is running the London Marathon in April** and all monies raised will be going to The Snowdon Trust, assisting disabled students to access education.

[www.snowdontrust.org](http://www.snowdontrust.org)

<http://funding.demolition-nfdc.com/index.php/cause/Phil.bowen/>

Thank you for your support!



## **GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY – OPEN DAY**

The sit-on-and-Ride Great Bulkington Railway will be offering rides on Easter Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 1300 to 1630 hours to the general public.

Rides cost a pound (twice around) – in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance. We have around a thousand feet of 5 inch gauge track, a forty foot long tunnel and a signalling system. We are located next to Bulkington Village Hall, near Seend at SN10 1SW. We expect that the good ladies from Christ Church in our village will be serving teas and cakes in the Village Hall. ALSO On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of March we will also be running the railway in the afternoon in support of the Jumble sale organised by Annica Bowen in the village hall – bring along your ‘Teddy Bear’ and have one free ride!

## **WANTED**

I am in need of recruiting a trainee signal person (M or F) to assist the Station Master in the operation of the Great Bulkington Railway six or seven times a year when we have public running and children’s birthday parties mostly on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons.

No particular technical knowledge or age is required – but lots of common sense and a calm disposition. The signal system is fully automatic with safety devices. It does however allow the signalman to over-ride it whenever the Station Master needs to do so – perhaps during busy times. Full one to one training will be offered and this will also include some engine driving instruction.

**Please contact Nev Boulton Station Master GBR, 01380 828 101**

## **THE TEA AND CHAT SOCIAL GROUP**

will meet on Monday, 7th March, 2016 at Wickleaze Farm (Sally Oliphant: 828927) from 2-4pm. Bring your own craft item or leave it at home and just come and chat!



**Bulkington’s Lent Lunch is to be held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 12 noon in Bulkington Village Hall. Home-made soup, etc. The meal is free but generous donations will be gratefully received. Proceeds to the Devizes Food Bank.**



## **BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

The winter always seems quiet, but be not deceived, our Village Hall is never completely still. I like to think that some of the previous visitors – worshippers at the little Chapel as it used to be – are still around, keeping an eye on what we're up to. Are they pleased to see the Futters or the Boultons popping in to sweep up after a party? Do they cheer along with the Birthday Partygoers enjoying train rides next door in Nev and Thelma's garden? I like to think they approve of the new uses to which we put their Chapel. I hope, too, they agree we have to charge for the hire of the Hall in order to maintain our old and lovely building. So a small reminder, please: would all prospective hirers take a moment to read the tariff displayed on the Noticeboard. Costs have risen and our charges reflect this. After all, it is certain the Chapel congregation made a contribution, so we are simply carrying on the tradition! A Happy Easter to you all.

Angela Read, Chairman.

### **LONG MAY SHE REIGN OVER US!**

Come to the Pavilion in Seend on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Michael Gamble will be giving a brilliant presentation in slides and music celebrating the Queen's life, in time for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Price £8 to include a Ploughman's Supper. There will be a raffle and bar.

Tickets £8 - Liz Futter (01380) 828485, Anne Saywell 828931. All profits to Bulkington Church to go towards their recent ceiling repairs.



## **BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP**

The planning meeting in January was well attended and we have a full projected programme for the year. Karen brought along some Avon products and samples to see if there would be demand in the village for someone to sell them. If you are interested and would like a catalogue please contact her on 828328.

The next meeting will be on Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March when John Girvan will be telling us about the history of the bra. It should be hilarious so please encourage your friends and neighbours to come along. The meeting will start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be the usual raffle and light refreshments. All are welcome.

Liz Futter 828485

Angela Read 828925

## **BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

*These notes are from the draft minutes of the Parish Council(PC) meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016, which may not yet have been ratified.*

**Present:** Cllr Mrs S Oliphant (Chair), Cllrs S Barratt, O Coles, Mrs C Crawford, G Elliott and C Ogilvie, Mrs Read, two members of the public, Mr Bennett & Mr Difford.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Mr Bennett gave the Chairman photographs showing footpath problems.

Cllr Mrs Crawford reported two instances of damage to the war Memorial site - first by a BOC lorry making a delivery.

Both have been reported and both are with insurance companies for repair.

## **AGENDA**

**For Agenda items 1-3 please see the full minutes**

### **4. Reports, Correspondence:**

- **Co-option of Councillors:** Chairman summarized her reply to Mr Bennett.
- **Footpath Management:** Chairman summarised draft letter to landowners about their responsibilities, asking for comments by end January.  
Cllrs Barratt and Ogilvie and Mr John Scott are walking all the paths in the Village and will produce a report, which will be updated annually by The PC.
- **Police Report:** No problems in Bulkington.
- **Speeding:** Speed limit bin stickers will be distributed before next meeting.  
No response yet from Area Board regarding Metro Count.  
Mobile Speed Indicator – cost shared by 5 villages, contributing £105 each.
- **C20 safety project:** referred to Community Action Group. Cllr Coles will speak to the landowner about.
- **Fracking:** Cllrs to watch the DVD and then agree way forward for a Village meeting to present facts.
- **Emergency Plan:** Nearing completion. Door drop will make all Villagers aware of its existence and where to find a copy.
- **Flooding and Drainage:** Flooding confined Wickleaze Lane, but none elsewhere in the village – water seems to be better managed this year, although Highways are doing less and less.

### **5. Section 137 LGA 1972:**

No Application for the current financial year received, but PCC requests PC raise the 2016-17 Grant towards Churchyard maintenance. See 6. Finance.

### **6. Finance:**

The Clerk reported normal Progress against the 2015-16 Budget. Please see full minutes for details of Parish Council expenditure and budget.

Estimates for 2016-17 presented to support discussion on precept setting.

Precept to remain unchanged.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Oliphant Seconded: Cllr Ogilvie. All in Favour.

### **7. William Breach Centenary Playing Field:**

- Cllr Mrs Oliphant thanked Cllr Barratt for his work on points raised in the RoSPA Report -
- Cllr Barratt reported a few fairly major tasks to be addressed. Clerk will check PC's Public Liability Insurance. Cllr Barrett will check the Equipment Grant and associated Insurance.
- A Summer event proposed on the Playing Field on 9th July, with a Hog Roast, Band etc. Needs to be considered alongside Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations 12<sup>th</sup> June.

## 8. Planning:

15/12668/FUL and 15/12764/LBC

Cllrs C Ogilvie and Mrs Read declared a Prejudicial Interest as owners of adjoining properties, remaining in the room but taking no part in the discussion or vote.

All eligible Cllrs voted to SUPPORT the Application.

## 9. Any Other Business:

- Cllr Ogilvie voiced concern about the Local Authority Transparency Code and its implications for Bulkington Village Website, which he runs. Clerk to confer with him.
- Parish Steward Visit List, and will be informed of priority tasks for his visits.
- Kerb-side weeds – Cllr Coles will tackle in Spring.
- Cllrs Coles and Elliott will prune trees on Mill Lane.
- Esso pipeline condition survey. Landowners contacted BUT there may be some strange vehicles in the area.
- Pub customer car parking around war memorial site causing problems –Cllr Crawford will research NO PARKING signs.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Full copies of the minutes can be found on the PC notice board.

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## SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



AT THE HEART OF  
OUR COMMUNITY

### SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

*www.seendcommunitycentre.com – bookings 07703 814111*

**Seend Club Membership:** Don't forget, there's £1 off the annual membership subscription (£9 and £5.50 instead of £10 and £6.50) if you pay by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Members have the use of the lounge bar every evening from 7.30pm (6pm on Fridays), with snooker (free on Mondays for members), pool, darts, book swap, occasional sport on big-screen TV and members' rates for hall and meeting room hire. Ask at the bar.

**Six Nations Rugby:** All matches will be shown live in the Members' Lounge – probably with food available!

**Seend Heritage:** We have a few copies of the slim paperback booklet on the vernacular architecture of Seend, written by Edward Bradby with Jack Dunton and John Hutchinson in 1985, for sale at the then cover price of £2.50. Please call Tessa on 01380 828617 if you would like to purchase a copy.

**Events:** See events pages at the start of this magazine for details of what else is on at your Community Centre.

## **SEEND SHUTTLE COMMUNITY BUS**

### **Shuttle Shopping Trip to Salisbury on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Please phone Rex or Jan Gudge by Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> February to book a place on the March shopping trip on 01225 706526.



## **100+ CLUB DRAW**

The 100+ Club Draw for January took place in the Community Centre. The results were as follows:-

Mr S Cubberley	No. 002	£35
Mr P R Jackson	No. 122	£30
Mr R McCulloch	No. 021	£25
Mrs A Hunt	No. 135	£20
Mr G Stafford-Charles	No. 199	£15
Mr C Newell	No. 1011	£10



The draw for February took place on the 18th February. The results are as follows:-

£35.00	No. 108	Mrs J Bryan
£30.00	No. 61	Mrs P Hawkins
£25.00	No. 179	Mrs J Field
£20.00	No. 172	Mr P J O'Reilly
£15.00	No. 140	Mrs P Gale
£10.00	No. 77	Mr R Sawyer

Congratulations to all the winners.

Karen Cubberley, Seend Lye Field Committee



## **SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB**

Following the AGM of Seend Historic Houses Club, which was very well attended, we can announce that the new committee consists of Tina Yockney and Len Murray as co-chairpersons, Neil Yockney as treasurer and Mary Warren as secretary.

Last years visits were very successful, and the houses planned for this year are: Houghton Lodge, Stockbridge. Cothay Manor, Wellington. Mapperton, Bowood for lunch and tour, and finally Bletchley Park (Village trip, open to all).

New members are very welcome. The annual subscription is £4 per person. If you are interested, please contact me or any of the committee: Mary Warren, 01225 707357



## **School Disco – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

The next event for the children is the Spring Disco on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 6-8pm. More details for parents nearer the time.

Thank you, Mel Steel & Victoria Bowes

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



### In Memoriam

This month we remember:

Harry Seward 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Rhodesia Regt 11<sup>th</sup> March 1916

They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old, age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

### Dates to Remember

#### ST GEORGE'S DAY SUPPER

Seend Branch of the Royal British Legion is arranging a St George's Day Supper on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 in the Peter Fisher Hall of the Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend. The evening will begin at 7.15pm with a dinner, dessert and cheese. Lt Col Robin Miller, Chairman of Shaftesbury Branch, Royal British Legion, who has spent 34 years in the Army, will be speaking on the subject "RAF Bomber Command 1939-1945". The evening will finish with the Seend Singers raising the roof with patriotic songs. Tickets are £15.00 and must be purchased in advance from Robin Heatley on 01380 828491, Marion Whitehead on 01380 828612 or Seend Post Office. Vegetarians/Gluten Free can be catered for if advised in advance when buying tickets. There will also be a raffle. All are welcome including non British Legion members.

Next Committee Meeting will be held in the Kennet Room in the Community Centre on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 commencing at 1930 hrs. Not the 12<sup>th</sup> as published last month!

#### Standard Bearers Competition

Congratulations to Kevin Toft for leaving his sick bed to compete and for achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Roger Brind

### **Ashbury Golf Trip 2016**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November for three nights. Single Room £178.06 (please note these rooms are part of a family suite, separate bedrooms but two of you will share a bathroom). Twin rooms £161.87. £50 non-refundable deposit by 1<sup>st</sup> April to secure your place. Prices are based on 16 or more people going.

You don't even have to be that great at golf to go, just a chance to get away and have a laugh with a great group of guys!

To book please call Jay on 07980 702061.



## **SEEND WI**

John Girvan, a local historian, was our speaker last month and he gave us a fascinating talk with a photographic presentation about Doing Time in Wiltshire.



Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March when we will be holding our AGM. This will be followed by a social evening with refreshments. If you would like to find out more about the WI please do come along, visitors are always welcome.

The next Craft afternoon is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm to 4pm in the Pavilion. You don't need to be a member of the WI to take part.

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 the website [www.seendwi.weebly.com](http://www.seendwi.weebly.com)

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## **SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

Our series of talks continued at our February meeting with Marcel Floyd, who previously came to speak on Clematis, on Climbers. Marcel's illustrated talk was pithy and to the point, with lots of extremely useful, down-to-earth information on his subject, introducing us to plants that are hardy, that flower from January to November, that are beautiful and scented... - they sound like a gardener's dream to me! He also gave us helpful tips like mulching plants in late October when there's still warmth in the ground, rather than in the depth of winter, and using banana skins to promote growth. Also, did you know that using a sharp craft knife to take cuttings, rather than a blunt, rusty blade or an old pair of scissors, can increase your chance of success from 30% to 80%? You can see Marcel at **Floyds Climbers and Clematis** on his open days – 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> September, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day - at Showell Nursery, SN15 2NU, next door to Lackham College on the A350 Melksham to Chippenham road. Marcel will also be exhibiting this year at the Cardiff, Malvern, Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows, no less! The competition was won this month by Sue Rose.



There's still time to join us on our trips - 14th June for an evening visit to Broadleas Gardens in Devizes, followed by a pub supper at The Crown, and also 9th July for our day trip to Hestercombe. Carole and I will be in Australia when you read this - I can feel the warmth of your sympathetic joy - so contact Sue Johns on 01380 738129 if you're interested in joining us on either or both of these trips.

Our next meeting, at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th March, features Charlie Moore on 'Vintage Horticulture and Garden Machinery Club' - sounds quite worth popping back from Australia for. Perhaps. The competition is the Spring Bulb Show.

Tim



## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – 16 ramblers commenced from Giddea Hall near Biddestone for a circular walk of six miles on tracks, lanes, bridleways and very muddy fields through Slaughterford,, Ford, Castle Combe and Long Dean. Rain in the air persisted for a short time, but we were lucky to escape heavy rain. Thanks to Reg for organising it.

The Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday morning 20<sup>th</sup> March**, commencing at 11am (scheduled to be approximately one hour long) in the Irene Usher Pavilion. For those wishing to go for a short walk before the meeting, within the village of Seend, please assemble in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. Tessa and Anita will lead.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April** is scheduled for our first walk of the new programme year. Further plans will be discussed at the above-mentioned meeting. The membership fee of £5 is due at the Annual Meeting.

Lin Salter - 01225 706451

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## **SEEND PLAYGROUP NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who gave us prizes for the Pantomime raffle. It was much appreciated.

There are several things to look forward to in March. We are visiting Larkrise Farm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> when we hope to see some new born lambs and other animals. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> we are holding a sponsored activity circuit in aid of Sports Relief, so please sponsor your neighbouring little ones for this worthwhile cause. We are holding our Easter Bonnet Parade, egg hunt and Coffee Morning on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please come along to see the parade of talent, and enjoy a coffee and hot cross bun.

Term finishes on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

The Summer Term starts on Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> April. We are open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri mornings from 8.45 am to 12.45 pm and Wed from 11.45 am to 2.45 pm. We are considering the possibility of staying open until 2.45pm on one day of the week for a trial period in Sept. Please let us know if you would be interested. Funding for up to 15 hours a week is available from the term following a child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Funding is also available for some two year olds. There are also tax credits when both parents work for more than 16 hrs/wk. It is worth consulting your tax office for up to date information.

We do now take children from age two. If you have a young child please come along and see what we do. You will be very welcome, and have some fun!

Liz Futter (Playleader) 828485

## **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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016** was attended by 9 Councillors with Mr J Padfield in the chair. Apologies received from Mr T Murch and Mr K Rigg; also present members of the public

### **Police and Local Councillor's Matters**

Cllr Seed reported that the railings outside Wesley Cottage have now been repaired. With regard to the Freight Survey, two points are now being analysed. There is disappointing news about the installation of the reactive signs at the pinch point in the High Street, this is unlikely to happen until after the new contractor is in place in April. On the question of dog fouling, Dog Wardens are unable to issue penalty notices on unadopted roads; the Dog Warden can visit and talk to the dog owner, and also put up signs. The CATG has proposed the road safety problems of Bollands Hill and Turnpike (A365) as two areas in Seend for consideration, alongside 32 others in Wiltshire; two areas will be selected and investigated. The date of the next Area Board meeting has been changed from 10<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February (noted on the website). The Melksham Campus is going ahead in the next 2-2½ years. The facilities at Woolmore Farm for football and rugby should be completed by the summer. The campus will comprise a swimming pool to ASA gala standard, sports hall, gym and fitness suite, together with the Town Hall, Assembly Hall and Library. Work on the Market Place will commence in April next year. There will also be a Doctors Surgery and facilities for cricket, tennis, outdoor bowls and a skate park.

Nothing has been heard recently from our Neighbourhood Police. Mrs Heatley agreed to take on the role of liaison with the Police.

### **Mark Evans – Canal & River Trust**

The Chairman welcomed Mark Evans, Waterway Manager at the Canal & River Trust. The Chairman outlined to Mr Evans the concerns of the Parish Council that the C&RT receive money from canal users, but do not provide amenities in the form of car parking. This has resulted in an increasing number of vehicles being parked in three areas of Seend around the access points to the K&A Canal, but in particular by the Barge Inn, Seend Cleeve and Spout Lane, where the overcrowded parking is a hazard, as it was unlikely that emergency vehicles would be able to access properties in Spout Lane; this despite additional car parking being installed by the Parish Council. Mr Evans explained the concept of continuous cruising on the canal network, which meant that boats could stop for up to 14 days and then move to a different area. The canal is being used as a place to live (not just for leisure), the annual licence is less than £1K. They have a number of enforcement officers on the canal who note when boats park. The money obtained from licences is used for the upkeep of the canal. The C&RT does not own land, and there are no plans to provide parking facilities at the moment. The moorings in Seend are visitor moorings, intended for use for up to 14 days.

Cllr Seed said that, if people are living on the canal, have jobs nearby and send their children to the local school, the C&RT have a responsibility to provide amenities, but they seem to want to ignore the problem of people and their cars. The concern is the long term parking for people living on the canal.

Mr Evans said that he would contact the Estates team and find out what the local situation is. He was trying to get as much information as possible about the perceived problems, as he would like to come back with an answer. Looking at the capacity of the canal the situation is worse in the west (between Devizes and Bath), and he wants to be supportive at a local level.

Cllr Seed said that perhaps this needs a question to the local MP, Claire Perry, who is involved with transport.

The Chairman asked Mr Evans if the C&RT could survey boaters, to ask if they own a vehicle and where is it parked? He replied that this could be a problem because of boaters' human rights, no survey has been undertaken to date.

Mr Evans was asked how the work at the bridge by The Barge is progressing. He replied that it is on schedule, the work will cost in the region of £720K.

Mr Evans was asked about the exits from the canal onto Bolland's Hill, and whether the self-closing springs on the gates could be inspected to ensure they close securely, and whether more signage could be provided.

**Seend School** - It was noted that Seend School has been listed in the Daily Telegraph as being in the top 10 performing schools in the country, based on last year's Year 6 SATs results. The Clerk to write and congratulate the staff and pupils on their results.

**Canal bridge, Seend Cleeve** – Paul Kelly, C&RT, has visited the site and the signage has been reorganised. Traffic still occasionally enters Pelch Lane from Bolland's Hill. A taxi was reported to Wilts Council for doing so, the driver has been contacted by Wilts Council and the issue has been addressed; the complaint remains on file for one year. The Clerk has been in contact with Paul Kelly on a regular basis and fed back any complaints, i.e. house splashed with mud by contractor's lorries, wall cleaned and cones supplied by contractors, also complaints about the muddy footpath (post meeting note: The C&RT has now laid down a flexible plastic pathway system across the field by the Barge). The Clerk was asked to contact the C&RT, asking them to clean Pelch Lane and Seend Cleeve, which has become muddy with contractor's vehicles.

**Winter Snow Preparations** – The salt spreader has now been delivered and already put to use. The Clerk has contacted the Weather Team to enquire about possible further supplies of salt.

**Telephone box in Seend Cleeve** – This was decorated at Christmas by Freddie & Martha Honeybone, and looked very festive. Mrs Honeybone advises she does not want material costs reimbursed. Fritz Schruff, who lives in Seend Cleeve, has replaced the old notice board by the telephone box with a new one, and the area is very much improved. The Clerk to write and thank Mr Schruff.

**Railings at pinch point** – The railings have now been replaced. The Clerk will obtain reflective tape and apply to railings.

**Appointment of Trustee for The Seend Fund** - Anita Shea, Secretary of the Fund, has sent information about the proposed Trustee, Jane Fishlock, who lives in Sells Green. Councillors voted unanimously to endorse Mrs Fishlock's appointment. The Clerk to advise the Fund's Secretary.

**Neighbourhood Plan Update** - Mrs A'Bear reported that a meeting had been held on 13<sup>th</sup> January, and the responses to Wiltshire Council's various questions were finalised. This should result in the appointment of a Link Officer who will help with managing the NP process, which will probably take about 2 years to complete. Delivering the Rural Housing Needs Survey to all households in the village is the next task, and the questionnaire has been started; volunteers would be needed to help distribute. The next slot is w/c 29<sup>th</sup> February, closing 11<sup>th</sup> April. The Parish Council will supply the parish summary.

**Highways/road safety issues** - Mrs A'Bear read out the mission statement from the Road Safety Group. The group wish to liaise with Steve Vaux with the preparation of a focused Residents Questionnaire in order to gain a detailed insight into their requirements together with their support. It was agreed that it would be useful in the next few months to get someone from Highways to come and look at the questions, to make sure they are realistic.

Mrs Carr said that the CATG has confirmed that both the A361 and the A365 share the same status. The Freight Survey analysis has still to be completed, it will then be sent to the Parish.

The Clerk had received information from Hamilton-Baillie Associates in Bristol, with a pdf produced for Dorset Council - *Traffic in Villages – a toolkit for Communities*.

Email received from Dr Knott, reporting that two more accidents had taken place last week, one at Bell Hill crossroads and one at Bollands Hill.

**Planning Matters:**

Application Ref: 15/12568/FUL & LBC Old Wyatts, Row Lane

Proposed glass enclosure to existing double carport

Following discussion, Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this application.

Application Ref: 15/12500/FUL Great Thornham Farm, Trowbridge Road

Change of use of farm tea rooms to residential annex

Following discussion, Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this application, with the proviso that the annex remains part of the main farmhouse, and is not sold as a separate dwelling.

Application Ref: 16/00105/FUL Home Farm, Bell Hill

Non load bearing agricultural building

Following discussion, Councillors voted unanimously in favour of this application.

### **Correspondence:**

Letter from Mrs Thorpe, suggesting that Councillors should submit a profile to appear in Spotlight each month. Councillors discussed, and agreed to submit a short profile of 8 or 9 lines; Mrs A'Bear to do the first one. Councillors did not agree that the profiles should appear on the PC website.

The Clerk had received an email to advise that the temporary traffic lights at Baldham Bridge would remain until parapet repair work was carried out, this would take place when the new maintenance contract commences in April.

A grant request had been received from BRAG (Bowerhill Residents Action Group), in relation to the picnic/wildlife area they had created close to the canal, specifically to assist with the costs of emptying the waste bin at the site, which is within the Seend Parish boundary. The Clerk had obtained relevant figures from MWO PC. This shows that the annual cost is £1,315, made up of Parish Caretaker visits, mileage and commercial waste collection. MWO PC gives an annual grant of £400, which pays for its public liability insurance, amongst other items. Councillors discussed this matter, but felt that having looked at the PC's financial commitments for the coming year, they are unable to help with a grant to BRAG.

The date of the next meetings are Tuesdays, 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016, at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

**N.B. Dates of all Parish Council meetings in 2016 are available on the website.**

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

For full copies of Parish Council meeting minutes see [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

### **Wiltshire Buses**

'Your Bus Matters' event at the Corn Exchange Flea Market from 10am-2pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The consultation on changes to bus services ends on 4<sup>th</sup> April.  
See the Wiltshire Council website.

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

Seend is a key village amongst the seven that I represent on Wiltshire Council as part of the Division of Summerham and Seend. In recent years there has always been a lively and well run Parish Council with excellent involvement and input from residents. In this interface it is critical that the various strands of government of both local and national type work well together and engage with residents. That relationship also works both ways. Recently there has been increasing frustration that the important issue of highway safety is in danger of being undermined by a very few who find it difficult to engage in the local government processes involved and to work with those elected to represent their community. As Councillor for this area for the past seven years I do my best to represent all of those who live in the area and look after all the issues that arise, however difficult that task is made. On a more positive note I have been heavily involved in securing significant highways

improvements and additional local highways funding over many years and we look forward to the installation of the new reactive signs on the High Street over the next couple of months.

Youth services, as with all other council run services, remain under financial pressure but it is good news that the Local Youth Network for our community area is making provision for young people across the whole area. Formerly our Council youth services concentrated on towns and it really is progress that free transport is being provided for (and used by) our young village residents to enjoy youth facilities at the Canberra Youth Centre every Thursday evening. See page 26 for details.

Finally residents will want to know that I have recently been reselected by my local Party to stand again for election as your local Councillor in the elections of 2017.

Jonathon Seed, Mob: 07770 774463 [www.jonathonseed.com](http://www.jonathonseed.com)

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## **SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES**

There is so little this month, given that many clubs don't start the new season until April, that I will skip this edition..... also I will of course be away for ten days or so as I will be representing Seend at Sepp Blatter's leaving celebrations being hosted by Silvio Berlusconi.....c'est la vie !



*(We hope you're taking Colin with you, Frankie. Ed.)*

Sports news for April Spotlight to Frankie Goddard, 01380 828488 by 19<sup>th</sup> March please.

*(Sporty readers - don't forget the skittles competitions in the Community Centre – and the golf trip on p. 16. Ed.)*

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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.)*

**PONY POOH FREE TO COLLECTOR** (already bagged). Can deliver for fuel contribution. Alternatively leave your trailer and they will fill it! 100% pooh, no bedding. Collect Seend Cleeve (between The Barge and The Brewery) or call 07885 103071.

**WANTED:** Dog lover to give our collie a happy occasional home when we are away. Usually it would be just for a day or two, but may be up to a week. She is nine, but still likes plenty of walking and playtime - and lots of affection!

Please email [isabel.clarke@btinternet.com](mailto:isabel.clarke@btinternet.com) or ring on 01380 827035 if this might suit you.

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## **BITS AND BOBS**

**THE SEEND FUND:** Remember the Seend Fund is your local fund. Anyone living in or closely associated with Seend can apply by e-mailing the secretary (anitashea@hotmail.co.uk) or writing to her at 34 Seend Cleeve, Melksham SN12 6PY. If you find yourself in financial difficulties the fund might be able to help with anything from school uniforms to heating bills. Don't hesitate to send details, saying how much you need, what it is for and when you need it by. Even if the fund has helped you before, your request will be sympathetically and confidentially considered. Although the fund is intended to help individuals, if there are any organisations or groups who need support to include someone with special needs in an educational activity, or who know of members who are struggling financially, the Fund may be able to help.

### **Worton & Marston Village Hall**

#### **Jumble Sale**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2pm – 4pm  
All proceeds to village hall funds



### **Have you Heard? TROWBRIDGE TALKING NEWS**

A weekly audio reading from various news articles in the WILTSHIRE TIMES

For further information please contact: Geoff Holt on 01225 762336



**Saturday 16th April 2016 at 7.30pm** in Edington Priory

Church, an Organ Recital by Ashley Grote, currently Master of Music at Norwich Cathedral, and familiar to us here from his time as Festival Organist from 2007-9, and then Director of the

Edington Music Festival 2010-12 and leader of the fundraising appeal for a new organ for the Priory Church, installed in 2014. He is really looking forward to the opportunity of putting it through its paces.

The varied programme includes Mozart, Bach, Vierne, (whose symphonies he has recorded,) Elgar and Walton, and also one of his own compositions.

Tickets are £20, £15 and £10 plus £2 if you buy on the door. There is a 10% discount for Edington Angels, and 18 and under come FREE. Call **01380 831256** or **871549**, or see [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org)

### **Fairtrade & Local Produce Fair – Entry free**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March - 10 am to 2 pm in the Corn Exchange, Devizes**

Stalls selling Fairtrade and locally produced food, (including Easter eggs) crafts and clothes; Devizes Town Band; Fairtrade refreshments; opening and presenting of prizes for Schools Fairtrade competition by MP Claire Perry and Devizes mayor.

## **TRUSTEES WANTED FOR WILTSHIRE SIGHT**

Wiltshire Sight is an independent charity supporting people living with sight loss in Wiltshire and Swindon. We assist more than 2,500 people of all ages, as well as their families and carers. We aim to achieve our goal of being the first point of call for anyone in the county who needs information, advice and support around sight loss. We are now seeking new Trustees to sit on our Board and help guide the charity into the future. We are particularly interested in recruiting local people with skills in Change Management, Human Resources, and Ophthalmology, who have the strategic leadership and operational experience to help us make a difference to our members. Applications from people whose lives are affected by sight loss are warmly welcomed.

### **Commitments and Duties**

- \* Actively commit to the charity for, initially, a period of three years.
- \* Attend around six board meetings a year and take part in other events.
- \* Advise, mentor and guide the management team.

This is an exciting opportunity to use your skills to make a real difference. Informal discussions with our Chief Executive, Leanne Hubbard, are welcome. Expressions of interest and CVs should be emailed to [lhubbard@wiltshiresight.org](mailto:lhubbard@wiltshiresight.org)

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### **Closure of the Good Neighbour Co-ordinator Service**

Wiltshire Council is working with area boards to change the way it works with communities to facilitate local wellbeing. As a result of this the Wiltshire Good Neighbours service which has operated successfully in parts of Wiltshire since 2010 is to come to an end on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Local area boards across Wiltshire will set up local wellbeing groups that will bring together key individuals and organisations to ensure communities have the information and opportunities to remain healthy and well. At present, the exact arrangements being put in place by each area board have yet to be finalised and anyone requiring support in the meantime should contact the Wiltshire Council Adult Care Help Line on 0300 456 0111 or email [customeradvisors@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:customeradvisors@wiltshire.gov.uk)

*A message from Lise Griffiths:*

*'I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with the rural communities in the Melksham Community Area and to have had the opportunity to meet so many fantastic people. Please can I take this opportunity to thank the Parish Magazines, Parish Councils and village organisations for their support in helping to get out the message about the service offered by Wiltshire Good Neighbours.'*

*(We are sure there are people in Seend who would like to thank Lise for her help too. Eds.)*

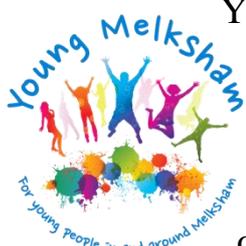
### **Steeple Rocks Choir!**

Steeple Rocks Choir is appearing at a concert on Saturday 14th May in St Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton with guest appearances from Acrosanti - a very talented String Quartet offering a wide range of music from classical to folk, a brilliant young cellist and others to be confirmed. Tickets will be available from the beginning of April.



Proceeds from the concert will go to Splitz which is a charity based in Wiltshire, Devon and Gloucestershire. Their work involves helping women and young people who experienced the trauma of domestic abuse. Adrienne Hale 01380 871890

### **FREE shuttle service and three youth clubs each week at Canberra!**



Young Melksham is providing a free shuttle service on a Thursday youth club night, starting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016, plus three youth clubs each week at Canberra to all young people in Melksham and the surrounding area.

Young Melksham hopes to be able to offer a shuttle bus service on other youth club nights but needs volunteer minibus drivers to be able to offer this service. Visit Young Melksham's website [www.youngmelksham.org.uk](http://www.youngmelksham.org.uk) for more information about volunteer opportunities or contact Angie Rawlins [angie@youngmelksham.org.uk](mailto:angie@youngmelksham.org.uk).

The shuttle service is available to all young people in the Melksham community area, including Seend. If you would like to use the shuttle service, please contact Jack Oatley [jack@youngmelksham.org.uk](mailto:jack@youngmelksham.org.uk) to book a 'pick up'.

You will need to show either your Canberra Club membership card or your completed and signed membership form to the minibus driver. Canberra Club membership forms are available from [www.youngmelksham.org.uk](http://www.youngmelksham.org.uk) to download and complete.

Youth club nights: (Subs for each club is just £1)

Tuesday 6.30pm - 8.45pm - all secondary school age

Wednesday 6.30pm - 8.45pm - 14 years and over (starts w/c 15 February 2016)

Thursday 6.30pm - 8.45pm - all secondary school age

For more information, visit [www.youngmelksham.org.uk](http://www.youngmelksham.org.uk) or contact [angie@youngmelksham.org.uk](mailto:angie@youngmelksham.org.uk) or 01225 667327.

### **Stop Press**

Calling all **Spotlight deliverers, printers and other helpers** – you are invited to a 'thank you' social and supper upstairs in the Village Room of the Community Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March!





**ROWDEFORD SPECIAL SCHOOL** in Rowde, near Devizes, is seeking enthusiastic and reliable volunteers to spend a few hours a week helping to support the pupils. Tel: 01380 850309

- Have you got some spare time to listen to the children read?
- Can you spare a few hours to help around the grounds and garden?

Rowdeford is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All volunteers will be subject to a full Disclosure and Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed. **If you would like to be one of our volunteers please contact the school to discuss your availability and skills.**

### **Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Want to eat fish and chips, while raising money for the Spinal Injuries Association? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 20th May 2016 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.



For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email [fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk)

### **White Horse Opera's Spring Concert**

Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd April  
in Devizes Town Hall  
in memory of Vince Gaiger.



"A Night at the Opera" will include popular favourites such as the Easter Hymn & The Brindisi from La Traviata with guest tenor Carlos Alonso.

Money will be raised for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust and The Nestling Trust. Tickets £10 for Friday night are available from Devizes Books 01380-725944 and on-line at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera)  
Saturday night is already sold out!



### **NORTHERN HARMONY**

Young American singing group  
with harmonies from across the globe.

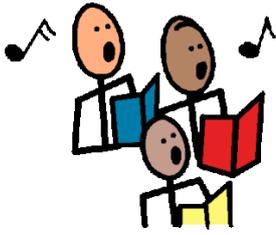
Market Lavington Community Hall  
on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

3.30-5.30pm – singing workshop

5.30pm – potluck supper

7.30pm – concert

Tickets: £8 concert, £12 workshop from Market Lavington PO or [joanne.e.richards@btinternet.com](mailto:joanne.e.richards@btinternet.com)



## **CALNE CHORAL CONCERT.**

Handel: Messiah (Parts II & III)  
Stanford Three Motets

With acclaimed international soloists - Gwen Martin (Soprano), Hannah Cooke (Contralto), Gareth Treseder (Tenor), Edmund Saddington (Bass) - and full orchestra (Conductor: Philip Springate).

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm, at St. Mary's Church, Calne.**

Tickets £10 (Students and children £20) from choir members or on the door.

### **Some more dates for your diary:**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - June 28<sup>th</sup> – Three-a-side skittles competition in Community Centre

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> – Seend Cleeve Open Gardens

Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> – Early summer BBQ, Community Centre, 6pm

Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August and 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Summer Saturday breakfasts in Seend Community Centre



### **And finally:**

**'Caution: Cape does not enable user to fly.'**  
*Warning label on a Batman costume.*

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

**CHURCH:** Priest in Charge: 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; LPAs: Mrs Jane Goman 827121, Mrs Liz Futter 828485 & Mrs Tina Yockney 827139. Bell Ringers: L Murray 828513.

**Irene Usher Memorial Hall** (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250

**Bulkington Village Hall** - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

**Bulkington Playing Field:** Chairman Jamie Streeter - 828835 - [jamiestreeter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jamiestreeter@hotmail.co.uk)

**Seend Community Centre/Club** - 828796 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: 07703 814111.

Website: [www.seendcommunitycentre.com](http://www.seendcommunitycentre.com) and find us on facebook

**Seend Shuttle:** Bookings and drivers: Alison Cobbing 07951030491 or 01380 850511

**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.bulkington.org.uk](http://www.bulkington.org.uk)

**Rights of Way Warden** – Paul Millard, 01225 712821

**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, 01380 729358 (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 Draw** – Karen & Steve Cubberley – [steven@cubberley.com](mailto:steven@cubberley.com) - tel: 828423

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

**Bouncy Club** - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350

**Brownies** - Helen Hook 828477

**Community Speedwatch** - Brian Crisp 01380 828910

**Cricket Club** - John Wiltshire 07791 144248

**Fawlty Players Panto Group** - Tessa Doe 828617 & find Seend Village Pantomime on facebook

**Fete** - Jo McManus 07866 516020 ([www.seendfete.co.uk](http://www.seendfete.co.uk))

**Flower Show** – Brian Jaques 827137

**FOSS (Friends of Seend School)** Mel Steel 07739 899741

**Gardening Club** - Carole Vince 01380 871259

**Historic Houses Club** - Mary Warren 01225707357 or Neil Yockney 827139

**LINK Scheme** - 075320 55560

**Lye Field Committee** – [www.seendlyefield.org](http://www.seendlyefield.org)

**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

**Seend Singers** - 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 07896 711764

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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