

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



April 2009

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

- 27th Keevil School Dads' night out, 7pm at the Longs Arms
- 30th Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 30th WEA AGM, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 31st Seend Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 1st WI AGM
- 4th Lunch at Pavilion for church funds, 12-2pm
- 5th Ramblers AGM 3pm in the Pavilion, preceded by walk from Rusty Lane starting at 1.30pm
- 9th Seend Link AGM, 8pm in the Pavilion
- 10th Easter Workshops, Holy Cross Church, 10am-noon
- 13th Easter Egg Hunt on Bulkington Playing Field, 10.30am
- 13th Great Bulkington Railway, 1.30-4.30pm
- 16th Informal meeting about the future of the church, Bulkington Village Hall 7pm
- 19th Seend Ramblers meet 9.30am in Rusty Lane
- 21st Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting, 7.30pm in the Pavilion
- 22nd Afternoon WEA class at the Community Centre 'Gardening for Wildlife'
- 23rd St George's Day Dinner, Community Centre
- 25th Melksham Choral Society concert, United Reform Church, Melksham, 7.30pm
- 26th Bulkington Annual Parochial Church Meeting, approx. 7pm after service
- 27th Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 27th Start of 3-a-side skittles tournament at Seend Community Centre
- 28th Wiltshire Federation of WIs' Drama Festival in the Community Centre, 3pm and 7.30pm - phone 01373 831022 for tickets by 30th March.

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 2nd 9th Seend Beer Festival, Community Centre 12noon-11pm
- 11th Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 16th Football and Netball tournament and fete, Worton and Marston schools
- 19th Watermill Theatre Company present 'Bubbles' in the Community Centre
- 23rd Fred Wedlock and the Yetties in Bulkington

Newcomer to Seend?

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

And visit www.seend.org.uk for village history, Shuttle timetables, What's On, useful links and back numbers of Spotlight and Happenings!

Welcome to the April 2009 issue



Whether Easter is important to you as a religious festival or as a time of chocolate and daffodils - or both - may we wish you a good one. Details of all church and chapel services are listed inside this magazine, as well as info about fun activities for children from nought to ninety.

The new unitary authority

Big changes are afoot in local government in Wiltshire, but it seems a lot of people are still unaware of what's going on. From April 1st, Wiltshire Council replaces Wiltshire County Council and the District Councils, including Kennet. We are told there should be no noticeable change to services in the short term. There will be local 'hubs' in Devizes, Chippenham, Salisbury and Trowbridge that will be your main points of contact rather than County Hall in Trowbridge, and area boards will be formed to deal with community matters from July 2009. Seend was destined to be part of the Trowbridge area board, but, after some dissent (see Joan Savage's letter under 'Announcements') we are to be included in the Melksham board.

Elections for the new unitary authority will not be held until 4th June. In the interim, our existing County Councillor (Mrs Pat Rugg - see inside back cover) will be our representative.

For further information, see www.onecouncilforwiltshire.co.uk or telephone 0300 4560100. Calls are charged at the local rate.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the **May issue** (*copy deadline 18th April*) can be e-mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office or, for Bulkington contributions, to Jo Bell at 1 Northfields, Bulkington (e-mail to trevor@bell8490.freeserve.co.uk). Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

Lost emails: Occasionally, an email to Spotlight goes astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa on 828617 to check if all is well. Please follow the advice in the N.B. below, too.

N.B. Would those sending emails to spotlight@seend.org.uk please include the word SPOTLIGHT in uppercase as the first word of the Subject. This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which quite often includes genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT, maybe even your important message!



EVENTS IN APRIL

Get your name down early for the 3-a-side skittles tournament at the Community Centre which starts on 27th April.

Come for Lunch

on Saturday 4th April

12:00am to 2:00pm



Choice of Delicious Home-Made Soups with Ploughmans Lunch

at the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend

Donations in aid of Seend Church Funds

SEEND LINK AGM

8.00 p.m. Thursday, 9th April 2009

THE IRENE USHER PAVILION

EVERYONE WELCOME

And a reminder that the **Link phone number** is now
075320 55560.



Great Bulkington Railway

The GBR will be open for steam and diesel powered train rides for adults and children of all ages on Easter Monday April 13th from 1330 hours until 1630 hours. We are located on the corner of Mill Lane in Bulkington next to the village hall.

We will be fund raising for the West Wilts Model Engineers who provide so much support to us at our events.

Come along and get some spring fresh air and admire the daffodils!

Neve Boulton Station Master, GBR. 01380 828 101

Bulkington Easter Egg Hunt & other fun activities!



Easter Egg Hunting, face painting & other fun activities are planned for the morning of Bank Holiday Monday, 13th April 2009 at 10.30am on Bulkington Playing Field. Fancy dress optional!

Entry is £2 each, with funds raised going towards improving the playing field.

Ian Dobson

On behalf of the Bulkington Playing Field Committee

St George's Day Dinner *3 course dinner plus* *guest speakers*

Tickets £15 from Peter Fisher
7.30 for 8pm on 23rd April
in the Community Centre



(Proceeds to the Community Centre)

EVENTS IN MAY



9th Seend Beer Festival
Saturday 2nd May 12 noon-11pm
in Seend Community Centre

40 real ales and ciders - Live music - Pig roast

The Watermill Theatre's touring company presents

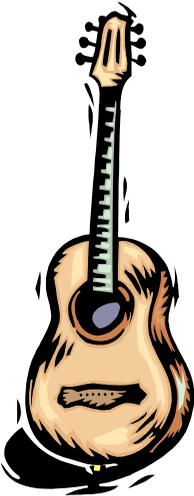
“Bubbles”

a musical set in a scrap yard!

on 19th May in Seend Community Centre
Supported by Rural Arts Wiltshire



Details of ticket availability in May Spotlight
or watch out for posters.



The celebrated

Fred Wedlock

and

The Yetties

May 23rd 2009

at Leaze Farm, Bulkington

Tickets £10 on sale NOW!

Barbecue and licensed bar on site

For tickets ring Sue Noad 01380 870343,
Audrey McDonald 01380 828376 or Jane Coles 01380 828145

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Congratulations

Clare and Michael Stynes have had a baby girl called Maeve, she was born on the 12th of February and will be a little sister to Oliver and Rosie.

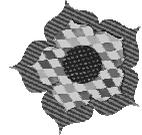
Our Area Board

Thank you to all who signed the petition. The appeal was successful. Seend village will now be in the Melksham Area Board of the new unitary authority instead of the Trowbridge Area Board. My special thanks to my small team who helped to achieve this in only four days. We had 167 signatures.

Joan Savage

60th Anniversary of the Seend Flower Show

The Seend Flower Show will be celebrating its diamond anniversary this year in the Community Centre on Saturday August 8th It will be a great tribute to the members of the Committees and Exhibitors, both past and present, who efforts and entries over so many years have maintained this as one of the best village Flower Shows in the West Country. During this long time it has given so much pleasure to those who have exhibited as well as all who have viewed the wide range of entries.



To commemorate this occasion it is the intention of the Flower Show Committee members to try to make this year's Show something very special and to make this happen we will need your support and even more entries than in the past. I am sure that you are up to it.

The return to the villagers of the allotments by the Women's Institute and the enthusiasm that is already evident in their preparation should form a significant new source for entries showing us what excellent results the new gardeners have achieved.

The Seend village school pupils will again be showing us the depth of artistic abilities that they possess and for the first time the Playgroup will be entering their exhibits. We welcome them. So, there is much to look forward to from our youthful talent.

We have the Open Gardens weekend in June which will attract visitors from far afield and demonstrate the very high quality of gardening and floral abilities that exist in the village both in the contents of the small cottage gardens and those of the larger houses. The Flower Show in August will be a marvellous venue for showing some of the high quality produce of these exhibiton gardens so please will you save some for the Flower Show.

This is a just first notice to ask you, as you start on preparing your plans for the year ahead, for your support in contributing to any of the many classes that are open for your entries, Flowers, Vegetables, Fruits, Floral Art, Photography and Handicrafts...not forgetting the many Childrens' classes.

With your support we can make this 60th anniversary a Flower Show of which we can all be truly proud! Thank you!

Peter Fisher.
President, Seend Flower Show Committee.

Save the date for Seend Village Fete!



Preparations are already underway for the 2009 Seend Village Fete on Saturday 8 August, and volunteers are being eagerly sought to help with planning, collecting prizes and running stalls.

And you can help by donating prizes, advertising in the programme or volunteering to help out on a stall for an hour or two – any help will be appreciated and you are sure to have a fun time!

Fete Committee Chairman Geoff Burgess said: “Come and join us in preparing and running the Seend Fete this year. Enthusiasm and innovation would be a bonus but whatever your input – big or small – it will be highly valued. You can help us to make this year’s fete a really special day.”

Do you have any unwanted Christmas presents? Not sure what to do with them? Well, why not donate them to a good cause? They would probably make very good Tombola prizes for the 2009 Seend Fete and help raise funds for the Lye Field and Irene Usher Pavilion.

If you can help at all, please contact:

Sponsorship and prizes: Fiona Johnson (01380 828401) – or by email to: fjohnson09@googlemail.com

Volunteers: Rebecca Rowan (01380 828684)

Any other queries: Susan Bolton (01380 828401), Georgie Agass (01380 828441) or Ann Burgess (01380 828077)

CHURCH NEWS

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting

7.30pm on 21st April in the Pavilion

WWW. (Wardens Wander Weakly)

The process of appointing a new Priest is now well under way. It is likely that we will have a "House for Duty" Priest, which means that the person appointed has a free house, plus expenses, in exchange for three days work per week. By the time you read this, the Parish Profile and job description will be nearing completion. When these are published it is then just a case of finding the right person!

In the meantime Sunday services continue and as we approach Easter, may we remind you of the Holy Week services and the Children's' workshops on Good Friday, which promise to be bigger and better than last year.

On Easter Sunday there will be a Benefice service at 10.00am in Holy Cross Church. We are pleased to welcome Bishop Bill Ind (recently retired Bishop of Truro) to conduct this service.

Please join us on this special day and we wish you all a very Happy Easter
Steve , Tina & Liz

Benefice of Holy Cross Seend, Christchurch Bulkington & St Peter's Poulshot

CHURCH SERVICES FOR THE COMING MONTH

Sunday 29th March

10.00am Benefice Eucharist, **Bulkington** - *Rev Maureen Allchin*

Sunday 5th April

8am Holy Communion, **Seend** - *Julian Harford*

9.30am Family Service, **Bulkington** - *Maureen Allchin*

11.15am Parish Eucharist, **Seend** - *Canon Ed Probert*

6pm Evensong, **Poulshot** - *Brian James and Renee Coulson*

Tuesday 7th April

7.30pm Service of readings and hymns, **Bulkington**

7.30pm Service of reading and hymns, **Poulshot**

Thursday 9th April (Maundy Thursday)

7.30pm Holy Communion, **Poulshot** - *Canon Mark Bonney*

Friday 10th April (Good Friday)

10am Children's workshops, **Seend**

10am Matins and Litany, **Poulshot** - *Brian James*

1.30pm Liturgy of the Day, **Seend** - *Canon Mark Bonney*

Sunday 12th April (Easter Day)

10am Benefice Eucharist, **Seend** - *Bishop Bill Ind*

Sunday 19th April

8am, Holy Communion, **Seend** - *tba*

9.30am Parish Eucharist, **Bulkington** - *Maureen Allchin*

11.15am Parish Eucharist, **Seend** - *Maureen Allchin*

6pm Parish Eucharist, **Poulshot** - *Colin Coward*

Sunday 26th April

8am Holy Communion, **Seend** - *Julian Harford*

9.30am Family Eucharist, **Poulshot** - *Archdeacon John Wraw*

11.15am Family Eucharist, **Seend** - *Gillie Baker*

6pm Evensong, **Bulkington** - *Maureen Allchin*

First Steps Benefice Parent and Toddler Church Service

First Steps will not meet in April as we hope that they will join in the fun at the Easter Workshop held on Good Friday 10 April at Holy Cross Seend from 10.00am to 12 noon. There will be plenty of things to colour, cut out and paste and an opportunity to help make the Easter Garden. There will be a short service at the end of the morning after which Hot Cross Buns will be served. Everyone is welcome to come on Good Friday. First Steps will start again on Tuesday 5 May. For further information please contact Jo on 828550.

Christ Church Bulkington

Our service of readings and hymns for Holy Week will be held on **Tuesday 7th April at 7:30 pm**, and will be led by the Rev'd Maureen Allchin.

As a precursor to writing our Parish Profile to attract a new priest to the benefice, we are wondering how **you** see the presence of the church in our village in the next five years. We are inviting all residents to an **informal gathering in Bulkington Village Hall on Thursday 16th April at 7pm for 7:30**. We value your views and questions, and very much hope to see you there. Light refreshments will be served.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 26th April** in Church at approximately 7 pm, following our Evening Service. We hope that all members on the Electoral Roll will do their best to attend. We **do need your support**. We are lucky to have sufficient nominations for the PCC, so don't be afraid to turn up!

Liz Futter on behalf of Bulkington PCC

FROM ROY

We are about to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. This is the time within the Christian Year when we see God's love for the world and for each and everyone of us at its profoundest.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. Jesus rides humbly into Jerusalem on a donkey. His disciples and other followers accompany him with praises and palm branches. Almost at the same time the Roman Governor, Pilate, will make his annual entry into Jerusalem for Passover (to keep the peace not the feast) – no doubt with a considerable greater show of pomp than Jesus. God's love confronts the reality of life. Our conflicts, our economic downturn, our environmental profligacy are faced off with God's love that seeks peace, justice and wholeness.

On Maundy Thursday, God's love becomes intimate. Jesus kneels to wash his disciple's feet. It's a reversal of the time earlier in the week when a woman disciple washes Jesus' feet with costly perfume. God's love is for me. I can let God minister to my need whatever it is.

On Good Friday, Jesus dies cruelly on the cross in deep darkness. Jesus and the world appear abandoned to their fate. Can we still speak of God's love? Only, I believe, falteringly, as out of our darkest experiences, out of our experience of God's absence, we discover that there is nothing can separate us from God's love because Christ has been there before us.

Easter Sunday sees Christ bounding free. Death cannot hold him. Our churches are filled with the praise of alleluias. God's love is liberated to find its way to every time, every place, every heart. Nothing can hold it back.

Easter blessings to you all,



Send Methodist Chapel Services for the coming month

Services for April. Please note different times.

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| 5 th April | 10.30am at Bromham Methodist Chapel. Villages Together service led by Geraldine Mann. |
| 12 th April | 11am. Easter Sunday. Revd Roy Fowler will conduct worship and Holy Communion. |
| 26 th April | 10am Mrs Michelle Pickering. |

The Villages Together service on 22nd February led by Derek and Michele Gard was well attended. The reading was presented dramatically and everyone got involved as the crowd who watched the paralysed man being let down through the hole in the roof for healing and were amazed by what happened. Following the inspirational service a social time over coffee followed.

On March 8th visitors came from other chapels to help us celebrate our 234th chapel anniversary. Rev Stanley Pipet, our former Minister, and his wife Joyce led our service and shared time with us all over coffee. Later we joined for lunch together at The Lamb on the Strand.

CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

SEEND WI

At our meeting on 11th March Sarah welcomed several new members then updated the membership on the situation regarding the WI costs. A meeting had taken place between the solicitors and the Trustees on March 6th. She reminded members that the AGM had been brought forward to **Wednesday 1st April** because Easter is early this year and many of the members who have children at the school may well be away. As some members of the committee were standing down this year she asked for nominations for new committee members. We were then given a very interesting and entertaining talk by Revd Mrs Mary Teed from Westbury entitled "Here we go a-vicaring".



Our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion at 7.30 pm. If you are interested attending our meeting please feel free to come along. If you would like more information please contact Sarah Todhunter on 01380 828730

SEEND SHUTTLE



First Wednesday Shopping Trip to Salisbury is on 8th April - just in time for last minute Easter shopping. Phone Terry on 828203 to book by Monday 6th April.

New volunteer drivers are still URGENTLY wanted: If you've been meaning to volunteer but haven't got around to it, please ring Pete on 828757.

And cleaners...

If you and your friends or neighbours would like to join the Shuttle cleaning rota, giving up a few hours about once a year, please phone Tessa on 828617.

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Lunch club

Everyone seems to think it's a great idea, and there's been enough interest in a lunch club for older residents - or perhaps for people of any age group who are at home during the day - for us to plan to go ahead, but we need a larger pool of people to make it a viable regular event. If you are interested in attending as a participant, or in helping to prepare or serve the lunches, **please, please contact John and Lilian Smallshaw on 828540 as soon as possible.**



Refurbishments

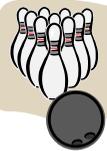
Yes, it's all cisterns go (sorry!) in the toilets at the Lounge Bar end of the Centre. We hope to have the hall loos ready by the end of April or early May.

The entrance hall has been repainted, and new noticeboards, including an outdoor illuminated one, are on order, as are tables and curtains for the hall. There are new signs over the skittles scoreboards and, by popular request, rubbish bins in the hall and lounge bar!

St George's Day Dinner on 23rd April

Book tickets for this splendid traditional event from Peter Fisher (828305).

Skittles Competitions



The **mixed pairs** contest held on 28th February provided yet more family drama - with Caroline Welfare and partner Andy Tilbury eventually being beaten by Caroline's sister Sandra Davis and Nigel Harris. In earlier rounds, two teams of the Hamblin family also had to face each other - we hope they're all still on speaking terms. Thanks again to Russ Collins for organising a very enjoyable evening.

The **3-a-side tournament**, organised by Ray Willis and family, kicks off on Monday 27th April with further matches spread over the next nine weeks, mostly on Mondays. Entry forms are available at the bar - do get your names down in good time. Even if you get knocked out in the first round, you go into a subsidiary competition. It's all good fun, however rubbish you are at skittles, and there are lots of prizes! Teams can be single-sex or mixed.

Drawing and painting classes

If you are interested in joining the **art classes** held on Thursday mornings in the Centre when they start again next autumn, do call tutor Alan Padwick on 07711 018406 and/or drop in to the last class of this term on April 2nd between 10am and 12.30pm to see what goes on and whether it's for you.

Quiz Night

The quiz night on 14th March was a lively event, attracting 16 teams. 'The Four Canals' were the quiz winners, and 'Real Ale Madrid' (ouch!) won the best team name prize. The optimistically named 'The Winners' earned the wooden spoons. Many thanks to Graham Hickman and Tony Daly, and to Jackie Merivale who ran the raffle. Do join us for the **next quiz on 20th June**.

Looking ahead

Other coming events include: Regional WI Drama event 28th April; Beer Festival 2nd May; Watermill Theatre 19th May; 60s night 27th June.

Seend Club Membership

Membership renewal is due on 1st April. Members can take advantage of the very reasonable prices in the lounge bar., and your subscriptions help to fund the Community Centre. Ask at the bar.



THE 100+ CLUB 2009-10: **WHAT IS IT, AND WHY SHOULD I JOIN?**

The 100+ Club is a village lottery, set up many years ago to raise funds to support the upkeep of the village-owned Lye Recreation Field and Pavilion. Membership costs **£15** per person per year, and is open to anybody in the village – or out of it; your money is just as good, no matter where you live! And last year - 2008/2009 - we raised **£1224** for the Lye Field, **£1010** in donations and **£214** in Gift-Aid payments.

In addition to the contribution to the Lye Field, an equally important aspect of the Club is the re-distribution of over **£2000** back to the subscribers as **prizes** via 12 monthly prize draws. At 11 of these draws, there were **6** prizes on offer: **£35, £30, £25, £20, £15** and **£10**, but at the Christmas draw, there were **13** prizes, starting with a first prize of **£100** and totalling over **£450**! Since **2002**, membership has increased from **142** to **202**, and in this period more than **160** members have won at least once, so you can see that the odds of winning are pretty high.

Why you should join: Principally, to support the Lye Field, which together with the Pavilion is owned by the village – that means you and me - for the use and enjoyment of everyone in the village. The upkeep is managed by volunteers who give their time and expertise free, but materials and equipment need to be paid for. Joining the **100+Club** is therefore a very good way to support a fabulous amenity, while at the same time giving yourself a sporting chance of recouping your stake – or even more! How often in life does this happen? Anyone can apply for a subscription, and you can buy as many subscriptions as you like – the more you have, the better your chances of winning, and the more support we receive. Membership runs from **May 1st** to **April 30th** each year.

Application to subscribe: Application forms containing **Gift-aid certificates** are included in this month's Spotlight, so sign up now and return the form to me. Last year we reached – and surpassed - 200 members, and we must retain at least that number, so make sure you **join our Club!**

Fete-Volunteers: It can't have escaped your notice that each year we have a village Fete and each year we make an appeal for volunteers. Last year the 100+ Club application form included a Fete-volunteer section as a tear-off strip, and more than 30 of you signed up to help out on the day, an absolutely wonderful response which assisted the Fete organisers immensely. Once again we have included the sign-up slip, so again you have the opportunity to add your name to the list of helpers by completing the strip and returning it me. I will then pass it on to the Fete Committee. The Seend Fete is a fantastically successful affair, but it does require a lot of support. Please think about providing some of it.

Bernie Prolze

Tel: 01380 828391; email: bjprolze@uko2.co.uk

MOTHERS' UNION : SEEND AND BULKINGTON BRANCH

In 1633 many of the villagers of Oberammergau in Bavaria were spared when a plague brought death to neighbouring settlements. In thanksgiving to God for this deliverance the villagers made a vow that every ten years they would re-enact the story of the passion. they have done so ever since. One regular visitor since 1990 has been Rev Maureen Allchin who spoke to our branch meeting on February 18th.



The Passion Play has grown in influence and now takes place in a purpose built arena, where the auditorium is covered but the stage is open to the weather. An election is held to choose the people who will play the main parts. The whole community is involved; either in the cast, the chorus or in the task of providing lodging and food for the vast number of visitors who come to witness the play from all over the world. For a village with a population of about 4,000 this is a monumental task.

The value of the play for those who watch it is in seeing the unfolding of the events of the Crucifixion. The actors speak in German but the programmes are available in many different languages. The play, which lasts for six hours, has a break for refreshments. For those who attend it is a pilgrimage, whilst for the villagers it is a vow fulfilled.

Future dates:

15th April – Deanery Guest Service, 11 am. Followed by refreshments. There will be a raffle.

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS - 'Puss in Boots'



Well, Andy has put his pink wig and purple tights away for another year. How do we follow that? Watch this space.

Congratulations to all involved in the production, which our audiences seemed to enjoy - although they did seem to derive a disproportionate amount of pleasure from incidents such as when the guinea pig went missing, or people started saying each other's lines by mistake! Particular mention must be made of our teenage lead performers, who carried a lot of responsibility for the success of the show on their young shoulders, and to the backstage crew, who work hard but don't get the fifteen minutes of fame they deserve. Last but not least, thanks to all of you who came along to see the show.

The proceeds from the panto this year will be shared between Bath Cat and Dogs Home and Dorothy House - two very different but equally worthy causes.

Unfortunately, we were not successful in our bid for grant funding to refurbish the stage and backstage area of the Community Centre.

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS



What a lovely spring day for the walk that took place on 22nd February, when 25 members, commencing from the village of Biddestone, completed a distance of seven miles. Travelling out of the village over fields into Weavern Lane, down into the hamlet of Slaughterford and crossing the valley into Ford, where we rested by the riverside before making our way uphill and back along lanes to Biddestone.

There were snowdrops in abundance along the banks, with beautiful views. our thanks to both Jo and Colin Waldeck for organizing the route.

Sunday 5th April – our AGM

Meet at 1.30pm in Rusty Lane if you are intending to do the walk within the village. this walk will be kept quite short, finishing at the Irene Usher Pavilion in good time for the AGM to commence at 3pm.

Can I please remind everyone that subscriptions will be due for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Next walk – Sunday 19th April

Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. Please consolidate by filling cars at this stage, as there is very limited parking when we get to the church in Bremhill, near Calne. Park up by the church (map ref. ST.980 731) to commence the walk at 10am.

This walk is approximately six miles with great views to be led by Brian and Geraldine De'Ath (01225 705806). Bring refreshments.

Lin Salter - Tel: 01225 706451



WEA SEEND BRANCH

The **AGM** will take place at 7.30pm on 30th March in the upstairs room of the Community Centre. Everyone, whether a member or not, is welcome.

Our three weekly afternoon classes on '**Gardening for Wildlife**' start at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 22nd April at Seend Community Centre. Jacky Thomas of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will speak about managing pests and diseases while encouraging wildlife with reference to both the ornamental garden and the veg patch.

It will be very helpful for us to know how many people intend to come along, so **please ring Pam Church on 01380 828597 to book a place on the course.**

The course fee is £22, but there are concessions for people in receipt of means-tested benefits or on low incomes. Do call Pam to find out if you are eligible.

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Well, I had written a highly amusing report about members who think politics is more important than gardening and elected to go to another meeting rather than Gardening Club, therefore missing the best speaker of the year. However I am now told that there were only four of you so I have had to re-write!

David Haycroft was a teacher and his talk on pelargoniums reflected his training and expertise. I might add that he trained for more than six months. David gave up teaching 20 years ago to start a fuschia and pelargonium nursery in his back garden and is obviously a very contented man. He gave us a carefully balanced mixture of talk, slides and demonstrations, starting with a potted (ho ho) biography, going on to a description of the different kinds of pelargonium and finishing with excellent demonstrations.

We saw slides of his very tidy nursery consisting of a potting shed, 2 big greenhouses and a poly-tunnel, all packed with plants of various sizes grown from cuttings taken from his own plants. He then illustrated the different kinds of pelargonium; **zonal** with leaf markings, **regal**, mostly conservatory plants as they hate getting wet, **angels**, smaller, mostly pink or purple or white, **ivy-leaved** used in hanging baskets as they trail and lastly **scented leaved** with smaller flowers. Ivy leaved pelargoniums apparently make large plants if trained up a south facing wall, so I will be trying that this year in my front garden. Cuttings can be taken in the Autumn if you have heated greenhouses, otherwise Spring is the best time and David went on to demonstrate how to take cuttings and how to refresh and re-pot a plant that has been over-wintered. We were all most impressed by his very nifty way of potting up cuttings and potting on, which is very simple and easy when you know how. Those of us there, who are entering the Gardening Club pelargonium class in the flower show, now feel we have a distinct advantage and will probably keep the secrets to ourselves. Sue Jones will have the plug plants for sale at the AGM but you do need to order them from her now if you have not already done so.

It is our **AGM on 14th April** so we are asking for contributions of finger food to help the evening along. We have offers already but could do with more. Contact Sue Jones with any queries. Entertainment will be provided afterwards by Wafaa who will be demonstrating belly dancing.

Summer activities.

* **On Tuesday 12th May** there is an evening trip to The Courts in Holt at 6.30pm followed by a meal at The Bell on the Green at Broughton Gifford at 8.00pm. Entry will be £5.10 to non-NT members and we have asked for an introductory talk. I am hoping there will be someone around to identify plants etc. if need be. I will be in touch nearer the time to organise transport.

* **On Saturday 20th June** there will be a trip to the West Woodhay garden show near Newbury. I have 12 names so far, not enough to qualify for group reductions so entry will be £7.00. Again I will organise transport nearer the time.

* **The trip to Highgrove** is now all systems go on 2nd June. Cost will be £21.00. Contact Roger with queries.

* **The day trip will be on July 18th 2009** and is to Dorset. The first 2 gardens are quite near to us. We will have coffee at Hilltop nursery and garden that specialises in dahlias and herbaceous plants, then a very short drive to Snape Cottage, where we will picnic lunch in lovely surroundings. In the afternoon we drive into Somerset to visit East Lambrook Manor, a lovely garden created during the war years by Margery Fish who used and made popular again many cottage garden plants. There we will have tea in the restaurant. Plants are for sale in all 3 gardens and there is also an art gallery at the last one. The cost is £22.00. All enquiries to Monica.

Please could we have volunteers for the Church fete and the Lye Field fete. Names to Joyce if you are able to help with plants or time on the stalls.

Sue.



SEEND BOUNCY CLUB

Seend Bouncy club is an informal group for parents and children under five. It is an opportunity to meet others in the village and for the children to play. We also organise some trips throughout the year. It cost £1 per session to cover drinks and snacks (and trips!) and runs every Wednesday from 9.30 until 11.15am. Everyone is welcome. It all happens in The Pavilion in Rusty Lane.

Clare Stynes has taken over the running of the group and her contact number is 827164.

SCHOOL NEWS

SEEND C.E. AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school has now received the full Ofsted Report and we are very pleased with the results as we are a `good school with outstanding features`. The results are the results of the hard work and dedication put in by our staff, the commitment of the children and the support of our parents. The report can be viewed on the Ofsted Website www.ofsted.gov.uk



During our writing week we hosted a day with Jeremy Strong, the celebrated children's author. He spent a session with each class discussing his work and answering their questions and held a book signing session. The children were

enthused by his visit and Oak Class have now created a writing shed, like the one he uses at home, in their outdoor play area.

As Term 4 comes to an end many of our teams are coming to the end of a successful sporting season. The newly formed netball team under the eye of Mrs Jackie Davies, one of our parents, has gone from strength to strength, our football team is doing well in the newly formed Bradford on Avon and Melksham League and the Year Six tag rugby team took the honours at the Melksham schools Tournament winning all their matches. Finally, our mixed football team won the overall cup at the Dauntseys School mixed football competition. This event was the fruition of a six-week coaching course run at our school by Mr Shane Cloety, Head of PE at the school, and his staff as part of their primary schools outreach work. This is the first year we have been part of this excellent initiative and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dauntseys School for their hard work in this area. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank all the children, parents, parent coaches and sports coaches for all their hard work in supporting our school.

The school took part in Red Nose Day with all the children coming to school in their nightwear. Some took part in sponsored silences and others spent the day tied to a partner as a three legged pupil. After school a number of children and their parents ran stalls to raise money. These included cake, hot chocolate and guess the number of sweet stalls. I was especially pleased with the stalls as they were independently organised and sourced by the children. As a result of the events throughout the day £222.20 was banked on behalf of Comic Relief.

Our end of term service in Church will be on Friday 3rd April at 1.45 p.m. In the absence of our own vicar the Reverend Sally Attwell, the Rural Dean, will be taking the service. If you are able you are welcome to attend.

Steven Bennett, Headteacher.

SEEND SCHOOL PARENT SOCIAL CLUB

Our Jumble Sales was a great success and we raised around £130.00 – thank you to everyone who supported this.

There is a ‘Make a Gift for Mothers’ Day’ on 19th March, our Easter Competition for children (& adults) – ‘Give us 20p of your money & try to win a Chocolate Bunny!’ the winner will be announced at the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Also, at the last count, we have over 90 members in the 100 club! Thank you to everyone who joined.

I will keep you updated with any other events coming up at Seend School.

Happy Easter to you all!!

Rachel Lewis (01380 828293)

FOKS (Friends of Keevil School)

HI – quick update from Friends of Keevil School!

Thank you to all of you who joined our 100 club this year. For the first time – we have made it the 100 club proper instead of the 68 or the 72 club!!!! Well done to Lesley Carter and Sarah Henry for their fine nagging – it paid off! Our first draw was:

£50 – Marilyn Newman

£25- Ron Plumb

£15- Ann Ryman

Spend it wisely!!

A quick reminder to the Dads of Keevil School. There will be another night out at the pub on 27th March at 7pm meeting at the Long Arms. Don't be square – be there!!

Have a great Easter – all at Keevil School.

Jan Flynn (01380 828248)

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on 24th February was attended by nine Councillors, and County Councillor, Pat Rugg, with Chairman, Mr. Clifford Smith, in the chair. Nine members of the public were also in attendance.

Spiderweb Paddock – The Environmental Officer is aware that more vehicles and trailers have arrived on the site. Another visit will be made, and he will report back.

Election of Parish Councillor to fill casual vacancy

There were four applications received, and the letters of application had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. Each Councillor was given a ballot paper with the names of the four applicants - Mrs Georgina A'Bear, Mr Justin Conboy, Mr Philip Cottle and, Mr Stephen Diffey and asked to vote for one only. After the votes were counted, the Chairman declared Mrs A'Bear duly elected.

Planning Matters

Planning Consent has been **refused** for the following application.

K/59943/F	Mr M Newman, Rew Farm, Seend Cleeve Conversion and extension of barn to form two dwellings. New detached double garage
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Planning Consent has been **approved** for the following applications.

K/59694/F	Mr & Mrs Giles, Old Wyatts, Row Lane, Seend Cleeve
K/59695/LBC	Proposed alterations and extension to existing coach house (Re-submission of K/58808/LBC)

The following applications were considered and **no objections** raised:

- K/59887/LBC Mr D Pollard, 1 High Street, Seend
Construction of low level boundary wall to front of 1 & 2 High Street. Reinstatement of leaded lights and casements with associated secondary glazing
- K/59888/F Construction of low level boundary wall to front of 1 & 2 High Street
- E/09/0124/LBC Mr C Waldeck, 1 Longmead, Row Lane, Seend Cleeve
Conversion of existing window to French doors

Wiltshire Police advise that, due to a **realignment of local boundaries**, Seend and Poulshot will be moved from the Devizes area and will become part of the Trowbridge area. As a result policing will transfer to Trowbridge Police Station, Polebarn Road, Trowbridge with effect from 1st April.

Dates for the next **Parish Skips** will be:

- March 27th - Three Magpies
April 24th - Wessex water site

The **next Parish Council meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 31st March 2009 at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher
Clerk (01380 828281)

Your Parish Councillors

Due to recent interest in the membership and activities of the Parish Council, following a by-election and the co-option reported above, we thought it appropriate to provide a list of Parish Councillors, with contact numbers, in this issue of Spotlight. We hope to publish a little more information about the Councillors in a future edition.

- Mrs Georgina A’Bear,** 01380 828288
Mr Mike Beasley 01380 828593
Mrs Thelma Carr 01380 828756
Mr Mike Davis 01380 828942 (**Vice Chairman**)
Mr Nick Haines 01380 828284
Mrs Anita Heatley 01380 82849
Mr Paul Manning 01380 828655
Mr Darren Nichols 01380 828535
Mr John Padfield 01380 828755
Mrs Joan Savage 01380 828108
Mr Clifford Smith 01380 828307 (**Chairman**)

Down the Drains in Bulkington

Following the flooding in December, when houses in the High Street were inundated with water from the heavy overnight rains, the Parish Council responded quickly with a campaign to persuade those responsible for highway and land drainage to take action to prevent the likelihood of further flooding in the village. Responses were as follows:

- surveys of road and outlying land drainage systems were carried out by engineers from District and County Councils
- land owners responsible for ditches were contacted
- County Highways unblocked a large drain running north from the High Street using high pressure jetting
- gully cleaning and road sweeping were carried out throughout the village.

At a joint parish meeting with Keevil Parish Council to discuss the flooding in both villages, and attended by Land and Highways drainage engineers, Wessex Water sewerage engineer, and supported by Wilts County Councillor Julie Swabey and Kennet District Councillor Jonathon Seed, it was established that the County Council is contracted to deliver an annual highways drainage cleansing service to the Parish. However due to a shortfall in resources following widespread flooding throughout the County, this had not been delivered in Bulkington in time to prevent local flooding. The meeting also served to identify a need for a major drainage survey to establish the condition of the drainage system in the village, and this was agreed to be tabled by the Highways Department for the next financial year.

To improve our knowledge of the village drains and understand some of the key issues involved in their maintenance, the Parish Council has put together a local plan showing the various ditches, culverts and drains together with details of the riparian owners (those who own the land which carries drainage and other waterways and who therefore have responsibilities for maintenance and upkeep of these), be it farms, householders or the Highways authorities. This document will shortly be available on the Bulkington Village Website at <http://www.trowbridge.gov.uk/towninfo.asp?id=143>. Owners of ditches and drains throughout the village are encouraged to look at this document and to be mindful of their responsibilities for maintenance and upkeep. Gardeners are asked to avoid filling ditches by putting grass cuttings/garden waste etc into them.

The village is indebted to those riparian owners who took speedy action following on from the flooding, although one such riparian farmer has caused a stir by piping and filling a main arterial ditch without the approval of the

drainage authority, for which a redress is currently being sought by the County Planning department and Environment Agency. Some riparian owners have yet to take this matter seriously, and much has still to be done to improve our drainage systems to avoid a potential repeat of the December disaster.

Anyone interested in finding out more about their responsibilities and those of others in the village are encouraged to come to the Parish Council meetings or to contact Cllr. Calum Ogilvie on 01380 828202. Blocked ditches/drains can be reported to Calum or to Cllr. Tony Bradford.

All the above action has taken considerable effort by those involved and the Parish Council will continue to press the agencies and the riparian owners concerned to be diligent in their maintenance of drainage systems for the overall good of the village.

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS and FIXTURES

Cricket – Captain – Ben King

The team's first fixture will be on the 10th of May at home against All Cannings to be followed by their first away match on the 17th of May against the Canal Taverners. Readers will recall that the Seend team beat the Canal Taverners on the opening day of last season with Jake Sainsbury scoring the winning run off the very last ball of the match!



Short Mat Bowls – Psychometric Profiler and Nutritionist – Colin Waldeck

The season finished off with a 2-6 defeat at Crudwell unfortunately followed with the side going down 3-5 at home to Bromham. In the circumstances the editor has decided to exercise her veto and hence the rest of this paragraph has been deleted! (*If you say so. Ed.*)



Tennis – Chairman – Ric Ellinger

Ladies Captain – Pam Akerman
Mixed A Captain – Elaine Davis
Mixed B Captain – Ric Ellinger
Men's Captain – Frankie Goddard



The fixtures for this season have now been sent out by the league and we are pleased that both the Mixed A and the Men's team have been promoted. The first matches are in the week commencing April 20th. Contact The team captains for further details together with a fixture list.

Football

Seend 1st XI – Manager – Matthew Pearce

The team march on with league wins against Westbury United 2-0, Steeple Ashton 3-0 and most recently on the 13th of March against Freshford 3-0. Strangely Freshford beat Seend in the K.O Cup 4-5!



Gary Higdon remains top scorer with 26 and Chris “Nobby” Stiles is in second place with 17.

Statistics: Played 13; Won 12; Lost 1; Goals For 45; Against 9; League Position Top.

Seend Reserves – Manager – Keith Anteney

There have only been two league fixtures since the last Spotlight. These were a 3-0 victory over Heytesbury together with a narrow defeat to Trowbridge Wanderers 0-1.

Top Scorer Ollie Gee with 8 followed by Stuart Greatwood with 6.

Seend Tiger – Coach – Luke Ballinger

Luke tells us that training will start again at the end of April on the Lye on Saturdays from 9:30 – 11:30am. Good luck to the Tigers this year!

Skittles



Seend A – Captain – John Wiltshire

The Seend A team have played four further matches in the league, winning against Cons A 7-0 and Spencers B 5-2; but losing to Saracens 2-5 and to the Cavaliers 2-5. In the 12-a-side Nomination Cup, they beat the Drifters by 16 pins, and the Comrades by 18 pins.

Seend B – Captain – Walter Mavell

The Seend B team lost 1-6 to Cons B, 0-7 to Melksham Casuals and 1-6 to Carpenters Arms; but they beat Legion E 6-1, all in the league. In the local derby match against Seend C, Seend B lost 1-6, the first time they have lost this fixture since 1968!

Seend C – Captain – Sam Sainsbury

The Seend C team lost two and won two in the league this month. Losses were to Cons B 6-1, top scorer Andy Tilbury 32; and to Cons E 5-2, top scorer Nathan Hamblin 29. Seend C managed to then beat top of the table Carpenters Arms 5-2, top scorer Andy Tilbury 30; and Seend B 6-1, top scorer Paris Goddard 30.

Seend D – Captain – Luke Ballinger

The D team lost 0-7 to Cons C and 1-6 to Avon A; but beat Cons A 6-1 in the league. In the Nomination Cup the team beat Spencers B by 12 pins to set up a quarter final against Seend A!

In the Mixed Pairs Competition, the runners-up were Caroline Welfare and Andy Tilbury, with Sandra Davis and Nigel Harris winning.

**Could all results and fixtures please be sent to the weighing room
by April 15th.**

Frankie Goddard 01380 828488.

PERSONAL ADS

To place a small ad (individuals, not businesses, thanks) please give your ad plus £2 to the PO/Shop or to Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings, Seend Cleeve.

Real Nappies for Sale - £60

If you are not sure if you want to use real nappies – this is a great way to try. Bambino Mio Nappies - suitable from birth to potty. The set has done me very well and is very easy to use. We have a pet- and smoke-free home.

All items are in excellent condition - over £200 new! They have been washed at 90C.

For further details please contact Emma Smith, Home Farm, Seend. Tel. 01380 828056.

For Sale

4 drawer **filing cabinet** in good condition £50 ono. Tel 01225 709360.

BITS AND BOBS

Summer Visitors

House Martins: These lovely migrant birds fly from Africa to nest in the British Isles, many in our area. They spend a long time making their mud nests under the eaves of houses. Please be tolerant of their building habits. The birds do not cause too much mess and they become distressed if all their hard work is destroyed. If house martins cannot raise their brood, yet another species will be endangered.



Swallows: Always return to their old nest sites, so please make access to them. If for security, access has to be shut, swallows will fly through small openings in order to reach their traditional nesting sites.

Swifts: Their nesting sites, some of which are centuries old, are fast disappearing. They require an access tunnel of at least 18" long with a small entrance hole. Swifts are believed to spend as much as nine months a year on the wing and are known to nap whilst flying.



Should you require any advice about these birds or how to obtain artificial nesting boxes and how to erect them, please contact Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Tel: 01380 725670.



Melksham Choral Society Concert

The above concert will take place in the Melksham United Reformed Church on Saturday 25th April 2009 commencing at 7.30pm. The programme includes Mozart's Requiem and also his Eine Kleine Nacht Musik, so do come and support your local singers.

Tickets are £10.00 (no concessions) and can be obtained from ROGER BRIND (828830) or ANITA SHEA (828757).

ROAD SAFETY

If you, like me, are getting sick and tired of being nearly run over in the High Street by motor-cycles, cars, vans and heavy lorries travelling at 50-60 mph, or being overtaken by these same vehicles whilst driving within the speed limit, **please sign the petition to the Local Council, (which will be in the Post Office during the month of April), requesting some form of traffic calming be installed.**

All it requires is either a flashing SLOW DOWN sign, as there is when approaching Sells Green, or a flashing sign showing the speed of the vehicle approaching, as there is at Worton.

In the majority of cases, both these have an effect on these dangerous drivers and you can see them apply their brakes. **IF SELLS GREEN AND WORTON CAN HAVE THEM, WHY CAN'T WE?**

SO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BEFORE SOMEONE GETS KILLED.
IT COULD BE YOU OR ONE OF YOUR FAMILY.

Roger Brind

Dog fouling in Seend High Street

Following the complaint about persistent dog mess in Bulkington, a similar problem has been reported in Seend High Street. Please be sure to clean up after your dog, wherever you are.



USEFUL CONTACTS:

Rector: Vacancy Benefice Administrator: Sue Taylor 01380 828733
Churchwardens: Holy Cross; S Taylor 01225 709360 Mrs Tina Yockney 827139
Christ Church: Mrs Liz Futter 828485
St Peter's: Mrs Janet James - 724944 Paulette Bremner Milne 828527
LPA's: Audrey McDonald 828376 and Jo Bell 828550
Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340
Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250
Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485
Seend Community Centre & Club - Hall bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617
 Skittles bookings only: Stan Wiltshire 828559
Seend School - 828334
Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568
Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281
Seend's County Councillor - Mrs Pat Rugg: 01380 722677
Seend's District Councillor - Mr Anthony Lake: 01380 828320
Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139
Bulkington Website: bulkington-village.co.uk Contact :- Angela Read 828925
Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01672 513157
Community Beat Managers for Seend and Bulkington - details after start of unitary
authority to be confirmed, but tel: 0845 408 7000

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391
Book Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325
Bouncy Club - Clare Stynes 01380 827164
Brownies - Helen Hook 828477
Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Ellie Purdy 828035
Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 828757
Fawltly Players - Tessa Doe 828617
Fete Committee - Geoff Burgess 828077
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 - Elizabeth Campbell 828451
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators - Tony Ewin (Seend) 828325;
Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.
Playgroup - Liz Futter 828485
Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617
Ramblers - Bob Howe 828554
Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830;
Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson on 828545
Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946
Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407
The Other Book Club - Frank Teasdale 828617
Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612
WEA - Pam Church - 828597
WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730 and Jo Vaux

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

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WINES BEERS & SPIRITS

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NATIONAL LOTTERY

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	Village Store	Post Office
Mon	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Tues	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Wed	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 4.30*
Thurs	9.00 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Fri	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Sat	8.30 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Sun	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
Bank Holidays	9.00 - 10.30	Closed

* note early closing