

SPOTLIGHT

Seend and Bulkington



HAPPY EASTER

April 2007

DIARY

DIARY DATES FOR LATE MARCH

- 23rd Curry Evening (in aid of Seend Tigers) 8pm at The Pavilion
- 24th Royal British Legion Dugout Supper - 7pm for 7.30pm Community Centre
- 27th Seend Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in Community Centre
- 30th RBL event - The Army Sinfonietta at the Wiltshire Music Centre

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 1st Seend Ramblers AGM - 3pm in the Pavilion. Walk before at 1.30pm
- 2nd Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
- 6th Good Friday Workshop, Holy Cross Church, Seend 10am - 12 noon
- 9th Bulkington Steam Up - from 1pm til 4.30pm next to village hall.
- 10th Seend Gardening Club AGM - 7.30pm in The Pavilion
- 11th Seend WI AGM, 7.30pm in The Pavilion.
- 14th Seend Community Centre Re-Launch - 11am-3pm.
- 14th Antiques Quiz - The Pavilion at 7.30pm.
- 14th Seend WI meeting - 7.30pm in The Pavilion
- 16th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
- 21st St George's Day Dinner, 7.30pm for 8pm at Seend Community Centre
- 21st Folk Concert in St Leonards Church, Keevil at 7.30pm
- 22nd Bulkington Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting 7pm in Church
- 24th Seend Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting 7.30pm in Church
- 25th Poulshot Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting 7pm in Church
- 25th Seend MU - Guest Service at 2pm in Seend church followed by tea
- 25th Bulkington & Keevil MU - talk by Tony Scammels at Olcote, Martins Road, Keevil
- 27th Village Skip - Wessex Water Site
- 29th Seend & District Ramblers - Meet 9.30am Rusty Lane, Seend
- 30th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 5th Beer Festival - Seend Community Centre and Social Club
From midday til late!
- 5th An Evening with "The Minstrel Players" and buffet supper,
Bulkington Village Hall at 7-7.30pm
- 12th "Waking the Witch" folk/rock band and cheese & wine evening in
Seend Social Club

Welcome to the April edition of Spotlight and Happy Easter



This month we have the annual Good Friday workshop in Holy Cross Church; a fun-filled morning for the children when they can make the Easter Garden, design Easter Cards and make music. There are hot cross buns too! On Easter Monday the Great Bulkington Railway is open to visitors - good fun for all the family. Another fun event making a return on April 14th is the (light-hearted) Antiques Quiz Supper Evening. There is also a Folk Concert organised by the Friends of Keevil School on the 21st April in St Leonards Church, Keevil.

Saturday April 14th is also Relaunch Day at Seend Community Centre and Social Club. Go along between 11am and 2.30pm and see all the recent improvements. Their Saturday breakfast will be available. Another club vying for your attention this month is the Seend 100 Club. We challenge you not to smile when you read the world exclusive on page 10! An application form to join this worthwhile organisation is enclosed with this month's Spotlight.

Last but definitely not least.....The April issue of Spotlight is always a significant one for our magazine because it is the month we ask you for money! If you value Spotlight, please use the enclosed envelope to make a contribution to its running costs. Unlike many village magazines, Spotlight is not a priced document. The reason it remains so is because our loyal team of volunteer printers, collators and distributors enable us to keep the production costs to a minimum.

However, in 2006, despite increasing charges to advertisers, expenditure on Spotlight exceeded the income we received so please give what you can and help us to keep Spotlight free! The person who delivers your copy of Spotlight will call back soon to collect your envelope. Alternatively, or if you are out when they call, envelopes (marked "Spotlight contribution") can be put through the Rectory letter box. Thank you for your support.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the May issue (*copy deadline is 14th April*) can be sent by e-mail to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to the Post Office, High Street, Seend or for Bulkington contributions to Jo Bell at 1 Northfields, Bulkington (e-mail to trevor@bell8490.freeserve.co.uk). Comments and queries – Meg Combs 828229 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

EVENTS IN APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

Good Friday 6th April

10am—12 noon

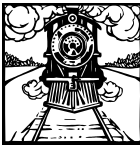
at

Holy Cross Church, Seend

Come and join us for a morning of Easter activities including:
Hand bell ringing, Easter cards, the making of the Easter Garden, clay model making, toddlers corner. Bring your own musical instrument and join in the orchestra!

Finishing with a short service and refreshments including hot cross buns.

All welcome



TRAIN RIDES ON THE GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY

Attention all fun loving boys & girls! The Great Bulkington Railway will be open to visitors on Easter Monday April 9th from around 1 pm until 4:30 pm. We are located on the corner of Mill Lane next to the village hall. We are a 5 inch gauge sit-on & ride miniature railway. Come along and have a ride around the 1000 foot track, complete with signals and tunnel. All proceeds to village charities.

Nev Boulton, 2nd porter

ANTIQUES QUIZ SUPPER EVENING **SATURDAY 14TH APRIL AT 7.30PM IN THE PAVILION**

It's back again! Many will remember what an interesting and fun filled evening we had two years ago. There will be a light-hearted quiz to be enjoyed in teams, so you can get together with your friends in groups of six or eight, or if on your own you will be able to join a table. Prizes will be given. Supper will be served and there will be a wine bar all evening. This event is a special evening with a difference, and will again be run by

Quizmaster Geoffrey Stafford Charles of Dreweatt Neate.

Tickets (in aid of Church Funds) £10. Book up in good time as numbers are limited.

Tickets available from Bob Howe, Perrys Lane, Seend Cleeve 828554; Sylvia Ewin, Cranbelle, Rusty Lane. 828325; Hattie Stafford Charles, Fairholme, High Street 828380; The Seend Post Office.

FOLK CONCERT IN AID OF KEEVIL SCHOOL

Keevil School are staging a folk concert at St. Leonard's Church, Keevil on Saturday 21st April from 7.30pm. The concert will be a mixture of both vocals and instrumental pieces by a group from Bristol called "*Impromptu*". They will also be joined for some additional harmonies by "*The Bristol Savoy Operatic Society*". The music will be a range of Acapella traditional & modern folk music, Gilbert & Sullivan excerpts, songs from popular musicals as well as some more modern classics. This will be something for everybody, so please come along and support this wonderful evening. Tickets, which will include wine, will be on sale shortly and can be purchased for £5 per adult from Debbie Scott 870410, Sheila Symes 828592 or Keevil School 870376.

EVENTS IN MAY

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT

featuring

THE MINSTREL PLAYERS

with a light-hearted look at 'Love & Marriage'
and Songs from the 60's by

PINK CHAMPAGNE

Buffet Supper and Licensed Bar

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

SAT. MAY 5TH. 7 PM FOR 7:30 PM

Please come and join the fun

Admission including Supper

Adults £8. Children under 16 £4, Family ticket £20. (2ad.+2ch)

Tickets from Seend Shop, Audrey McDonald 828376

Jane Coles 828145 and David Raby-Cox 828274

	Seend Social Club presents	
BEER FESTIVAL		
Saturday 5th May		
Midday until late!		
At Seend Community Centre & Social Club		

AN EVENING OF FOLK - 12th May at Seend Community Centre

Rural Arts Wiltshire are organising a cheese and wine evening with entertainment provided by **Waking the Witch**, a four piece female folk/rock band. In December, **Waking the Witch** were awarded the 2006 "Acoustic Roots Performer of the Year" by the Classic Rock Society, so it should be a great night out. Further details in next issue.

PLANT FAIR

Gt Chalfield Manor on Sunday 6th May 10.30am-4pm. Entrance £2.50 in aid of Action Medical Research. Oh Yes - and special guest Paddington Bear !!!

Future Dates for the Diary

16 th & 17th June	Open Gardens Weekend
Sat 14 th July	Church Summer Fayre in the Rectory Garden, Seend
Sat 14th July	Barn Dance and barbeque at Leaze Farm, Bulkington

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This section in Spotlight is for general announcements be it births, deaths or marriages, wedding anniversaries or any other kind of celebration which you would like to share with Spotlight Readers. Do let us know and, space permitting, we will try to print all your announcements!

PAVILION BOOKINGS

From 1st April, Richard Walker from the Village Shop and Post Office is taking over the bookings for the Pavilion. He can be contacted on 828250 during shop hours.

Ron Apted

CHURCH NEWS

EASTER DAY - BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be served in The Pavilion, Seend (around 7am-ish) following the 6am Dawn Eucharist at the Holy Cross Church, Seend.



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Bulkington Church will be holding their APCM on Sunday 22nd April 2007 at 7.00 pm in church after an informal 'Songs of Praise' service. Please come along and hear what the church plans to do this year. We have some exciting new projects in the pipeline!

Seend will be holding their APCM on Tuesday 24th April at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church.

Poulshot will be holding theirs on Wednesday 25th April at 7pm in St Peter's Church. All are welcome to attend .

Bulkington Sunflower Competition

Children of all ages are invited to sow a sunflower seed after the Family Service on Sunday 1st April. We would like you to name it, and nurture it for a month, and bring it back on Sunday 6th May when you can plant it in the border in front of the church. We hope it will bring a smile to your face to see a row of golden sunflowers as you pass by, and as you come through the church gates. There will be a prize for the tallest sunflower, and one for the biggest flower head. The more who take part, the greater the impact, so please join in. This is open to all, visitors welcome. Liz Futter 828485



Soup Lunch – Update

The Soup lunch held in Bulkington Village Hall raised the sum of just over £300! Thanks must go to the ladies for making the delicious soups and biscuits, and to everyone else who helped to make the event such a great success. It was also very heart warming to see so many friends from outside the village who came along and supported our fund raising event. Look out for further lunch dates!!

First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service

There is no service this month because of Easter, but the next Parent & Toddler service at Seend will take place on Tuesday 1st May from 2.15pm—2.45pm. All welcome.



CHURCH SERVICES

1st April	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
Palm Sunday	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Evensong	(Poulshot)
6th April	10-12 noon	Good Friday Workshop	(Seend)
Good Friday	10.00am	Mattins & Litany	(Poulshot)
	1.30pm	Liturgy of the Day	(Seend)
8th April	6.00am	Dawn Eucharist followed by	(Seend)
Easter Day		breakfast in The Pavilion	
	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist with Easter Egg hunt	(Seend)
15th April	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	(Poulshot)
22nd April	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Family Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise Eucharist	(Bulkington)
29th April	10am	United Benefice Service	(Poulshot)
Fifth Sunday			

FROM WHERE I STAND.....

...there's a time for everything and everything has its time! Driving back from a meeting in Salisbury the other day I noticed that in some fields the lambs were clearly very new and very small while in other fields they were several weeks if not several months old. However I remembered that in the wilds of the moors in Cornwall many of the sheep who freely roam there have yet to produce their lambs! Mostly of course this is due to the remote and rugged landscape of that part of the deep southern county and the variable weather – the sheep there have evolved and adapted to their landscape.

From where I stand, as we move through the end of Lent, the evolution of those particular sheep made me think of the life of the church and of Easter. In the church we have been thinking about evolving and adapting to our changing circumstances. The nature of the work of the parish priest has changed over recent years as the number of full time clergy are fewer

(meaning taking on more parishes), as the wider Church over many more years has sensed a call to involve more lay people in the work of the church, and with fewer staff available some of the work at Diocesan level now falls to the parish priest too.

The evolving church, if it is to survive, has to take these issues into account as it considers its future. Part of the answer is accepting that we all share the responsibility to 'love our neighbour', an increasing need for more of us to offer his or her skills and contribute to the life of the community and the church. In terms of the life of the church and its services we also have to give some thought to the health and well-being of the clergy we have at present and the nurturing of would-be priests or licensed lay ministers from within the community for the future! We're lucky enough at the moment to be able to have a service every week in each of the 3 churches of our Benefice and in our Methodist chapel too. After long and careful planning our current service rota for the Benefice means that, over Sunday morning and evening services, the Rector is able to get to each church each week. There are a few occasions in the year when we try to squeeze in morning services for each church for festivals like Christmas and Easter and occasions like Remembrance.

However after last Christmas, utterly exhausted, I felt we had to evolve to something different! Currently under discussion in our PCCs is a plan to experiment with having a Benefice service on each of the major festival days of Easter Sunday and Christmas Day. I know this is very painful for some but we have the chance to see this as an opportunity to join together as a very much larger group, sharing together our skills and resources, and gathering the parts of our church family into one place for a great celebration. For as many people who have found this experiment painful there have been as many others who see it as exciting!

There's a time for everything and everything has its time. Easter is a time to celebrate change and transformation as we remember that God, who came to us in Jesus Christ, brings new life where we have seen only darkness.

When any of us take time to think over important issues, or just day-to-day matters, it can be helpful to pause like this for a 'stand and stare' moment, to allow one experience to lead us to other reflections and realisations. In that place of pausing and reflecting we may begin to sense the presence of God and so be led to see Him more clearly and find ways of knowing Him more deeply. May I wish you a happy, holy and blessed Easter!

Revd Sacha Pearce, Rector

Bulkington Church Cleaning

1st – 15th Mrs E Futter
 16th – 30th Mrs A Elliott

Bulkington Flower Rota

April 8th (Easter) & 15th Mrs J Raby-Cox
 April 22nd & 29th Mrs A Elliott

If you are unable to do your turn, please find an alternative person to do it for you.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

1st April	10.00am	Mrs Grace Mortimer
8th April	10.00am	Revd Morris Munns with the Sacrament of Holy Communion
15th April	6.00pm	Ecumenical Service led by Mr George Mills
22nd April	10.00am	No Service
29th April	10.00am	Mr Derek Gard

Everyone is always welcome.

FROM YOUR MINISTER

This year sees the 200th anniversary of the passing of the Act of Parliament that abolished the slave trade. Many people were involved in the campaign to end slavery, but the act was steered through Parliament by the MP for Hull, William Wilberforce. Wilberforce was a member of the Clapham Sect, a group of evangelical Christians, who believed that their faith needed to be put into action in the social arena. The enslavement of other humans and turning them into chattels to be bought and sold is one of darkest aspects of our history. We rightly celebrate its ending. But we need to be aware that there are still people today who experience slavery. Liberty is one of our great human needs and essential to our God-given dignity.

The 300th anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley also takes place this year. Charles was the younger of the two Wesley brothers who founded Methodism. He was the poet of the movement and he wrote many hymns. One of the verse of his hymn ‘And can it be’ expresses our Christian experience like this:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay

Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
 Thine eye diffused a quickening ray -
 I woke, the dungeon flame with light,
 My chains fell off, my heart was free,
 I rose, went forth and followed thee.

As we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter, is there a better way to reflect on the significance on Christ's dying and rising again, than to bring to mind these two experiences of freedom? For Easter is the gateway into the life in all its fullness God promises to us all.

Happy Easter to you all

Revd Roy Fowler

CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SOCIAL CLUB

It's been an eventful few weeks, with the seventies night, the panto and big-screen rugby to name but a few. The kitchen is now functioning and looks great – there are just a few finishing touches still to be done – and the foyer's been painted and re-floored. The upstairs room was painted a while back, and it would be nice to have some pictures of Seend to finish it off. Any offers?

A reminder of the variety of things still to come in the Centre:

Saturday April 14th from 11 am-2.30 pm: Relaunch Day! See the improvements for yourself and try your hand at pool, table tennis, skittles and short mat bowls, taste a Saturday Breakfast, see a quilting demonstration, get your first drink half price, take out reduced price membership AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Saturday April 21st 7.30 for 8pm: St George's Day Dinner.

Saturday May 5th midday till late: the 7th amazing Seend Beer Festival – see www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk.

The Centre is proving very popular as a venue for private parties. Ring Frank Teasdale on 828617 for details if you've a celebration in the offing.

Reduced rate membership

Join now and you can save yourself £1. Pay between now and 30th April and it's just £7 (£3.50 for over-60s). After 30th April it will cost you £8 (or £4). You can take out membership over the bar. Junior membership is also available for 14- to 17-year-olds – with parental consent – at the same price as the over-60s.

SPOTLIGHT WORLD EXCLUSIVE!
100 CLUB's "CORPORATE-RAIDER" SWOOP ON INLAND
REVENUE

News buried by Dudley-Day celebrations

In an audacious pre-dawn raid that left the financial institutions reeling, the Seend 100 Club, a village lottery based in the small Wiltshire village of Seend, today swooped on the coffers of the Inland Revenue, an action intended to earn the Club millions of pounds in reclaimed taxes. A spokesperson for the Club, while confirming the raid, confessed that the timing was intended to coincide with the start of the new public holiday, Dudley-Day, in order to 'bury' news of the raid until well after the event. Dudley-Day has been introduced this year to mark the official publication of the all-party agreement to move Government out of London to Dudley on the western edge of Birmingham. Dudley is not only the most central political location in the United Kingdom, but is also the birthplace of much-loved comedian Lenny Henry.

In an exclusive interview with the Chancellor, Gordon Brown told me he was stunned by the news of the raid. "I was stunned by the news of the raid" he replied, when I asked if he was stunned by the news of the raid. When questioned further on what if any action he could take, he admitted that he could do nothing. "I can do nothing" he admitted, "My hands are tied." Noting that his hands were indeed tied, I pressed him further for a response. He responded with a giggle, evidently sensitive about being pressed further, especially around his midriff. "This is a ticklish problem" he chuckled, "and one I can't laugh off!" although he was clearly doing so, at which point an usher came in, and aided by an aid, ushered me out.

Back at Club headquarters, the spokesperson confirmed that with news of the raid reverberating around the globe, he was confident of massive support from the public. Musing on the ethics of the day's events he went on to admit that "When we first proposed and planned the raid it was all about the money. Later we came to see it as an action, which although being primarily about the money, seemed to work on a number of other levels, empowering yet constraining, a dichotomy which seemed almost post-modern in its irony. Then we decided that this was garbage, and it really was all about the money!"

Clearly the 100 Club is here to stay. If you feel a kinship with the aims and ambitions of an organisation which is not afraid to take on the might of the Revenue – and win! – then you could do worse than join the 100 Club. An application form is enclosed in this magazine, and includes a Gift-Aid certificate, just itching to be completed.

100 Club – March 2007 draw

The draw for March 2007 took place on Thursday 1st March at Thyme House, Seend, following a Seend Fete Committee meeting. The winning numbers, which were drawn by members of the Committee, are as follows:

1 st Prize:	£35	36	Les Warren
2 nd Prize:	£30	54	Mrs Nancy Hutchinson
3 rd Prize:	£25	193	Mrs Brenda Goodier
4 th Prize:	£20	192	Mr H Russell
5 th Prize:	£15	51	Mrs Joyce Adams
6 th Prize:	£10	84	Mrs Marcia Cottle (new member)

Apologies to the February winners for the late delivery of their winnings. I promise to do better.

Bernie Prolze

SEEND SUMMER FETE 2007

WANTED – budding face-painters....

No experience required!

In previous years, younger visitors to Seend Fete have enjoyed being transformed into bears and butterflies, pirates and princesses by the magic of face-painting. This year we would like to revive the face-painting stall, but to do so, we will need your help!

I am not a professional face-painter but have organised makeup for plenty of school plays and children's fun days.

I am looking for several helpers (over 16 years old, please) who would like to learn how to paint a small selection of designs before the event, then with a little guidance, get involved with running the stall on Fete Day. No experience is necessary, but a steady hand would help! It is great fun and a real treat to see the pleasure it brings. And if there is anyone out there who has done a bit of face-painting, you will be especially welcome. Contact: **Jane Borwell**, tel: **01380 828209** or email nickborwell@hotmail.com

Tombola prizes

We are once again in the market for Tombola prizes, so please look around the house for those as-yet unopened items that you don't want to keep, but just can't throw away. Phone **Tina Yockney** on **827139**, and she will call and collect!

Volunteers

As usual, there is a need for on-the-day stall volunteers. If you think you can spare just 1 hour sometime during the afternoon of August 11th (I know it's a long way away, but I want to get you before someone else does!) to help out on a stall or game, please contact **Sonja Nicholls** on **828535** who will be happy to take your details. Don't worry if you've never helped run a stall before - extensive on-the-job training is available on the day, and it's great fun!

Bernie Prolze

SEEND and DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Annual General Meeting - Sunday 1st April at 3pm

There will be a short localised walk, within the village, prior to the above mentioned AGM, commencing at 1.30pm in Rusty Lane.

The leaders for the afternoon will be Tessa and Frank. If you are unable to make the early start walk, then please try and make the short, informal meeting, where tea and cake will be served. Yearly subscription of £5 per person will be due. Printed lists of forthcoming walks and events will be accessible.



Sunday 29th April (repeat walk of April 2004 organised by Gerald Salter).

Meet in Rusty Lane at 9.30am. Depart by cars to Miserden, near Cirencester for a 5 1/2 mile walk. Bring picnic lunch. We are hoping to experience a mass of blue bells!! Terrain: generally fairly flat, with two or three hills. Directions to the starting point will be issued at Rusty Lane upon arrival. Any further details, contact Gerald on 01225 706451.

Lin Salter

SEEND SHUTTLE

Don't forget the Shuttle timetable now includes Bromham on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can see full details on www.seend.org.uk – or phone 01380 828617 for a timetable. Please ring any of the numbers below if you have any comments about the revised timetable.



If you'd like to try your hand as a volunteer driver, ring Pete on 828757. We now have enough volunteers on the cleaning rota for each only to have to

clean the bus once every 11 months or so. Who's going to add their name so that it's only once a year for everyone? Ring Tessa on 828617 or Sarah on 828177. For private hire bookings, ring Alison on 828568, and to join the first Wednesday shopping trips, ring Terry on 828203.

Lin Salter

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our March meeting was started by Sue Jones showing us how to grow the winning pelargonium in the Club class of the Flower Show in August in which we all grow the same variety. We were advised not to restrict the root growth of our plantlets and suggested we remove them from the pots they are in before potting on. We were told to feed the plantlets at one quarter the strength of whichever feed we like to use, each time we water, or add slow release granules to the compost. After a month our plants should be potted on to 4 inch pots, the following month 5 inch and by the time of the show should be in 6 inch pots. More plants will be available at the AGM.



Our main speaker was Dawn Collins who spoke on the Art of Garden Design and in particular garden design through different periods of history. Mrs Collins then listed for us some useful design points to help achieve unity in the garden. She suggested linking house and garden by ensuring that hard landscaping is in proportion to the house and of sympathetic colours; repeating colours and plants; using contrasting leaf shapes and sizes; controlling the eye through the placing of plants; framing views and focusing the eye away from eyesores. A good idea was the use of the sound of water to mask traffic noise.

Notices.

Joyce is now out of hospital and the club have sent a small 'get well' present.

The AGM is on 10th April. The entertainment will be provided by the Edington Barber Shop Quartet. Please bring a plate of food if you can. Ring Sue (828777) for details.

The day trip to Hidcote has 37 people on the list already. Please pay Joe at the AGM. The cost is £15 per person, £16 for non-members. There will be a deposit of £100 for those going to Yorkshire, also to be paid at the AGM.

The visit to Seend Bridge House is on Saturday 9th June. Everyone is to go on the shuttle from Rusty Lane at 2.00 – 2.15 as parking will be difficult at the garden. There will be a charge of £2.00, which will go to the Community Centre. Helpers and plants are needed for both fetes as well. Please give your name to Joyce if you will be available.

The prize winners of the Spring Bulb Competition were:

Pot of daffodils – Jane Goman, Joyce Brand (breaking an ankle and being in hospital is obviously not an obstacle)

Pot of narcissi – Carole Jackson.

Pot of tulips – Joyce Brand.

Any other flowering pot plant – Sylvia Ewin, Jean Allen, Anne Shand.

1 single daffodil – Carole Jackson.

1 double daffodil or narcissus – Carole Jackson, Sylvia Ewin.

3 single daffodils – Sylvia Ewin, Carole Jackson, Jean Allen.

3 single narcissi – Sylvia Ewin.

3 miniature daffodils or narcissi – Carole Jackson.

See you at the AGM!

Sue Johns.

SEEND WI

Before the start of our meeting on 14th March a minutes silence was observed in memory of the late Elsie Barnes who was a member of Seend WI for over 50 years. She was well known for calling 'A Spade a Spade' but underneath there was **A Heart of Gold**. When she lived in Seend she was a willing worker for the WI, helping at fund raising events for the WI Hall including 'Saturday Morning Breakfasts' and in the earlier years she cleaned the Hall. She was a founder member of the WI skittles team whose home matches were played in the WI Hall in the Melksham League. She later moved to Bulkington but still travelled to Seend to be amongst her friends.



Pam Hillier

At the meeting members were reminded of the forthcoming trip to Dauntsey's School to see 'Annie' on 28th March. The next Sheepbells Group meeting will be held at Urchfont Village Hall on 30th May when the Speaker will be Richard Angwin - the 'Weather Man' from B. B. C. Points West. We were all delighted to welcome Lorna Hillier back after her illness.

The Speaker, Mrs Sue King, gave us a truly fascinating talk about 'Boxes - Lifting The Lid'. She brought along a selection of her extensive collection and described the memories or stories associated with the various items. She was thanked by Mrs. Kay Beasley. The Competition 'A Pot Plant' was won by Mrs Elizabeth Campbell.

The next meeting on **11th April** is our A. G. M. which will include a Social Evening and Quiz. The Competition will be 'Small Easter Eggs in a Basket' and these will be raffled afterwards. Tea Hostess Mrs. Joan Greenwood.

Betty Smith.

RURAL ARTS WILTSHIRE

The Landscape, Seascape, Skyscape, Escape evening on the 2nd March, with Chris Dobrowloski, was a great success. Just over 50 people attended and they were treated to some wonderful stories (accompanied by slides, film & soundtrack). It was an hilarious evening and over £100 was raised for the Community Centre. Thanks to all that attended and contributed to the success of the evening.

The next event in conjunction with RAW, will be held on the 12th May in the Community Centre. This will be a cheese and wine evening with entertainment provided by **Waking the Witch**, a four piece female folk/rock band. In December, **Waking the Witch** were awarded the 2006 "Acoustic Roots Performer of the Year" by the Classic Rock Society and have their own website www.wakingthewitch.co.uk should you wish to find out more about the band.

Proceeds will go to the Seend Community Centre so please put this date in your diary and support the event. Posters will appear around the village nearer the time with ticket details.

MOTHERS' UNION - SEEND AND BULKINGTON



Seend Mothers' Union

At their meeting on 21st February, the Seend Branch welcomed as their speaker Mrs Ann Howard, whose husband is vicar of Potterne. She gave a very lively description of her life in a vicarage. In an age when the vicar's wife or husband often has a career of their own she felt her ministry as the vicar's wife was not just to the parish in which they lived, but also to the wider community. Their first parish in Weymouth proved an interesting and challenging job. Later, while bringing up her two children they moved to rural Warwickshire, where she was asked "Are you the lady what does at the Rectory?" Later she moved to Coventry to a city parish, where their third child was born. Sarah enjoyed the ethnic mix of her primary school and regaled the family with tales of "real life" when she returned home. In Potterne she has made friends and thinks of herself as someone who listens, encourages, and shares in the life of the community. Initially, a Science graduate, subsequently a social worker, Mrs Howard felt the deliberate choice to support her husband in this ministry was the most rewarding decision she had ever made.

Dates for your diary

24th March - Lady Day Festival Service, Salisbury Cathedral

25th April - Guest Service at 2pm. Followed by tea in the Community Centre. Please will members bring food and a raffle prize. The hall will be open from 1.30pm.

Margaret Coley

Keevil & Bulkington Mother's Union

On Wednesday 25th April at 10.30 am there will be a talk given by Tony Scammells entitled 'Just a little something'. The venue is 'Olcote', Martins Road, Keevil. For further details contact Shirley Brooks on 870481.

SCHOOL NEWS**SEEND SCHOOL**

The wet weather has hit our football team hard as we were going to be playing in the South West Small Schools Cup at Yeovil Town, but the tournament was cancelled due to the wet weather. We now await another date. At present our tag Rugby team is in training and the boys and girls are going in for a number of competitions over the next few weeks. Later this term we are trying something new in the area of after school clubs and we are hosting a cricket coaching course run by professional coaches, for ten weeks.

On 16th March, Seend School entered into the spirit of Red Nose Day and the children came to school with their Red Noses and Whacky Hair on display.. In the afternoon we held a special Red Nose assembly and the children had insisted that all adults wear a Red Nose, whether they be teachers or parents. The day was finished with an after school disco.

Last week in school we hosted a parents' evening around the theme of Building Your Learning power. This is a programme we are running in school at the moment and it asks children to consider how best they learn and what learning muscles they need to develop in order to become better learners. The evening was run by Mr Shore and children and adults were asked to consider who they felt had a good learning style and how they could improve their style. Many of the participants went on a computer programme that helped to pinpoint their strengths and areas for development.

We ask all the children to ask questions, co-operate with others, ask themselves what went wrong and listen to the ideas of others. The children also keep learning logs to help them consider what and how they learnt and reflect on better ways of doing things We are asking them to be reflective, resilient, reciprocal and resourceful in their learning in all they do. So next time things go wrong, slow down reflect on the situation and come up with a resourceful alternative to your challenge and model what we ask the children at Seend to do.

Steven Bennett. Headmaster

KEEVIL SCHOOL

Building News

At last it has started! Perhaps not the frenzy of activity that we expected, but then we have never experienced building work on this scale before, so perhaps we were a little naïve! We watched the collapse of the mobile with a mixture of sadness and delight. It was the scene of many happy occasions, but it didn't half leak when it rained and was certainly past its best!

Despite the build, it is business as usual. Years 5 & 6 planted a record number of oak trees (96) at Mortimore's Wood near Chippenham on Friday 16th for the Woodland Trust. The children received a free woolly hat and the praise of the organisers for their commitment and dedication.

The infants were visited on the same day by a visually impaired gentleman and his guide dog who talked about how he is able to lead an independent and fulfilling life with the help of his dog "Ozzy".

During term 4, Class 3 is going to receive some free lacrosse coaching that will culminate in a local tournament. And the infants have been benefiting from the skills of a professional dance coach for an hour each week.

Talent Show Success!!

What a talented bunch of children and parents we have at Keevil School! We held the show in the village hall on Thursday 15th February and had some wonderful acts including Monty Python's Dead Parrot sketch, dancers, singers, a Taekwondo display and a fantastic "band" (made up of 2 parents and an ex-pupil of the school) to end the night which played us out with an amazing performance of Guns & Roses' "Sweet Child of Mine" – it was like being at a live concert! Well done to everybody who took part in the show and to the audience for applauding so well. We raised £60 for Comic Relief.

Cash for trash!

The school is doing its bit for recycling and has prepaid envelopes for old mobile phones and printer cartridges. If anyone in the neighbourhood would like one of these, please pop into the school office and do your bit for recycling too! It's a fantastic way to help local charities e.g. for every mobile phone recycled, £3.50 goes towards Guide Dogs for the Blind – what a worthy cause!

If anyone has any queries regarding any of these or any other matters than please feel free to contact me at the school.

Jackie Chalk, Head Teacher

F.O.K.S. (FRIENDS OF KEEVIL SCHOOL)

Due to the refurbishment of our school, all events we will be holding will take place in local village halls etc. Due to the expansion of the school, we have decided to cancel the Plant Sale this year. We are holding a **Folk concert in St Leonards Church**, Keevil on 21st April. See April events on page 3 of this issue for details.

10k RUN & FAMILY FUN DAY – KEEVIL AIRFIELD

The annual 10K Run and Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday 2nd June. The committee is looking for help in all areas, including marshals, registration, etc., so please give us a call and let us know what you are able to help us with. The Keevil 10K telephone no. is 07757650684. Thank you.



If you are planning to run in the 10K, you can now log-on and enter via the website at www.keevil10k.co.uk or email info@keevil10k.co.uk. Race times 11am – 2pm, with a prize giving ceremony after 10K.

Various stalls, refreshments and children's outdoor entertainment will be available throughout the day, so come along and enjoy a day filled with lots of fun and family entertainment.

If you require further details on any of the above, please contact Debbie Scott on 01380 870410 or Keevil School on 01380 870376.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The February meeting was attended by 7 Councillors, with Mrs. Savage in the Chair.

Missing Kerb, Seend Cleeve – A letter will be sent to Wessex Water, to ask about the progress of this repair.

The appeals relating to Spiderweb Paddock, Rusty Lane have now been considered by the Planning Inspectorate. Both appeals were dismissed and the enforcement notices upheld.

Permission has been refused by Kennet DC for the following applications:

K/55737/F Mr & Mrs S Wilfort, 108 Seend Cleeve, Seend

Raising of ridge and inclusion of rooms in roof space

K/55796/F Mr & Mrs K Stokes, Berhills Farm, Bath Road, Seend

Alterations and two-storey extension

Permission has been granted by Kennet DC for the following applications:

K/55730/F Dr S Phillips, 28 Dial Close, Seend

Single storey rear extension forming a utility room and extended kitchen area

K/55742/F Mr S Johnstone, 60 Sells Green, Bath Road, Seend

Concrete existing drive to mobile home site

K/55798/F Mr E Walsh, Manor Field, High Street, Seend

2 storey extension, 2 new dormer windows, and glazed canopy

The following application was considered by the Parish Council, and no objections raised:

K/56006/TR2 Mr R Bichard, Seend House, High Street, Seend

Works to a horse chestnut tree just over the wall, adjacent to the High Street to consist of: the removal of minor lower branches on the High Street side of the tree up to approximately 6 metres from ground level

Parish Councillors discussed the bid made in January by Wiltshire County Council to the Audit Commission, to form a Unitary Authority for Wiltshire. This will result in dissolution of the County and District authorities. Mrs Pat Rugg for Wiltshire County Council outlined the perceived advantages of the proposal, and answered questions from Councillors about costs, location of offices, services and accessibility for members of the public. Councillors were concerned about the perceived disadvantages of the proposal, including the size and geography of Wiltshire, divided by Salisbury Plain, the current partnerships between district authorities, Wilts CC's budgetary record, and the costs not covered by the proposal document. A vote was taken by show of hands, with Parish Councillors unanimously opposed to the proposal. A letter will be sent to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, stating the PC's objections to the proposal.

Wiltshire Wildlife trust will again be organizing their "Sarsen Trail" sponsored walk from Avebury to Stonehenge on Sunday 6th May. Details are available from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, telephone 01380 725670, www.wiltshirewildlife.org

The Parish Steward will be in Seend on 16th April and 25th June. If you are aware of any area in the village that needs the attention of the Parish Steward, please contact the Parish Clerk. All items will be forwarded to Highways for consideration.

The small noticeboards around the village need repair or replacing, including in Seend Cleeve by the telephone box and on the wall of Rew Farm, and the glass/perspex in the doors of the noticeboard outside the village shop needs replacing as it obscures the notices. Is there any handy person in the village willing to undertake these repairs (for a fee, of course)? Please contact the Parish Clerk.

Easter Refuse & Recycling Arrangements

Collections on both Good Friday week and Easter Monday week will be on the usual collection day.

The dates of the next village skips will be:

Friday 30 th March	Three Magpies
Friday 27 th April	Wessex Water site

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 27th March at 7.30 pm in Seend Social Club.

Mrs. Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

BITS'N'BOBS

With Love and Thanks to Mum and Dad

You were there when I entered this one chance at life;

A mother and father, a husband and wife.

You gave me your tenderness, your joy and your care.

In providing and nurturing, you were both there.

You did your best for me in every way

From when I lay in my cradle up to this present day.

You have always stood by me through thick and through thin.

I could not have wished for more considerate kin.

You put yourselves out and do the best that you can;

A selfless kind lady and a generous kind man.

Please know that I love you both, and that means forever.

My close bond to you both nobody could sever.

Enjoy every day, whether out and about or at rest.

I pray morning and night you will always be blessed.

This poem was written by a member of our parish – Bob Webb.

PAINTING COURSES If you are interested in joining a Pastel Painting Course at The Old Mill, 6/7 Mill Road, Worton, the next course is in June. Contact Cath Reid on 01380 724550 for details.

USEFUL CONTACTS NUMBERS:

Rector - Revd Sacha Pearce 828615
Churchwardens: Holy Cross; S Taylor 01225 709360 Lt Col A Hill 828397
Christ Church: Mrs E Futter 828485 Mr J McDonald 828376
St Peter's: Mr B James - 724944 Lay Reader: Pam Muller 01225 707804
LPA's: Audrey McDonald 828376 and Jo Bell 828550
Director of Music - David King 01225 710127 Bell Ringers C Mayell 828627
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340
Irene Usher Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Ron Apted 828427
Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583
100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391
Seend Fete Committee - Bernie Prolze 828391
Seend Community Centre & Club - Bookings - Stan Wiltshire (Skittles only)
828559. Hall bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617. Sec - Robin Heatley - 828491
Seend Shuttle. Bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568
Seend and District LINK Scheme - Coordinator 828190
Seend and District Ramblers - Bob Howe 828554
Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Ester Daly 01672 513157
Seend and District Theatre Club - S Ewin 828325 M Whitehead 828612
Seend Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325
Seend and District Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433
Seend Book Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325
Seend Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617
Seend School - 828334
Seend Playgroup - Liz Futter 828485
Seend Bouncy Club - Kath Steggall 828821 612
Seend Brownies - Helen Hook 828477
Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Andrea Dobson 827126
Seend WI - Judith Bigg on 736358
Seend Fawltly Players - Tessa Doe 828617
Seend Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451
WEA - Don and Heather Hyde 828342
Royal British Legion and Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545
Seend Cricket Club - Mr P Wallis 828757
Football Club - Darren Nichols 828535
Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407
Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545
Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281
Seend Website: www.seend.org - Neil Yockney 827139
Bulkington Website: bulkington-village.co.uk Contact :- Mark Barnett 828202

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01380 828250

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WINES BEERS & SPIRITS
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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