

SPOTLIGHT

Seend and Bulkington



August/September
2008

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 26th Breakfast at Community Centre
- 27th Safari church services followed by picnic
- 29th Parish Council - 7.30pm Community Centre

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

- 2nd Breakfast at Community Centre
- 2nd Beech House Open Garden 5-7pm
- 4th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 4th Bottle collecting - meet 7.30pm at Community Centre
- 5th Bottle collecting - meet 7.30pm at Three Magpies
- 6th Bottle collecting - meet 7.30pm at the Brewery Inn
- 6th First Wednesday Shopping Trip (phone Terry on 828203 by Monday 4th)
- 9th SEEND FETE AND FLOWER SHOW
- 14th Historic Houses Club guided walk around Bradford-on-Avon and pub meal
- 15th Gardening Club outing to A'Beckett's vineyard
- 16th Breakfast at Community Centre
- 16th Charity disco at Community Centre
- 17th Seend Ramblers - 9.30am Rusty Lane (collection for Dorothy House in memory of Ron Westacott)
- 18th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 23rd Breakfast at Community Centre
- 25th Great Bulkington Railway Open Day, 1-4.30pm
- 30th Breakfast at Community Centre

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1st Ramble and meal at Berwick St James - depart Rusty Lane 3.30pm
- 1st Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 2nd First Steps service
- 3rd First Wednesday Shopping Trip (phone Terry on 828203 by Monday 1st)
- 13th DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT
- 13th Ride and Stride event
- 13th/14th Church Patronal Festival celebration weekend
- 14th Seend Ramblers - meet Rusty Lane 9.30am
- 15th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 20th Potterne Medieval Fayre and Market (ring 07970 953557 for info)
- 21st 'Other Lives' Theatre Company at the Community Centre, 8pm
- 27th The 3 Heartbeats and Roy Charles at the Community Centre, 8.15pm
- 29th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, 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

Welcome to the August/September issue



Ever the optimists, we hope that we will actually have some summer weather by the time you receive this edition of 'Spotlight'! St Swithin's Day wasn't brilliant, but it only rained for a few minutes, so fingers crossed for the holiday season.

Not surprisingly, this edition has rather turned into the Ron Westacott Memorial Edition, as few people can have done as much for, or been as much loved by, the community of Seend. There are several heartfelt tributes to him within these pages. At his memorial service, it was good to see representatives from so many aspects of his life - rambles, sportsmen and women, panto-performers, poetry-lovers and so on. The ramble on 17th August will be in memory of Ron, with a collection for Dorothy House, his favoured charity. New rambles will be welcome.

Ron would want us to go on enjoying the community's summer activities, so many of which he supported. So, prepare yourselves for those conjoined-twin events, the village fete and flower show on 9th August, plus Beech House Open Garden on 2nd August, a disco in aid of Breast Cancer Research on 16th August, the Great Bulkington Railway all steamed up on Bank Holiday Monday, the Church's festival weekend on 13th and 14th September, a theatrical evening with 'Other Lives' theatre company on 21st September and 'The Three Heartbeats' soul and motown show on 27th September. And don't forget breakfasts at the Community Centre, every Saturday through to 30th August (except for Fete Day, when volunteers to help out can indulge in a free breakfast on the Lye Field). More details of all these events are in the following pages.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the **October issue** (*copy deadline is 13th September*) can be e-mailed 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 to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

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 AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER



Summer Saturday Breakfasts

**at Seend
Community Centre
from 7.30-10am**

**Every Saturday
to 30th August**
(except for 9th August
when the hall is used
for the Flower show)

*The only way to
start your weekend!*

Beech House Open Garden



Matthew and Carola Thorpe
invite you to view the garden
at Beech House

**Saturday 2nd August
5-7pm**

Tea and cake or champagne!

Donations to the
Community Centre Roof Fund
and the WI

Dancing to the Mark Anthony Disco!



**Saturday 16th August
8pm**

Seend Community Centre

Tickets: £8

(including supper)

from Barb Tilbury (828786)

***In aid of
Breast Cancer Research***

Seend Community Centre
requests the pleasure of your
company at a dramatic performance
by



'Other Lives'

Theatre Company

to include original material
appertaining to this village at 8pm
on Sunday 21st September

Tickets £10

(to include your first glass of liquid
refreshment)

from the village shop
or tel: 01380 828617

Live music from

The 3



Heartbeats

Taking you back to the days
of Soul, Motown and
the Sounds of Philadelphia

plus

Roy Charles

Stand-up comedy and magic

Saturday 27th September

8.15pm in Seend Community Centre

Tickets £11

Phone Sam Sainsbury on 01380 828157



Church of the Holy Cross Seend
Festival Celebration Weekend



Disco and BBQ

and

Promises Auction



Saturday 13th September 2008

from 7pm

at the Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend
60s and 70s Night - Fancy Dress Optional!

Everyone welcome

Tickets: £8 per person; £20 per family

Benefice Eucharist

at 10.00 am

Sunday 14th September 2008

to be followed by a

Reception in the Rectory Garden

Music by Leo Springate

Sparkling wine and light lunch £6

ALL WELCOME

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.

**Ron Wells, stalwart of Seend Club,
died on 11th July 2008
Our sympathies to his friends and family.**

Ronald Westacott, MBE.

Lynn and Stephen and their families would like to thank all the kind people who took time to write letters and cards, and to telephone since their recent bereavement.

This is a great source of comfort, and has been very much appreciated. Also to all those who attended the service at Seend on the 7th of July, 2008. Donations made will be forwarded to Dorothy House Hospice.

Some tributes to Ron Westacott:

As you all know, our great friend Ron Westacott died on Tuesday 24th of June 2008, after being hospitalised for a relatively short time.

He was so very well known, that I suspect that there is very little I can say about him that is not common knowledge. For the past thirty years I have seen him in action, he has been an inspiration, to say the least....

I could sit here and compile a numbered document charting his actions whilst he was attached to varying organisations in Seend, in date order, but having given it some thought, this would no doubt account for most of the Spotlight issue, despite it being a double-month document.

So, sit back, make some tea, take a deep breath, and try to take this in.....

He was a very active member of the Lye Field Committee for over 25 years, and also of the maintenance group known as Last of the Summer Wine, until very recently. He was a poet, a skittler, a football coach, sometime referee, a ladies' keep fit instructor, a very reluctant cricket umpire, (gave John Collins out LBW on one occasion), a raconteur, a panto scenery designer and painter as well as performer, an enthusiastic assistant to the Riding for the Disabled group near Calne, an expert lecturer on the subject of The American Civil

War, a Millennium Garden creator, a classroom assistant, an unorthodox Samba dancer, an even more unorthodox tree pruner, (he once scaled a ladder propped onto the branch he was sawing off,) showed his skills when entering names onto honours boards in the Club and the Pavilion, along with some sculptures, and a keen rambler. He once hired a camel from Longleat to ride in the Fete procession, he was a sports day supervisor/starter, and an Easter Bonnet judge at the School.

I could go on....., but I must not forget his dedication to fund-raising, whether for The Lye Field, or two other favourites, Dorothy House Hospice, and Breakthrough Breast Cancer appeals. He walked from Westminster to Seend via the Thames path and K&A canal towpath,. Since then he has walked Hadrian's Wall with four others, the Isle of Wight Coastal path with one other, and most recently the Two Moors, Dartmoor and Exmoor.

The man was unstoppable. Everything had to be right, and was so. I am appreciative of his help in the past to solve a couple of tricky situations involving Committee work.

Of course, all of this work was recognised when he was awarded the MBE in the New Year Honours List in 1997, an honour he received from Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace, for "Services to the Community in Seend" . That really sums all of this up. Thankfully his dear late wife Miriam was there to see it. " Behind every great man....."

So a sad passing of a true Gentleman, ever ready to doff his cap when necessary. RIP Ron, we all miss you walking around the village already.

D Sawyer
Seend Lye Recreation Field Committee.

I only knew Ron Westacott for the last 15 years of his life, but what a man. A writer, painter, sculptor and an expert and narrator on the American Civil War.

But above all that he was a gentleman; always shook your hand, always raised his hat to ladies and always put other people before himself.

He came from a working-class background and grew into a man England should be proud of. I certainly was.

A phrase comes to mind that the 'Last of the Summer Wine' will be familiar with: 'The Old Git done good, real good.'

Ron Apted

I have only lived in Seend since July 2000, but my acquaintance and friendship with Ron will be one of my treasured memories of all that this village has come to mean to me.

He was an extraordinary man. Kind, caring and giving and always so modest. Those of you who have known him for decades will have appreciated these qualities in him through his commitment to the Seend community and his determination to do whatever he could to help others.

Ron never sat back and let things happen as proven by his part in the Great Walk on Hadrian's Wall recently. How do you go about setting up a memorial for such a man?

Well, Ron was a great walker. One idea might be to plan a walk starting in the Millennium Garden, calling it the Westacott Way Walk. It would have to be quite challenging - no gentle stroll was ever good enough for Ron!

Will he now be resting in peace? I think not! His inspiring spirit will always be walking on.

Walk on Ron. We will really miss you.

Proud to be a friend.
Jackie Merivale

And in his own words

As Ron's family chose a cricketing poem to read at his Memorial Service, we thought it appropriate to print Ron's own cricketing poem - in which some of you may recognise yourselves! It illustrates Ron's love of the game, his love of the written word, and his sense of humour:

The Running Out Blues

by Ron Westacott

On the 29th July, Seend's home fixture at the Lye
Was a game in which our Billy proved quite nifty.
With a range of strokes he scored before becoming bored
And giving up the ghost one short of fifty.

We were chasing one-six-nine, and to lay it on the line,
One-thirty-one for eight looked pretty dismal.
In went El Presidente with a hope of getting plenty
But the chance of doing that was quite abysmal.

From the top end bowling down was this Stevey Gwilliam clown.
He'd already got six wickets in his pocket.
But Jeff Mattock, cool and pensive, used his best backward defensive.
It was Alamo and he was Davy Crockett.



Then Matey hit a four which touched Jeffrey on the raw.
 From the other end I heard his groans and mutters.
 "Steady on, my friend," he said. "No blood-rushes to the head.
 You're only here for putting up the shutters."

With just two balls to go, there begins my tale of woe.
 Jeff chopped one down and stood his ground, supine.
 Though three times he shouted "No!", I felt I had to go.
 I reached his crease; he never got to mine.

I don't know what he said as he put his bat to bed.
 I wasn't in the changing-room, thank God!
 But I heard it from the birds that he didn't choose his words.
 "The man's a waste of time, stupid old sod."

I had problems of my own. I looked up with a groan:
 One ball to come and I was facing Gwilliam.
 And I wished that I was dead as Kevin grinned and said:
 "I wouldn't be in your shoes for a million."

With Kevin up my nose and nine fielders on my toes
 I put everything I've got to action stations.
 D'you know, I played the ball a treat. It fell harmless at my feet.
 And suddenly I'd lost my palpitations.

I strode in with relief that I hadn't come to grief.
 The match was drawn and I had saved the day.
 But I met with no applause; they'd all sided with Jeff's cause.
 The pigs got up and slowly walked away.

Happy ending to this saga. I dubbed up for Jeffrey's lager
 And after that the lad was good as gold.
 I am left the bitter pill. 'Stupid sod' may fit the bill
 But he'd got a bleeding nerve to call me 'old'.



SEEND FLOWER SHOW

In the Community Centre on Saturday August 9th

Global warming?...severe droughts?...not much evidence this summer in the wind-blown, rain-soaked gardens of Seend. Yet we, the ever-optimistic band of gardeners, soldier on and with hope in our hearts remain determined to enjoy all of the pleasures that fresh vegetables, fruit and beautiful flowers can provide.

The good news is that this sense of determination plus the wide range of entries that are unaffected by adverse weather will, with your support, ensure that this year's Show will be another successful and attractive occasion.

By the time that you read this note the Show will almost be upon us so, in addition to your flowers, fruits, indoor plants and vegetables, do take this opportunity to demonstrate all of your culinary, photographic and handicraft skills. There are also special classes this year for our Junior exhibitors to show just how clever they can be.

I and your hard-working Committee look forward to seeing you, and your entries, at the Show.

Peter Fisher

FETE 2008

Afternoon Teas The Tea Tent on the Lye Field will be open for business from 1.00pm to provide us with home-made cake, tea, coffee and soft drinks. So what we need this year is...**Cakes...**not only for the Cake Stall but also for the Tea Tent. When we ask for cakes, we mean **loads** cakes - Fruit cakes, Victoria Sponge, Battenberg, Carrot, Sacher Torte – whatever you can bake, we can sell. **Judith Howe** on **828554** is the contact for Tea Tent cakes, and this is the real priority, as without cakes, Afternoon Teas will be just Afternoon Tea! Call **Judith** and let her know what you can provide. **Jo Vaux** on **828970** is the contact for the Cake Stall.

Toys, Toys, Toys... If your children have outgrown that pram, bike, game or cuddly toy, and it's in good condition, we can sell it. We desperately need toys for the toy stall. If you've got it but don't want it, we'll take it. You can deliver or we'll collect. Call **Bernie** on **828391** or **Susan** on **827065**.

White Elephant Turn out your cupboards, cellars, attics, lofts, garages, sheds, whatever and bring us your base metal which **Ron Apted** and his Team will turn into coin of the Realm. Hopefully **Paul Martin** star of **BBC-TV's 'Flog It!'** will again inspect the swag to see if we have any hidden treasures. Deliver it to the Pavilion on the following days, at the following times: Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th August: 7.00pm – 9.00pm, and Friday 8th August: 10.00am – 9.00pm. If you can't wait until then call **Ron** on **828427** and he will arrange collection. Couldn't be simpler!

Fete Programme The Fete Programme is now on sale, price £1. It's full of information regarding the Fete, the entertainments, stalls, refreshments, and amusements - and the usual free Programme Competition, with really worthwhile prizes. It also contains advertisements from local organisations and Companies for whose support we are so grateful. If you haven't got a copy, they are on sale in the Village Shop, The Three Magpies, The Bell and The Brewery. Or you can buy one on the day. It doesn't matter where you buy a copy, as long as you do!

Free Breakfast – An Offer You Can't Refuse! If you will give us at least one hour of your time on the morning of Saturday, 9th August 2008, in return we will give you a freshly baked bap containing fried egg, bacon and sausage, and a large mug of hot tea, all to be enjoyed on the Lye Field in the early morning sunshine with other Friends-of-the-Fete. And it's free, so what could be better! Be at the Pavilion between 7.30am and 8.30am on Saturday, 9th August to claim your free **breakfast-in-a bap!** See you there.

Bernie Prolze

Seend Fete - Bottle Stall

The annual house to house collection of bottles, tins, etc will take place from 7.30 pm on the following days:

MEET AT

Monday 4 th August	Seend Community Centre
Tuesday 5 th August	Sells Green Three Magpies
Wednesday 6 th August	Seend Cleeve The Brewery

If anyone knows that they will be out that evening and wishes to donate a bottle, they can do so either by contacting Roger Brind (828830) prior to the collection, or by bringing their donation to the Stall on the day of the Fete.

Lastly, a **final call** for **volunteers to assist with the collections** on one or more of the dates. Please put them in your diary. It really is a lot of fun and **the more people we have, the quicker it gets done** and the quicker we can get inside the meeting place for a well earned glass of ale. **Just turn up on the day** and, if possible, bring some large carrier bags with you.

Roger Brind

CHURCH NEWS

From where I stand...

...there are lots of things going on over the summer! Here in the double issue of Spotlight there'll be plenty to read about and events to go to and things to think about. Maybe you're packing for your holiday as you read this or enjoying a few moments rest in the garden - or you're hoping for sun because of the rain - or sitting in the cool taking a break from the heat!

It will have been an odd summer with wind and rain alongside some fairly humid days as well. Perhaps it is global warming or else the seasons are not quite as they were. Looking at the church diary of events over August and September it seems like 'all change' as well. Alongside the usual pattern of services there are opportunities to experience both the familiar and the new.

At the very end of July is the Safari Church Sunday as we travel from church to church like pilgrims, taking a short time in both the Anglican and

Methodist churches, journeying and experiencing one another's holy place together. Then at the end of August is All Change Sunday when several local clergy are swapping churches for the day partly just for fun but also to talk about the life of the church outside our own familiar place.

The dedication or 'birthday party' for Holy Cross Seend is in the middle of September as we celebrate the Patronal Festival, giving thanks for the many generations of people who have worshipped in Holy Cross before us and looking forward, preparing and planning for the future. We have been asked by the Diocese to trial, with several other parishes through Wiltshire and Dorset and throughout the country, a 'Back to Church' Sunday in September where those who usually go to church will be inviting a friend to come along and see what the church is like today, perhaps if you once went to church but haven't been for years, to come back and see!

And then right at the start of October is Harvest giving thanks for all that we have from the growing and changing creation around us! Over the summer then the church is going through quite a journey, different events and opportunities, almost a holiday by changing from the normal week by week. Summer, after all, is about refreshment, trying something new, resting from the usual way of being. From where I stand summer is a good opportunity to pause in our deckchair, real or imaginary, and think about the changes that happen in our life and, like any good holiday, how good it can be to experience a change which after all is as good as a rest!

The Rev'd Sacha Pearce



First Steps Benefice Parent and Toddler Church Service

After having a break during August, The First Steps will meet again on Tuesday 2 September 2008 at the usual time of 2.15pm in Holy Cross Seend. Several of our young friends will be starting school during the first week of September, so it will be the last time that they will come to the service. It will give us an opportunity to say our goodbyes and hope that they will have lots of fun at the 'big school'.

The service will take its usual pattern of songs to sing, (and sometimes actions), a story and tea, coffee, squash and biscuits at the end. Come and see what the story will be about, and perhaps there might be something to make to take home with you. For further information contact either the Rector on 828615 or Jo on 828550. Everyone is always welcome, the youngest we have had at our service was only two days old when she came with big brother, Mummy and Daddy!

Church of the Holy Cross Seend
HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY EUCHARIST

on

Sunday 5th October at 11.15am

with

Seend School Choir

Brownies and Youth Group

to be followed by a

Bring & Share Picnic in Seend School or £5.00pp

ALL WELCOME

**Benefice of Holy Cross Seend, Christchurch Bulkington
 & St Peter's Poulshot - services for August and September**

Sunday 27th July *4th Sunday of the month*

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend

10.00 **Safari Church** (at *Holy Cross, then by*

10.30 Seend Chapel, then

11.00 Christchurch Bulkington & then

11.30 at St Peter's Poulshot [timing approx!]

followed by 'bring your picnic lunch' in Poulshot's Green Gardens or Seend Pavilion if wet!) Fill your car with friends or contact a Churchwarden if you would like a lift in the Seend Shuttle. The theme is 'Our Journey Closer to God' & in each church there will be a short service as we go on this journey today!

Sunday 3rd August *1st Sunday of the month*

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend

09.30 Family Eucharist Bulkington

11.15 Parish Eucharist Seend

18.00 Evensong Poulshot

Sunday 10th August *2nd Sunday of the month*

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend

09.30 Mattins St Peter's Poulshot

11.15 Parish Eucharist Holy Cross Seend

18.00 Evensong Christchurch Bulkington

Sunday 17th August *3rd Sunday of the month*

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend

09.30 Parish Eucharist Bulkington

11.15 Parish Eucharist Holy Cross Seend

18.00 Parish Eucharist St Peter's Poulshot

Sunday 24th August 4th Sunday of the month

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend
 09.30 Family Eucharist St Peter's Poulshot
 11.15 Family Eucharist Holy Cross Seend
 18.00 Pet Service Bulkington churchyard

Sunday 31st August 5th Sunday of the month

10.00 Benefice Eucharist Bulkington
*(All Change Sunday – a visiting priest will be taking the service
 & the Rector will be taking a service elsewhere in the Deanery!)*

Sunday 7th Sept 1st Sunday of the month

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend
 09.30 Family Eucharist Bulkington
 11.15 Parish Eucharist Seend
 18.00 Evensong Poulshot

Sunday 14th Sept 2nd Sunday of the month

10.00 Benefice Eucharist Holy Cross Seend
 for the **Feast of the Holy Cross our Patronal Festival**

Sunday 21st Sept 3rd Sunday of the month

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend
 09.30 Parish Eucharist Bulkington
 11.15 Parish Eucharist Holy Cross Seend
 18.00 Parish Eucharist St Peter's Poulshot

Sunday 28th Sept 'Back to Church Sunday'

Come back & see – you won't know 'til you've tried!

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend
 09.30 Family Eucharist St Peter's Poulshot
 11.15 Family Eucharist Holy Cross Seend
 18.00 Songs of Praise Evensong Bulkington

Sunday 5th Oct 'Harvest Festival'

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend
 09.30 Family Eucharist Bulkington
 11.15 Parish Eucharist Seend
 18.00 Evensong Poulshot

Harvest Suppers are:

Poulshot Sat 4th Oct 19.30 Village Hall,
 Seend Sunday 5th Oct Harvest Lunch in school.,
 Bulkington Sunday 5th Oct 19.00 tbc

Anonymous letters

One of the duties of a Churchwarden is to support the Rector in her daily work and the running of the Church. You might call us her back-up team. So it was with great distress that we learnt from Sacha that she has been receiving again unpleasant anonymous letters. For someone to take this course of action is, in our opinion, completely unacceptable and should be treated with utter contempt.

In our benefice there are five Churchwardens, a Licenced Lay Minister and two Lay Pastoral Assistants, all of whom are available for anyone to talk to if they have a problem, worry or concern and they feel that they cannot approach the Rector direct. But to send an anonymous letter is a cowardly way of doing things. If someone has a problem, air your views by all means, discuss it and, who knows, maybe a solution or at least an understanding may be arrived at. But do it honourably, out in the open, not hiding behind a cloak of anonymity.

Hopefully these letters will now cease and we can all continue to work together for the good of the Church and our three villages.

Paulette Bremner-Milne)
Janet James) Poulshot
Steve Taylor)
Tina Yockney) Seend
Liz Futter	Bulkington

Seend Methodist Chapel Services for August and September

10th August	10am	Mr George Mills
24th August	6pm	Revd Roy Fowler will lead the Ecumenical Service
14th September	10am	(Possibly) Revd Tom MacMeekin to lead the Sacrament of Holy Communion
28th September	10am	Harvest Thanksgiving Service

This year, we are asking for gifts of tinned and packeted food (with a long expiry date please) which will be donated to the Devizes Food Bank. There will **NOT** be a weeknight service and sale of produce as in previous years.

The preaching plan for September to December is not yet finalised – in due course a preacher will be arranged for Harvest Festival.

All welcome. For further information, please phone me on 828502.Thanks.

Ann Salter

FROM ROY

I had a couple of “special” moments recently.

The first was spotting a red admiral butterfly fluttering around my car. Its beautiful colours were caught in the sunlight and it looked spectacular.

The second moment was when a stoat or a weasel ran across the road in front of me. It looked slightly comical scurrying over the road on its short legs.

Such moments of delight of worth are worth savouring and noting. They bring joy to our hearts and a smile to our face. They remind us of God’s goodness and bring us to praise.

The next couple of months are holiday months. For many of us life gets a little less busy. We may spend some time enjoying the garden. We may take a trip somewhere. We may be going off on holiday. Such times give us the space to be more aware of all the delights that surround us – in nature, in people who are special to us, in discovering someone, somewhere, something new. Such delight fills us with praise of God.

Of course, not all of life is made up of delightful moments. Life can be sad and disappointing too. And then we may find the God who surprises us with a strength and hope beyond our own. We discover joy beyond our tears. In a different way, we turn to God in praise.

God bless


CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS**Seend WEA Autumn Course**

Those who enjoyed Dr Allan Phillipson’s series of lectures on ‘Great Houses, Great Literature!’ last year will be delighted to know that he’s back for a further eight lectures on the same subject, starting at 7.30pm upstairs in the Community Centre on Monday October 6th. Highly recommended!

**Seend WI**

Seend WI began its meeting on a wet and windy Wednesday night on 9th July with a discussion on the future of the WI. You may recall from last month’s report that the Seend WI have resolved not to sell the land, and now it is the issue of the future of the Hall that is under debate.

The committee has spent time over the intervening month investigating the resource implications of either keeping and restoring the Hall or removing it. It has proved to be expensive both to keep, but also to remove!

During that time we took the opportunity to meet with our colleagues from the Lye Field Committee and the Community Centre Committee. These discussions with the other organisations highlighted a need for storage space and a short term third option emerged. The committee recommended to the meeting on the 9 July that the Hall be rented for storage by the Lye Field and the Community Centre organisations for an 18 month period.

This will cover the majority of costs associated with the Hall and will bring benefit to the community through these other charitable organisations. It provides Seend WI with a 'breathing space' whereby other financial issues can be resolved and the matter of the Hall can be addressed again when we have had an opportunity to grow as a group and are more secure financially.

Our meeting continued with a very lively talk about vegetable growing by Mr Phil Collins of Bromham who brought along a magnificent display of vegetables and emphasised the need to try and buy local produce.

On the matter of local produce, we are also pleased to announce that at least five allotments will be reinstated. In the first instance the former allotment holders will be given first refusal and, thereafter, the people who expressed an interest following the Spotlight invitation in May will be contacted in the order in which they made their interest known

We are looking forward to a period when we can concentrate on enjoying being a WI and each others' company, and we very much welcome members new and old to come along.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th August when our speaker will be Mrs Ann Chapman from Chippenham talking about the history of patchwork quilting and traditional and modern patterns and techniques. The competition will be a decorative thimble – so have a look through your sewing boxes, trawl the antique/charity shops and see what you can find!

Our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining, then please feel free to come along, or if you would like more information please feel free to contact either myself, Sarah Todhunter on 828730 or our Secretary, Susan Bolton on 827065

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Ten ramblers participated in the Friday evening walk on 27th June commencing from Bishops Cannings and out into the rolling countryside of the Wansdyke, eventually coming to the canal stretch at Horton. Weather was warm but misty rain was with us most of the time. Apart from this it was a very pleasant evening. Thanks to Ron Apted.



The walk in the vicinity of North Wraxall on Saturday 5th July attracted 20 walkers, plus six joining us at East Court Farm for the picnic afterwards. The event was organised by Wendy and Reg. Contingency plans had to be exercised when the weather towards the latter part of the walk turned very wet. The use of the owners' workshop-come-garage gave dry cover for us to enjoy our picnic. Spirits were not dampened and a good time was had by all. Our very grateful thanks to Wendy and Reg for putting so much effort into organising the walk and providing us with a hot drink at the finish!

Next walk – Sunday 17th August: Meet in Rusty Lane for 9.30am departure. Details not finalised at the time of going to press. Organisers, Penny and Ron England, would like this walk to be **in memory of Ron Westacott MBE** and there will be a collection for Dorothy House (although the group has already sent a donation). Ron was an active member of Seend and District Ramblers until only a few months ago. For more information, ring Ron and Penny on 01380 828949 nearer the date. Bring refreshments for a coffee stop.

Monday 1st September is the annual visit to Berwick St James. Meet at Rusty Lane for a 3.30pm departure. The short walk of 4½-5 miles will start from the Berwick Guiding Centre at 4.30pm, getting us back to the Centre for 6.30pm. The meal is planned for 7pm.

Please let me know whether you will be coming on the walk and staying for the meal, or just coming along for the meal. Anne Salter needs to know for catering purposes. If you are unable to speak to me on 01225 706451, please contact Bob Howe on 01380 828554 **by Monday 18th August.**

Sunday 14th September: Meet at Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. Travel to the station car park at Great Bedwyn (grid ref: SU279645) to commence the 5½ mile walk at 10am., covering some of the Kennet and Avon canal. Bring refreshments. Leaders Terry and Sheila Williams (01225 704800).

Lin Salter
01225 706451

BULKINGTON AND DISTRICT YOUTH GROUP

We currently meet every fortnight for an hour and a half. in the Pavilion in Seend. Children aged between seven and eleven years are welcome, and from our meeting on the first Friday in September we will have spaces available.

At present we are seeking help from the community as we have found that the children enjoy doing arts and craft. Unfortunately, our 'arty' person is no longer able to help, so if you could spare some time either once or twice a month the children would really appreciate your input. Alternatively, if you feel you could offer some other expertise to our Group, or just some time to help out with the general running, we would love to hear from you.

For any further information on any of the above, please contact Ellie Purdy on 828035 or see one of the other Youth Group Leaders; Liz Barham, Mel Walker or Lisa Gilbert.

100+ CLUB

Membership for 2008/9 has finally settled at 199, so no re-naming of the Club this year. This is an increase of 2 on last year, and is due to 19 new subscriptions, 2 more than the 17 who did not renew. The new members will find their 100+Club numbers printed below, followed by the numbers for existing members with initials **A** to **J**; the numbers allocated to current members with initials **K** to **Y** will be listed in the October edition of Spotlight with the results of the June, July & August draws.

With the sad passing of Ron Westacott, MBE, we have lost one more of the original members of the 100 Club, who together with his wife Miriam signed up when it was started back in the 1970s. In the May draw, one of Ron's numbers was drawn from the bag, a poignant reminder of a very long and generous association. Ron's family have asked that we donate the cheque to Dorothy House.

Results for May 2008: The draw took place on Thursday 19th June following a Seend Fete meeting. The draw was made by members of the Committee.

1st Prize £35 41 Mrs Mel Walker
 2nd Prize £30 54 Mrs Nancy Hutchinson
 3rd Prize £25 186 Jeremy Hawkins
 4th Prize £20 178 Mrs Maureen Hanson
 5th Prize £15 73 Ron Westacott, MBE
 6th Prize £10 191 Robb Anstey

100+Club numbers for 2008/9 new members

Mr Roy Butler	074	Ms Jo Sutton	048
Mrs Rosemary Fisher	141	Mr Robin Thornton	182
Mr David Gompels	195	Mrs Linn Thornton	091
Master Ruben Hickman	026	Mrs Margaret White	028
Mrs Joyce Iles	104	Mrs Heather Wyatt	090
Mrs Janet James	107		
Miss Andrea Kilduff	163		
Miss Rachel Kilduff	078		
Mr Michael Kilduff,	143		
Mrs Jacqueline Kilduff	081		
Mr Michael Manser	121, 125		
Mr N Smart	139		
Mrs N Smart	190		

Numbers of existing members A-J:

Adams, Mrs G J	51	Ferris, Mrs M	109
Akerman, Mr E	20, 25, 103	Fisher, Mr P	37
Allen, Mr RP	128	Fisher, Mrs P	115
Allen, Mrs J	58	Frith, Mr D G	145
Ames, Mr R	161	Garton, Lady Lucy	85, 126
Anstey, Mr R	191	Giles, Mrs J	18, 93
Anstey, Mrs S	32	Goddard, Mrs J E	199
Apted, Mr R	172	Godwin, Mrs J	116
Bailey, Mrs R	15	Goman, Mr J L	87
Barnes, Mr D	13	Gompels, Mrs M	100
Barnes, Mrs H	67	Goodier, Mrs B	42, 193
Bolton, Mr A M	132	Greenwood, Mrs J	110
Bolton, Mrs S	63	Griffiths, Mr D	14
Borwell, Mr N	177	Griffiths, Mrs H	134
Borwell, Mrs J	118	Grinham, Mr P	111
Bottomley, Mrs A	124	Haines, Mr.N	24
Brand, Mrs J	12, 52	Haines, Mrs V	31
Brind, Maj. R	138	Hanson, Mrs M J	178
Broadbridge, Mr H	4	Hardstaff, Mr J	65
Brown, Mrs P	147	Hawkins, Mr J J I	186
Bryan, Mrs J	108	Hawkins, Mrs P	61
Burden, Mr A	29	Heatley, Mr R	97
Burden, Mrs M	9	Hickman, Edward	156
Burrard, Miss E	39	Hickman, Mr G	129
Church, Mrs P	136	Hickman, Mrs D	149
Cooper, Mr C	171	Hickman, William	33
Cottle, Mrs M	75, 84	Hill, Lt. Col A J	198
Dearling, Mr P	19	Hill, Mrs A J	146
Delamere, Ms T	101	Hiscocks, Mr J	119
Doe, Ms T	127	Hodgkinson, Mr A	96
Doig, Mrs E	40, 170	Hook, Mrs H R	88
Duparcq, Mr C	70	Howe, Mr R	112
Duparcq, Mrs D	22	Howe, Mrs E J	122
Ellinger, Mr R	80	Hunt, Mr BA	102
Elliott, Mr J	169	Hunt, Mrs A	135
Elston, Mr G	55	Hutchings, Mrs H	49
Elston, Mrs K	167	Hutchinson, Mrs A	27,30,54,105
Ewin, Mr AK	165	Hyde, Mr D	35
Ewin, Mrs S	202	Jackson, Mrs	92
Ewing, Mr P	59	Johns, Mrs Sue	187
Ewing, Mrs A	180		

Bernie Prolze
Organiser

SEEND SHUTTLE



Timetables

We hope you've made good use of the timetable enclosed in last month's Spotlight. If you've mislaid it, there are some spares on the Shuttle, or phone 828617 to request another. A timetable can also be viewed on www.seend.org.uk

First Wednesday Shopping Trips - ringing the changes!

For the trip on **Wednesday, 6th August**, we might try a different destination - in fact a choice of destinations with the Shuttle stopping at both **Wells and Street**. Please ring Terry on 828203 well in advance to let him know if you would support this trip - otherwise it may revert to Salisbury or Bath again. Whichever it is, you need to ring Terry by Monday 4th to book a place.

And, if you are a parent of a child at Seend School, for the shopping trip on **September 3rd** we shall amend the departure and return times **to fit in with meeting children from school**. So, if you've always fancied the shopping trips but didn't feel able to partake - now is your chance. Whether we continue with these timings or not will depend on how many parents show an interest. Again, ring Terry on 828203 by Monday 1st to book.

Bus cleaning rota

We are about to issue the rota for volunteers to clean the bus, but are just one or two volunteers short of a full year's worth. So, please, as an individual or as a group of friends or a club willing to give up a couple of hours once a year, please ring Tessa on 828617 to join the list. Thanks.

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

You can read all about past and future events at the Community Centre in the enclosed newsletter, 'Happenings!' We've got theatre, music, dancing and wine and food planned for the autumn so don't miss out!

The roof

We would like to take this opportunity to correct rumours that have been circulating about the state of the Community Centre roof. No, we have not been shut down for health and safety reasons, nor do we expect to be so!

However, during recent work, it was discovered that the trussed rafters forming the roof of the main hall are not as they should be.

A Structural Engineer has made a formal examination and is expected to recommend that the roof should be stripped, the trusses straightened, and the structure braced to meet modern standards. In the meantime, he recommended that temporary braces be fixed inside the roof to ensure that no further

movement is possible and that the building continues to be safe for occupation. This was done immediately.

Work on the new suspended ceiling and the associated lighting and sound system has been put on hold until the problem is resolved.

At the moment we do not know if it will be necessary, in the future, to close the hall briefly while work is in progress. If so, then *every possible effort will be made to avoid disruption to those bookings that cannot be rearranged.*

Meanwhile, we are open for business as usual!

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The stayaway trip this year was centred on Dublin and thankfully the only hiccup of the trip was on the first day; due to bad weather the Catamaran from Holyhead was cancelled and we had to transfer to Fishguard for a ferry. After a mildly choppy crossing, we had a longer road journey to the hotel, but got there in time for supper.



The visit to Helen Dillon's garden was a delight; as ever the blue and the red borders were packed with interesting plants. What was once the circular lawn, is now a shingle garden for plants enjoying dry conditions. Many more large containers were in evidence, mostly containing exotics; among these were several galvanised dustbins, both plain and painted - obviously a new and less expensive trend! Her front garden has been given a makeover and now sports new varieties of old favourites. On the one very wet day, we saw two gardens of the Dublin Group of privately-owned smaller gardens. The first was created by the garden writer Carmel Duignan. She has amassed an extraordinary collection of plants, from the tender to the hardy and from the old to the newest available, all planted with great style. We stayed as long as a drenching allowed. The second, Rathmichael Lodge was larger, with surprises around every corner. We went by flower borders to a tennis court, a wild flower meadow, an ancient orchard, a hazel walk and a summer house. Old and modern roses and climbers of every sort covered the walls. Thankfully the rain eased and we were able to spend time to appreciate it all. Powerscourt House and grounds were a complete contrast, being large and fully appreciated in the sun. The walled garden sheltered wide, long and colourful herbaceous borders, leading down to parkland with magnificent trees, a lake and fountain and a Japanese garden. The formal garden, just below the terrace had a bright array of annuals with mosaic paths and statuary; in the far distance a distinctive peak of the mountains completed the view. This place had definite wow factor. Mount Usher's gardens had a more informal and leisurely atmosphere with trees and plants from all over the world, laid out

along the banks of the River Vartry. Our last day was three trips in one. We travelled west to County Kildare to the Irish National Stud, where we learned about the management of the stud and visited the Japanese garden representing the Life of Man. The Millennium garden was dedicated to St Fiacre, the patron saint of gardeners, and was in the spirit of the monastic movement in Ireland, a very tranquil place.

Our two half days of leisure in Dublin were spent according to taste - lunch, visiting the National Gallery, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, shopping or resting. Congratulations to all those who organised the trip; there were enjoyable contrasts, Jim overcame any problems and our driver, John, gave us a smooth ride.

Joyce.

Future events

By the time you read this we will hopefully have visited Hidcote and Kiftsgate gardens without mishap, rain or floods.

Don't forget we need plants and produce for the fete and flower show please.

On Friday August 15th 23 members will visit A'Beckett's vineyard at Littleton Panell. The tour is due to start at 6.30 pm but there is a shortage of parking, so the Shuttle has been booked and will leave the Pavilion at 6.00pm. Joyce will have been in touch with those of you on the list to finalise arrangements. The cost will be £8.00 plus a small charge for the Shuttle.

Our first meeting of the new season will be on Tuesday September 9th at 7.30pm. Chris Smith of Pennard Plants will talk about his experiences at flower shows in Behind the Scenes. The competition will be a single flower.

Sue Johns



MOTHERS' UNION **SEEND AND BULKINGTON BRANCH**

At the meeting on 18th June, Mrs Angela Grist spoke enthusiastically about Mercy Ships. She told the story of the vision which Don Stephens, the founder of the Charity, had as a young man in the early 1960s. This became a reality in the 1970s with the purchase of an Italian cruise liner which they adapted for use as a hospital ship. It was then called The Anastasia. it made its first voyage staffed entirely by volunteers.

The ships bring life-changing help to hundreds of thousands of impoverished and disease-ridden people in the poorest countries of the world. When the ships arrive in port, there are often 4-5,000 people waiting for help. The surgeons aboard deal with many eye problems, facial tumours that are disfiguring, hare lips and cleft palates and dentistry. Often centres are set up

on land for post-operative care. Further inland, clinics are set up to teach healthcare and the benefits of simple hygiene.

All this treatment is completely free and funded by gifts to the charity. Sir John Major and his wife are patrons of Mercy Ships and pay tribute to their work. He wrote: ‘Mercy Ships exemplifies for me a spirit of compassion for those in need. I personally am proud that in a world in which selfishness and greed are so often presented as prime motivators, Mercy Ships stands as a living antidote to self-interest.’

Future dates

August 20th Cream Tea at Cleeve House

September 17th Canon C Brown – ‘Westminster Abbey’

October 15th Mrs Carol Jones – ‘Answering God’s call’. Bring and Buy stall.

Ride and Stride

Could you help this year? The bike ride, horse ride or walk on Saturday 13th September involves visiting as many churches as possible in your area. Your sponsorship money will raise funds half for Seend Church and half for other historic churches in the Archdeaconry. Sponsor forms, lists of churches and further details are available from Mrs M. Coley, 25 Dial Close, Seend. Tel: 828189.

SCHOOL NEWS

SEEND C.E. AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are now nearing the end of the academic year and looking forward to the summer break. It has been a busy term in school and there are still exciting things planned for the last 2 weeks. Our ‘Arts’ week will take place from Monday 14th July where we will be doing lots of visual art, music, drama and dance all around the theme of ‘Dreams’.

This term has also included the annual sports day where children took part in a variety of races. We were very lucky with the weather and a good day was enjoyed by all. Four teams competed in the sports day with the winning team being Thynne, all supported hugely by our parents. After the races, children, staff and parents all enjoyed cake and tea provided by the Seend School Fundraising Group. The yearly sponsored walk was also a great success and again we were very lucky with the weather. The children have raised lots of money for the school fund.

Recently, the year 5 and 6 children went away on their residential break to Danywenallt in the Brecon Brecons. All the children had a fantastic time and enjoyed participating in activities such as walking, shelter building and survival skills.



Urgent

We have had to temporarily close our outdoor wooden play trail equipment following advice from Wiltshire County Council following two incidents where the supporting timber posts have collapsed. This area has been sealed off and should not be used at all times. We are awaiting further instructions from them

**Steven Bennet
Headteacher**

School Concert

Highlights of the summer of 2008: the Nadal-Federer Final at Wimbledon, and on July 10th the Seend School Singers at Holy Cross.

A wonderful evening, inspired by the animated enthusiasm of the conductor, Mrs Noreen Schonfeld, who teaches our children only one day a week! Once again her son Tom, now 19, accompanied each and every one of the seventeen choir numbers on the electronic keyboard. And this year he opened the concert with a thrilling drum duo, partnered by 'His Dad' exuberantly pounding a broad low-strung drum – straight from Soweto?

Very great credit to the School Choir performing six of the songs and joined by their peers in Chestnut and Sycamore Classes for the other eleven items. Not just singing, but experiencing the music – sometimes clapping, swaying, almost dancing. Congratulations, too, to Hannah West (now at secondary school) in her two solos; also to Daniel Southgate joining Tom Schonfeld in a keyboard 'Jazz Jam'.

At the end of the concert, in an impromptu tribute, Philip Southgate said that he doubted whether any other primary school, nor indeed any secondary school, could achieve a higher standard. Yes, a quite wonderful evening.

Proceeds from the concert are going to the building project (founded and directed by Tom Schonfeld) at Kambi ya Maziwa Middle School in Tanzania.

J.G.H.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on 24th June was attended by eight Councillors, with Mr. Clifford Smith in the chair. Eight members of the public were also in attendance.

The PC was sorry to learn of the demise of Ron Westacott, who had been so actively involved many aspects of Seend village life, he will be sadly missed.

The following planning applications have been approved:

K/57588/F H J Smith and Sons, Cowleaze, Bell Hill, Seend
Erect detached garage

K/58611/CLU Mr S Wilfort, Foxbury, 108 Seend Cleeve

Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed development for erection of timber garage and two stables, for use incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse known as 'Foxbury'

The following applications were considered, and no objections raised:

K/58756/F Mr and Mrs Godwin, 14 The Stocks, Seend Cleeve
Replacement dwelling

K/58793/LBC Mr and Mrs A Giles, Old Wyatts, Row Lane, Seend
Removal of existing redundant boiler chimney and reinstatement of existing thatch

No objections. However, it was noted that the chimney has already been removed ahead of listed building consent.

K/58890/TR2 Mr P Ewing, Earlesfield House, 1 Somerset Close, Seend
The felling of two trees, one prunus (cherry), and one sorbus (whitebeam), adjacent to the double garage at the property

Objections were raised to the following applications:

K/58807/LBC Mr and Mrs A Giles, Old Wyatts, Row Lane, Seend

K/58808/F Proposed alterations and extension to existing coach house

* The development is oversized, doubling the existing coach house building. It will effectively become a three-bedroomed detached house.

* The windows on the west elevation will overlook the adjoining property, and impact on their amenity.

*The development is out of keeping with the surrounding area.

K/58885/F Mr S Gray, Land at Stocks Farm, Trowbridge Road, Seend Cleeve
New dwellinghouse

* Change of use of land from agricultural/horticultural to residential

* Impact on the open-ness of the surrounding landscape

* This application cannot be considered as infill

* Road safety considerations - the view from the proposed access is restricted; vehicles travel at speeds in excess of the speed limit along the A361, and there have been several accidents and many "near misses" in the area of the Seend Cleeve turning

* The PC has received several objections from parishioners living adjacent to the proposed development.

The **Parish Steward** will be in the village on 21 July and 23 September, but will not be visiting during August.

It was agreed that Seend PC would request **double white lines and a speed camera** be placed at the bottom of Caen Hill, in view of the number of serious accidents and fatalities on this stretch of road.

Dates for the next Parish skips will be:

July 25th Wessex Water site

August 29th Seend Community Centre

The **next parish Council meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 29th July 2008 at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher
Parish Clerk

**SEEND SPORTS RESULTS and FIXTURES****Cricket:** Captain Ben King

22nd June saw a home match against the Cross Keys. Seend were put into bat by the visitors and knocked up 194 in their 40 overs. Jeff Mattock 55 not out, Russell Collins 52 and Ben King 33, including 4 sixes. The Keys were skittled out for 140 despite their number 5 scoring 88 before being run out: Russell Collins 3 for 31.

Bad weather put paid to the fixture against Compton Bassett on July 6th but the home match against Corsham on the 13th went ahead. Unfortunately, with many players away, Seend struggled to score 81 off 26 overs with Corsham reaching their target with 20 overs to spare.

There have been 6 matches this season with 3 wins and 3 losses. The team play Keevil at home on the 20th, Frome at home on the 27th and five matches in August, finishing the season on the 14th September with a home fixture against Beanacre. Well done the cricketers - great teas Anita!!

Football: Seend Tigers - Coach Luke Ballinger

The last tournament for the tigers was on 5th July in Trowbridge when they came up against stiff opposition. However, the team of Will Davis, Henry Hawkins, Tim Manning, Will Purdy, Harry Waylen, Greg Bowen and Josh Gingell did themselves proud.

Training continues every Friday on the Lye field. 5.00-6.30 for the under 7's and 6.30-8.00 for the over 7's: all are welcome.

Tennis: The mid season positions are:

Men's: played 8, won 5, drawn 1, lost 2: 3rd in the league.

Mixed A: played 8, won 5, drawn 2 and lost 1: top of the league.

Mixed B: played 6, won 3, lost 3: 4th in their league.

The courts were repaired and repainted in June and are playing extremely well - any new members please contact Ric Ellinger on 828683.



Skittles: The summer 3-a-side skittles competition run over the last few weeks has bought dozens of competitors to the Community Centre with the bar staff having to work in overdrive.

The overall winners were: 1st Stan's Boys, 2nd Roundway Ringers, 3rd Muppets, 4th Dick's Gnats, 5th Woodborough A and in 6th position Butcombe. In the "sub

cup” The Destroyers (yes that’s how they spelt it!) in 1st position followed by Globogymcobras, Sam’s Lot, Dairy Men and finally Good Bad and Ugly.



Thanks from the competitors to June, Ann and Ray Willis for such a well-organised and keen contest.

Sports Letters:

Madras, Sunday.

Dear Sir.

Congratulations on your reporting of the spread of Short Mat Bowls. Indeed only today I received a telegram from your Mr Waldeck with news of further success for Seend over Crudwell (6-2), although he was somewhat reticent about the 0-8 loss to Heywood and Hawkrige – both matches in the North Wiltshire Summer League.

This exciting news prompted me to ask my wife why this is not yet an Olympic discipline. Her response of “a large gin please dear,” left me even more confused.

I have the honour to remain, sir, your obedient servant.

Capt. R. Willoughby de Broke R.N. (Retd)

The next deadline is September 13th - results to the players' enclosure please.

Frankie Goddard
828488

BITS 'N' BOBS

Village Red Cross Collection

A big thank you to the ten people who helped with the village collection for the Red Cross. Their time given to this worthwhile charity is much appreciated. A special thank you to Monica Ridgway, who did the distribution and collection as well. The village total was £356, and the area total was a record.

For Sale/wanted

(Deliver your personal ads (not businesses, thanks) to the shop/PO or to Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings together with payment of £2 for up to 25 words.)

For Sale: Bulkington and District Youth Group has a golf ‘putting set’ for sale. Unfortunately we have been unable to use this set as it is a more permanent game where the plastic holes have to be set into the grass. If you are interested, a small donation to the youth group would be appreciated. Call Ellie Purdy on 828035.

Wanted: Summer holiday work. Plants need watering while you are away? Garden needs weeding? Fences painting? I am a 16 year old Dauntsey's pupil looking for work in August. Anything considered, big or small jobs. Cheap rates! Call Tom Cannon 01380 727993

Clothes collection scam

This relates to an organisation collecting clothing for the Ukrainian people affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Leaflets were distributed in Worton recently. This organisation is not a registered Charity in the UK.

Tony Ewin.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Co-ordinator.

Advance notice of Bulkington events: 6th October - Harvest Supper and auction in village hall; 18th October - Capella Nova Concert in church.

And finally - a poem that should ring bells for the many people who have, over the years, taken minutes of meetings of our various village organisations....

Minutes

by Anita Shea

I've typed away the minutes,
 the minutes of the meeting.
 Recorded all the whats and whys,
 the how and who will do or won't
 and why they could or should or can't.
 I've named the people there and not
 and all of those proposed or seconded
 co-opted, thanked or recommended.
 The matters that arose were noted
 and Any Other Business ideas floated.
 I even recollected when the minutes to be minuted had ended.

But what of all the density of time that's left unquoted?
 The antimatter in the space around the words
 and all the words unminuted have been demoted.

The jokes, concerns and anecdotes,
 rememberings and wanderings,
 the mumblings and ponderings
 the smiles and frowns,
 the sighs and doodlings,
 daydreaming, window gazing,
 teeth gritting, eyebrow raising,
 finger tapping, off the subject tedious pontificating,
 seat shifting, clock watching,
 stifled yawning, leg stretching,
 tea sipping, biscuit crunching,
 homeward wending.

Minutes typing all of this
 would have no ending.

USEFUL CONTACTS :

Rector - Revd Sacha Pearce 828615

Churchwardens: Holy Cross; S Taylor 01225 709360 Mrs T Yockney 827139

Christ Church: Mr J McDonald 828376

St Peter's: Mr B James - 724944 Paulette Bremner Milne 828527

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 - Richard Walker on 828250

Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485

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.

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's Other Book Club - Frank Teasdale 828617

Seend Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend School - 828334

Seend Playgroup - Liz Futter 828485

Seend Bouncy Club - Kate or Kevin 828770

Seend Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Ellie Purdy 828035

Seend WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730

Seend Fawltly Players - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451

WEA - Pam Church on 828597

Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830;

Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson on 828545

Seend Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 828757

Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067

Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - Tony Ewin on 828325; Owen Burton on 828820

(Seend Cleeve)

Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281

Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139

Bulkington Website: bulkington-village.co.uk Contact :- Angela Read 828925

PC Andrew Horman, Community Beat Manager for our area, can be contacted at devizesnorthruralpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or on 0845 408 7000.

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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