

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



August/September
2011

(The spotlight is on our new
printer!)

DIARY DATES FOR LATE JULY

- 28th Seend Parish Council meeting, 7.10 for 7.30pm upstairs in Community Centre
- 30th Summer Saturday breakfast, Community Centre, 7.30-last orders @ 9.30am
- 31st Joint service - 3 churches + chapel - at Bulkington, 10am

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

- 1st Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 2nd Seend Acoustic Club - Suzie Latham. 8pm upstairs in Community Centre
- 3rd Seend Shuttle Shopping Trip - ring 828203 to book by Monday 1st
- 6th Summer Saturday breakfast, Community Centre, 7.30-last orders @ 9.30am
- 7th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane 9.30am
- 8th Start of Seend Tennis Club's Kids' Summer Camp
- 8th Bottle Stall Collection in Seend - meet 7pm (with bags) at Community Centre
- 9th Bottle Stall Collection in Seend Cleeve - meet 7pm (with bags) at Brewery Inn
- 10th Bottle Stall Collection in Sells Green/Martinslade - meet 7pm (+ bags) at 3 Magpies
- 10th-12th White Elephants accepted at Pavilion, 7-9pm
- 11th Inaugural meeting of Seend Singing Group, 7.30pm upstairs in Community Centre
- 13th Seend Fete and Flower Show (no Community Centre breakfasts)
- 15th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 16th Seend Acoustic Club - The Yirdbards. 8pm upstairs in Community Centre
- 20th Summer Saturday breakfast, Community Centre, 7.30-last orders @ 9.30am
- 23rd 'Toy Story 3' - free film show for Seend Club Members' families only, 6pm
- 27th Summer Saturday breakfast, Community Centre, 7.30-last orders @ 9.30am
- 29th Great Bulkington Railway steam and diesel rides, 13.30-16.30 hours

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 3rd (Provisional) Grand Opening of Bulkinton Playing Field, 11am-1pm
- 6th Seend Acoustic Club - Graham & Sandy Ball. Upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 7th Seend Shuttle shopping trip; phone 828203 by Monday 5th to book
- 9th 'Dogs Without Collars' Dance, Seend Community Centre, 7.45 for 8pm
- 10th Seend's first Acoustic Festival - midday till late, Seend Community Centre
- 10th Exhibition of embroidery & cross-stitch, 10am-5pm, 4 Northfields, Bulkington
- 11th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane at 9.30am
- 12th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 17th LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT
- 17th Coffee Morning for BGIFC, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 10am-12 noon
- 18th Free film show for Seend Club members 'What's Eating Gilbert Grape?', 7.30pm
- 20th Seend Acoustic Club - Sloe Jam. Upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 21st Nosh and Natter lunch club, Seend Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 24th WI craft morning in Pavilion
- 25th Harvest Festivals at Seend and Bulkington churches
- 26th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55am Well Inn car park, 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.

Visit www.seend.org.uk for past editions of Spotlight & 'Happenings!', local history, 'What's On', links to other village sites etc

Welcome to August & September Spotlight



This is the first edition of Spotlight to be produced on the new printer. Feel the quality – and admire the coloured cover!

Despite the strange weather, summer is now here and we hope that the weather bucks up, especially for our children and teachers who have been looking forward to the summer break.

We have been reading in the papers that the public are still confused about the government's Big Society and don't know where to go to find out more, or how to get involved. Well, we feel the Big Society is happening here in our village with a community that is strong and self supporting. Within our living and vibrant villages we have a good school, a fantastic choice of pubs, local employment, churches and our own post office. We have initiatives that support our children and the elderly and a range of clubs and societies for everyone.

All this does not happen of itself of course, and if you would like to get more involved in village life and contribute to one of the many organisations, there are plenty of opportunities within this magazine and a list of contacts on the back page. The Church in Seend is looking for some help, the fete always needs plenty of helpers and I am sure the village appraisal will throw up more opportunities. Have a read of the magazine and see how you can join in with the Big Society and contribute to making life here even better for everyone, even if it is only by supporting the various events taking place in the coming weeks.

If you get the chance, come along to the breakfasts and enjoy some good local food and company, and don't forget the flower show – get those entries in. Whatever you do this summer – enjoy it and, as the Vicar says, let's count our blessings.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the October issue (**copy deadline 17th September**) can be e-mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Anne Ewing on 828557. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO.

N.B. Anne and Tessa share the editing of Spotlight, so please send all emails to the Spotlight address or deliver entries to the Shop/PO.

Lost emails: All too often, an email to Spotlight goes astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa or Anne (see above) to check if all is well. And please read the following:

N.B. When 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 sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

EVENTS IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

(See also events in Bulkington News on pages 12-14)

Seend Tennis Club Kids' Tennis Summer Camp 8th-12th August

There are still a few places for 6-8 and 9-11 year-olds. A bargain at £20 for a week's coaching! Contact Victoria Bowes on 01380 827264 or 07711 934378.



WELCOME TO SEEND FETE 2011

The annual Seend Summer Fete is one of the highlights of the Seend Summer. The Fete will be opened by Fete Princess, Lottie Checkley, and her attendants Lily Stegall and Poppy Nichols.

We're very pleased to welcome as our arena acts this year performers from The Wiltshire School of Gymnastics and Pegasus Falconry with their Falcons and Eagle Owls, plus Shrewton Silver Band Quintet who will entertain us throughout the afternoon.



There will be numerous stalls at the fete plus pony rides, model aircraft displays, vintage cars, train rides, a beer tent, a tea tent and of course all the fun of the fair. We hope to see you there!

WANTED-lots of cakes- not only for the Cake Stall but also for the Tea Tent. The Tea Tent on the Lye Field will be open for business from 1pm to provide us with much needed refreshments, so we need cakes, cakes and more cakes to sell! **Lin Salter** on **01225 706451** is the contact to receive the **Tea Tent** cakes. **Rebecca Rowan** on **828684** is the contact for the **Cake Stall**.

White Elephant Now is the time to turn out your cupboards, and spring clean your lofts! **Ron Apted** and his team need all your unwanted treasures! Deliver them to the Pavilion on: **Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th** between **7pm and 9 pm**. If you can't wait until then just call **Ron** on **828427** and he'll arrange collection or alternatively deliver to **24 The Lye**.

Toys, Books, Plants We need toys for the toy stall, books for the book stall and plants for the plant stall! You can deliver or we'll collect. Please call **Fiona Johnson** on **828401**

Tombola and Grand Draw Prizes We are still collecting prizes for these stalls. Please contact **Fiona Johnson** on **828401** if you have anything suitable.

The Fete Programme is now on sale; price £1, in the Village Shop. Programme sellers will be knocking on your doors or you can buy one on the day. It's full of information regarding the entertainments, stalls and refreshments. It also contains advertisements from local organisations and companies for whose support we are so grateful.

Procession Entries - on wheels or on foot, please be in Dial Close at 12 noon. Let's see if we can have a huge number of entries this year. There are prizes to be won!!!

Free Breakfast – An Offer You Can't Refuse! If you give us just **one hour** of your time on the morning of **Saturday 13 August 2011**, in return **we** will give **you** a freshly baked bap containing fried egg, bacon and sausage, and a large mug of tea! Be at the Pavilion between 7.30 and 8.30am to claim your free breakfast-in-a-bap! See you there!

Fiona Johnson and all your Fete Committee

Seend Fete - Bottle Collection for Bottle Stall

The annual house to house collection of bottles, tins, etc will take place on the following days: **Monday 8th August for Seend, Tuesday 9th August for Seend Cleeve and Wednesday 10th August for Sells Green and Martinsdale**. We'll be around early evening – just leave anything you can spare on the doorstep! All bottles of alcohol/soft drinks, jars of food etc gratefully received. If you know you'll be out on the evening of collection in your area, you can still donate by contacting **Fiona Johnson** on **828401** to arrange a collection point, or you can bring it to the stall on the day of the Fete. Thank you!

Collecting Teams will meet at 7.00 pm at the following places:

Monday 8th – Seend Community Centre

Tuesday 9th – The Brewery in Seend Cleeve

Wednesday 10th - The Three Magpies at Sells Green

Important – We need volunteers to assist with the collections on one or more of the dates. 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 drink! If you can help us out please phone **Fiona Johnson** on **828401** or let one of the committee know.

Seend Flower Show

From 1-4.45pm in the Community Centre on Fete Day. Entry forms available from Shop/PO, Community Centre and pubs, price 50p.



DOGSWITHOUT COLLARS

Lively Rock & Pop Music from the '50s to the '80s

Check out youtube for an example of their style -
www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUO-wKn3m8M

7.30 for 7.45pm Friday 9th September

Seend Community Centre

Tickets £10 to include light supper

From Steve Taylor (01225 709360), Anne Ewing (828557),

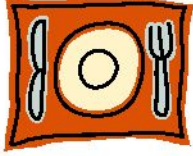
Kay Beasley (828593) or Seend Shop/PO

(proceeds to Holy Cross church roof repair fund)

Free film show for Seend Club members
(& their children/ grandchildren). Membership cards to
be shown.

'Toy Story 3'

Tuesday 23rd August in Seend Community Centre at 6pm



Nosh And Natter Lunch Club is back!

Wednesday September 21st at 12 for 12.30pm

Advance booking essential - please ring John and Lilian on 828540

Seend Acoustic Club

1st & 3rd Tuesdays upstairs in Seend Community Centre at 8pm

2nd August – singer/songwriter Suzie Latham

16th August – soulful folk from The Yirdbards

6th September – beautiful harmonies from Graham and Sandy Ball

20th September – fine musicianship and vocals from Sloe Jam

Arrive early to book a floor spot. Admission £3.

See www.seendacoustic.org

Seend Acoustic Festival

Saturday 10th September from midday till late
in Seend Community Centre

12 fine acoustic music acts

Nicola Clark, Audrey Aroha, David Gibb & Elly Lucas, Rob Lear, Dan Raza, Moscow Drug Club, Phil King, Gaz Brookfield, Reg Meuross, The Home Fires, Mike Scott and The Great Western Chorus

Ale and cider bar – raffles – competitions – stalls – food

Tickets £12.50 for afternoon or evening session or £20 for both

Available from Malcolm and Jenny on 01380 827041

See posters or www.seendacoustic.org for full details



SEEND SUMMER SATURDAY BREAKFASTS **7.30- last orders at 9.30am in Seend Community Centre**

The first breakfast took place on Saturday 16th July, with a very good attendance.

We have made a number of changes to the breakfasts with much of the produce being purchased locally. Our thanks to John Padfield at Padfield's Porkies for supplying the sausages and bacon and to Richard, in the shop, for supplying most of the other produce.

We hope you will come along (each Saturday till 27th August, except Fete Day, 13th August) and enjoy the fare, the good company and the hospitality.

Pauline Robertson, Anne Ewing and Tony Murch

The 11th Seend Beer Festival

Saturday 15th October 2011 from 12 noon 'til 11.00pm
at Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend SN12 6NS.



Entry is by ticket only. Ticket holders must be 18 years of age or over. If you look under 25 be prepared to show I.D.

Tickets will be available in Seend from 1st August at The Post Office, The Brewery Inn and The Community Centre.

Tickets cost £10, to include a glass and 3 beer tokens. Additional tokens will be available on the day at £1.50 each. Non-beer drinkers can buy a ticket for £7 on the door only, but will not receive a glass or tokens.

Children under 18 years will be admitted for free, but only if accompanied by a responsible adult.

Live music in the afternoon from *The Somerset Paddies* and in the evening from *Train to Skaville*.

From 1st September, tickets will be more widely available, and will also be available to buy on-line at www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk.

On-line tickets will incur an extra £1 booking fee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Editor's apology!

The church services on 31st July got muddled in the July edition, with the Seend service listed as Bulkington and vice versa. See page 8 for the correct details.

Would you like to help maintain our beautiful church building in Seend?

We are looking for a treasurer, working on a voluntary basis, to take care of the church accounts. No experience necessary and training will be provided. You do not need to be an accountant nor do you need to be church attender, just computer literate and good with figures and to be a part of supporting our beautiful 14th Century building. Come on - give it a go. We need you.

For further information please contact Neil Yockney - Tel: 01380 827139 or by email: neilyockney@btinternet.com.

A PLEA FROM A LOCAL RESIDENT

It's such a shame in such beautiful times; our grass is green, our flowers are proudly on display, our hedges cut so perfectly, that our villages are spoilt by refuse bins that are distracting from all that is good in such a lovely place.

Can we ask that refuse bins are hidden from view until the day they are due for collection? We are lucky enough that our bins are not collected until late in the day so let's try to only leave them out on the day of collection. Thank you.

(We realise that some people don't have much choice where to keep their wheelie bins – any responses? Ed.)

VILLAGE APPRAISAL UPDATE

I trust that you have all received your appraisal forms to complete. I am grateful to all those who volunteered to deliver them. I am aware that one area of Seend Cleeve may have received its appraisal forms later than had been planned. I am sorry for this delay.

I have asked all of the distributors to collect your sealed envelopes, containing your appraisal form, by the end of July.

On behalf of the Appraisal Working Group our thanks to all of you for taking the time to complete the Appraisal.

Tony Murch

Spotlight Printer

Do you find Spotlight useful? Do you enjoy reading Spotlight? Would you like to help the team of volunteers who edit, print and distribute it each month?

We need someone to administer the use of our shiny new printer, register new users (the printer is available to other village organisations), arrange any training, monitor usage (logged in machine), liaise with the supplier (Office Evolution in Semington) etc. It is expected that this will take a couple of hours per month. Some previous experience of operating an office photocopier would be useful, but not essential.

For further information please contact Neil Yockney - Tel: 01380 827139 or by email: neilyockney@btinternet.com



She's off again !

Not having suffered enough last year when the Vicar did a 496 mile sponsored walk to Santiago de Compostela from St Jean Pied de Porte (on the French side of the Pyrenees), she's off to SdC again – this time by the northern (coastal) route! Due to the constraints of time she will be walking around 16 days, so only a total of approximately 150 miles.

However the walk promises to be even more challenging, due to the terrain – mind you, walking over the Pyrenees was no picnic! Last year the sponsorship was for Help for Heroes and the Bishop of Salisbury's retirement appeal for a new theological college in Juba, Southern Sudan. The walk raised £2,500 and £250 for those causes respectively. This year sponsorship will be for a much more local cause – Seend School's new building fund! Many of you may know that the school needs to raise £32,000 over the next three years as part of the terms of the grant of £400,000 from the Diocese – no mean task. Sponsorship forms will be available in the Post Office and in the churches from the beginning of August so please do sign up – and please be generous. Thanks!

MELANIE WALKER (SEEND PO) - Walk Ten for Marie Cancer Care

There is also still time to support Mel in her walk for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Sponsorship forms are in the shop.

STILL WANTED – an organised person with secretarial skills

Maybe a reward in heaven is not enough, but we would be very grateful if someone could join our team to support the Parochial Church Council for Holy Cross Church, Seend. Duties include agenda preparation, minute taking, and occasional correspondence. Meetings 5 times a year, plus the annual church meeting, so 3 or 4 hours work every other month – not a huge commitment. You don't have to attend church to undertake the role, or have a knowledge of church matters - training is available.

Theft

Be on the look out for thieves/vandals following the theft of a shrub from a garden in Row Lane and report any losses to the police.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

Pastoral preponderances ...

This is really hard for me. Here I am, writing this in early July (in order not to miss the deadline before going away for a couple of days or so on a reading break) for the magazine that's covering the months of August and September. Who knows what will happen during the weeks to come? Well, I do know there are four more weddings to celebrate in our villages, some baptisms, several fund-raising events and, towards the end of September, church harvest festivals.

Aah. Harvest Festivals eh? They're not like they used to be are they? I can remember, when I was a child, how the church was decorated with rows of bright shiny apples, wonderful displays of flowers all round, gifts of eggs, prize vegetables from gardens – and the home-made bread and rolls – and the best of all, the Harvest loaf in the shape of a sheaf of corn. The smell was out of this world as our nostrils were assaulted with all that wonderful God-given produce.

Well, sadly, things have changed a lot since those days. People grow less at home and not so many people keep chickens in their back gardens – and, generally speaking, people are more affluent and don't want gifts of the harvest produce. So in recent years churches have encouraged gifts of packaged and tinned food, that can then be passed on to agencies like the Devizes Food Bank instead, and that's a very good thing. Some other things haven't changed – we still sing the traditional harvest songs in church and services are on a “thanksgiving” theme, as is right and proper.

But what if it's been a poor harvest? What if things in your life haven't gone according to plan? Daniel Defoe gave us some good advice through his fictitious character Robinson Crusoe. The first thing that Crusoe did when he found himself on a deserted island was to make out a list. On one side of the list he wrote down all his problems. On the other side of the list he wrote down all of his blessings. On one side he wrote: I do not have any clothes. On the other side

he wrote: But it's warm and I don't really need any. On one side he wrote: All of the provisions were lost. On the other side he wrote: But there's plenty of fresh fruit and water on the island. And on down the list he went. In this way he discovered that for every negative aspect about his situation, there was a positive aspect, something to be thankful for. It's so easy to find ourselves on an island of despair. Is our cup half empty, or is it half full? Perhaps it's time we sat down and took an inventory of our blessings too, especially when things seem really bleak. I imagine there are plenty of people reading this article that are long, long overdue in expressing thanks to God. It would be a wonderful thing to see you at the thanksgiving services in our churches, but in the meantime you might give thanks today, and every day, remember your calling to be joyful always, to pray continually, and to give thanks in all circumstances. It is what God wants of you and for you. In it you will find the fullness of what God has in store for you. May he bless you richly.

Renée

Church services during August and September

Sunday 31st July (*N.B. Corrected from July Spotlight*)

08.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
10.00 am	Joint service	at Bulkington (with our 3 churches and Seend Chapel)

Sunday 7th August

08.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
09.30 am	All Age Worship	at Bulkington
11.15 am	All Age Worship	at Seend
6.00 pm	Evensong	at Poulshot

Sunday 14th August

08.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
09.30 am	Matins	at Poulshot
11.15 am	Parish Communion	at Seend
6.00 pm	Evensong	at Bulkington

Sunday 21st August

08.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
09.30 am	Family Communion	at Bulkington
11.15 am	Parish Communion	at Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	at Poulshot

Sunday 28th August

08.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
09.30 am	Family Communion	at Poulshot
11.15 am	Family Communion	at Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	at Bulkington

Sunday 4th September

08.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
09.30 am	All Age Worship	at Bulkington
11.15 am	All Age Worship	at Seend
6.00 pm	Evensong	at Poulshot

Sunday 11th September

08.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
09.30 am	Matins	at Poulshot
11.15 am	Parish Communion	at Seend
6.00 pm	Evensong	at Bulkington

Sunday 18th September (Holy Cross Patronal Festival)

08.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
09.30 am	Parish Communion	at Bulkington
11.15 am	Parish Communion	at Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	at Poulshot

Sunday 25th September (Harvest festival at Seend and Bulkington)

08.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
09.30 am	Family Communion	at Poulshot
11.15 am	Family Communion	at Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	at Bulkington

Sunday 2nd October

8.00am	Holy Communion	at Seend
9.30 am	All Age Worship	at Bulkington
11.15 am	All Age Worship	at Seend
6.00 pm	Harvest Festival Evensong	at Poulshot

Holy Cross Church Notices**Thanksgiving Service**

3rd July Leila Sofia Stapleton PINEROS of Seend for the gift of a child

Weddings

23rd July John Lloyd MAHER and Laura Casey JACKSON both of The Cottage, High St, Seend

Funerals

19th May - Anthony Robin HODGKINSON Age 82 of 12 Dial Close, Seend

20th June - Kathleen (Joyce) NICHOLLS Age 90 formerly of Seend. Service at Crematorium

1st July - Michael Edward WOODRUFF Age 73, of Melksham, formerly of Seend

22nd July - Charles BATH Age 83 of 24 Bulkington. Service at Crematorium, followed by Memorial Service at Christ Church Bulkington

Church Floodlights

30th July - In Loving memory of Andrew (Ollie) Holloway from his mum, Sue.

Church Floodlights

To make arrangements to have the church floodlit please contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139. Suggested donation £10.

Intercessory Prayer Training

On Thursday, 29th September, 2011, at 7.30pm, Maureen Allchin will be leading a training session in Bulkington Village Hall, for all who are interested in INTERCESSORY PRAYER (praying for the needs of the world, etc). This is one of the Deanery “Bite Size Learning Programme”. It is especially important and useful for everyone who leads the intercessions in our churches.

Lent and Holy Week Services – a Personal View

Life as a Churchwarden is a busy one. I thought I knew what being a Churchwarden was all about, but until I became Churchwarden at St Peter’s, I couldn’t have been more wrong.

All the Churchwardens in the Benefice meet regularly at the Vicarage with Renée to discuss all matters from service planning, preparation for weddings, baptisms, social events in the Benefice, etc. etc. So as a Churchwarden I knew very early on what was happening throughout the Benefice during Lent and Holy Week. It seems we were going to be very busy. The first “extra” service was at St Peter’s on Ash Wednesday. This was followed every Thursday with a Lent meeting which took place at a different church each week. These meetings took the form of readings, meditation and discussion. There were going to be just five of these meetings, but we found we wanted to continue so had one extra meeting. Was this going to be a trend – wanting more?!

Then of course there were the Lent Lunches – a great way to see people outside of our churches and enjoy good homemade soups and great company. If you haven’t yet supported these Lent lunches, do try and make at least one next year. The money raised does not go to the churches but to our chosen charities.

During Lent we take home boxes to save for the same charity, which this year was a local charity – Wiltshire Young Carers. This year over £300 was raised.

Next was Mothering Sunday which this year took place in The Old Rectory Hall. Attendance was very good, with children taking an active part in the service with reading and saying prayers. During the service posies were given to Mothers, Grandmothers etc - a lovely tradition that we intend to keep up.

All too soon was Palm Sunday where as usual we gathered at the farm and carrying our palms processed into church for a very good Palm Sunday Service. Then into Holy Week! Looking at the range of services on offer in the Benefice, it seems I would be ‘all churchd out’ by Easter Day. How wrong could I have been. With a service of Compline at each of our three churches, then the Maundy Thursday service, including foot washing, the week was going by very quickly.

On Good Friday there was a three hour service at Bulkington. I didn't think I could cope with sitting on a hard church pew for three hours, so chose to take part for the final hour and a half – what a mistake that was. The service was truly inspirational and I left wanting more. When talking with some of the congregation later, those who took part for only part of the service felt the same. Those who took part for all of it said that it was impossible to believe how quickly the time went by. How does the saying go – “How time flies when you are having fun.” All too soon it was Easter Day and again there were wonderful services at all three churches.

If you didn't take part in any of our Lent and Holy Week services, I feel that you have missed out on something that was truly wonderful, uplifting and very spiritual. Please try and join us next year. You don't have to do everything, but I can thoroughly recommend any of our services. Of course, each and every day is wonderful and being a Christian and sharing those joys are great fun.

Paulette Bremner-Milne, Churchwarden, St Peter's Church, Poulshot

Seend Methodist Chapel Services for August and September

August 7th 10.30 am at Calne Methodist Church to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Revd Roy and Revd Christine Fowler's Ordination – followed by lunch.

August 14th 10 am Mrs Janet Clark

August 28th 10 am Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion

September 11th 10 am Service here – Preacher not yet arranged

September 25th 10 am 'Villages Together' at Seend, to celebrate Harvest and give thanks. Preacher Mrs Shirley Mackintosh

3 pm Bromham. 'Harvest Thanksgiving' followed by tea and sale of harvest produce in the Methodist Chapel.

From Roy

The news emerging out of the Horn of Africa is not good again. A short video on the Christian Aid web site reports parched ground, animals dying, families walking miles to find food and water. Some communities have had one day's rain in the last year. Christian Aid's partner in the region and other relief agencies struggle to get water and food through to starving and dying people. Thank God that help is getting through. And we can of course play our part by contributing to the disaster appeals that are being set up to continue the relief.

The problems of Africa are complex and it seems like we have been working with them for a very long time. So many issues interplay with each other: climate change, unstable politics and conflict, economic injustices. Individuals alone cannot solve them, but our own response is important. We can open our hearts and wallets to help provide immediate relief. We can pray. We can make sure that issues that affect Africa are kept before politicians. We can look at our own life style.

Small gestures are important. I have been pondering the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. In one version of the story, the feeding begins because one child offers his own loaves and fishes. It was a great act of faith that one small act could make a difference. God is able to take our small gestures offered in hope and weave them together to counter death with life - the gospel promise. So, we pray, we act, we give.

Yours in hope,



Prayer for East Africa

We cry to you, O God, out of our distress at the suffering of the people of east Africa who are currently experiencing severe food shortages.

Please help the hungry people of Kenya, Sudan and Ethiopia get the assistance they need.

Please energise those who have resources to share to give, and give generously.

Please protect those working in difficult circumstances to deliver aid swiftly and fairly.

Please help us to continue to hold these people before you in our prayers.

Amen

[Special collections will be taken in the benefice during August to help these people.]

BULKINGTON NEWS

August Bank Holiday Monday on the Great Bulkington Railway



On August Bank Holiday Monday (29th August) we will giving steam and diesel powered train rides to visitors of all ages on the Great Bulkington Railway from 1330 – 1630 hours. We expect to be serving the usual teas and sticky buns on the lawns. Rides will cost £1 each - Twice around the track – (about 2000 yards) in aid of West Wilts Model Engineers who need a new engine for their charity events & fetes. We expect to have a stall for the ladies on site selling jewellery.

We are located corner of Mill Lane next to Bulkington Village Hall.

Nev Boulton, Station Master. 01380 828 101

Bulkington will be celebrating the Harvest on Sunday, 25th September at 6.00 with a **HARVEST SERVICE** in church. This will be followed by a **HARVEST SUPPER and auction** on Monday evening in the Village Hall. Look out for tickets. These are always popular occasions.

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A Friendly Coffee Morning

at 4 Northfields, Bulkington, Devizes, SN10 1SE
on Saturday 17th September 2011 from 10am-12 noon

An opportunity to enjoy a pretty garden and a chance to meet and chat!

BGIFC stall Books Bring and Buy Raffle

£2 for coffee and a chocolate biscuit!

Contact Anne Saywell 01380 828931

Bulkington Village

EXHIBITION OF EMBROIDERY & CROSS-STITCH

Saturday, September 10th, 2011 from 10am-5pm
at 4 Northfields, Bulkington, SN10 1SE

Refreshments all day - Lovely garden with views

Raffle – Demonstrations - Cake Stall - Bookstall

Entrance £2.00 (Children free)

In aid of Christ Church, Bulkington



Bulkington Playing Field Update



Following the successful lottery grant to install new play equipment on the Bulkington playing field, here is the latest update. By the time you read this, the new play equipment should almost be installed and the sensory garden will be well on the way to being completed. Before use, the new play equipment needs to be signed off by our Lead Professional. The equipment will be fenced off until this has been done.

The Committee has asked Liz Futter to formally open the new playing field, and we're delighted that she's accepted. Many of us know her through her involvement with Keevil school, Seend playgroup, Bulkington church or many of the local activities Liz is involved with. The Committee felt that she was the ideal person to open the new playing field.

Saturday, 3rd September 2011, 11am – 1pm, has provisionally been booked for the opening ceremony. We will confirm this via local noticeboards. Please come along to see the new playing field and join us for a celebratory glass of fizz or squash. A fund raising BBQ and other refreshments will also be available.

If you have any questions please contact Ian Dobson on 01380 827126.

The Bulkington Playing Field project has been funded through the Community Spaces programme which is being managed by Groundwork UK as an Award Partner to the Big Lottery Fund. Community Spaces is part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces initiative.

The church hosted **Bulkington lunch** takes place on 3rd August and 7th September at 12.15 at The Well. Everyone in the village is welcome. . It is a great village occasion with a good two course meal for £10.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145).

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 10.55-11.25. The Well will be open for coffees during Library time. Please support this.

A huge thank you to all who supported the visit of the **Swindon Male Voice Choir** on the 7th July. It was a wonderful occasion with a varied programme. The choir enjoyed it as much as the rest of us!

Have you looked at the **BULKINGTON WEBSITE** recently? See **www.westwiltshire-communityweb.com/site/bulkington**. Calum Ogivilly is the webmaster and does a great job!

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

As the trip to Mapperton and Tintinhull was cancelled there is nothing to report. There are however a couple of reminders.

First, don't forget that we need plants, produce, anything to do with gardening for the stall at the fete. You can donate in advance to Joyce or me (nothing too heavy please) or bring your gifts on the day.

Second, our new season begins on **Tuesday 13th September**, with a talk by Don Everitt on hardy perennials and making a border. He will possibly have plants for sale. The competition is an arrangement of late perennials. Hope to see you all then. New members are welcome.

Sue



SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

See the enclosed copy of our newsletter '**Happenings!**', and the events pages earlier in this magazine for info about lots of exciting events.

Just one 'Stop Press' item: Emma is continuing her **zumba classes** (usually term-time only) on Tuesday mornings into the summer holidays. There will be classes starting at 9.30am on 2nd and 9th August, then a break until September.

SEEND & BULKINGTON MOTHERS UNION

9th August – Mary Sumner Day. Deanery lunch in the Vicarage Garden, followed by Service in Holy Cross Church



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We have been advised of a theft of a shrub from a garden in Row Lane. Any similar thefts should be reported to the police and Neighbourhood Watch.

WEA Course: 'The Naughty Nineties'

One of our favourite speakers, Dr Allan Phillipson, is coming back to Seend on 10th October for eight consecutive Monday evenings (omitting half-term on 24th October). The late Victorian period was a time of enormous social change: he will be exploring the period through literature and film. There's no need to have any previous knowledge of the subject but he has asked people coming to acquire copies of two books: George and Weedon Grossmith's 'Diary of a Nobody' and Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest'.



The fee is £52 for most people but anyone on benefits who brings along a relevant letter to the first session can come for free. Also anyone can come to the first evening to see whether they like it before they commit themselves to paying. It is important to book a place before the end of September, either by contacting Pam Church on 828597 or email pmmchurch@hotmail.com. She also has a few copies of the books to lend people or can help with acquiring cheap second-hand copies.

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



23 walkers turned up for Geraldine & Brian's walk, commencing from the Station car park, Calne on **Sunday 19th June**. It was a glorious day, taking us onto the Bowood Estate for a circular distance of 7 miles, with wonderful scenery. Thanks to our leaders.

On the glorious summer evening of **Friday, 1st July**, Frank and Tessa led a four mile walk from 'The Brewery Inn', Seend Cleeve, over farmland pastures towards the canal; passing through Freddie Giles' woodland, back along the canal towards Seend, making our way back to the Brewery where a delicious meal had been prepared for us - a fitting end to a really lovely evening. Our thanks to the Brewery Inn for accommodating us. 23 members entered into this event and enjoyed it immensely.

Sunday 17th July, the weather being somewhat showery, Sandy and Tim led a 6 ½ mile circular walk from the Village Hall car-park in Rowde. Following footpaths from the Devizes to Calne road, under Roundway Hill towards Bromham and back through Netherstreet, 16 members took part. The weather improved as we got into the walk, becoming quite warm. Thank you Sandy and Tim for your efforts.

Next walk – Sunday, 7th August. Meet in Rusty Lane, Seend for 9.30 am departure. The walk will commence from Neigh Bridge Country Park in the Cotswolds. Approximately 5 miles with no hills, easy walking, 5 stiles. Those wishing to go straight on to the Cotswold Water Park, should be expected to reach the said car-park at approximately 10.25 a.m. Bob and Brenda Jones will be organising this one and can be contacted on 01225 703277 should you wish to know more. Bring a packed lunch.

Saturday, 13th August – FETE DAY

Members are reminded that we shall be glad of as much help as possible when we undertake organising the Refreshments Tent for this occasion. Please be reminded that the Carnival Procession starts in the High Street, Seend at 12.30, therefore if you can get parked up before it may be a help. Cakes will be much appreciated from both villagers and members alike.

September walk will be Sunday 11th. Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30 a.m. departure. No further information at this stage, but ring Penny and Ron England 01380 828949 a little nearer the time.

Lin Salter



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Annual Lecture

This year's annual lecture will take place in the Community Centre at 1930 on 8th October. The bar will be open from 1900.

The subject is "Before and After The Hercules" and it will be given by Air Commodore Brian Poulton who has wide experience of RAF tactical air transport since 1960 and was project officer for the A400M.

Tickets are £6 and can be obtained from Peter Fisher (828305), Joe Hardstaff (828458), Tony Hill (828397) or Marion Whitehead (828612).

Local Events

1. Hindon Street party on 17th September, with RBL Band and AAC & RN Historic Fly Past.
2. Alderbury Concert on 18th September at 1500, given by RBL Wilton Band. Entrance is free but, as tea is served afterwards, tickets should be booked through Len Chandler (01722 710705).
3. Ramsbury Party on the Hill. Details on poth@ramsburylegion.org.uk All are welcome. Proceeds to RBL.

Committee Meeting

The next Committee meeting will take place in the Lower Room in the Community Centre on Thursday 1st September 2011, commencing at 1930.

Roger Brind



SEEND SHUTTLE

Cleaning the Shuttle: I shall soon be drawing up the new rota of those lovely helpful people who offer to keep the Seend community bus clean and sparkling. More or less the same noble band has been doing it for many years and it would be great to have a few more to add to their number. This would mean that no-one need clean it more than once a year. If you or your organisation could take this on please e-mail me at anitashea@hotmail.co.uk. If you can't drive the bus to where you could clean it we can find someone who can deliver and pick it up. Many thanks.

Anita Shea

A plea from the heart - we could do with another Shuttle driver on the school run, we are quite adaptable, either lady or gent. It would only be one week in five and from 8.00 to 8.45am during school terms only. Ring 828203 for info.

First Wednesday shopping trip to Salisbury is low on numbers. The next trip is on 3rd August; please ring me by Monday 1st to book – and bring a friend!

I am considering a Shuttle trip for car enthusiasts to **Haynes Motor Museum at Sparkford** during the school holiday. With a minimum of 10 the cost of travel would be £9 (£7 for accompanied children under 16) and admission to the site is £9.95 adult 16+ , £8.95 adult 65+, and £4.95 child 4 - 15. If we do go it would be a Wednesday or a Friday. Phone me on 828203. More information on their website under haynesmotormuseum.com

Terry Sleightholme

SEEND WI

On 13th July members of Seend WI took a trip back in time with Lynda Warren from Wootton Bassett. She gave us a most interesting talk about life in Wiltshire in the 1940s and in particular about two evacuees who came to stay in her home. Among other amusing stories, she told us how these boys, who had come from the east end of London and were not used to having a bed of their own to sleep in, adjusted to life in the Wiltshire countryside. She talked about the challenges involved in feeding a family during the war and brought along some recipe sheets for us to take home. We rounded off the evening with a short quiz about war time advertisements and a cup of tea.



Our next meeting on 10th August will be a 'mini' Open Gardens evening. Members and friends are invited to walk around three gardens in Dial Close thanks to the generosity of Fiona Johnson at number 20, Joy Stack at number 17 and Bron Davis-Murch at number 11. The allotments will be open for those interested in seeing how they are progressing and Joanna Goddard has kindly said that we can have a look at her garden at Manor Cottage. We round off the evening with Pimms and puddings with Susan Bolton at 4 Somerset Close. Visiting friends and relatives are most welcome.

Two dates for your diaries – on Saturday 24th September there will be a craft morning in the Pavilion at which you can learn a new skill to use to make items for our pre-Christmas Bazaar which is to be held on Saturday 26th November.

All meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified. For more information please contact Fiona Johnson on 01380 828401 or check the website www.seendwi.weebly.com

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The **Annual Parish Meeting** was held on 17th May 2011 at the Irene Usher Pavilion. The Chairman, Mrs. Heatley, welcomed parishioners to the meeting and thanked them for attending. Also in attendance were Parish Councillors Mrs. G. A'Bear, Mr. M. Beasley, Mrs. T. Carr, Mr. S. Diffey, Mr. A. Murch, Mr. D. Nichols, Mrs. J. Savage and Mrs. L. Waylen. Apologies were received from Mr. P. Manning.

Mrs. Heatley reported that, at the PC meeting prior to the Annual Meeting, she had been re-elected Chairman for the coming year, with Mrs. Thelma Carr being re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman reported on activity by the Parish Council during the past year:

Spout Lane – The ditch by the caravan & camping club has finally been piped and filled in, and a useful lay by created. This has improved both the access and the appearance of this area of the lane.

Road signage, Martinslade – a meeting was arranged between the residents and Mark Stansby of Wiltshire Council. As a result, signs for Martinslade were reinstated.

Bench in Love Walk – The bench had fallen into disrepair and become unusable. Thanks to a generous anonymous donation, the bench was repaired and is now fit for use again in this peaceful area of the village.

Parish Council website – The PC now has its own website, linked to the village website, giving details of meeting dates and times, current planning applications and contact details for all Councillors. To date it has had over 4,300 hits.

Bollands Hill – has now been officially named as such.

PC Allotments – These were cleared by Community Payback earlier in the year, and plots laid out. Four plots have been taken, and water is to be installed shortly. The site will also be weed sprayed to prevent it becoming overgrown again.

Rumble strips on A361 at eastern end of village – these were causing a noise nuisance to residents living close by, they were removed and the road made good.

Planning – Some 48 applications were considered by the PC during the year, including the application for a family golf centre on land in Berhills Lane. The PC reiterated its objections to the application, which was refused on the grounds of access and overhead power lines which are not low voltage. A notice of appeal was received in February and the PC responded to the appeal notice. **N.B. The appeal was dismissed, and the notice is available to view on the PC website.**

Elections – Two elections were held during the year. Steve Diffey was elected in May 2010 to replace Mike Davis, and Tony Murch was elected in March 2011 to replace Nick Haines who resigned as he was moving out of the village.

Highway Matters – This remains a regular item and is regularly reviewed, especially traffic speed, the use of Smiley SIDS, potholes and general road maintenance. Safety issues such as the bend at the western end of the High Street by Wesley Cottage, school signage for both ends of School Road and the old railway bridge in Station Road are being pursued.

On-going items – includes the refurbishment of the War Memorial in the churchyard; the PC is applying for a grant towards the cost of this work.

The Chairman reported that, at the earlier PC meeting, it had been agreed to form a small sub-committee to review planning applications. This was felt to be a better way to review planning applications prior to PC meetings. The Chairman is Darren Nichols, and the other members are Thelma Carr and Tony Murch. Applications will be reviewed initially by the Planning Committee and any possible problems highlighted. Applications will then come to the next PC meeting for a review by the full PC and for their vote before comments are returned to the Planning Department. **Planning applications will be available to view 20 minutes before the start of PC meetings.**

Reports were then given by the Lye Field Committee, the Cricket Club, Neighbourhood Watch, the Community Centre, Seend Fête, the WI and Seend Shuttle.

The PC meeting held on 28th June was attended by six Councillors, with Mrs. A. Heatley in the Chair. Also in attendance, Cllr. J. Seed and a member of the public. Apologies received from Mrs. G. A'Bear, Mr. M. Beasley, Mr. S. Diffey, Mr. D. Nicholls and Mrs L. Waylen.

Items for Discussion from Members of the Parish

Mr. Goman raised the issue of the relocation of the postal sorting office from Melksham to Chippenham, and stated that this would make things difficult for parishioners who needed to collect items from the sorting office. The Clerk to write to Royal Mail to ask what provision is being made for people living in Seend to collect items locally. It was suggested that it would be easier for people living in Seend to collect from Devizes rather than Chippenham, because of transport links.

Matters arising

War Memorial – The Clerk had obtained a further quote for cleaning and restoration work to the memorial. Cllr. Seed suggested that a bid could be put in to the Area Board for funding towards this cost, although this should be undertaken by the British Legion or Seend PCC, rather than the PC. The Clerk to contact both organisations to assist one of them to make a bid for funding.

Allotments – The allotments have now been sprayed. The letting agreement was agreed, and will be passed to tenants, and their rent collected.

Love Walk, replacement of stone steps – There was still no detail of the cost of replacement for the stone steps from ROW. The Clerk to obtain a quote from Longs for replacement/repair of the stone steps.

Canal Bridge, Barge Inn –E-mail sent to Canal Officer, who has contacted British Waterways. Response received from Richard Leigh, Principal Waterway Engineer, to advise that the following checks are made on the bridge:

- * Each month a length inspector carries out a visual check of the bridge to look for changes in its condition
- * Every 3 months measurements are taken to check the rate of movement on the bridge
- * Each year the bridge is inspected by a qualified engineer
- * Every 10 years a detailed Principal Inspection is undertaken by a qualified bridge engineer. The latest inspection was completed in May 2011.

Based on current inspections, imminent intervention is not considered necessary. This is subject to review and may change if the bridge deteriorates further. The Clerk to request a copy of the Principal Inspection undertaken in May 2011.

E-mail also received from Russ Bennett, Enforcement Officer South, to advise that he had checked data from 1 May 2011, and can only see that a couple of boats remained on site for longer than the permitted time. Data Checkers cycle the entire K & A on a weekly basis and boats not moving in accordance with BW guidelines are dealt with accordingly.

Highway Matters –The Clerk to obtain the cost of a grit bin, and to request a tonne of salt/grit to be supplied, if agreement could be obtained for storage under cover. Still awaiting information on whether traffic calming measures can be put in place at the west end of the High Street by Wesley Cottage. Clerk to ask CATG if a flashing sign or solid white lines with visual narrowing can be introduced in this area. Parking just inside The Lye turning was discussed, Cllr Seed advised that parking restrictions in residential areas are very unpopular. The footpath along the A361 from The Bell to The Stocks is now being cleared.

Old Railway Bridge, Station Road – Mrs Carr had attended the CATG meeting on 27 June. Following the fatal road accident at the bridge, the Coroner made a number of recommendations for highway improvements. It was proposed to introduce solid edge lines over the bridge to provide a visual narrowing, to encourage greater caution, and place a revised chevron board which can be seen on the approach to the bridge. A reply had been received to the issue about speeding on Bollands Hill; the council does not carry out metro counts in 60 mph speed limits as community speed watch and SIDs cannot operate here.

Public Enquiry, footpath – Still awaiting the result from the Planning Inspectorate.

Barbara Booth's legacy – Response received from the Community Centre, Lye Field Committee and the School to advise they would like to have trees. The Clerk to contact Tom Ashpole and Trevor Hale to ask about costs of obtaining trees and planting.

Rusty Lane - Clerk to chase British Waterways for a reply to our request for a sign to be placed where Rusty Lane joins the canal, pointing to the shop and

Post Office. Also liaise with Cllr Seed to find out if this can be obtained through an Issue at the Melksham Area Board.

Melksham Area Board

Mrs Savage reported that the Melksham Campus will remain in Melksham, at the site of Melksham House. The date of the next Area Board is 14 July at Riverside Club, Melksham; it will be an older persons' special.

Village Appraisal

Mr Murch advised that 800 copies had been produced, plus spares. Organisations taking part include the School, the WI, Lye Field, Community Centre and the Church. Forms will be delivered between the 1st and 8th July to everyone over 18. They will then be collected at the end of July, forms will then be analysed. The question of costings was discussed and it was felt fair to divide the costs pro-rata to the number of pages allocated to each organisation. It was agreed to invite Marion Rayner from Community First to attend prior to the August or September PC meeting to talk about Parish Plans.

Planning Matters

Plans for approval

The following applications were approved, with no comments.

E/11/0766/TCA Greenheys, High Street, Seend

The felling of a small cedar tree to the front of the property

E/11/0773/TCA Broomhayes Farm, Inmarsh Lane, Seend

The felling of a maple tree at the property situated in the hedgerow on the side of the entrance drive

It was noted that vehicles are being offered for sale on the verge outside **The Stables, Trowbridge Road**, in contravention of the conditions applying to approval of the recent retrospective planning application. The Enforcement Officer to be advised.

Adoption of accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2011

Copies of the prepared accounts had been passed to all Parish Councillors. The Clerk answered some queries raised by Mrs Savage, and by Mr Diffey (by e-mail), following which a unanimous vote was taken to adopt the accounts. The Chairman then signed a copy of the accounts, and the Annual Return. **The accounts are available to view on the PC website.**

Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Thursday, 28th July 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. Planning applications will be available for viewing from 7.10pm. **Please note this is a change of date.**

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

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

SCHOOL NEWS



Seend school year ends on a high. The summer production of Grease went extremely well, the year 6 children performed admirably in the end of year SATs, the TAG rugby team played brilliantly at a festival in BATH and the swimming team won the small schools' swimming gala. To round this all off, on the last day of term, the children will be rewarded with a circus skills day where they will dress up and learn various skills including tightrope walking, plate spinning, and juggling.

Not only have we enjoyed all of this, but the building work has got off to a cracking start. Internal works commence during the first week of the holidays but already external works are extensive with holes dug and foundations laid. It will be exciting to see the changes when we all return after the summer holidays.

We wish our 14 year six children well in their different secondary schools and we look forward to welcoming the 17 reception children, along with a few others that are joining us and helping to fill some of the gaps in other year groups within the school. I am sure September will be here before we know it.

Many thanks to those of you who have sent in Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers – we have ordered loads of things ready for the new term. Thank you also to all of you who have supported the school with their fundraising efforts recently. We still have a long way to go but with the support of the local community we are securing the future of the school and ensuring it remains an attractive and successful school.

Have a good summer,

Jackie Chalk (Head Teacher)

Keevil School News

Never a morning passes without a grand announcement about education. It's so important in amongst all that to remember that one is dealing with young lives. What really matters is to make these small people love learning and understand the doors that love can open.

I've been here a year now: what a year. I've been struck by what a supportive community our school encompasses, from staff that have worked so hard and are so dedicated to the children in their care, to Governors, to the villages we serve. All the staff have been brilliant at taking on and making good the changes that have occurred over the past year, and their attitude only serves to remind me what attracted me to the school in the first place.

We've now had our sports day, though early, given the recent weather I think we got it right! Next year we are developing a House system so the children will be competing in their new Houses. We will also be developing some of the Key Stage Two sports. The attitude of the older children and the effort they made with the longer running was fantastic. As I write this, Mr. Osborne is in full 'Spielberg' mode at the moment as he hones the scripts and massages the fragile

egos' of the stars of 'Bugsy Malone' performed in July. Our new website is now 'live'. It is fully 'functional' (what dreadful terms IT has given us) from the start of the Autumn term, but please, do have a look: www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk

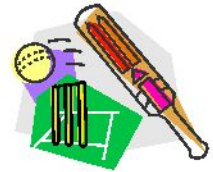
Max Burr

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Cricket – Captain John Wiltshire

There have been two matches played since last month's Spotlight, with one cancellation from Broughton Gifford.

Seend played host to Compton Bassett on the 3rd July, and elected to bat first. Tom Wallis hit 65, supported by Dan Waylen's 31, with Mark Wiltshire, Charlie Waylen and Harry Waylen all scoring in the 20s. After 40 overs Compton Bassett were set a target of 229 to win the match, which they never got close to, being bowled out for 112. Jake Sainsbury was the pick of the bowlers taking 3 wickets for 16 runs; Nathan King, Scott Cameron and Will Purdy claiming 2 wickets each.



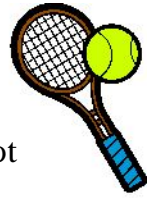
The team's next match was the keenly anticipated home leg of the local derby against Keevil, on the 17th July. Seend lost the toss and were to face the Keevil bowling attack in the first innings, and were eager to make amends for the two losses which were suffered last year. Things did not immediately go to plan, however, and Seend looked out of it after only 20 overs, losing 9 wickets for 84 runs. A 10th wicket partnership of 55 between Scott Cameron and Nathan King managed to salvage a nearly respectable total of 139 all out, Scott hitting a crucial 58 runs before being caught. Despite the verdict from naysayer Russell Collins of Seend having "slim to no chance" of winning, an emotional speech from Harry Waylen at the break ensured that the players went out to field determined to prove the doubters wrong. Soon enough opening bowlers Nathan King and Jake Sainsbury had Keevil 5 wickets down for just 23 runs, taking 2 wickets each, with a Ben King run out contributing the fifth wicket. Keevil were able to put on another 72 runs before being bowled all out for 95, Paris Goddard taking 4 wickets for 25 runs, and Mark Wiltshire claiming the final scalp with his first ball of the game, prompting joyous celebrations from the players. We are already counting down the days until the away fixture.

Short Mat Bowls – Royal Correspondent Colin Waldeck

Given the present turmoil in the mothership our sports editor feels it would be prudent to delay any further reporting from the short mat bowls arena until the parliamentary enquiry has been completed. This is not to be taken as any admission but I can say that the explanation I have been given by Colin for some of the stories coming back from the team's European tour have stretched credibility to its elastic limits. I will of course still be submitting my entries to this year's Seend Flower Show, confident that there will be no adverse inferences from the judges.



Tennis – Chair Elaine Davis



Mixed A – Captain Mark Newman

Mark reports that the A team have now played 8, lost 6 and won 1. He is not too sure what happened to the other match – perhaps it has been postponed.

Mixed B – Captain Ric Ellinger

Ric's team have now played 9, won 3, lost 3 and drawn 3.

Women's – Captain Pam Akerman

The women's team continue to struggle following their promotion but at least they are consistent – played 11, lost 11.

Men's – Captain Frankie Goddard

This has been the year of rebuilding the men's team which in the early days of the Newman brothers and the Bergin trio saw a rise from Division 6 to Division 1 in seven seasons. The best place to regroup is down the bottom of the league and that is what we have been doing. After six matches, all with very close results, but only producing 1 draw, a corner has at last been turned, with last week's match against the Bath team Bloomfield. When we played the away fixture some five weeks ago we lost 8-0. Playing the same team the home match was a 7-1 victory in our favour mainly thanks to Harry and Charlie Waylen who won all their 4 sets receiving deserved compliments from the opposition who asked what the training regime has been! With Laurence Jackson back from university supported by school friend Harry Tawney another 3 sets were in the bag culminating in the 7-1 result. We have another 3 matches to go when the team should be boosted by Tom Jackson and hence hopes are high.

Played 7, drawn 1, lost 5, won 1.

Football – Manager Mike Hopkins

Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham



The new season does not kick off until the end of August, and we should have a list of the first couple of months' fixtures in the next issue of Spotlight. Pre-season training starts next week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Lye from 7pm onwards. Any enquiries to Mark Newman on 07801 820652



Skittles

See 'Happenings!' for a report on the 3-a-side competition.

Running

The Bishops Cannings 5000m Dash attracted some 75 runners for the 29th running of this event. Congratulations to Lara Davis, formally of Seend and presently in Poulshot for winning the girls' event. She completed the 5628m cross country course in a time of 33:31. Well done Lara! We hope that she will be joined by other Seend athletes at the 30th staging of the race in the Olympic year. Provisional date is 14th July 2012. For details, results, race photographs etc. go to www.bishopscanningsdash.co.uk



The sports section of Spotlight will be on holiday this August, hence please send results, fixtures, news and gossip to committee room 6 by 12th September.

Frankie Goddard 01380 828488.

'The Badgers' Worton and Cheverell FC. www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk/

Training for next season for the younger age groups starts at West Lavington Village Hall pitches on Saturday 3rd September from 9.30am. New members both boys and girls are most welcome. The Club are F.A. affiliated and participate in mainly in the Mid Wilts League to Under 17 level. Contact Steve Dagnall for full details. 01380 727976

PERSONAL ADS

(Small personal ads - not from businesses - can be left at the Post Office or delivered to Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings with payment of £2 please.)

For Sale

Electric golf trolley with battery. Bargain - £60. Please ring Ron on 01380 828427.

Wanted

Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area - to lease with view to purchase. We are looking for an area of grazing which we can fence securely to make a safe haven for our ponies and their feed / water following numerous incidents of theft and now criminal damage at our current location. Anything considered, although 3 acres plus preferred. . We are happy to include uplift clauses etc to alleviate any concerns regarding development etc if required.

Please contact us at 108 Seend Cleeve or on 07885 103071 without any obligation at this stage. Thank you S & J Wilfort.

ODDS AND ENDS



Support is out there: Do you care?

Do you regularly help someone? Would they not be able to manage without your help? Are you helping and not getting any pay for the work you do? The person could be a friend, a relative or a neighbour and you do not have to be living with them and caring for them 24 hours a day. Of course there are carers who do provide 24 hour care and cannot leave the house without someone else being there to care.

So take a moment to think about what you are doing to help. Washing, shopping, cleaning , help with sorting out bills and money, checking they are eating meals, gardening and household repairs, going in every day for a chat, making appointments and going with them, helping with tablets or other treatments. These are just some of the things carers do and often they build up slowly.

Does this sound like you? Or does it sound like someone you know? If so, you may be interested in what Carer Support Wiltshire could offer. We are a Wiltshire-wide charity supporting people who care for family members or friends. This could be looking after a young child with a learning disability, caring for an elderly spouse with dementia or helping a friend with a mental health problem, to name but a few examples.

We provide carers with confidential emotional support, access to information that can help them with their caring role, as well as opportunities for time out – social groups, pampering sessions and days out. All of our services are free to carers.

If you'd like to find out more about us, or would like to receive some information or support, please freephone us on 0800 181 4118 or visit our website at <http://www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk>

Fancy winning a Mulberry handbag or Dyson vacuum?

We are currently running a raffle to help raise money for Carer Support Wiltshire. We have a 1st prize of a Mulberry Bayswater handbag worth £675, a 2nd prize of a Dyson DC25 Vacuum Cleaner worth £340 and many other prizes besides including gift vouchers, Hasbro toys and games and men and women's luxury toiletries.

Tickets are £1 each and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 29th September 2011. To arrange to buy tickets by post please freephone 0800 181 4118 or why not buy tickets online at <http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/grandcarersraffle>. Thank you and good luck!

Many Wiltshire Golf Clubs are now GolfMark accredited – meaning they are Junior friendly and have rigorous child protection policies in place. Most offer a mixture of free, subsidised and group coaching conducted by experienced PGA Professionals – and a Junior Organiser arranges regular events through the holidays.

To find out about junior golf during the summer holidays, contact Wiltshire Golf Partnership's Development Officer, Joe Goulding, on 07789 813268 and 01249 248983 and at wiltscdo@live.co.uk

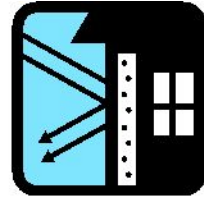
Let's Make it the Biggest Ever!

On Friday 30th September 2011 be part of this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning and help improve the lives of everyone living with cancer. Get your friends, family or colleagues together to share coffee and cake and fundraise. Register now at macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 602 1246.



(Does anyone in the village want to organise this? Last year we held it in the Community Centre, but it may not be available this year. Contact Tessa on 828617 to avoid duplication.)

Wiltshire Council's Warm and Well Insulation Scheme



The Wiltshire Warm and Well Scheme has been set up to increase substantially the number of well insulated homes throughout Wiltshire. Grants are available for loft and cavity wall insulation. Wiltshire Council has teamed up the Severn Wye Energy Agency and the contractor Domestic and General Insulation Ltd to deliver the scheme, which is available to all home owners or those who rent privately (with their landlord's permission) even if you work or have a private pension. There may be a cost to pay but the price is reduced substantially through the scheme (subject to survey).

Householders may be eligible to have the work done free of charge (subject to survey) if:

- They are over 60.
- They receive certain benefits.
- They earn less than £16,000 gross each year.
- They have school-age children and earn less than £22,000 gross each year.
- Someone in the household has been made redundant/lost overtime/taken lower paid work/or is unemployed and your household earns less than £30,000 gross each year.

For more information please about the scheme please call **0800 512 012** and or visit the website **www.warmandwell.co.uk**.



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HARVEST SCARECROW TRAIL

Rowde Primary School is organising its first scarecrow trail to take place on 1st October 2011 in Poulshot village from 10am to 4pm.

25 scarecrows are being made by families from the school and village on the theme of 'Heroes and Villains'. Come along and join the fun. All welcome!



Trails will be on sale in Poulshot Village Hall from 10am on the day, price £2.50.

Refreshments and harvest produce. Your chance to win £50! Please support the school and have a great day out.

Aged between 13 and 19? Creative? Fancy being published?

Salisbury based youth participation and activism project, The Unit, are launching a zine to publish young people's creative works (photographs, drawings, paintings, stories, poetry.. anything!). We are looking for submissions from young people aged between 13 and 19 in Wiltshire. Work will be showcased in an A5 publication which will be available for free across the city and surrounding areas in September. The deadline for submissions is 19th August and works can be emailed to info@unitspace.org.uk or brought in to The Unit, 17 Endless Street, Salisbury. Please contact Heather on 01722 341408 or email info@unitspace.org.uk for more information.

Potterne Medieval Fayre and Market

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September 2011

12pm to 5pm at Five Lanes Farm, Potterne, Devizes Wiltshire SN10 5PT

Fun for all the family! Entry per day £3 - under 11s with adults free!

Free Car Parking & Refreshments Available.

07970 953 557 www.potternemedievalfair.webs.com



STOP PRESS!



The first meeting of **Seend's new singing group** will be at 7.30pm on 11th August, upstairs in the Community Centre.

Roger Brind will be conducting, with Deryn Stafford accompanying. Just turn up or talk to John Smallshaw (828540) in advance for more info.

John tells us that the group will be member-driven, and the first meeting will be the group deciding amongst themselves the sorts of songs they want to sing.

And another Stop Press!

The free film show for Seend Club members in September has been selected. **'What's Eating Gilbert Grape?'** – featuring a very young Johnny Depp and a juvenile Leonardo di Caprio - will be shown at 7.30pm on Sunday, 18th September in the Community Centre. More details in 'Happenings!'.

And finally.....

My son's been asking me for a pet spider for his birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70!!!

Stuff this, I thought. I can get one cheaper off the web.



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

CHURCH: Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: Revd Maureen Allchin. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01380 828733. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; St Peter's Poulshot: Mrs Janet James 724944, Mrs Paulette Bremner Milne 828527; LPA's: Mrs Audrey McDonald 828376, Mrs Jane Goman 827121 and Mrs Liz Futter 828485; Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340
Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250
Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485
Seend Community Centre/Club - 828796 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: Frank on 828617
Seend School - 828334
Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Private hire bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568
Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk
Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Mr Jonathan Seed 01380 850696
Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139
Bulkington Website: www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington
Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01672 513157
Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255
Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. She can be contacted on 0845 408 7000, or e-mail melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk
MP Claire Perry, 01672 519198 (10-5) or claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk
MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

100+ Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391
Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 827041 - www.seendacoustic.org
Book Clubs - the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617
Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350
Brownies - Helen Hook 828477
Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 01249 812088
Fawltly Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617
Fete Committee - Fiona Johnson 828401 - www.seendfete.co.uk
Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067
Fun Station, Bulkington - Anne Saywell 01380 828931
Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433
Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325
LINK Scheme - 075320 55560
Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583
Mothers' Union - Kay Beasley 828593
Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606; Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.
Preschool - Liz Futter 828485
Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617
Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451
Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830; Poppy Appeal - Joan Savage
Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946
Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828683
Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612
WEA - Pam Church - 828597
WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730 and Jo Vaux on 828970
Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446

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01380 828250

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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