

# **SPOTLIGHT**

**Seend and Bulkington**



**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER  
2007**

# DIARY

## LATE DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 25th Keevil & Bulkington MU meeting at Olcote, Martins Road.
- 27th Seend MU Wave of Prayer 10.40-11am
- 27th Village Skip at Wessex Water Site
- 28th Historic Houses Club trip - Kingston Lacy
- 28th Breakfast at Seend Community Centre 7.30am-10am.
- 31st Seend Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm at Seend Community Centre

## DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

- 3rd Seend & District Ramblers canal cruise, 6pm Bradford on Avon
- 4th Breakfast at Seend Community Centre 7.30am-10am.
- 6th Seend Fete bottle collection in Seend
- 6th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
- 7th Seend Fete bottle collection in Sells Green
- 8th Seend Fete bottle collection in Seend Cleeve
- 8th Seend WI barbeque and social evening at home of WI President
- 9th Seend MU - Quiet Day at West Lavington
- 11th Seend Flower Show & Fete, 12.45pm Parade, 1pm Opening
- 15th Seend MU Cream Tea at Cleeve House
- 18th Breakfast at Seend Community Centre 7.30am-10am.
- 18th Acoustic Music evening 7.30pm at Seend Community Centre in aid of Cancer Research
- 19th Seend & District Ramblers walk meet 9.30am Rusty Lane
- 19th BHF cycling event starting on Lye Field
- 19th-26th Edington Music Festival
- 20th Theatre Cub to Watermill Theatre, Newbury, 5pm
- 20th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
- 25th Breakfast at Seend Community Centre 7.30am-10am
- 25th Bulkington Church Clean Up from 10am-12.30pm
- 27th Great Bulkington Steam Up - next to village hall 1pm - 4.30pm
- 31st Village Skip at Seend Community Centre

## DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1st Last breakfast at Seend Community Centre 7.30am-10am.
- 3rd Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
- 8th Great Cycle Ride around churches in diocese
- 9th Seend & District Ramblers walk. Meet 9.30am Rusty Lane
- 11th Seend Gardening Club meeting
- 12th WI Meeting 7.30pm in The Pavilion
- 17th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
- 19th Seend & Bulkington MU meeting
- 28th Village Skip at Three Magpies

## Welcome to the August/ September Double issue.



In our villages we are very lucky to have people who work tirelessly on our various committees and in other ways to raise funds to support our Churches, schools and village amenities. In June and July the Church Fund-Raising Committee (CFRC) brought us the Seend Open Gardens and the Church Fayre, and in Bulkington there has been a very successful Barn Dance and, of course the popular Great Bulkington Railway Steam up events. The Open Gardens was a great success this year and made a record profit of over £4,500. In addition, the Community Centre made over £300 selling teas and cakes. So busy were they that the cake ran out half an hour before they closed! A big thank you to everyone involved; the garden owners, the gardeners, the car park attendants, the tea makers, etc.

This month it is the Fete 2007 Committee and the organisers of the Flower Show who deserve our thanks. Yes, it's that time of year again - Seend Fete time of course! So, finalise those designs for your fancy dress entry, keep feeding those vegetables and, if they haven't rotted in all the rain we've had, enter them in the show. The Fete 2007 committee have been working hard all year to bring us a bigger and better fete, so show your appreciation by turning up - rain or shine. There is still time to do your bit to help as volunteers are required on the day to help set up and/or man/woman the stalls.

This is also the time of year when some of the children in our villages move on to the next stage in their education. The year 6 children at Keevil and Seend schools move on to secondary school and the older ones also move on, either into work or on to further education. Good luck to all of you.

On a final note, we have heard that there is a new planning application for the WI Hall being submitted to Kennet District Council (see WI report). We believe it is for affordable housing. So interested parties should check the Kennet District Council planning website for details.

Have a great summer.

### **Spotlight Contacts**

Contributions for the October issue (*copy deadline is 8th September*) can be sent by e-mail to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:trevor@bell8490.freeserve.co.uk)). Comments and queries – Meg Combs 828229 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

## EVENTS IN AUGUST

	<h3>Saturday Breakfasts</h3>
	<p>Seend Community Centre 7.30am until 10am</p>
	<p>Starting on Saturday 21st July until Saturday 1st September</p>
	<p>(Excluding 11th August Fete Day)</p>
	

	<h3>The 58<sup>th</sup> Seend Flower Show and Fete</h3>
	<p>Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup> 2007</p>
	<p>12.45 pm Parade (from Dial Close to the Lye Field)</p>
	<p>1pm Fete Opening by Fete Queen Jubilee Lorne Consort Alex Smith and BBC2's Star of "Flog It" Paul Martin</p>
	

## THE 58th SEEND FLOWER SHOW



After such a wonderful Spring, the combination of the torrential rain and the ever increasing rabbit population has added a whole new dimension to the art or craft of outside gardening. Those water loving plants such as marrows, cucumbers and melons have never had it so good and thankfully, the chore of watering has never been less demanding.

Despite all of these challenges, the Flower Show Committee looks forward to receiving another bumper crop of your entries for this year's Show. The Home Produce and Handicrafts sections have always displayed the remarkable amount of skill and talent we have in the Village as do the Photography and Children's sections. We are looking forward to an even bigger list of entries this year to test the decision making abilities of our Judges.

For many years, the pupils of the village School have brightened the walls of the Hall with their interpretations of the themes that they are given by their teachers and we are sure that their high standards will be at least maintained this year.

Entry forms are still available from the Village Shop, the Bell, the Brewery, the Three Magpies and the Community Centre. Completed entry forms should be delivered to the Committee members, Sue Johns, 5 Cooks Close, (tel: 828 777), Di Webb, 12. Park Lane, Seend Cleeve, (tel: 828504), Linda Cherrington, 3 High Street, (tel: 828 728) or Peter Fisher, Ore House, Station Road, (tel: 828305 ) by 12 noon Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget, the last moment that your entries can be staged is 11.30am on the day of the Show. After that time the judging will have started and no further entries can be accepted.

Do make a special effort to help make this another outstanding Show and we look forward to seeing you on the big day.

The Flower Show Committee.

## THE FETE 2007

Yes, as promised in Spotlight, **Paul Martin**, star of BBC2's '**Flog It!**' will be appearing at the 2007 Seend Summer Fete. **Paul**, who lives in the village, will cast a professional eye over our White Elephant stall for hidden treasures, and will assist Jubilee Lorne, this year's Fete Queen and her Consort, Alex Smith in the opening ceremony. He will then join the rest of us in enjoying the afternoon's fun and games.



Come along and meet **Paul**, and help him – and us – to make this year’s Fete another record-breaking success!

### Afternoon Teas

With no WI Hall this year, the Ramblers Club will be providing Afternoon Teas in the Tea Tent which will be located on the Lye Field. They will be open for business from 2.00pm to provide us with Home-made cake, tea, coffee and soft drinks. So what we need this year is...



### Loadsa Cakes

Not only for the Tea Tent but also for the Cake Stall. In total we could use about 100 – yes **100!** So when I ask for cakes, I really need you to respond. 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, buggy, 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**.

### Bottle Stall

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

Monday	6th August	Seend	Meet at Community Centre
Tuesday	7th August	Sells Green	Meet at The Three Magpies
Wednesday	8th August	Seend Cleeve	Meet at 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.

Finally, a 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. Many thanks.

### 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. And this year **Paul Martin** of **BBC-TV's 'Flog It!'** will give it the once-over, just in case it really is a vase from the Ming Dynasty, and not just from Woolies... Deliver it to the Pavilion on the following days, at the following times: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August: 7.00pm – 9.00pm, and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August: 10.00am – 9.00pm. If you can't wait until then call **Ron** on **828427** and he will arrange to collect. Couldn't be simpler!

### **Fete Programme**

The Fete Programme has been on sale for some time now, 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!

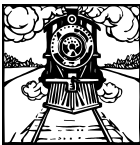
### **Free Breakfast – An Offer You Can't Refuse!**

If **you** will give **us** at least 1 hour of your time on the morning of Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2007, 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 in the Tea Tent on the Lye Field. And it's free, so what could be better! Be at the Pavilion between 7.30am and 8.30am on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> August to claim your free **breakfast-in-a bap!** See you there.

Bernie Prolje

### **EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The annual music festival will be held from 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August at Edington Priory Church. See in church for times and details of services.



### **THE GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY**

Steam-up and tea is on 27<sup>th</sup> August from 1pm until 4.30pm .

Teas will be available. To be held in Neville's garden, next to Bulkington village hall, or if wet in the Village Hall.

### **BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION CYCLE RIDE**

The annual BHF Cycle Ride will again been taking place in Seend on Sunday 19th August, starting and finishing on the Lye Field, There are two lengths of cycle routes: 28 or 47 miles. If you'd like to take part, call the BHF on 0800 6525818 or e-mail: [swestevents@bhf.org.uk](mailto:swestevents@bhf.org.uk).

## **EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER**

### **The Great Cycle Ride - 8th September**

What do you do in the school holidays? Walk, ride your bike or horse ride? If so, then why not join the Great Cycle Ride on 8th September and collect as many sponsors as possible from family and friends. The aim is to visit as many churches as possible around the diocese. Many of the churches will be offering refreshments. The money raised will benefit our own church of the Holy Cross and the historic churches in Wiltshire. Salisbury Diocese is holding a competition to find the person who visits most churches and prizes are offered in different age groups. To take part, please ask for details and a sponsorship form from Mrs Margaret Coley, 25 Dial Close (tel: 828189).



Margaret Coley

### **TAI CHI at Seend Pavilion beginning September 2007**

- Gentle exercise for the body, mind, spirit; to relax the body, increase its suppleness, improve coordination, and calm the mind.
- It's beneficial for all ages and beginners are welcome.
- Taster session: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7.15- 8.45 pm;  
Price £5.00
- Ffi / Booking: call Brian Wooding on 01985 213474

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The Spotlight editorial team have been making a pig's ear of our attempts to publish the following account. Having omitted to add it to the June issue, we then printed the previous year's RNLI collection details in the July issue. So we'd like to apologise to Bob McCulloch and hopefully, this time, we have published the correct version.*



## **RNLI – House to house and Devizes Flag Day Collection: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

Thank you everyone from Seend, Seend Cleeve, Sells Green and Bulkington who gave their time and effort to collect for the Life Boats. The following figures in brackets show last years totals.

In the village, you collected £447.01 (£370.46). The total house-to-house amount for all areas was £4542.28 (£4116.27). The Flag Day in Devizes raised £934.85 (£1094.01). Collectors from the Seend area contributed £395.20 of this – 42.3% - excellent!

Although the Flag Day total was slightly less than last year, the overall total (Flag Day and villages) was the highest yet - £5471.87. Thank you once again everyone for this superb effort.

Bob McCulloch

### **Thanks from the Family of Malcolm Shave**

Sheila, Lisa, Sarah and families would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of Malcolm (Shave). It was very heart warming to see the church so full. Also to thank neighbouring families and friends for their support, cards and flowers received in abundance. Our thanks to Mrs Muller for conducting a lovely service.

### **Thanks from the Family of John Wiltshire**

Doreen, Christine and Tony would like to thank all those who attended John's funeral and for the many cards, letters and donations. The amount sent to Bath Cancer Unit was £800.

### **Thanks from Marina Webb**

I would like to thank family, friends and neighbours from Christ Church Bulkington and friends from the Methodist Chapel for their kind hospitality, prayers and words of comfort to Bob while I was in America.

### **Coffee Morning Thanks**

Lilian Smallshaw would like to thank everyone who came and supported the Coffee Morning in aid of Seend Church Flowers. The marvellous sum of £231.20 was raised. Special thanks are due to Nancy, Ann, Patricia, Susan and Anne who manned the coffee and stalls.

## **YOUTH CLUB THANKS**

The children, parents and new committee would like to give a very special thank you to Andrea Dobson, Helen Hook and Sue Taylor for their brilliant leadership of the Youth Group for many years. Through their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment, many children from Bulkington and Seend have enjoyed the originally once a week meeting, then more recently fortnightly

meet, to socialise and play in an informal and relaxed, but well organised setting. They will be sadly and greatly missed, but the new committee will strive to continue their good work.

Youth Group is held on a Friday once a fortnight from 6.30pm to 8pm. The age range for the children is 7 to 11 years. We will be starting back on Friday 7th September. At present, we have a waiting list to join. If you wish to put your child's name down, please ring Ellie Purdy on 01380 828035.

Sarah Harris

### **SPOTLIGHT DELIVERY PERSON FOR THE LYE**

After many years of delivering Spotlight to the residents of The Lye, Ron Apted is standing down. This will be the last issue that he will deliver to you. We would like to thank him for his help over the years. So, the editorial team are urgently looking for someone to replace him. The job involves delivering the magazine to around 60 households in The Lye. It shouldn't take much more than an hour to do once a month. Please get in touch with the editorial team if you would like to help. It could even be taken on as a job share if more than one person would like to help!



## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **FIRST STEPS SERVICE**

It had seemed such a good idea when members of the MU met with the Rector to discuss the setting up of our short informal service in church for toddlers. Plans were made, some service sheets for the parents were printed and the very important provision of soft drinks, tea and biscuits completed.



On the first Tuesday of June 2006, MU members arrived very early to prepare for the First Steps Service. Duvets and cushions were laid in front of the Chancel steps and then chairs put in a circle, making a secure area for even the smallest crawler.

The service was to be a short Bible story, 2 hymns and prayers, starting at 2.15pm Refreshments would follow and then the children and parents would still be at school to meet older siblings. But would anyone come? Then parents and grandparents arrived bringing with the first members of the First Steps Services - five toddlers and two small babies! That day, the talk was about Noah and his Ark, illustrated by a Noah figure and a big box of

animals. The children enjoyed playing with these, especially the giraffes. Each month, there has been a story and something to do. In Advent, several children stuck woolly sheep on to a hillside and thought it great fun. The mothers and a father made the heavenly host of angels over Bethlehem Fields.

The numbers have increased gradually, until at the anniversary service in June this year, 18 children whose ages ranged from 2 months to 4 years, came. A drawing was made of each child's foot and stuck below an enlarged picture of the Church. One mother had made a cake with an iced footstep on it, and this was really enjoyed. It has been rewarding to see the growing confidence of the children and the fellowship developing among the adults. Thanks to God.

Margaret Coley

### **BULKINGTON HARVEST SUPPER**

This will be held on 30th September in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. Tickets will be available from Churchwarden and members of the PCC.



### **JUST A THOUGHT...**

*Who do you blame for the weather?* Is it global warming? Are we to blame or...? English people often find that casual conversation includes the weather but we've had good reason for turning to this topic in recent weeks with the torrential rain, the terrible floods especially in the north of England, and the lack of sun for the growth of plants and vegetables. Most of us will have an opinion on the issue of global warming wondering if it's really happening, whether it's due to the natural cycle and process of creation or indeed whether we have speeded up the changes by our 'carbon footprint'.

Recently one or two senior Church figures have seemed to say that the floods could be as a result of society's perceived low moral standards in this generation taking the view that it may be God's punishment! Yet *could that really be true* of the God, revealed in the Christian faith, who teaches love, welcome and inclusion?!

This is the difference. In the Old Testament the God of Noah and the floods, of Pharaoh and the plagues, tried to communicate with humanity by, for example, the words of the prophets but humanity was not listening. In order for us really to hear He came to be with us, Jesus born as a baby in Bethlehem, walking with His followers, teaching us how to love and ultimately by dying on the cross so sharing in human suffering, only to live again to give us hope of a new life with Him.

To get a glimpse of God we look at *these* stories of Jesus in the Bible's New

Testament and see Him welcoming the outcast, befriending the untouchable, washing His disciples' feet, eating with those whom society tramples down... and from the cross as He hangs in agony looks out for the needs of His mother and friend. This is *not* a God of punishment! He gives us the free will, within a mighty created natural world, to act wisely and care for our globe - or not. He gives us the free will also to follow His model of love - or not. If we do neither then it's more likely that we will ultimately have *only* ourselves to blame.

**Rev'd Sacha Pearce, Rector**

## CHURCH SERVICES

5th August	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Evensong	(Poulshot)
12th August	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	BCP Matins	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Evensong	(Bulkington)
19th August	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	(Poulshot)
26th August	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Family Eucharist	(Seend )
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise Evensong	(Bulkington)
2nd September	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Evensong	(Poulshot)
9th September	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	BCP Matins	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Evensong	(Bulkington)

16th September	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist to celebrate Holy Cross Day	(Seend)
23rd September	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Family Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Bulkington & Seend Choral Evensong with Capella Nova	(Seend)
30th September (Harvest)	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Evensong	(Poulshot)

**SEEND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER**

5th August	10.00am	Mrs Ruth Woodhouse
12th August	10.00am	Revd Roy Fowler with the Sacrament of Holy Communion
19th August	6.00pm	Ecumenical Service led by Revd M Munns (County Ecumenical Officer)
26th August	10.00am	Details not available (contact 828502)
2nd Sept	10.00am	Mrs Janet Clark
9th Sept	10.00am	Mr Andrew Pye
16th Sept	6.00pm	Ecumenical Service led by Revd Roy Fowler
23rd Sept	10.00am	Revd Roy Fowler. We celebrate Harvest and the Sacrament of Baptism with thanksgiving and joy.
24th Sept	7.15pm	Short "Harvest" Celebration followed by sale of produce.
30th Sept	10.00am	Mrs Pauline Tiller

Everyone is always welcome.

**FROM ROY**

We have a collection of stone and wooden eggs that sit on our window ledge in a basket. Two of the wooden eggs create a sharp contrast. One is perfectly egg-shaped. It has a good grain pattern. It is well polished. The other is misshapen. It has a knot in it and the wood has been split when it was turned. It isn't polished.

For many years I preferred the good egg. Slowly over the years I have come to love the bad egg. I have come to realise that things don't have to be perfect to be loveable. That's a good thing too or Christine might have given up loving me a long time ago.

The other day I read by James Daneher: 'God has the capacity to love the unlovely ... God has chosen, as the objects of his attention and affection, imperfect creatures very different in goodness and beauty than himself.'

I see what he means!

God bless,



## **CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS**

### **SEEND SHUTTLE**

#### **Timetable change**

By the time you read this, the Tuesday morning Shuttle run to Melksham may have reverted to the old timetable, as it was before we tried going via Bromham. (At the time of writing, the change back is still awaiting the traffic commissioner's approval.) This, of course, makes for a much shorter and quicker journey so we hope lots of you will choose to take the Shuttle (using your bus pass, if you have one)! Departure times from the village will remain roughly the same, except that the bus will go round the village in the opposite direction – i.e. starting in Sells Green, along the High Street, down to Seend Cleeve and into Melksham – so allow a few minutes either way. The timetable will be posted on notice boards when it's approved or, if in doubt, phone Terry on 828203 or Tessa on 828617.



#### **First Wednesday Shopping Trips**

Is it time for a change? The shopping trip on the first Wednesday of each month (subject to enough passengers booking by the Monday lunchtime) has been going to either Salisbury or Bath for several years now. If anyone would

rather go shopping in any other town or city within reasonable distance, please phone Terry on 828203 to suggest it.

### **SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE AND CLUB**

You should find the third edition of our quarterly newsletter, 'Happenings!', inside this issue of Spotlight. Some of the things happening in August and September that you can read all about are:

- free pool for club members on Monday evenings
- summer Saturday breakfasts and Friday BBQs
- acoustic musical evening in aid of cancer research on 18<sup>th</sup> August
- free table tennis tuition.

### **100+ CLUB**

Membership for 2007/8 now stands at 194, an increase of 3 on last year, thanks to Miss V M Smith, lately of Squirrels, Seend, now of Heddington, whose number is 181, and the latest new members, Mr & Mrs Clifford Smith of Cowleaze, Seend whose number is 144.

### **Results for April, May and June 2007**

The **April** draw took place following a Fete Committee Meeting on Thursday 19-04-07. The draw was made by members of the Committee

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£35	58	Mrs Jean Allen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£30	162	Mrs June Rogers
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	175	Mrs Angela Knocker
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£20	142	Colin Waldeck
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£15	184	Mrs J Mayell
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£10	006	Mrs Carol Springate

The **May** draw took place during an Historic Houses Club visit to Wilton House on Sunday 03-06-07. The draw was made by the members.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£35	42	Mrs Brenda Goodier
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£30	58	Mrs Jean Allen
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	44	Neil Yockney
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£20	197	Mrs Christine O'Reilly
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£15	84	Mrs Marcia Cottle
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£10	200	Mrs Tina Yockney

The **June** draw took place following the Lye Field AGM/Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday 03-07-07. The draw was made by members of the Committee

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£35	135	Mrs Ann Hunt
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£30	42	Mrs Brenda Goodier
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£25	199	Mrs Joanna Goddard
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£20	188	Mrs C Whitehead
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£15	31	Mrs V Haines
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	£10	107	Mrs Hazel Barnes

Bernie Prolze, Organiser

### SEEND WI

We welcomed three visitors to our June meeting. The Speaker, Mrs Lesley Carley, gave us a very interesting and informative talk about the 'Dogs Trust'. This was formerly called 'The National Canine Defence League' which was founded in 1891. It is the largest dog charity in the world with 17 re-homing centres in the U.K. The non-destruction policy of the Dogs Trust means that they never put a healthy dog down. Sadly, not all of the UK's stray and unwanted dogs are as lucky. The annual survey of every Local Authority in the UK to find out the situation with stray dogs showed that in 2006 more than 100,000 stray dogs were found and 7,743 of these were put to sleep.



Mrs Carley brought her re-homed dog WILSON who is about 7 years old. She was thanked by Mrs Kay Beasley. The Competition - 'Flower of the Month' - was won by Valerie Wiltshire.

We are looking forward to a Barbecue and Social Evening in Devizes by courtesy of and at the home of our President, Mrs. Judith Biggs, on 8th August.

The Speaker at our meeting on 12th September will be Mrs Lesley Bastone who will talk about 'Sugarcraft' (cake icing). The Competition is 'A Serviette or Napkin'. There will be a 'Bring-and-Buy' stall and the tea hostess will be Mrs. Kay Beasley.

We warmly welcome visitors to our meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 7.30p.m. in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion in Rusty Lane, Seend.

Another application is being submitted to the Kennet District Council and details will be available on the Kennet District website.

Mrs Betty Smith.



## **SEEND POETRY GROUP'S SECOND SLIM VOLUME**

Following the publication of 'Miscellany', a collection of poems by Seend Poetry Group, in 2003, as we have lots of new writers the group is now publishing a further selection, 'Miscellany II', which will be on sale during the summer. Just the thing for holiday reading! Proceeds will be divided between Seend Community Centre and the Church Fabric Fund.

Tessa Doe

## **SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

Last reminder for the day trip to Hidcote and Kiftsgate Gardens on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July. We are leaving at 8.30am from the lay-by across the road from the Bell as the coach will enter the village from that direction. The cost is £15 for members and £16 for non-members. This is the cost of the coach and entry to Kiftsgate. Hidcote is National Trust so don't forget your membership cards as payment here is up to you. There are still seats available if anyone else is interested.



Plant contributions for the fete can be taken to the stall on the day or given to your nearest committee member to pass on to Joyce.

The first meeting of the year will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September with Jenny Pape speaking on Shade in the Garden. The competition will be a vase of garden foliage. NEW MEMBERS are always welcome.

### **Gardening Club trip to Yorkshire**

I think we all set off on the morning of Thursday 21st June with great trepidation, expecting to be washed away at some point by rain and floods but although we did experience quite a lot of rain, only once did it rain throughout our time in a garden. Most of the time we managed to be travelling or indoors eating.

Our first visit on the way to York was to Coughton Court (pronounced coat on) the home of the Throckmorton family with close connections to the Gunpowder Plot. So we had an interesting house to explore as well as a lovely walled garden created by Christina Williams in the 1990's. In a year of lush growth everywhere this garden was awash with colour (and the occasional cloudburst) from many herbaceous plants and roses in a series of garden rooms.

On our arrival in York we found that the River Ouse next to our hotel, very close to the centre of York had overflowed its banks but wasn't threatening our rooms at all. I think we all liked the hotel very much even after we had discovered that York is apparently the centre for all of the hen and stag nights in the county many of them taking place across the river!

We had time in York the next day and the walls, the Minster, the museums, the river and the shops were variously explored and enjoyed before setting off for Stillingfleet Garden. This was definitely my favourite garden because it was informal and achievable by ordinary gardeners, and even in the rain, which was relentless, it had great charm. It was a cottage garden that had developed as the family home changed and expanded and was a haven for wildlife, with a pond, beehives, narrow winding paths, hedges, overhanging shrubs and trees, glimpses into the fields around, lots of natural planting and all run on organic principles. Despite the rain we still managed to buy lots of plants!

After dinner some of us were taken on a ghost walk by a gentleman dressed in black who told us tales of dubious authenticity with great humour. No ghosts, just an errant pigeon with excellent aiming skills. Our third day started with a visit to Scampston Walled Garden designed by Piet Oudolf. This was very much a grand garden created as a series of rooms, beautifully planted and tended with a long border of more unusual plants. A gourmet salad platter was provided for some by the restaurant, which has a Michelin star and was much appreciated. From there we set off to explore the ruins of Rievaulx Abbey, set in landscape that has probably changed very little in hundreds of years. We went on to Helmsley Walled Garden, a work in progress that is being slowly restored by volunteers. It has a collection of over 200 clematis, many in flower during our visit.

On day 4, with the prospect of reasonable weather, we set off for Harlow Carr. This garden of the Northern Horticultural Society, laid out by Geoffrey Smith, amalgamated with the RHS in 2001 and with the injection of more money and the acquisition of extra land, has become a great garden. An invitation to the famous Betty's Restaurant of Harrogate and York, to set up a similar establishment at Harlow Carr has encouraged many more people to visit both gardens and café. We had a pleasant morning being guided around woodland, trial beds, gardens, vegetable plots etc, before enjoying an excellent lunch.

Our next stop was an unknown quantity; Sue had read about the churchyard of Bolton Percy and TV programmes had been made about it, but further research about it proved fruitless. So after a pleasant journey down country lanes, we came to an attractive village, not far from Tadcaster and stopped outside a large 15th century, perpendicular style stone church. The churchyard looked all grass and tomb-stones. However someone had noticed an older cemetery on the other side of the road, so we all went to investigate. We stood spellbound at the sight of an apparent cottage garden with mostly very ancient gravestones, hardly any in their original vertical position, all

surrounded by flowers of every description, both garden and wild varieties. Keeping to narrow paths made by visitors, we all toured the cemetery marvelling at what we saw and agreeing that the atmosphere of the place was such that we would all quite happily end our days in such a place. We discovered that a retired local horticulturalist had cleared this once overgrown site of invasive and pernicious weeds and planted any spare garden plants of his own and friends. He does no digging, but gets rid of weeds with spot treatment and leaves any attractive wild flowers. You can visit this interesting spot any time of the year, from snowdrop time onwards and be delighted. The church itself did not disappoint. Outside there was a fine wooden Tudor gatehouse and inside an attractive Millennium window, a Burne-Jones window and several tombs of the Civil war period, including that of Cromwell's famous General Fairfax. Definitely somewhere not to miss and so different to the other places that we had visited. With what was left of the afternoon we went back to explore a little more of York.

Next morning we left to return home, intending to visit Ryton organic Gardens on the way. However after a 2 hour delay in traffic due to an accident and roads closed due to floods we just stopped for lunch and using useful local knowledge gleaned from the publican made our way directly home.

Altogether a most enjoyable trip, for which we all gave many thanks to organiser Jim Fish, Monica and Sue and Roger for their help and Dave our competent driver.

Joyce Brand.

## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

### **Saturday 11th August - Fete Day**

Help will be needed from members and non-members alike to assist with the serving of refreshments on the afternoon of the Fete. Can you please consider sparing some time, even if it's just an hour, this would help. As yet, I have had very little response. Phone Bob Howe (01380 828554) or Lin Salter (01225 706451).



### **Sunday 19th August**

Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure and the leaders will be Penny and Ron England. They are in the process of planning an interesting walk for us at the time of going to press. If you wish to get up to date information, phone Penny on 01380 828949, a little closer to the date.

### **Sunday 9th September**

Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. Walk to commence from Luckington Church, parking up nearby. The walk will encounter Sopworth

and around Sherston, visiting two very famous “fords” on route, then back to the village of Luckington. Distance is 6 miles, fairly flat going with a few inclines. Pub at the finish. Your leaders are Denise and Colin Noad (01225 852306) should you want further information.

Lin Salter

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

### **Seend and Bulkington MU**

The Mothers' Union speaker on 27th June was Mrs Jean Coates, who gave an entertaining talk on her work in MU. Her message to older members was that they can take the grand-parents role as many young families are away from their original homes. She said how thankful she felt when she had older friends to talk and laugh with, when she was bringing up her six children.



Mrs Coates suggested many ways that the MU can help young families in our communities. Worldwide, there are 3.6 million members in the MU in 350 countries. Often in Africa, the grandparents look after the children and also earn money through raising the goats (given them by the MU) and planting the seeds, which are provided from the Overseas Fund.

Nearer home, the MU works with very poor families in Salisbury, feeding the hungry and homeless in cooperation with other agencies.

All members can listen to others, smile, help and pray, sharing God's love.

### **Future Dates:**

9th August	Quiet Day at West Lavington
15th August	Tea at Cleeve House, 3pm.
19th September	Speaker - Evelyn Grant, Deanery President

Margaret Coley

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **SEEND SCHOOL**

We are approaching the end of a very busy summer term. Our School teams have done exceptionally well recently, with the football teams taking both places in the final. Last week, a tag rugby team gained third place in a competition at Trowbridge Rugby Club after we had taken part in a coaching scheme run by Bath Rugby Club. The common theme in both competitions was the determined attitude of our



players.

The PSC have again been very supportive at our school and recently organised a Caribbean Evening at the Pavilion. The event was well attended, the food fantastic and approximately £700 was raised. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the PSC for all their hard work.

Year's five and six pupils have recently gone on their residential trip to Dorset, staying at a Study Centre. Residential trips are an important part of the children's education as they help them to develop independence and use the skills they have developed in school in an unfamiliar environment.

On the last day of term, we are holding our Leavers' Service in Holy Cross Church. This year, the children are moving on to a number of different schools: Devizes, Dauntseys, George Ward, Lavington and St Lawrence CE School. We wish them all good luck and expect that they will continue to produce the same high standards of work and behaviour as they have produced at Seend.

Steven Bennett, Headteacher

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

The June meeting was attended by 7 Councillors, with Mr. Smith in the Chair, in the absence of Mrs. Savage.

Planning permission has been granted for the following applications:

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| K/56308/F   | Mr & Mrs Burgess, Cleeve Lodge, Trowbridge Road, Seend<br><i>Amended scheme to that approved under K/55236/F – single storey conversion of garage/store to annex and new pitched roof.</i>                      |
| K/56344/LBC | Mr B Nichols, Stocks Farm, Trowbridge Road, Seend<br><i>Loft conversion within main roof to form one bed and en-suite, re-open existing blocked up gable windows (x2). Install one conservation roof light.</i> |
| K/56415/LBC | Mr & Mrs Lawrence, Seend Park, High Street, Seend<br><i>Formation of doorway in lieu of window on south (rear) elevation</i>  |
| K/56502/F   | Sir & Lady Thorpe, Beech House, High Street, Seend<br><i>Erection of single storey timber &amp; double glazed porch.</i>  |

- K/56503/LBC Sir & Lady Thorpe, Beech House, High Street, Seend  
*Erection of single storey timber & double glazed porch. Replacement access door. Heightening of wall by approx. 400 mm.*
- K/56524/LBC Mr S McManus, 5 Weavers Cottages, High Street, Seend  
*Replacement of windows and frames throughout dwelling with the exception of one window.*
- K/56644/F Dr & Mrs A D McMillan, 16 Dial Close, Seend  
*Single storey rear extension.*
- K/56540/F Miss R Body, 4 Row Lane, Seend Cleeve  
*Provision of outside WC to the side of the existing property*

Planning permission has been refused for the following applications:

- K/56449/F Mr & Mrs M Moore, Brookes Farm, Bath Road, Seend  
*Proposed conversion and extension to outbuilding to form dwelling*
- K/56498/F Mr J McCormack, Good Rest, High Street, Seend  
*Form vehicular access to side off roadway*
- K/56499/LBC Mr J McCormack, Good Rest, High Street, Seend  
*Remove part of the boundary wall to form opening for parking vehicle off the road*

The following applications were considered by the Parish Council, and no objections raised:

Mr. Haines left the room whilst the following two applications were considered.

- K/56550/F F Haines & Sons, Little Thornham Farm, Trowbridge Road, Seend  
*Change of use of redundant cow shed to form granny annexe*
- K/56554/LBC F Haines & Sons, Little Thornham Farm, Trowbridge Road, Seend  
*Convert redundant cow shed into granny annexe*

- K/56559/F Mr & Mrs Godwin 14 The Stocks, Seend Cleeve  
*Erection of dwelling after demolition of existing bungalow.*
- K/56610/F Mr & Mrs Jackson 72A Seend Cleeve  
*Conservatory to rear of property*
- K/56644/F Dr & Mrs McMillan 16 Dial Close, Seend  
Single storey rear extension
- K/56752/F Mr S Wilfort 108 Seend Cleeve  
*Alterations, to include raising of the ridge height to provide rooms in the roof*
- K/56797/TR2 H. Drysdale, 54 The Lye, Seend  
*Felling of a sycamore tree in the front garden of the property*

The PC added observations to the following applications:

- K/56733/F Mr M Philips The Swallows, Trowbridge Road, Seend  
*Change of use of barn to garage and games room together with external alterations and driveway*

The proposed development was not in keeping with the surrounding properties.

- K/56785/F Mr & Mrs Giles Old Wyatts, Row Lane, Seend Cleeve  
*Proposed treehouse & small cottage.*

The proposed treehouse and small cottage are in the grounds of a listed 17<sup>th</sup> century house, and are not considered in keeping with the surroundings.

The results of the Best Kept Village Competition have been received, with Seend being placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Large Village category; first place went to Great Bedwyn. The Judges' comments were generally very favourable, with particular mention being made of the immaculate school and school grounds and Church Walk. The only negative comments were about overgrown footpaths and litter in some places.

The revised Code of Conduct for Councils was formally adopted by the Parish Council.

The question of the monthly village skips was discussed, and whether these were well used by parishioners, or simply provided somewhere for people outside the village to place their rubbish. The Parish Council would be

pleased to have parishioners comments on this subject. The PC will also be writing to Kennet DC about recycling of plastic and cardboard, and asking when we can expect this to be included in our fortnightly recycling collection.

Please note that Conscience Lane, Rowde will be closed for 3 weeks from 13<sup>th</sup> August for essential repairs and resurfacing.

The dates of the next village skips will be:

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Wessex Water Site
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Seend Community Centre
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Three Magpies

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2007 at the Seend Community Centre at 7.30 pm.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

## **BITS'N'BOBS**

### **DANGERS OF DOMESTIC OIL STORAGE TANKS**

Last year in this area alone, 80 incidents were reported to the Environment Agency where pollution had been caused by oil lost from storage tanks. Remedial work is expensive and time-consuming.

The advice is that when you buy a new tank, it is worthwhile getting a "bunded" tank. It is a lot safer and takes no more space than the single skinned tank.

Check your tank:

Get into the habit of checking your tank once a week. **Always** check it over before having it filled, and again afterwards.

- Ø In plastic tanks look for distortion of the tank, and areas where the colour is lighter from stress or actual tearing of the plastic; check the seams for seepage. Look for oily marks and encrusted rust with metal tanks.
- Ø If you can smell oil you may well have a slow leak.
- Ø Can you see under the tank? The ground there should be dry and clean. If the ground under or around the tank is stained, you could be in trouble.
- Ø If the oil level is lower than you would have expected or you think you have been using more oil than normal, don't fill the tank until you have had it and the pipes from it checked.



- Ø Also make sure your house insurance covers you not only for the loss of oil and the tank but also for the clean-up operation and third party liability after a spill.

If you find even a small crack in the tank, call your oil delivery firm or the contractor who installed the tank to get someone to empty it as soon as possible. If you discover an oil leak, try to stop the flow and contain the leaking oil, or absorb it with sand, compost, sawdust or earth. Stop it reaching the drains. Call the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 (free 24 hour hotline). Further information can be obtained from [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

### **KENNET CARERS ASSOCIATION**

KCA is an organization that supports carers. So if you care for a husband, wife, parent, relative or friend who may be ill or disabled then we provide support for you. The care you provide may be 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or just a few hours a week. Kennet Carers is free, completely confidential and independent. If you are a carer or you know someone who cares and may need support, please contact us.

Kennet Carers Association, The Old School, 23 High Street, Pewsey. SN9 5AF. Telephone: 01672 564265 E-mail: [office@kennetcarers.org.uk](mailto:office@kennetcarers.org.uk)  
Website: <http://www.carers.org/local/south-west/pewsey/>

### **VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS**

If you are planning a function, whatever it may be, we have in the villages of Seend and Bulkington three great halls available for hire.

**Bulkington Village Hall** - accommodates up to 50 people. Contact: Nev Boulton 01380 828101 or Roger Futter on 01380 828485.

**Irene Usher Hall (The Pavilion)**, Rusty Lane, Seend - Richard Walker on: 01380 828250

**Seend Community Centre & Social Club** - accommodates up to 200 people plus a small meeting room for up to 25 people. For bookings, contact: Frank Teasdale on 828617.

All halls have kitchen facilities to use.



### Importance Of Clearing Up After Us Dogs



Urrrgh what's that stuck to his shoe?  
 Oh no, it smells like a dog's poo!  
 Why can't owners clear up their dog's mess  
 I'm at a loss – they're just lazy, I guess.

Have these owners never stepped in dog poo  
 Does this stuff not stick to their shoe?  
 Have they no conscience for the mess that they leave?  
 Obviously not, this irresponsible breed.

Irresponsible owners don't seem to realise  
 It's a thing everyone seems to despise.  
 These owners just don't seem to care,  
 That what they leave is another's nightmare.

If we dogs could just sit on a loo,  
 And have a big poo like you humans do,  
 Wipe our bottoms and flush it away?  
 Nobody would have anything bad to say.

But life has made us the four-legged kind,  
 Who tend to leave our poo behind.  
 It's often smelly, and perhaps not very nice,  
 So scoop and bag is my advice.

It's just nature for me to poop as and when,  
 And most of the time, in the way again.  
 It's up to my owner to do the right thing  
 Like bag it and bin it – that sort of thing!

So, let us dogs do what we want to do,  
 Avoiding leisure areas and kids places too.  
 Use a poo bag to clean up our mess  
 And stop adding to others distress

Debbie Mackay MAPDT 00912  
 Doggy Dilemmas 07966 617617

# USEFUL CONTACTS NUMBERS:

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

Lay Reader: Pam Muller 01225 707804

LPA's: Audrey McDonald 828376 and Jo Bell 828550

Director of Music - David King 01225 710127 Bell Ringers C Mayell 828627

Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340

Irene Usher Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - 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. Sec - Robin Heatley - 828491

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Seend and District LINK Scheme - Coordinator 828190

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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 - Andrea Dobson 827126

Seend WI - Judith Bigg on 736358

Seend Fawltly Players - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451

WEA - Tessa Doe on 828617

Royal British Legion and Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545

Seend Cricket Club - Mr P Wallis 828757

Football Club - Darren Nichols 828535

Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545; Owen Burton on 828820 (Seend Cleeve)

Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281

Seend Website: [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) - Neil Yockney 827139

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