

SPOTLIGHT

Seend and Bulkington



FEBRUARY 2008

DIARY

DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 2nd Pancake Party - 6pm at the Pavilion
4th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
10.55am - 11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
7th Theatre Club AGM - 7.30pm in the Pavilion
9th "Spectrum" Party Band - 8.15pm in the Community Centre
9th Bulkington Church Soup Lunch 12 noon - 2pm at Bulkington village hall
12th Seend & District Gardening Club meeting
13th Keevil & District WI meeting - 7.30pm at Keevil Village Hall
13th Seend WI Meeting - in the Pavilion
16th Copy deadline for March issue of Spotlight
17th Seend Ramblers walk - Meet 9.30am Rusty Lane or 10.15am Westbury White
Horse car park
18th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
10.55am - 11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
19th Theatre Club outing to the Watermill Theatre
20th Seend & Bulkington MU meeting.
20th Bulkington Village Hall Committee AGM - 7.30pm in village hall
21st Village Panto - 7.30pm in the Community Centre
22nd Village Panto - 7.30pm in the Community Centre
23rd Village Panto - 7.00pm in the Community Centre
28th Seend Historic Houses Club meeting - 7.30pm in the Pavilion
28th Royal British Legion AGM - 8pm in the Community Centre

DATES FOR MARCH

- 3rd Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
10.55am - 11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
7th Seend & Bulkington MU - Womens' World Day of Prayer at St Andrews
Church, Melksham
12th Keevil & District WI meeting—7.30pm at Keevil village hall
15th RBL Annual Canteen Concert - 7pm in The Community Centre
17th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
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Welcome to the February issue

A Happy and 'Healthy' New Year to all!



Let us hope that by the time you are reading this issue, the Winter vomiting bug will have run its course and that we can look forward to seeing the first snowdrops and the first signs of lighter evenings.

February is usually the month that most people wish would fly by. Yet, for us, it holds one of the most important events in Seend's social calendar - the village Panto! This year, Seend's Fawly Players are performing their unique take on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. There are normally just the four characters in the title in the traditional story, yet the Fawly Players have had to include 26 people? Who would you add to the story? Come along and see the show and see if your ideas match ours. Details are on page 2.

Another event to blow the winter blues away is another of Sam's popular Party Shows on Saturday 9th February 9th from 8.15pm at the Community Centre. "Spectrum" - a 6-piece party band will be performing.

We must congratulate Seend School's football team who have just won the Wiltshire Small Schools Cup. Later in the year, they will be representing Wiltshire in the South West - a proud achievement indeed!

If you are looking at ways to get more involved in village life then you may be able to help the Seend and District Link Scheme which is looking for new volunteers to help with it's voluntary service to villagers who need some basic assistance with everyday life. Details on page 12. Bulkington is also looking for more committee members to help look after their village playing field.

The Spotlight team would also welcome additional help with the monthly printing and collating side of the magazine's production.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the March issue (*copy deadline is 16th February*) can be sent by e-mail to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to the Post Office, High Street, Seend or for Bulkington contributions to Jo Bell at 1 Northfields, Bulkington (e-mail to trevor@bell8490.freeserve.co.uk). Comments and queries – Joanna Goddard on 828488 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY



Family Pancake Party!

Saturday 2nd February from 6pm
Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend
Ticket to include two pancakes of choice

Further savoury and sweet pancakes available
Licensed bar and soft drinks
Pancake Tossing Competition

£5 per adult, £3 per child or £12 for family ticket
(2 adults, 2 children) available from
Seend Post Office, Tina Yockney 827139 or
Hatty Stafford-Charles 828380

In aid of Church Funds

Prepare to party at the latest of Sam's
popular shows

Saturday February 9th from 8.15pm

"Spectrum" - a 6-piece party band

Tickets £12 - available from
the Community Centre

or Sam Sainsbury on 01380 828157

Food Available.



Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Fawley Players 29th Village Panto!

21st and 22nd February at 7.30pm

23rd February at 7pm

Community Centre

Tickets £4 adults £2 children and pensioners
Available from: Post Office, Community Centre
and The Brewery Inn

EVENTS IN MARCH

ANNUAL CANTEEN CONCERT (alias Dug out Supper) - 15th March

Make a note in your diary for the annual dugout supper organised by the Royal British Legion. Full details are on page 16.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Do you have any unwanted Christmas Presents?

Not sure what to do with them?

Well, why not donate them to a good cause?

They would probably make very good

Tombola prizes for the Seend Fete and help raise funds for the Lye Field and Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion.



Please contact: Jo Vaux (828970), Susan Bolton (827065) or Neil Yockney (827139) or by email to: spotlight@seend.org.uk

Boxing Day Steam Up on the Great Bulkington Railway

On December 26th we ran the railway from around 1.30pm until most people had gone home at 3.30pm. I had been invited by Heather Skull to do a broadcast on Wiltshire Radio in the morning so there was plenty of publicity. I guess that altogether around 150 to 200 adults and rather excited children came for rides. A lot of children had several rides. A steam powered GWR model tank locomotive ran well all afternoon and the two diesel engines performed faultlessly. The weather was very kind to us – a bit chilly but nice and dry.

Thanks to the kind generosity of our new Publicans (Adam & Michelle from the Topsy Toad) and Doreen Bath, we were able to give away nearly two hundred sausages and sausage rolls.

Altogether we raised from our donations bucket £112 – most of which will go to the Bulkington Sports Field Funds. Our thanks to everybody who supported us financially and the West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers Ltd for their engines and manpower.

P.S. Next Steam up – PM Easter Monday.

Nev & Thelma Boulton



Bulkington Carol Singers.

On December 21st a small group of Carol Singers went around the village and collected over £100 for the Dorothy House Charity. Mrs Champion who, (as usual) invited the group into her house and fed us with smoked salmon, mince pies and mulled wine generously and royally entertained us. We would like to thank all the people who kindly donated.



Thelma Boulton

Bulkington Playing Field - Help Wanted

Do you and your children/grandchildren use the village playing field? We need a few more volunteers to join the committee – it's not an arduous task. A friendly meeting once a month (may be less) in order to keep this facility going. If you would like to see new play equipment, picnic tables, events on the field, then please give me a call – these things won't happen on their own!! Please contact Helen Breach – 01380 828001 (Parish Council Representative).

Terry Elliott Memorial Darts Trophy – 9 November 2007

A total of £480 was raised for the WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE. The winner of the trophy was Wayne Parkin, and the runner up was Dave

Crawford, both of Bulkington. Thanks to all who took part and helped. A special thank you to Adam and Michelle at the Topsy Toad who only moved in on the morning of the event. Jim.

IN MEMORIAM

NELSON REVEL

Jean and her family would like to thank everyone who attended Nelson's Funeral and for all the lovely cards and letters she received. He was a true man of Seend who inherited all the humour and happiness of the village. We also thank you all for the generous contributions to the Heart Foundation which amounted to £267.71.

"Death leaves a heartache no-one can heal,
Love leaves a memory no-one can steal"

CHURCH NEWS

Family Service Orchestras

If there is anyone else who would like to join our Family Service Orchestras, please do get in touch with Liz Futter 828485 or Phil Springate 828294; any age, any stage! You will be most welcome. The Seend Orchestra plays on the 4th Sunday in the month (with some seasonal exceptions), the Bulkington one plays on the 1st Sunday. We would particularly like to recruit some more players for Bulkington. If you think you or your children might be interested, or for more information please contact Liz or Phil. It will certainly help your budding musicians with sight reading, ensemble playing and general extra music practice!

Liz Futter

Bulkington Soup Lunch

Those of you who have experienced our excellent soup lunches will be pleased to know that we are holding one on **Saturday 9th February between 12noon and 2pm at Bulkington Village Hall**. The menu will be a choice of home made soups, crispy French bread and cheese, home made cookies and tea or coffee. The tickets will cost **£4 for adults and £2 for children**, and are available from Liz Futter 828485, Jane Coles 828145, Andie Elliott 828277. This is the nearest Saturday to Valentine's Day, so do come and join the celebration! All proceeds to Bulkington church funds.

Liz Futter

Lent Lunches around the Benefice

There will be a series of lunches to follow and these will be held at :-

Seend on **Saturday 23rd February** and **Saturday 8th March** in the **Pavilion Rusty Lane 12noon – 2pm**. Tickets available Seend Post Office or at the door. **Poulshot** on **Saturday 1st March** at the **Village Hall. 12noon – 2pm**
Bulkington on **Saturday 5th March 12noon – 2pm**. Details as above.

Bring your families and friends. All most welcome

Church News for Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Ash Wednesday, 6th February, starts Lent with a joint Benefice Eucharist, & Imposition of Ashes, at 19.30 in Holy Cross Seend. *From the 10th century the first day of Lent has included marking the forehead with ash as a sign of sorrow for our sins as we begin the season of preparation for the joy of Easter.*

Our 'Lent Meditations' provide the opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection using material in a booklet produced for our study this year called 'The Way of Sorrows' marking Jesus' journey to His crucifixion. Early in Lent copies will be handed to the church family across the Benefice but, if you do not receive one, either feel free to take one from any of our 3 churches or to 'phone one of the Churchwardens or the Rector in order to obtain a copy. There are short services using this material on **Wed 27th Feb** in Holy Cross, **Wed 5th March** at St Peter's Poulshot, **Wed 12th March** at Christchurch Bulkington & **Wed 19th March** at Holy Cross all of which will be at 18.00 for only ½ hour.

Palm Sunday 16th March *Remembering Jesus arriving in Jerusalem on a donkey we receive a Palm Cross & in each church read the Passion in dramatic form*

08.00 BCP Holy Communion Seend

09.30 Parish Eucharist Bulkington

11.15 Parish Eucharist (Procession from Rectory Garden at 11.10)

Seend 18.00 Parish Eucharist (Procession from Church Farm at 17.50)
 Poulshot

Throughout Holy Week there will be a service in one of each of our churches

Mon 17th March

09.30 Morning Prayer Bulkington

18.00 'The Way of the Cross' A service of hymns and readings. Bulkington *Rather like an Easter Carol Service (!) these 2 similar evenings are an informal opportunity to hear the Lent & Easter readings, sing favourite seasonal hymns, leading us on the journey to Easter.*

Tues 18th March

09.00 Mattins (BCP) Poulshot

18.00 'Journey to Easter' A service of hymns and readings. Poulshot

Wed 19th March

09.45 Eucharist Seend

18.00 Lent Meditation IV followed at 18.30 with Sung Compline Seend

Thursday 20th March Maundy Thursday

19.30 Joint Benefice Eucharist, Feet Washing, Stripping of the Altars and Vigil Seend

Friday 21st March Good Friday

10.00 -12 noon Good Friday Workshop for children Seend

10.00 Mattins/Litany Poulshot

10.00 Good Friday Prayers & Reflections Bulkington

13.30 Liturgy of the Day Seend (including the Passion according to St John, the Reproaches & Veneration of the Cross, Eucharist from Reserved Sacrament)

Sunday 23rd March Easter Day

06.00 Dawn Joint Benefice Eucharist Seend (including the Easter Fire outside, lighting of the Paschal candles, Vigil readings, singing of the Exultet & Renewal of Baptismal Vows) & at 07.00 Easter Breakfast with Bulkington (details soon!).

10.00 Joint Benefice Eucharist [with Easter Egg Hunt for children] Seend

Alongside on-going discussions we are continuing, for Easter 2008, to experiment in finding ways of offering appropriate seasonal services and hope that this year we may see the whole season as one in which each church and village plays its part and then gathers to celebrate the festival together. Our 'joint Benefice' services incorporate all 3 congregations from Bulkington, Poulshot and Seend where members of each church contribute in various parts of the service. Simply because of numbers larger joint congregations need to use the bigger building and it's great to have opportunities to be together! Come and see! The Rector and PCCs

FROM WHERE I STAND ...

...Baptism is only the beginning! It has been claimed in the national press that people have been arranging for their children to be baptised in order to get into a church school. The research, reported in the middle of January, says this relates to education in Roman Catholic schools and to that end the number of baptisms has risen by a quarter over the last 50 years. Naturally this claim has created a number of arguments across the Christian Church and

also among non-churchgoers. Some people take the view this is a compliment to the faith schools and an encouraging link with young families and the Church. Others take the negative view that good education should be available to all and that to use baptism as entry into a school is unjust. From where I stand, whatever church we attend or not, Baptism is only the beginning!

Our understanding is that Baptism is the full and complete rite of initiation and admission into the Church and into the Christian Faith. It is the first step on a lifetime journey to discover more about God, the first step in discovering that God shares our life journey, walks with us, calls us into having fullness of life, to become the person we were made to become, to achieve our full potential, as we enter into a relationship with Him.

The 3 symbols of Baptism we see in church remind us of this journey and the help we receive as we discover God's presence with us. Firstly in baptism the sign of the cross made by the priest onto the child's forehead is the mark of Jesus, His badge, a sign that we are part of His community. Secondly being splashed with water is the sign of washing away our sins, meaning the times we turn from God, so forgiving us when we say sorry. Thirdly the Baptism candle, given to the newly baptised and lit from the Easter candle, is a sign of new life, Jesus' light to the world and to light the darkness of our lives.

Baptism is only the beginning of the journey of discovery and brings with it responsibilities too! At our baptism we remember we are children of God and that He calls us to become the best person we can, to achieve our full potential, and to discover all this as we grow! This also means getting to know God better, His strength and energy, His gentleness and comfort, to know the peace He brings. We are called to give life to others, to love people as Jesus loves, to be like Jesus to others, learning to recognize Him in our everyday. It means discovering ways of using our skills for God's purpose in our daily work, in our homes and families, in our church, in our village... So Baptism is only the beginning!

In the Anglican churches in the Benefice of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot we have an 'open' Baptism policy which means we welcome applications for Baptism and ask the family to attend a short preparation session giving them material to take away and read themselves. On the basis that something has prompted the parent or family to apply for their child to be baptised we believe that the church's doors are open to all and that God's grace is for everyone. We welcome and include all!

Baptism is only the beginning - as there is so much to discover!

The Rev'd Sacha Pearce

CHURCH SERVICES

3rd February	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
Candlemas	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Evensong	(Poulshot)
6th February	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	(Seend)
10th February	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	BCP Mattins	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Evensong	(Bulkington)
17th February	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	(Poulshot)
24th February	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise Evensong	(Bulkington)
2nd March	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
Mothering Sunday	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Family Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Family Eucharist	(Poulshot)

First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service

The next First Steps service will be on Tuesday 5th February 2008 at 2.15pm in Seend church, when we will be celebrating the feast of Candlemass. Come along and find out how Jesus came as a light to lighten the world, and perhaps you too can shine like him. The service lasts about 30 minutes, and is open to all children, from birth up to school age. We start with a short story followed by some singing. Sometimes the children help to make things either to take home or to put on display in the church. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served at the end of the service. If you would like to come along to this happy and thriving group, but require further information please get in contact with the Rector on 828615 or Jo on 828550.



SEEND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

3rd February No Service
 10th February 10.00am Mrs Michelle Pickering
 17th February No Service
 24th February 11.15am Ecumenical Service led by Revd Roy Fowler
 Everyone is always welcome.

FROM ROY

Christians pray continually. Well we like to think that we do. Most of us realise that we get distracted in our discipline of prayer or that it gets stale. From time to time we need to call our hearts back to prayer and to refresh our prayer life. Lent has traditionally been a time to do this.

BBC Radio 4 this year will be inviting us to explore different ways of prayer through the Sunday Worship at 8-10 a m each week. Starting on Sunday 10th February, each week during Lent there will be a special speaker covering an aspect of prayer. There will also be music and prayers appropriate to the theme. The themes are:

- The path of holiness
- The path of social justice
- The devotional path
- The sacramental path
- The contemplative path
- The charismatic path

If you miss the original broadcast, then Sunday Worship is available through the 'Listen Again' facility on the BBC web site.

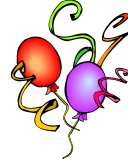
There is also a study guide to go with the series to help us to explore the themes for ourselves. This can be downloaded from the CTBI (Churches Together in Britain and Ireland) web site: www.ctbi.org.uk. On the home page, there is a link Lent 2008: Pathways to Prayer.

May I recommend Pathways to Prayer to you and may God bless us all as we keep Lent this year.



CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

SEEND VILLAGE FETE



9th August 2008

WE REALLY NEED YOU!

To join us to prepare for this years very popular and special event. You will have lots of fun, you will be made most welcome and your efforts much appreciated and from time to time there may be a bit of hard work. Enthusiasm and Innovation would be a bonus but whatever your input it will be highly valued.

THIS IS YOUR FETE

Help us to make this years fete a really special day.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact: Jo Vaux (828970), Susan Bolton (827065) or

Neil Yockney (827139)

or by email to: spotlight@seend.org.uk

SEEND AND DISTRICT LINK SCHEME

The Scheme has had a particularly busy 2007. It provides a service to villagers who need some basic assistance with everyday life. This can involve such diverse activities as collecting prescriptions, transport to and from appointments or helping with small tasks around the house.

Following some natural retirements, we wish to top up our volunteer helper team and are particularly hoping to appoint some younger helpers.

If you can help or require some more information, please ring David Griffiths on 828161 or Jo Waldeck on 828190.

David Griffiths

SEEND SHUTTLE



Stratford Shuttle

There are a few tickets available for a matinee of Hamlet at the Courtyard Theatre in Stratford on Avon on 25th October 2008. The cast includes David Tennant (yes, The Doctor himself!) and Patrick Stewart, and the production is directed by Gregory Doran. Tickets cost £26, and the cost of hiring the Seend Shuttle will be shared amongst us. Interested? Phone Tessa on 01380 828617.

Tessa Doe

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS — 29th Village Panto



We shall perform our unique take on Goldilocks and the Three Bears in the Community Centre at 7.30pm on 21st and 22nd February and 7pm on 23rd February. Tickets £4 or £2 for children and pensioners, available from the Shop/PO, the Community Centre or the Brewery Inn.

Tessa Doe

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Regrettably, and for the third time, Ron Apted was forced to abandon his organised walk on Sunday 9th December in the Cranmore area due to very inclement weather.

Bob and Brenda Jones organised a walk on Thursday 27th December, when 18 walkers, plus two canine friends, turned out for a five-mile walk starting from Lacock, making our way over fields, following the reconstruction route of the old Kennet and Avon Canal and up to Bowden Hill then down onto Bewley Common. It was a very pleasant walk on a dry and bracing morning. Our grateful thanks to Bob and Brenda.

Although we, as a group, did not organise the New Year's Day walk, it has been reported to me that 51 people gathered in Rusty Lane at 11 am with six dogs in tow. The route took them north behind the Community Centre, coming out into School Lane at Bradley Corner, continuing north along the road to the top of Pelch Lane. On entering the field they walked diagonally to the Barge Inn, past Ferrum Towers and back down Perry's Lane, returning to the Barge, then eastwards along the towpath back to the Community Centre, where the ladies had prepared hot soup and hot dogs. Sounds great to me. A good time was had by all.

Sunday 17th February - Meet in Rusty Lane for 9.30am or 10.15am in Westbury White Horse car park for a walk over the downs organised by Ron Westacott. Bring refreshments for a coffee stop.

Lin Salter

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



In December Lucy Ellis, a trainee flower arranger demonstrated 4 arrangements of varying size and orientation from vertical to horizontal, for Christmas table centres. As well as flowers she used greenery, berries, cones, ribbon, painted twigs and clusters of small LED lights tucked into glass containers. The last arrangement used a bottle of wine as the base and was very simple and effective. The results of her efforts were raffled and mine at least, lasted until Christmas.

Our January meeting was led by Judith Plante-Cleall who talked on 400 years of garden design with reference to National Trust gardens in Wessex, which she said were some of the finest in England. Charles II brought ideas across from France which influenced the gardens of the nobility here, followed later by William and Mary who brought Dutch ideas of garden design to change and develop English gardens. The 18th Century saw the beginning of the great landscape gardens such as Stourhead, based on Greek and Italian design. In the 19th Century houses like Kingston Lacey were able to employ plant hunters to bring back exotic plants and ideas for gardens while at the same time cottage gardens, such as the one at Hardy's Cottage became more fashionable. Finally in the last century Gertrude Jekyll and others drew on the past and each other to produce whole or part gardens in various places, Barrington Court and Iford Manor amongst them. The talk was illustrated by slides, and we owe thanks to Marion and Richard Whitehead for the loan of their carousel projector, Tony Hills for his foresight in bringing another in case, and Monica for transferring slides from one carousel to another as the need arose!

Our thanks also to David who stood in for Roger at both meetings. On February 12th Richard Cripps will be talking about Gardening for Wildlife, and if he can solve my conundrum of how to feed the birds without attracting mice and rats to the garden I shall be very pleased. The competition will be an artefact, photo or other evidence to show the encouragement of wildlife in your own garden.

Sue Johns

SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

The next meeting of the Club will be on Thursday, February 28, at 7.30 pm in the Irene Usher Hall, when Mrs M Dobson, former Chair of the Bradford on Avon Preservation Society, will give a talk on Bradford on Avon, accompanied by slides. Later in the year an evening guided walk of the town is planned. Do come along and hear about the programme of visits for the coming season and enjoy a glass of wine with friends.

Joy Stack

SEEND WI

Mrs Judith Biggs, our President, welcomed a new member, Mrs Jackie Merrivale to our December meeting. The planned Speaker was unable to come so we enjoyed a social evening instead. Pam Hillier read some ghost stories and afterwards members recalled their ghostly experiences! We took part in a 50 question 'Christmas Trivia' quiz which proved to be great fun as well as being informative. This was won by the team formed by Judith Biggs, Pam Hillier and Lucy Hatton. A splendid finger buffet was provided by the committee and we wished each other the Seasons Greetings with the help of mulled wine. The competition 'A Christmas Table Decoration' was won by Mrs Joan Greenwood.



There has been a big increase in the number of new members, largely prompted by concern at the recent granting of planning permission for the building of three houses on the site of the old WI Hall. At our January meeting our vice-President, Mrs. Shirley West, welcomed a majority of these new members and then introduced Mrs Ray Tetlow, the Wiltshire Federation of Womens Institutes Advisor.

A group of the new members has requested a special meeting to discuss the implications of this decision and Mrs Tetlow gave details of a meeting to be held on Wednesday 30th January at 7.30 pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, Rusty Lane. **Please note that this will be a CLOSED MEETING and only paid up members will be admitted.**

The Speaker, Mrs Helen Astill (A Massage Therapist and Kinesiologist) the gave us a short talk on the origins of Indian Head massage and its benefits, followed by a practical demonstration when three volunteers enjoyed the experience. Mrs Astill was thanked by Kay Beasley. The competition 'A Winter Scene Photo' was won by Pam Hillier.

Our next general meeting is 13th February when the Speaker, Mrs. Bridget Partridge' will talk about '40 Years of W.I.' The competition is 'Something Red' and the tea hostess is Mrs. Joan Greenwood.

Mrs Betty Smith.

KEEVIL AND DISTRICT WI

Bulkington has been the '& District' part of Keevil's WI for many years: we survived, when the Parish boundaries changed. Formed over sixty years ago, we are now a small but select group.



We meet in Keevil Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are warmly welcomed.

Take this month: we had a speaker who grew up in Devon in the 1940's. She reminded us of our own childhoods and a lively exchange followed with memories of Ration Books, 'Make-do-and-Mend' and hard winters. No Health & Safety Inspectors to spoil the fun of careering down snowy hills on home-made sledges!

Next month – 13th February we welcome Mr White and his captivation by the 'Magic of the Scillies'.

On the 12th March we'll take an armchair ride along the Jurassic Coast with Mr Marsh.

ALL visitors are welcome

Contact: Angela Read 828925, 'Plain View' 12 Bulkington.

BULKINGTON LADIES GROUP

On December 4th we had our monthly outing, using the Seend Shuttle to the Chinese Yew Tree Restaurant in Devizes. Rosie Forsey kindly drove the minibus and the event was very well supported by the group. The party of around 15 ladies were treated to an excellent meal in the upstairs room in the restaurant.

The Ladies Group meets once a month - usually on the last Thursday and welcome new members. Please contact me on 828 101

Thelma Boulton

MOTHERS' UNION - SEEND AND BULKINGTON BRANCH



The speaker at the Seend & Bulkington meeting of the MU on 21st November was Richard Munro, who for many years was a pilot flying aircraft for the Mission Aviation Fellowship. He gave us a vivid account of the work of the organisation which aims to reach the remotest areas of countries without road access and poor communications.

Every three minutes a plane is taking off or landing somewhere to take help or healing to communities which have little or no contact with the outside world. The planes are available for use by development and aid agencies as well as supporting those who take the Gospel to the end of the earth! No longer flying himself, Mr Munro now raises funds so that this valuable work can continue.

Future Dates:

20th February - Canine Companions. Elizabeth is bringing her golden labrador 'Queenie' and will give a talk. There will be a bring & buy sale.

7th March - Womens' World Day of Prayer - 10.30am at St Andrew's Church, Melksham

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Committee Meeting

Would members of the Committee please note that the next Committee Meeting will be held in the Community Centre at 2000 hours on Thursday 28th February 2008.



Canteen Concert

The Annual Canteen Concert (alias the Dug Out Supper and open to all whether members of the Royal British Legion or not) will take place in the Community Centre on Saturday 15th March at 7pm for 7.30pm. It is hoped that entertainment will be provided either by The Stocking Tops or by Bow and Bellows.

Supper will be cooked as usual by a dedicated team of "Canteeners" (alias Dug Outers) and there will also be a raffle (tickets for which will be available from the Post Office during the week prior to the Concert, as well as at the Concert.) Tickets (£15 per head) can be obtained from Peter Fisher (828305), Anthony Hodgkinson (828545), Roger Brind (828830) or Nigel Knocker (828609) so get yours early!

Seend War Memorial

A booklet is being produced giving all the details of those men from the village who are listed on the War Memorial as having been killed in the two World Wars and subsequent operations. As well as personal and regimental details on individuals, full details of all the Cemeteries and Memorials around the world associated with these men, are given. It also includes a copy of the first Remembrance Sunday held in 1921.

The booklet has been researched and compiled by John Holness and Derek Barnes, under the auspices of the Melksham and District Historical Association and the Seend Branch of the Royal British Legion, and will shortly be on sale in the village at a cost of £5. It is a wonderful addition to village history and I believe will provide most interesting information to all of us living here now.

Roger Brind

100+ CLUB DRAW - NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

November

The draw for November 2007 took place on Friday 30th November in the bar at The Brewery, Seend Cleeve. The results are as follows:

1 st Prize	£35	59	Mr P Ewing
2 nd Prize	£30	101	Ms Tracy Delamere
3 rd Prize	£25	105	Mrs Nancy Hutchinson
4 th Prize	£20	18	Mrs Janet Giles
5 th Prize	£15	23	Mrs Rosemary Mayell
6 th Prize	£10	22	Mrs Debbie Duparcq

December

The draw for December 2007 took place at the Irene Usher hall following the quarterly meeting of the Lye Field Committee on Tuesday 18th December. The draw was made by members of the committee and the results are as follows:

1 st Prize	£100	116	Mrs J Godwin
2 nd Prize	£50	109	Mrs May Ferris
3 rd Prize	£45	143	Mrs C Whitehead
4 th Prize	£40	64	Mrs Ann Newman
5 th Prize	£35	176	Mike Moore
6 th Prize	£30	68	Bob Smith
7 th Prize	£25	114	Seend Gardening Club

8 th Prize	£25	86	Pat O'Reilly
9 th Prize	£25	129	Graham Hickman
10 th Prize	£20	25	Eric Akerman
11 th Prize	£20	14	David Griffiths
12 th Prize	£20	3	Mrs June Wiltshire
13 th Prize	£20	69	Mrs Diana Louca

100 Club renewal – advance notice

Just a reminder that the new 100 Club year starts on May 1st. Membership application forms for new members and for renewing members will be included in the March and April Spotlights. Watch out for them. 197 members last year. Can we make it 200+ this year? Sign up and see! More reminders nearer the time.

Bernie Prolze, Organiser

SCHOOL NEWS

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

Our Christmas Productions have now taken place and they were fantastic, the children excelled themselves singing and acting for our parents. Our retiring collections raised £285 and the money will be shared by three charities chosen by the school council: a school in Kenya that Mrs Schonfeld's son is working at; a South African Orphanage we are making links with and the Dorothy House Appeal. I would like to say thank you to all the parents, relatives that attended our Christmas Productions and all the staff who worked so hard to direct and produce the shows and create such wonderful costumes.



Our football team has just played in the County Cup final in Swindon. They played, on an astro turf pitch, winning two stunning games 2 - 0 and 4 - 0 respectively and won the Wiltshire Small Schools Cup. They will be going forward later in the year to represent Wiltshire in the South West Cup. Well done to our football team - all played brilliantly!

Our school is involved in the Travel Plan Initiative at the moment and we are looking at ways we can reduce the number of car journeys to and from our school to help improve the local environment. We are looking at building an outdoor shelter for parents to wait in, if they choose to walk to school and an area to store bikes safely.

We would also like to consider any ideas or comments from members of our

local community on the issue of travel to and from school. If you have any ideas contact us at school or send an email to admin@seend.wilts.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing from any interested members of the community.

Steven Bennett

EDUCATION ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS (Amendment) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2002

Seend Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, has determined to set an admission number of 16 for the academic year 2009-2010. The DFES planned admission number being 17.

The governors feel that the lower admission number will allow for more reasonable class sizes, taking into account the legal restriction on infant class sizes.

Parents who live in the school's designated catchment area and who wish to object to the governing body's decision should contact: The Secretary, Office of the Schools' Adjudicator, 3rd Floor, Vincent House, 2 Woodland Road, Darlington, DL3 7PJ.

Any further information about the admission number may be obtained from the governing body, c/o Seend CE Aided Primary School, School Road, Seend, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6NJ.

KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

Huge thanks to everyone who helped make the open day such a success. To those of you who managed to come, I am sure you will agree that the school was buzzing and that there was a very positive atmosphere. Many thanks to those members of the community who not only visited the school, but bought some super old photographs to add to the collection.

A big thanks to Debs Scott who helped me get the refreshments, and helped organise the day and clear up on Saturday. Thank you to Sarah Ladd who just turned up with 2 beautiful flower arrangements which really helped brighten the place up. Thank you to Nicky James, Jan Flynn and Maria Banfield all of whom helped me tidy the grounds in preparation. Thank you to Sam Allen for the magnificent cake that she made for the occasion – the children each got a piece the following week. Thanks to Great Hinton Village Hall for donating the use of their cups etc and finally thank you to the army of mums (too many to mention and I would hate to miss anyone out!) who kept a very steady

supply of refreshments coming for all the visitors. It demonstrated to the whole community what superb support there is from you.

I should also say how proud I was of all the year 5 and 6 children who did a fantastic job of showing so many visitors around. It was really appreciated that children were there to do the talking and helped give their perspective of the school as well as showing what confident and chatty children we have here!

Now the building has at last been finished, we are in a position to comfortably house the growing numbers of children. We are presently at 96 and early indications are that we are easily up to our capacity of 15 for September '08. It is reassuring to be in such a secure position.

The Carol Concert and Nativity were simple and yet effective. Thank you to all who attended and joined in. We raised a grand total of £160, half of which we gave to the St Leonard's Church as a contribution towards heating and lighting and as a thank you for allowing us to use the building. Thank you to Pat Philips who played the organ magnificently, as always, and to Gillian Walden for producing the key at regular intervals to enable us to practice.

The Church inspection that followed the Ofsted picked out that "the school, through its distinctive Christian character, is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners. Pupils at Keevil Primary School love their school. They know that they are highly valued by all the staff and want to work hard for their teachers. They enjoy coming to school and feel safe and secure within a caring Christian community. They feel that they are treated fairly and are becoming mature, responsible people who are increasingly able to use strategies to resolve any difficulties as and when they arise."

We can hopefully breathe a short sigh having got over those obstacles and we are looking forward to build on our existing strengths and to work further on areas we have identified as needing further improvement.

Jackie Chalk, Head Teacher

F.O.K.S. (FRIENDS OF KEEVIL SCHOOL)
CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

A very big thank you to all who bought raffle tickets this year, we raised £338 and gave away 5 luxury hampers and 4 additional prizes.

'100 CLUB'

Thank you to those of you who have already joined the 100 Club and congratulations to the first few winners! Anybody wishing to buy tickets, there is still time, so please contact Jan Flynn on 01380 828248 for further details or pick up a form from the school office.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2008 –

BULKINGTON RAILWAY – EASTER MONDAY

Bulkington Railway has very kindly offered to open up the railway for train rides on Easter Monday 24th March and raise funds for Keevil School. This is a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to come along and enjoy the fun of the railway and enjoy refreshments in the village hall afterwards. More information on times etc. will follow.

PLANT SALE AND CRAFT FAYRE

We will be holding our annual plant sale at the school in the spring. We will inform you of a date in the next newsletter. Any plants and shrubs that you would be willing to donate would be very much appreciated. We will also be holding a Craft Fayre and you will be able to buy refreshments and cakes from our ever popular cake stall. We will have a variety of children's entertainment, so there will be something for all the family! If you would like to hire a table at the craft fayre, please contact me asap.



KEEVIL 10K & FAMILY FUN DAY - SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2008

Organisation is well underway for our 4th 10K Run. We have arranged it for slightly earlier in the year so that we do not fall into the half term week – this we found meant that many families were on holiday. We do hope you will all come along and support us on the day as we will have family entertainment and refreshments as usual and we are also hoping to entertain you with some afternoon activities to continue the event throughout the day – more info to follow. Our website will be up and running very soon. You will be able to find all the information about the day on



www.keevil10k.co.uk. Telephone contact number for information is: 07757650684

Our final profit figure for the 2007 10K Run is a fantastic £3,350 which has been used for providing new items for the all the classrooms.

If you are able to help by either marshalling, general help on the day or even leaflet dropping etc., etc., we are always grateful to anyone who can offer support in any way. As I always say, this is our busiest event and takes an awful lot of planning and preparation, so any help is a huge bonus. Thank you.

If you require further details on any of our activities, please contact Debbie Scott on 01380 870410 or Keevil School on 01380 870376

Debbie Scott
Chair, Friends of Keevil School

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS

FOOTBALL

Seend 1st Team (Manager Matt Pearce)

01/12/07 Mere Town Youth - Cup Match: 6 – 1 won
 15/12/07 FC Northbridge – league: 3 – 0 won
 05/01/08 From Town Sports 1-1 drew
 Top scorer I - Chris “Bobby” Stiles – 8 goals

Seend Reserves (Manager Keith Anteney)

15/12/07 Rowde Sports – League: 2-0 won
 05/01/08 “The Stiffs” – Cup match: 2-1 won
 Top scorer - Daniel Humphries – 6 goals

SHORT MAT BOWLS

In the league the team are 4th out of 7, but with 1 away and 3 home matches to come they hope to climb back towards the summit. In the county mixed fours, a Seend team of Colin Waldeck; Don Hatt, Kate Jones and Jean Allen, reached the ¼-finals and therefore go into the national finals, where they will represent Wiltshire. The Wiltshire County Squad has now made Seend Community Centre its “home venue” where all its home inter-county matches will be played. Come and watch practices on Sundays!!

SKITTLES

Seend C Team

23/11/07 Lost by 6 - 1 Cons. E
 30/11/07 Cup match won 178-171 over Cons. E
 03/12/07 “Front Pin Cup” – lost 219-165 to Seend A
 14/12/08 Lost 6-1 to Cons B
 07/12/07 Lost 7-0 to Legion E
 21/12/07 Cup match won 174-172 over Drifters
 04/01/07 Lost 7-0 to Staverton B
 11/01/07 Lost 5 ½ – 1 ½ to Liberal A

In addition to Seend ABCD who play in the Melksham League, there are two ladies teams, the Titanics and Seend Social Club who play in the Melksham League and a further two ladies teams, the Brightsparks and the Dolly Mixtures who play in the Devizes League. There are also two other men’s teams in the Devizes League, Seend B and The Seend Cleeve Sailing Club – we would love to publish these teams results in they could let us have them for the next edition.

All results for the next issue of Spotlight to Frankie Goddard (828488 – Manor Cottage) by **10th February please!**

Frankie Goddard

BITS ‘N’ BOBS

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL AGM – 20th FEBRUARY 2008

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Bulkington Village Hall Committee at Bulkington Village Hall, 7:30pm on Wednesday 20th February 2008, when the new committee and officers will be elected; this includes a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, in addition to a number of places for committee members. We already have an enthusiastic bunch of people but we are desperate to encourage new members who can help in any way, large or small and previous experience is really not necessary. In particular, we need some young blood to come in and provide a fresh viewpoint on how to best utilise the Hall and how funds should be raised to maintain this most useful amenity. If you have a rock band which needs a practise venue or fancy starting up a youth club then please come along and make your ideas happen.

We’re a friendly welcoming bunch, so please, if you can spare a couple of hours every 6 – 8 weeks for our meetings, then come along and join in this worthwhile community group.

Spike Flynn
Chairman Bulkington Village Hall

Oberammergau 2010

Towards the end of the 30 years war there was an outbreak of plague in Bavaria. The elders of the village of Oberammergau, in an effort to protect their village, decided to seal it off from outside contact. But an itinerant worker returned, bringing the plague with him, and it swept through the village. Whereupon the people solemnly vowed that, if God would show his compassion and lift the scourge, every ten years they would assemble together and enact the Passion of our Lord. The plague left the village in 1633 and, as a perpetual thanksgiving and reaffirmation of faith, the villagers of Oberammergau have performed the play virtually every ten years ever since. The next performances of this spectacular play, with a cast and choir of 300+ will be in 2010.

Having previously attended the fantastic play on 3 occasions, I have provisionally booked 35 tickets (which are like “gold-dust”!) and have combined the Play with an 8 day holiday in Mosern in the Tyrol, Austria from

Monday, 14th June – Monday 21st June 2010 at the Inntalerhof Hotel. This is a family run, 4* hotel in a rural setting near Seefeld, with walking trails, a bathing lake, views of the Inn Valley, a leisure centre with indoor swimming pool. The rooms are twin bedded with balcony, shower and WC, telephone and television. The main holiday will be half-board with full-board at Oberammergau. (www.inntravel.co.uk/ski/mosern.htm). Flights will be from Heathrow to Munich with Lufthansa. There will be a full programme of optional excursions. The provisional cost is about £1200.00 (half-board on tour, full board at Oberammergau, coach transfers abroad, gratuities). This is not a cheap holiday due to the price of the Play ticket, the cost of holidaying in Austria and the quality of the hotel, but, as with all my tours, I believe you will get value for your money and will have a wonderful experience.

The brochures will be available from March 2008.

If you would like to receive a copy please contact me. To secure a place you will need to book soon even though 2010 is a long way off. If, at a later date, you find you can't travel, then your booking will be covered by travel insurance.

The Revd. Maureen Allchin, 01380 828931
maureen@mallchin.co.uk

LETTERS

Dear Spotlight

You may have seen some of the goings on at Lock Cottage, but we are now starting to refurbish the original cottage with the 1970's brick extension being demolished next month to be replaced with a stone extension a little bigger but in keeping with the locality. I have an interesting problem in that the local council have seen fit to change the road name from Bolland's Hill to Station Road without informing anyone and of course it was the railway that put an end to the canals so not a name change I would find acceptable/. The LGO will investigate.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone reading spotlight who might have some historical memories of Lock Cottage. I would be particularly interested in photographs and the names of those who lived there.

David Hawkins
Wych Elm, Seend Hill
Seend
Wiltshire SN12 6RU

USEFUL CONTACTS NUMBERS:

Rector - Revd Sacha Pearce 828615

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

Christ Church: Mr J McDonald 828376

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

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

Seend Shuttle. Bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568

Seend and District LINK Scheme - Coordinator 828190

Seend and District Ramblers - Bob Howe 828554

Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Ester Daly 01672 513157

Seend and District Theatre Club - S Ewin 828325 M Whitehead 828612

Seend Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325

Seend and District Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433

Seend Book Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325

Seend's Other Book Club - Frank Teasdale 828617

Seend Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend School - 828334

Seend Playgroup - Liz Futter 828485

Seend Bouncy Club - Kate or Kevin 828770

Seend Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Ellie Purdy 828035

Seend WI - 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 - Dave Beaumont - 01225 785067

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 - Neil Yockney 827139

Bulkington Website: bulkington-village.co.uk Contact :- Mark Barnett 828202

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