

# *SPOTLIGHT*

## *Seend & Bulkington*



*July 2011*

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE JUNE

28th Seend Parish Council, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm

29th Free film show for Seend Club Members only: "M. Hulot's Holiday", 7.45pm

## DIARY DATES FOR JULY

1st Messy Church, Pavilion 3.15pm

1st Seend Ramblers, start 6pm from The Brewery Inn - pre-booked supper after.

2nd Church Grounds Cleanup – 10am – Holy Cross

2nd Second Seend Summer Ball, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm

3rd Jazz in the Garden, Brook House, Bromham, 2-4.30pm

3rd Zumba for Breast Cancer Care, Melksham Assembly Hall, 12-4pm

4th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington

5th Seend Acoustic Club - Jennifer Crook, Community Centre 8pm

7th Swindon Male Voice Choir, Seend Holy Cross Church, 7pm

7th Theatre Club outing to Shakespeare Live

8th The Worzels, Leaze Far, Bulkington (Devizes Round Table event) 7pm

9th Wessex Fuchsia Soc. Annual Show, Community Centre, 1-4pm

14th Gardening Club outing to Mapperton and Tintinhull

15th Cirque de Famille, for Breast Cancer Care, Melksham Assembly Hall, 7.30pm

16th Start of Summer Saturday Breakfasts, Seend Community Centre, 7.30-9.30am

16th **LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AUG/SEPT SPOTLIGHT**

17th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane 9.30am

17th Historic Houses Club outing to Woodchester

18th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington

19th Seend Acoustic Club - Terry Etherington, Community Centre 8pm

19th MU Deanery Quiet Afternoon, Holy Cross, 2pm

23rd Summer Saturday breakfast, Community Centre, 7.30-last orders @ 9.30am

25th Start of holiday club week, Potterne Vicarage

30th Summer Saturday breakfast, Community Centre, 7.30-last orders @ 9.30am

## DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

1st Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington

6th Summer Saturday breakfast, Community Centre, 7.30-last orders @ 9.30am

7th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane 9.30am

8th Start of Seend Tennis Club's Kids' Summer Camp

13th Seend Fete and Flower Show (no Community Centre breakfasts)

15th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington

20th Summer Saturday breakfast, Community Centre, 7.30-last orders @ 9.30am

23rd 'Toy Story 3' - free film show for Seend Club Members' families only, 7.45pm

27th Summer Saturday breakfast, Community Centre, 7.30-last orders @ 9.30am

## Newcomer to Seend?

Call in at the shop/PO and ask for your copy of the **Welcome booklet**, which tells you all you need to know about the village.

Visit [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) for past editions of Spotlight & 'Happenings!', local history, 'What's On', links to other village sites etc

# Welcome to July Spotlight



We hope we are not being over-optimistic in choosing a sunny cover illustration for the July edition. With memories of our summer weather in April fast fading, we reckon we deserve a bit more now.

We must thank the organisers and hosts of the Open Gardens weekend for a wonderful village occasion - on the Saturday at least! And we can't blame them for the rain on the Sunday. And looking ahead, we have Swindon Male Voice Choir, The Wurzels, the Summer Ball and the Summer Saturday Breakfasts to look forward to, as well as regular events such as rambles, Gardening Club, Theatre Club and Historic Houses Club outings and the Acoustic Club evenings.

Lastly, congratulations to the unsung heroes of Seend Club's crib team, who have now won the Devizes League for five years in a row! What a record!

## THE SPOTLIGHT ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Inside this issue you will find a brown envelope, in which we ask you to please put a donation toward the cost of producing 'Spotlight'. We continue to provide the magazine free of charge to all households in Seend, Seend Cleeve, Sells Green, Inmarsh and Bulkington ten times a year, as we do not want price to be an obstacle to people finding out what goes on in our busy villages. Paper, ink, staples and, of course, our shiny new printer all cost a considerable sum. While the income from advertising covers a fair proportion of the cost, it is not enough in itself. We will be very grateful, therefore, if you would pop something in the envelope which your Spotlight deliverer will collect from you. Should your envelope not be collected for any reason, you can hand it into Seend Shop/PO or to any of the editorial team. Many thanks.

## THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

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

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

N.B. When sending emails to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) please include the word SPOTLIGHT in uppercase as the first word of the Subject. This will help the editorial team sifting through all the messages stopped by the SPAM filter, which sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

## EVENTS IN LATE JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

(See also *Bulkington News* on pages 10-12)

**Wednesday 29th June**

**7.45pm in Seend Community Centre**

**Free Film Show** for Seend Club Members only  
(you can join on the door):

*Jacques Tati's classic French comedy:*

### **'Monsieur Hulot's Holiday'**




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### Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> - 3.15 pm in the Pavilion



For children of Primary School age and their parents/ carers. Come straight from school and start the session with a drink and biscuit. There will be crafts and messy fun activities, plus a story, game and quiz! A cooked meal (for all) is included so **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**. Numbers are limited so please contact Sue Taylor (at Playgroup or on 01225 709360) to book your place. There is no charge for the afternoon, but a donation towards the cost of the food would be appreciated.

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### **SUMMER SATURDAY BREAKFASTS**

make a welcome return to Seend Community Centre  
Starting on 16th July - 7.30am till last orders at 9.30.




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### *Church Grounds Clean-up*

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10am – Holy Cross**

*Volunteers are needed to give the church grounds a spring clean. Basic gardening skills and enthusiasm are all that are required (and a few appropriate tools). If you can help please contact one of the Churchwardens, or just turn up on the day.*




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### **Seend Acoustic Club**

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays upstairs in Seend Community Centre**

5<sup>th</sup> July - **Jennifer Crook** - singer, guitarist and harpist

19<sup>th</sup> July - **Terry Etherington** - singer/songwriter/superb guitarist

8pm start or earlier to book a floor spot.

Admission £3 unless otherwise stated.

Tickets for **Seend Acoustic Festival** on September 10<sup>th</sup> now  
available. See [www.seendacoustic.org](http://www.seendacoustic.org)




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**N.B. Nosh and Natter - no lunches until September 21st**

## SEEND TENNIS CLUB - KIDS' SUMMER CAMP

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

Daily sessions over five days - £20 for the week  
9.30-10.30 age 4-6; 10.30-11.30 age 7-9; 11.30-12.30 age 9-11



Each session will be age-appropriate with a mix of warm-up, hand-eye coordination exercises, racket skills and FUN!

**Coach: Tom Jackson**

**(LTA Level 2 Coaching Qualification, CRB, First Aid Certificate)**

Tom grew up in Seend and learnt his tennis on the village courts. We are delighted to welcome him back as a coach.

**Limited spaces available – maximum 10 children per group. Places must be booked and paid in advance.** For further information or to book a place for your child, please contact Victoria Bowes  
01380 827264 victoria@boweswine.co.uk 07711 934378

## SEEND FETE 2011 – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Only just over 1 month to go until the Seend Summer Fete! We are busy putting the finishing touches to the programme for the day. We sell programmes before the event and are looking for people who would be willing to help with this; please let me know if you would like to be added to our list of sellers.



Thanks to all those who have generously volunteered to help on the stalls and games again this year. We still have one or two gaps to fill, especially on the tea stall and cake stall. Please get in touch if you can spare an hour or two on the day.

Don't forget the Grand Parade at 12.30. Let's make this year's floats and fancy dress parade the best ever. There are prizes to be won!

Next month we will publish the times when we will be collecting for the bottle stall and when to bring items to the Pavilion for the White Elephant Stall, Book Stall, Plants and Produce, Toys and Games, Cakes, Tombola, Raffle Prizes etc. The Fete website is at [www.seendfete.co.uk](http://www.seendfete.co.uk)

Fiona Johnson, Fete Chairman (828401)



## SEEND FLOWER SHOW 2011

How the year flies by and what a mixture of weather we gardeners are having. Just a reminder that Saturday August 13th is the Seend Fete and Flower Show Day and it draws ever closer. I hope that you are already planning your list of entries which will ensure that we will again have a splendid display. This is the 62nd consecutive year of the Seend Flower Show - quite a record - and thanks to you all for your continued support.

The Flower Show includes sections for Vegetables, Floral Art, Home Produce, Arts and Crafts, Photography and for Children's entries. It gives everyone the

opportunity to display examples of their skills and the chance to admire and talk to others with similar interests. Who knows what bright ideas you may hear! Once again, the walls will be decorated with entries from each class at Seend School as well as from the Playgroup.

Seend Flower Show and Fete complement each other and add to the pleasure of all those who attend from within and from outside the village so please, once again, support your hard-working committee by entering as many sections as you can.

Peter Fisher, President, Seend Flower Show.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **OPEN GARDENS**

A huge thank you to all involved in Seend Open Gardens. The event was very successful despite atrocious weather on the Sunday (when all but the hardiest visitors stayed away). Particular thanks must go to the Summer Wine gang for their help in setting up, the Shuttle drivers, car park staff, tea and refreshment teams, cake bakers, church sitters and flower arrangers, stall holders and most importantly, the garden owners, without whose generosity none of this would have been possible.

Steve Taylor, Church Fundraising Chairman

### **THE NEW VILLAGE PRINTER**

The new printer is now installed. We were hoping to print at least part of this issue of Spotlight on it, but events got in the way. So, watch out for a superior quality of print next month - and even possibly a touch of colour!

We would like to thank the Melksham Area Board, who have granted £750 toward the purchase, Seend Community Centre and Seend Fawltly Players who have donated £200 each, and, of course, to all of you who have contributed via the brown envelope collections for Spotlight over the years. We are also grateful to the Lye Field Committee who are providing a cupboard to keep it in.

Any village organisations that would like to have an account and pin number to use the printer (after training), please contact Neil Yockney on 827139.

### **WANTED – ORGANISED PERSON WITH SECRETARIAL SKILLS**

to support the Parochial Church Council for Holy Cross Church, Seend. Duties include agenda preparation, minute taking, and occasional correspondence.

Meetings are held five times a year, plus the annual church meeting. You don't have to be a regular worshiper to undertake the role, but a knowledge of church matters may help. Training can be given, but there is no fee. Reward in heaven!! If you are interested and would like more information please contact one of the Churchwardens or Richard Whitehead (our current secretary).



## **MELANIE WALKER (SEEND POST OFFICE)**

### **WALK TEN FOR MARIE CANCER CARE**

I will be taking part in a 10 kilometre walk at the beginning of September, around the beautiful grounds of Stourhead, in aid of cancer care.

All monies raised will be to ensure that "Marie Curie Cancer Care continues to provide high-quality nursing, totally free, to give people with terminal cancer and other illnesses the choice of dying at home, supported by their families."

I know that everyone wants your money but I believe that this is a really deserving cancer charity. Sponsorship forms are in the shop, so please pop in to part with your hard earned cash whether its 50p or several pounds.

Thank you, Mel

## **WANTED**

Any copies of George and Weedon Grossmith's 'Diary of a Nobody' and Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest' that I could borrow for next October's WEA class. We would take great care of them. Pam Church 828597.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

The total raised from Seend and Bulkington this year was £1,000.07. In addition many donors completed the Gift Aid form so a significant amount will be added to this total by the tax man.

A big thank-you to all those who gave and to the collectors who collected the envelopes.

## **RED CROSS COLLECTION**

Joyce Brand would like to thank everyone who took the time to collect door-to-door for the British Red Cross early in May, and to all those who donated. The total for the village was £310.

## **DAMAGE TO HEADSTONES IN HOLY CROSS CHURCHYARD**

Following the removal of the lime tree in the Churchyard it has become evident that some damage had been incurred to a number of headstones. If repairs are to be undertaken then it is necessary to contact the descendants of those identified from the headstones. If anyone knows of the present whereabouts of the following named persons can they please contact Anne Ewing on 01380 828557 or Tina Yockney on 01380 827139.

They are:

- Gaisford Family (John and Anne buried 1862)
- Chorley Family (William and Mary buried 1842)
- Wallis Family (Richard and Mary – date unknown)
- Hancock Family (Richard buried 1903)
- Humphries Family (William John Humphries 1942, Clara Ann 1942, Susan 1976)

## **ALLOTMENTS**

Anyone wishing to acquire a Parish Council allotment, please contact the Parish Clerk, Rosemary Fisher, on 01380 828281.

## **HOLIDAY CLUB**

Our neighbouring benefice, with which we are informally linked, will be running its annual children's holiday club every day (ie Monday to Friday) for the week commencing 25th July from 10am until noon. Parents will be responsible for transporting their children to and from the Vicarage in Rookes Lane, Potterne. Please register your interest with the Vicar on 827285 (or email renee.coulson.2@googlemail.com) in the first instance.

## **A POSSIBLE SEEND SINGING GROUP.**



It looks as if this is going to happen, so anyone wanting to sing for fun, please contact John Smallshaw on 01380 828540 or Roger Brind on 828830.

## **VILLAGE APPRAISAL UPDATE**

The Appraisal will take place during July, and all parishioners over the age of 18 are invited to participate. The appraisal document will be delivered to your home in the first week of July and will be collected from the 22 July.

The Appraisal is one of the mechanisms for gathering together the views of the community on a wide-range of issues and, in the section that has been devised by the Parish Council, can help to inform the local priorities over the next five to ten years. The Chair of the Parish Council, Anita Heatley, has explained how the data collected can be used and how it can enable the Parish Council to be pro-active.

In addition the following organisations - The Lye Field, the Women's Institute, Seend School, the Parochial Church Council and the Community Centre - all have a section. The appraisal in 1998 was viewed as being very successful, with an 81% response rate, not least because it initiated a number of new clubs and organisations that are still thriving. In the thirteen years since the last appraisal many people have moved into the village and it seems appropriate that we gather as much information as we can about the priorities and interests of our current community.

The appraisal is confidential and you will be provided with an envelope to return your appraisal document anonymously. A copy of the document will appear on the village website, so if you prefer you can make your return through this medium. All of the responses will be analysed and compiled into a report for an open meeting later this year.

There will be a separate document that will not be anonymous, so that if you wish to request more information, if you wish to join an existing organisation/club or if you wish to join with others in organising new clubs/activities you can express an interest.

On behalf of the Appraisal Working Party and the organisations listed above, we do hope that you will take this opportunity to express your views.

Tony Murch

**Note from the Parish Council Chairman:**

All Parish Councils are required to compile a Parish Plan that shows how their community wants to develop over the next five to ten years and to identify local problems and opportunities.

The Parish Council will soon begin to compile its Parish Plan but it has to be informed by consulting with our community. The forthcoming village appraisal is an important part of this process and the Parish Council would encourage everyone over the age of eighteen to complete one of the appraisal documents that will be delivered in July, so that we can reflect your priorities and concerns. If we do not set our own priorities through the Parish Plan, it is likely these will be set for us, at County level. The Localism Bill, currently passing through Parliament, is likely to devolve more power locally, so that more of the decision making process can occur at parish level.

I hope that you will support the village appraisal and, on behalf of the Parish Council, I look forward to receiving your comments.

Anita Heatley

**CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS****Letter from the Vicar*****Pastoral preponderances ...***

Yesterday, we did something a little different in church. Mindful of how little we truly know each other in our congregations, I invited everyone to take a little time out to share with someone sitting nearby something of their concerns and their joys. After all, how can we love and pray for each other, if we don't even know them? And I asked them how much they knew about me. And I admitted how little I knew about them as individuals, let alone the people living in our parishes, for whom I have pastoral responsibility (something I really am working on!)

Although everyone was rather taken aback at first – after all, they're not normally given the freedom to talk to one another during a service – they soon got into it and there was a healthy buzz of conversation and even some good feedback as people left church afterwards, especially from those who are relative newcomers to our villages.

That put me in mind of a story I heard from a member of a Round Table group. It was his branch's practice that at each meeting a member would give a brief description of their job. He was a minister and, when it came to his turn he said: "I'm with a global organisation. We have branches in every country in the world and we have representatives in almost every government and boardroom on earth. We're heavily into motivation and change of behaviour patterns. We run hospitals, schools and after-school clubs, soup runs and homes for the homeless, refuges, publishing firms and nursing homes. We look after our clients from birth to death. We're into life, health and fire insurance. We perform spiritual heart transplants. Our original President owns all the real estate on earth, as well as an assortment of

galaxies and constellations. He knows everything and lives everywhere. Our product is free for the asking. No-one could afford to buy it.

Our Chief Executive Officer was born in a run-of-the-mill town, worked as a carpenter, didn't own a home, was misunderstood by his family, hated by enemies, walked on water, was condemned to death without a trial, and arose from the dead. I speak with him every day."

The church is the most amazing organisation in the world and I find it so hard to understand why everyone isn't a member. Want to know more about Christianity, and what it can offer you? Give me a call (827285).

*Renee*

### **The missing note ...**

Well, the invitation to return my CD player to the church vestry from where it was removed wasn't taken up. A great pity. However, I have received two offers of a replacement, for which I really am most grateful. On behalf of Seend Church, many thanks, and bless you for your kindness. I won't embarrass you by naming you here – but you know who you are! All Church property has now been treated with a process that enables it to be traced and identified. It's a great sadness to us all that such action should be necessary. R.



### **Messy Church**

The next Messy Church event will be held in the Pavilion on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, from 3.15-5.45 pm. See the Events pages for details. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.** Please contact Sue Taylor on 01225 709360 or Liz Futter on 828485.

### **Church services during July**

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

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

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

|          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion at Seend   |
| 9.30 am  | Matins at Poulshot        |
| 11.15 am | Parish Communion at Seend |
| 6.00 pm  | Evensong at Bulkington    |

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

|          |                                |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| 8.00 am  | Holy Communion at Seend        |
| 9.30 am  | Parish Communion at Bulkington |
| 11.15 am | Parish Communion at Seend      |
| 6.00 pm  | Parish Communion at Poulshot   |

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

|         |                              |
|---------|------------------------------|
| 8.00 am | Holy Communion at Seend      |
| 9.30 am | Family Communion at Poulshot |

11.15 am            Family Communion at Seend  
 6.00 pm            Parish Communion at Bulkington

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

8.00 am            Holy Communion at Bulkington  
 10.00 am           Joint service at Seend Chapel

### **Seend Methodist Chapel Services for July**

Services will be held as follows in July:

**10<sup>th</sup> July**    10am        Revd Mary Teed

**17<sup>th</sup> July**    10.30am    At Whitley Methodist Chapel for their chapel  
 anniversary. Preacher is the Bristol District Chairman,  
 Revd A. Ward Jones  
                   6pm        Area World Church service at Wesley Road Methodist  
 Chapel, Trowbridge

**24<sup>th</sup> July**    10am        Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion

The Chapel Members wish to say a very big “Thank you” to the person who gave us a generous but anonymous donation in memory of Barbara Booth.

### **From Roy**

We have two thrushes who visit us in our garden at the moment. We feel ourselves to be especially blessed to have them close to us as they, like many birds, are becoming increasingly rare. Of course, we never know when they will come. They are fleeting visitors to our garden as they appear to be nesting elsewhere. So whether we see them or not very much depends upon whether we happen to be looking out of the right window at the right time. We cannot make a sighting occur. We can only be alert to the possibility that they will visit us and keep watching out. And the chances are that we see a different bird altogether.

I am reading a book of meditations at the moment called ‘Watching for the Kingfisher’ by Ann Lewin. She says in her foreword that she got the inspiration for her title when she was staying with some friends in a house. Everyone else kept reporting sightings of a kingfisher, but she was always denied a sighting. It was very frustrating. It was out of her control.

Like thrushes and kingfishers, we cannot make God appear for us. We can only be alert to the possibility that God will be disclosed to us in a moment when we are watching out. It will not always be at a time and place that we expect or even in a form that we are used to. Yet when God flashes into our experience, it will always be a time of blessing. It may be a challenge as well to see God in a totally different way.

God bless.



**Church Floodlights**

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

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**BULKINGTON NEWS****SWINDON MALE VOICE CHOIR**

The south west's renowned male voice choir will be singing traditional and modern arrangements of familiar music

**on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July  
starting from 7pm  
at Holy Cross, Seend.**

**Tickets available from Seend Post Office, Jane Coles 828145, Liz Futter 828485, Audrey McDonald 828376, Anne Saywell 828931, & Sue Noad 870343. Proceeds to stained glass window repair fund, Christ Church ,Bulkington.**

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Would you be interested in a **SPONSORED WALK IN JERUSALEM** (26 January-2 February 2012)? The walk will be three circuits of the walled old city of Jerusalem (7 miles), lasting 3-5 hours, with groups of participants choosing their own pace and rest-stops. It is not a race or a feat of endurance. Money is being raised for three of McCabe Educational Trust's projects in Bethlehem and Bethany, which will be visited during the week. (Maureen Allchin is a director of the Trust). The subsidised trip will cost you £650 for a week, inclusive of flights, transportation in Israel/Palestine and full board accommodation. There will also be visits to Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee with an option to visit Masada and the Dead Sea. The Trust asks that you raise a minimum of £300 sponsorship. Full details from Maureen Allchin (01380 828931 or maureen@mallchin.co.uk

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 there will be 21 **priests ordained in Salisbury Cathedral**. This is very exciting for the diocese as vocations are increasing in the Church of England. 14 Deacons will be ordained in October and 29 people are currently in training for the ordained ministry. Our new Bishop – Nicolas Holtham, currently Vicar of St. Martins in the Fields, London - will be consecrated as Bishop in St. Paul's Cathedral on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2011. He will begin his ministry as Bishop of Salisbury in October.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN BULKINGTON**

The church-hosted **Bulkington lunch** takes place on 6th July at 12.15 at The Well. It is a great village occasion with a good two course meal for £10.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145).

The **Mobile Library** will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on 4th and 18<sup>th</sup> July from 10.55-11.25. The Well will be open for coffee during Library time. Please support this.

On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 at 7.00 the **SWINDON MALE VOICE CHOIR** will be singing at Holy Cross Church, Seend. See previous page for details.

On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July the Devizes Round Table have invited **THE WURZELS** + supporting bands to Leaze Farm, Bulkington at 7.00. Tickets are £15.00 from 07980 686383. There will be a licensed bar, speciality ciders and hot food available.

## **BULKINGTON PLAYING FIELD UPDATE**

Following a competitive tendering process, Jane's Pond was selected to install the new play equipment on the playing field. It is hoped that the work can start in July, and it would be really good if it could be finished by the end of August.



Plans are also underway to start work on the sensory garden at the same time.

If you want to see the re-vamped playing field plans they are being displayed on the Parish noticeboard, opposite the Well Inn in Bulkington. Please come along and have a look. There will be a grand opening event later in the year. More details will follow.

If you'd like to find out more about the process that we've followed, or the work that we're undertaking, please contact Ian Dobson on 01380 827126.

Have you looked at the **BULKINGTON WEBSITE** recently? See [www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/bulkington](http://www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/bulkington). Calum Ogivily is the webmaster and does a great job!

## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**



### **SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

There are no activities to report on this month, but at the time of writing the Mapperton trip on 14th July is low on numbers but those who are on the list will be contacted if there is any change.

Plants etc will be needed for the stall at the fete in August so if you are managing to keep your garden alive and healthy despite the unpredictable weather please remember to keep your surplus plants and crops for us to sell.

Sue.

## **SEEND & BULKINGTON MOTHERS UNION**

### **Future Dates**

**19<sup>th</sup> July** – Deanery Quiet Afternoon at Seend, 2pm at the Church of the Holy Cross

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



## **SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS**



There will be a walk organised by Sandy and Tim James on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. Arrangements for the location of this walk are still in the planning stages, but meet in Rusty Lane for 9.30am departure. Sandy and Tim can be contacted on 01380 723394. Bring the usual refreshments for a stop.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August** Meet in Rusty Lane for a 9.30am departure. No further information yet, but ring Lin and Gerald 01225 706451 a little nearer the time.

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August – FETE DAY**

Our club has volunteered to organise the Refreshments Tent again this year and we look forward to seeing as many members as possible to give a hand in catering on this day. Help during the late morning and, most importantly, during the afternoon will be invaluable.

Any baking of cakes towards this event will be gratefully appreciated.

Lin Salter



## **SEEND SHUTTLE A.G.M**

Ten of us met on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May for the A.G.M of the Seend Shuttle Committee. Though the bus has more mechanical problems as it gets older it is in good repair, the body work is mended and it is soon to have a replacement for the Seend Shuttle logo that had to be removed.

Pete Wallis, the chairman, reported that we are working alongside the Parish council to ensure a smooth transition of ownership to them before we need to purchase the next bus. We shall become a sub-committee of the Parish council. Pete emphasised what a valuable asset the bus is and thanked all those who make this possible with particular thanks going to Alison and Terry for the huge amount of work they put in daily keeping the service going, and to all our drivers.

Terry Sleightholme, our treasurer, presented his immaculate accounts. We have had a comparatively poor financial year with running costs rising and private hire being down. However, we made a surplus of £1237 which increases our very good reserve balance. With the annual grant of £5360 from Wiltshire council added to this we should be able to fund a replacement when necessary. We have increased bus fares for only the second time in eighteen years from £2 to £3 for a return fare to Devizes or Melksham. This should mean an increase of 50% largely from the refund from the bus pass system.

There were no new nominations and the present committee was re-elected. Tony Murch already liaises with the Parish council but we are hoping to be able to co-opt two more councillors onto our committee. There was general discussion about trying encourage use of the bus, particularly to Melksham on Tuesdays, and whether we could make more interest on our reserve funds.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Local crime at the moment seems to be centred on thefts of roof coverings from houses and places of worship.

Within the last month or so, an out-house roof at a local farm, which had recently been re-tiled, was partially stripped of a quantity of large stone tiles, and a number of tiles which had been carefully stacked were also taken. A considerable quantity of lead was also stolen from the roof of Holy Cross Church. This appears to be in tandem with a number of lead thefts from premises in Melksham recently. In addition a portable CD player was also stolen from our church. Please continue to be vigilant, it might be your property next! Report anything suspicious to your NHW rep. or contact the police.

I now have some welcome packs for any of you who have already joined, or are thinking of joining, the NHW scheme. Please contact me, Cavan Moroney or Owen Burton, if you require one.

Brian Hunt.

## **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

### **THE SEEND BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION NEEDS YOU!**



The Seend Branch is getting short of active members either because people live away from the village, or through “anno domini.” Few younger people are coming forward to join this unbeatable organisation.

A great deal of publicity has been given to the Help the Heroes charity, which does a fantastic job in rehabilitating service personnel who have been wounded in recent operations. However, once they are on the road to recovery this charity is unable to continue to support them.

So who then takes on this responsibility? None other than The Royal British Legion, which spends nearly £1.4 million on health and welfare support to service and ex service personnel and their families.

What better way is there to say thank you to our service personnel who put their lives at risk over and over again for our country, and to their families who endure the separation and support them when they come home, sometimes in pieces, than to become a member of the Royal British Legion which will support those in need for the rest of their lives?

You do not have to have served in the Armed forces to become a member, as membership is now open to everyone and costs the small sum of **£11 per year**. So please pick up the phone now and talk to any of the committee members: Nigel Knocker 828609, Peter Fisher 828305, Tony Hill 828397, Joe Hardstaff 828458, Roger Brind 828830, Tom Southern 828706, Dennis Frith 828445, Marion

Whitehead 828612, or go direct to our Membership Secretary John Ralph 01225 766150.

**Dates for your diary:**

Next Committee meeting Thursday 1st September 2011.

Annual Lecture Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

**SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

**The Big Seend Picnic**

Over 50 people came along to the Big Picnic on 5<sup>th</sup> June – hardly the whole community lunching together as envisaged by the Eden Project, but an enjoyable occasion nonetheless. There was a lot of interest in short-mat bowls, several families took advantage of Seend Tennis Club's open courts, and we tried (and largely failed) to follow advanced zumba instructions on DVD (the real thing at our 10am Tuesday and 6pm Wednesday classes is much simpler and great fun! Just turn up to try it.) Next year's nationwide Big Lunch is on 3<sup>rd</sup> June - coinciding with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Shall we try again?

**Free film show for Seend Club Members**

The classic French comedy, Jacques Tati's '**Monsieur Hulot's Holiday**', will be shown in the Community Centre at 7.45pm on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. It's strictly Seend Club members only – but you can join at the door.

The next free film show is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 6pm, when we shall be showing '**Toy Story 3**' to Club members and their families.

**Seend Summer Ball**

This three-course-dinner, black-tie event takes place on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July. At the time of writing it looks like a sell-out, but it may be worth you ringing Jan on 828687 or Caroline on 828846 in case of last minute availability.

**Seend Summer Saturday Breakfasts**

Starting on 16<sup>th</sup> July, through to 27<sup>th</sup> August (though not on Flower Show Day, 13<sup>th</sup> August), breakfast will be served in the Community Centre from 7.30am till last orders at 9.30am. It's a really popular and sociable start to the weekend.

If you want to volunteer to help out at any of the breakfasts, please contact Tony Murch (828450).

**Seend Acoustic Club - free chocolate!**

It's got to be one of the best three-quid's worth of entertainment around. If you haven't tried it yet, please do. Your £3 admission brings you all sorts of quality acoustic music, mixed with a little of the spoken word, a generous raffle and a free chocolate! **July's guests** are Jennifer Crook on 5<sup>th</sup> and Terry Etherington on 19<sup>th</sup> – both accomplished singers and musicians who have impressed at the Club previously. And make sure the **Seend Acoustic Festival** on 10<sup>th</sup> September is in your diary. Tickets are available now from Malcolm and Jenny on 01380 827041. See [www.seendacoustic.org](http://www.seendacoustic.org) for full details.

## **Seend Social Club Cribbage Team Season 2010-2011**

Team organiser, Stan Wiltshire, supported by Eric Akerman, Cliff and Alan Bainton with Fred Powney, and John Wiltshire standing in when required.

We started the season with a trouncing at the New Inn at Coate. Our closest rivals during the season, we played them three times, winning twice. This was to be critical in deciding the final positions! It was the closest of our last FIVE winning seasons. Our final game this season, the decider, was a 5-1 win. The New Inn won theirs 4-2, so we won the league by the solitary point.

The team as a whole has been very pleased to represent the Social Club (now The Seend Club). We entered the Crib League in 1981, holding our own (mid-table most of the time). There were then three leagues with around 30 teams playing. The league is now down to 14 teams, so hoping for more next season. We have won the league for the last five years, and won the KO Cup three times in the last 10 seasons (we lost 5-6 in the final this year), so we are very pleased with our results.

Eric was unable to play in the KO Cup final. We all wish him the best and hope to have him back in the team next season.



Cliff Bainton



### **SEEND WI**

At our June meeting Jo Ilsley from the Walled Garden at Mells came along to show us how to utilise the flowers in our gardens to make inexpensive but lovely tied bouquets. These make beautiful gifts for friends and family, dispelling the myth that cut flowers are expensive. Three of our members made bouquets along with her and these were then raffled. In a very relaxed and informal manner she gave us an account of how she set up her business, coped with collapsing poly tunnels and days digging trenches. We had a very entertaining evening filled with fun and friendship which is what our WI is all about.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> when Lynda Warren will evoke the atmosphere of the 1940s with her talk about The Wartime Kitchen. She will bring along a quiz and recipes which should be great fun so why not come along and join us.

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

### **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

The meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May was attended by 10 Councillors, with Mrs. A. Heatley in the Chair. Apologies received from Mr. D. Nicholls.

#### **Police Matters**

PC Thomas reported that **tiles had been taken** from the roof of a barn at Egypt

Farm; the Police had been in touch with reclamation yards in case any tiles are offered to them. **Filled charity bags** are being taken from outside properties again; it was safest to take recycled items direct to charity shops. There is a **current scam** on 01380 and 01225 numbers, purporting to come from Microsoft technical support department.

### **Matters arising**

*War Memorial* – The Clerk will obtain a further quote for the restoration work, and complete the application for grant funding from the War Memorials Trust. Investigations at the Wiltshire History Centre in Chippenham into the minutes of the PC and PCC had not revealed any historical information about the memorial.

*Village Appraisal* – There is to be a meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June - Mrs Savage will attend on behalf of the PC. The Lye Field, Community Centre, Parish Council and Parochial Church Council will take part, it is hoped that the school will also take part. The Chapel have declined because of their lack of facilities. It was suggested to add “Any other comments?” at the end of the appraisal form. The Chairman asked if there were any objections to the PC contributing to the cost? Councillors indicated that they were happy for the PC to take a lead and contribute to the funding of the Appraisal. Mr Murch said that he had approached Community First about funding; they had indicated that they would not fund the Appraisal, but would give a grant towards a Parish Plan.

*Broadband* – It was noted that *Melksham News* reported that Wiltshire Council has been given £4m towards superfast broadband services.

*Allotments* – It had not been possible to spray the allotment site yet because it had been too windy. The agreement (based on Devizes Town Council allotment agreement) had been circulated, but was felt to be too complicated, and the Clerk agreed to re-work the agreement, based on the original agreement used by the PC, and circulate to the PC. Mention to be made of fencing for the chickens; dogs to be allowed on the allotment as long as they are on a lead and under control, and any mess picked up; also mention the maximum size shed that can be erected. Mr. Padfield agreed to contact Bodmans to get another quote for re-making the entrance to the allotments, and install a water pipe from the water trough (now purchased) out to the road, so that Wessex Water can undertake a trench inspection and make the water connection.

*Footpath 6* – Mr MacDonald has still not made a diversion application. The PC agreed they did not want the footpath diverted, but for it to be put back to its original position on the definitive footpath map.

*Love Walk, replacement of stone steps* – There was still no detail of the cost of replacement for the stone steps.

*Canal Bridge, Barge Inn* – This matter to be followed up in July. A parishioner has noted that there is also a crack in the underside of the bridge over the canal in Spout Lane. A recent item on Wiltshire Radio indicated that British Waterways are going to enforce barges moving out of a parish after a certain length of time. It was noted

that some people living in barges on the canal were causing a nuisance by dumping ashes or their belongings on the bank, and breaking down trees for firewood.

*Bus stop, Bath Road* – One person had responded to the item in Spotlight to say they regularly used the bus stop, and also indicated that a neighbour's children also used it. Wiltshire Council indicated that there are no plans to make improvements along this bus route, however, Councillors felt it was a safety issue and at least a rail should be placed next to the road.

*Highway Matters* – The Clerk to obtain the cost of a grit bin, and to request a tonne of salt/grit to be supplied, if agreement could be obtained for storage under cover at Egypt Farm.

*The Lye* – Wiltshire Council Housing Department have confirmed that tenants are sometimes required to pay additional charges for maintenance. Cllr Seed had forwarded an explanatory e-mail from Sarsen Housing Association to the Clerk, and she would forward it to Mrs. Waylen to advise tenants living in The Lye. Sarsen advised that in future liability for maintenance will be written in to agreements when properties are sold.

*Old Railway Bridge, Station Road* – The Chairman advised that another accident or near-miss had taken place at the site, there was no report of an accident but skid marks showed that a vehicle had veered right across the road to the north of the bridge. Cllr Seed said that it is important that these incidents are reported to keep statistics up-to-date. Mr Manning suggested that the PC should keep a log and write to Highways. The Chairman asked if PC Thomas could put this in her quarterly log.

*Public Enquiry, footpath* – The final summing took place on 17<sup>th</sup> May, the outcome will take about 6 weeks.

*Barbara Booth* – The Clerk advised that she had received a further cheque for £65 towards trees in memory of Miss Booth. An item had been placed in Spotlight, there had been a suggestion for trees in the hedge by the Lye Field, and at the back of the Community Centre. Information had been obtained from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and The Woodland Trust about suitable native species. It was suggested that trees could be offered to the school to replace those removed when the new building is erected. A site was also being sought in Seend Cleeve, where Miss Booth had lived.

### **Melksham Area Board**

The next meeting to take place in Seend will be on 26<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Planning Matters**

E/11/0554/FUL      Seend Row House, Row Lane  
Retention of access track and hardstanding area. Use of  
hardstanding area for stationing of vehicles and machinery

The Chairman asked members present to vote on the application. The vote was 7 in favour and 2 abstentions.

- E/11/0575/LBC      Loiterton Farmhouse, Inmarsh  
New dormer window  
Unanimously in favour.
- E/11/0627/FUL      Old Wyatts, Row Lane  
Retrospective application for retention of changes to south boundary wall and entrance gates from Trowbridge Road (previously approved under applications K/59694/F and K/59695/LBC). Relocation of street light to position adjacent Row Lane (not as indicated in previously approved application E/10/0217/FUL)  
Unanimously in favour

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 in the Community Centre.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Full copies of Parish Council meeting minutes can be found on [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

The year 6 children will be busy this, their last, term. We are going to the leavers' service at Salisbury Cathedral, accompanied by Reverend Renée and one or two of the foundation governors. We are also going to a Junior Good Citizen workshop in Westbury where they will be given the chance to learn all about keeping themselves safe from a host of potential dangers, including smoking, alcohol, fire and internet chat rooms.



Other age groups are not missing out however; the year 5 children are enjoying a Junior Leaders course, learning about how to lead the younger children in games and activities, the year 3 and 4 children are enjoying their new class pets (3 stick insects) and have just returned from a trip to a mosque in Swindon. Year 1 and 2 are off to Swindon themselves for a visit to the Museum and Art Gallery, whilst the reception children continue to host the new intake for a series of induction visits ready for when they start in September.

The building work is about to commence with July 4<sup>th</sup> being the confirmed date. We are informed that the working day will be from around 7:30ish to 5:00ish, though deliveries will avoid dropping off and picking up times and will also be directed through the voluntary one-way system around School Road. If there are problems caused by the traffic, please contact the school so that concerns can be passed to the builders. The last thing we want is to upset or disrupt anyone in the village. If all goes according to plan, the work should be finished by the end of December so the New Year should start with everything back to normal.

The monies from our sponsored walk are just about in and it looks like we should hopefully reach our £500 target. The next money-raiser is the very brave

(or is it something else?!) parachute jump by Mrs Jo Bines (mother to Alfie and Harvey) who has set a target of £1000. This is due to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> June so we wish her the very best of luck. Anyone wishing to sponsor Jo, should pop into the post office where there is a form, contact Donna Hickman or drop (!) into the school.

Rehearsals are going well for our KS2 summer production which this year is a primary school version of Grease (Yes, I know I have done it before at Keevil but it was so much fun last time.) The younger children will be putting on a little performance of the singing they have been doing this year too. The school year will be rounded off with a circus skills day for all the children to enjoy and we are all looking forward to that!

Jackie Chalk, Headteacher

## **Seend School Parent Social Club**

May was certainly busy for us with the **May Fayre** and **Devizes Table Top Sale** only days apart. Together they made around £1600, which is great. Thank you everyone who helped by providing cakes, garden produce and preserves. There were just enough buns and biscuits left over to reward the children after their sponsored walk the following day!

We have a **school disco** and **sports day** coming up, so the baking trays will be out again for teas and cakes after the games.

**Textile Collection** – Due to the success of the collection held in March, we have booked another collection for 7 October 2011. Blue Bags will be available in September for good quality clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, bedding (not duvets or pillows) etc, and the School will be paid 50p/ kilo. If you cannot wait until September, I will gladly take your items for you.

**Football Coaching** – Jake Sainsbury is now running football coaching at school on Sunday mornings 9.00–11.00am for children aged 6–12 years old. The children that attend really enjoy it and are coming on in leaps and bounds. It would be great if some others could come along to bolster numbers.

**Loose Change** - There is a pot now collecting loose change in the hall each morning (and also at Playgroup). The Infants and the Juniors have been set the challenge of who can raise the most. If you can spare any loose change please drop it into school or give it to a school family.

**Supermarket Vouchers** - The deadline is fast approaching when all vouchers need to be handed into school. The supermarkets have stopped issuing them now, so please look in your purses / wallets and send them into school or give to a school parent.

**Parachute Jump** – Jo Bines is doing her parachute jump on 25th June. At the time of writing, she has been pledged around £600 to jump. It would be fantastic if she could raise £1000.

*Sponsorship forms are available in the post office and around the village. Alternatively, donations can be sent into school marked parachute jump.*

Emma Hibberd will be doing a **Zumba Taster Evening at School on Tuesday 28 June** at 7pm. Doors will open at 6.45pm. The session will cost £3.50 and all monies collected will go towards the building project.

### **Seend School 100 Club**

June's Gold Book will not take place until the end of the month, so winners will appear in the next edition of Spotlight.

Please become a friend of the school - anyone can do it, whether they have a connection to the school or not. The odds of winning are better than the lottery, so please join by sending your details with a cheque to school marked 100 Club, or by contacting me. Cheques need to be made payable to Seend School 100 Club.

For your chance to win a share of £45, **you can pay a pro rata subscription of £6**. The year runs from February to February. First Prize is £20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is £15 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize is £10.

Emma Smith 01380 828056

## **SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES**

### **FOOTBALL - Manager Mike Hopkins**

#### **Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham**

The season finished with a presentation evening at The Brewery last month. Pre season training starts in July. All new players or queries to Mark Newman on 07801820652



### **TENNIS – chair Elaine Davis**

#### **Mixed A – Captain Mark Newman**

Players to date: Mark Newman, Harry Waylen, Victoria Bowes, David and Susie Meharg, Tom Jackson, Pam Akerman and Frankie Goddard.

The Mixed A are playing in the top division and are finding the going hard, but the matches have been great fun – Played 4, lost 4!

#### **Mixed B – Captain Ric Ellinger**

Players to date: Ric Ellinger, Chris Ellinger, Martin Barber, Liam Bergin, Jeanne Bergin, Pam Akerman and Carol Whitely

The results to date:- played 5 – won three, lost two

#### **Women's – Captain Pam Akerman**

Players to date: Jennie Davis, Susie Meharg, Phillipa Jackson, Alex Gray, Jeanne Bergin, Carol Whitely, Victoria Bowes, Sian Lythell, Sonja Nicholls, Kate Honeybone, Christobel Garrett and Pam Akerman.

After being promoted last season, the team have found themselves up against it, but there have been lots of new players coming forward with enthusiasm.

Played 7 – lost, only just, 7.

### **Men's – Captain Frankie Goddard**

Players to date – Mark Newman, Louis Ball, Nathan Hamblin, Martin Barber, Harry Waylen, Charlie Waylen, Will Newall, Roger Mortimer, Chris Ellinger, Ric Ellinger and Frankie Goddard.

Played 6 – drawn one, lost five.

Although the results for all the teams have not looked great, it has been a fantastic season so far, with many new players coming on board and some extremely close results, which are not reflected in the overall figures. Carl Orlans continues with the training sessions on Tuesday evenings, and we're certainly seeing some new talent coming through as a result. The second half of the season should bring better rewards.

### **SHORT MAT BOWLS –Tour Guide – Colin Waldeck**

There has only been one match since the last issue, when the team were away to Crudwell, only to be pipped at the post 8-0



The team is now on its European summer tour, which incorporates a sponsored "roll". Colin explained that he and the team in turn roll eight balls, and see how many kilometres they can go in only 10,000 rolls. They have chosen to do this in Holland for obvious reasons – it being the flattest of the European countries. The training in the Peak District was not such a good idea, but I look forward to Colin's report back for the next issue. Thankfully the arts council grant should cover the costs, although Colin will have to explain why he applied for sponsorship for "Short format ballards" – another helpful misprint



### **SKITTLES**

The finals of the 3 a-side competition will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> June. There are two competitions with 8 teams in the main competition, and 8 teams in the subs competition. This is being organised by Russell Collins, and he will have a detailed report for next month's Spotlight

### **CRICKET – Captain John Wiltshire**

It has been a disappointing month in terms of matches being cancelled, after Frome Incidentals pulled out of their match, Spye Park rearranged a fixture, only to call it off. The next match will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> July against Compton Bassett, who always put out an enthusiastic team. There was one match in June – a nine a side against the touring side Trinity. Seend hit 270 off their 30 overs, with Russell Collins scoring 75, and Geoff Mattock falling at 96, just one boundary short of his century. Trinity put up a tremendous response and in their 30 overs scored 255 but with no wickets lost. An unusual victory for Seend!



### **RUNNING**

The Bishops Cannings 5000m dash run as part of the Church fete takes place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, with a start time of 3:30. Seend is represented in the roll of honour, with Nicola Meharg being first girl in 1987 and William Davis coming in as 1<sup>st</sup> boy in 2006 and 2007. Any who are

interested in entering the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive run of this event can find details and entry form at [www.bishopscanningsdash.co.uk](http://www.bishopscanningsdash.co.uk) or telephone me on 828488.

All results, fixtures and sporting news for the next Spotlight edition to the Olympic Ticket office (Seend) by 10<sup>th</sup> July please – thanks, Frankie Goddard, 01380 828488.

## **PERSONAL ADS**

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

### **Wanted**

Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area - to lease with view to purchase. We are looking for an area of grazing which we can fence securely to make a safe haven for our ponies and their feed / water following numerous incidents of theft and now criminal damage at our current location. Anything considered, although 5 acres plus preferred. . We are happy to include uplift clauses etc to alleviate any concerns regarding development etc if required.

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

### **For Sale**

Well-used Duplo 21S Duprinter. Also Plockmatic stapler/folder. Both will be available when new Spotlight printer fully in use. Buyer collects. Sensible offers to Neil Yockney (01380 827139) please.

## **ODDS AND ENDS**

### **WARNINGS**

We have been informed of '**unofficial' collectors of charity bags** operating in our area.

*One report reads 'Today a resident reported that the charity bag which she had put out for collection by the British Heart Foundation was taken at approx. 8.30a.m. by a "bag snatcher". Apparently, an unmarked vehicle thought to be a Renault Berlingo and pale green in colour, with rear windows blacked out with "bin liners", drove swiftly down the Close, turned round and then pulled up. Someone leapt out (gender not identified), grabbed the bag, hastily returned to the vehicle which then sped off.'*

We understand that the official collectors' vehicles are marked and/or liveried appropriately so that these can be clearly identified. There is a lot of money to be made by these illegitimate operators who take these bags from the doorstep, which means the relevant charity loses out each time.

Please, if you see anyone taking these bags without identification, report details to the Police giving descriptions and registration numbers if possible.

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Overnight, 27th - 28th May, a considerable number of large concrete **roof tiles** were stolen from the roof of an outhouse at Egypt Farm, Seend. These had only just been replaced at considerable expense by the owner, and are very valuable. In addition a number of these tiles which were stacked at the rear of the building were also taken. A vehicle must have been used in this case; the owner of the property was understandably asleep and heard nothing. If anyone out there has any information, no matter how small, then they should contact the police.

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There has been a **computer scam** going around for a couple of years now in various guises but the 01380 and 01225 areas seem to be targeted recently. You will get an unsolicited phone call from a company purporting to be Microsoft, affiliated to Microsoft, an anti-virus company or some other convincing company name. The person on the other end will tell you that they have been monitoring your computer/internet use and can see you have multiple virus on your machine or that you have been downloading illegal material from the internet etc. They often claim your personal details will be stolen, your computer will crash or even that the police will come calling unless you let them do something about it.

They can be very persuasive and plausible but do not be misled. It is **THEY** who are after your money or your personal details or even to use your computer as a proxy for illegal downloads or to run scams through. They will try to have you download a small program so they can 'fix' these issues for you; Logmein and PC Recovery have been used but there are many similar programs that will allow them uncontrolled access to your computer.

They sound very convincing and put the pressure on more and more for you to let them help. They **WILL** eventually ask you for money, the amounts getting bigger as they claim to find even more serious 'problems' on your computer. Sometimes they try to get you to take out a service contract so they can maintain your computer online. Just hang up.

**DO NOT** be fooled, they will take your money and run - or maybe steal your personal details or use your computer for illegal purposes. The caller may get abusive when you seem reluctant to partake of the offer!

There are many variations on this scam - too many to detail here, but ask yourself:

They claim to know there are viruses on your computer. How do they know what is on your computer? This is not possible unless they have access to your computer and that is exactly what they want! How can they know what you are downloading from the internet without first hacking into your connection? The only people who could possibly have legal access to that sort of data are your Internet Service Supplier - and they certainly would not be calling you! Microsoft do not have access to your computer and in any instance would **NEVER** be calling you out of the blue to fix your problems.

**JAZZ IN THE GARDEN**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2011, 2 – 4.30pm, Brook House, Bromham**

The event is held in the wonderful grounds of Brook House, Bromham, home of furniture designer Mark Wilkinson. Jazz music will be provided by the fantastic Colette Cassin Quintet. Teas, cakes and other refreshments plus a range of stalls and activities will also be on offer. All proceeds will go to Age UK Wiltshire.

Tickets are available from Age UK Wiltshire's offices in Devizes or at the gate on the day. For further information, see [www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk) or contact Belinda Fowler on tel: 01380 710412, email [belinda.fowler@ageukwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:belinda.fowler@ageukwiltshire.org.uk)

**Calling all Knitters!**

Please knit some little hats for Age UK Wiltshire's Big Knit. For every hat knitted, the innocent drinks company donate 25p to Age UK to help make winter warmer for older people across the UK.

For more information and to obtain a pattern please ring Emily on 01380 710411 or refer to [www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk). Happy Knitting!

**Charity Events in Melksham Assembly Hall**

**So U Pink U Can Zumba?** Sunday 3 July. A fun packed afternoon of Zumba raising money & awareness of Breast Cancer Care from 12noon till 4pm. Participants can sign up from 11.30am - 3pm. Registration fee - £5 in advance or £7.50 on the day. For more information contact [waynesworldoffashion@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:waynesworldoffashion@hotmail.co.uk) or 07074 441772.

**Cirque De Famille.** Friday 15 July. All the fun of the Circus with a party atmosphere, supporting Breast Cancer Care, with lots of fun activities for children of all ages. Linked with the Melksham Food Festival. 7.30pm till midnight. Tickets: £5 (under 16s £1). **Contact Information** as for Zumba event above.

**A few more dates for your diary, beyond August**

September 9th - Dance for church funds with 'Dogs without Collars'  
 September 10th - all day Acoustic Music Festival, Seend Community Centre  
 September 21st - the return of Nosh and Natter Lunch Club after a summer break  
 October 8th - Royal British Legion Lecture  
 October 15th - Seend Beer Festival  
 November 25th - Seend & District Ramblers Social, Pavilion  
 November 26th - Wine and Food Fair, Community Centre

**And finally.....**

The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Crikey, talk about Dyson with death.



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

**CHURCH:** Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285; Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01380 828733. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557 & Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485 Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; St Peter's Poulshot: Mrs Janet James - 724944 Mrs Paulette Bremner Milne 828527; LPA's: Mrs Audrey McDonald 828376, Mrs Jane Goman 827121 and Mrs Liz Futter 828485; Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627  
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340  
Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250  
Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485  
Seend Community Centre & Club - 828796 (bar opening times only i.e. 7.30-11pm)  
Hall and meeting room bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617

Seend School - 828334

Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Private hire bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568

Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281 [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)

Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Mr Jonathan Seed 01380 850696

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

Bulkington Website: [www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington](http://www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington)

Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01672 513157

Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255

Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. She can be contacted on

0845 408 7000, or e-mail [melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

MP Claire Perry, 01672 519198 (10-5 ) or [claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk)

MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265

## **CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

*100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolje 828391*

*Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 827041 - [www.seendacoustic.org](http://www.seendacoustic.org)*

*Book Clubs - the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617*

*Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350*

*Brownies - Helen Hook 828477*

*Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 828757*

*Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617*

*Fete Committee - Fiona Johnson 828401 - [www.seendfete.co.uk](http://www.seendfete.co.uk)*

*Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067*

*Fun Station, Bulkington - Anne Saywell 01380 828931*

*Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433*

*Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325*

*LINK Scheme - 075320 55560*

*Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583*

*Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451*

*Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606; Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.*

*Preschool - Liz Futter 828485*

*Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617*

*Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451*

*Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830;*

*Poppy Appeal - Joan Savage*

*Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946*

*Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828683*

*Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612*

*WEA - Pam Church - 828597*

*WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730 and Jo Vaux on 828970*

*Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446*

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| Thurs            | 9.00 - 1.00   | 9.00 - 1.00  |
| Fri              | 9.00 - 5.30   | 9.00 - 5.30  |
| Sat              | 8.30 - 1.00   | 9.00 - 1.00  |
| Sun              | 9.00 - 10.30  | Closed       |
| Bank<br>Holidays | 9.00 - 10.30  | Closed       |

\* note early closing