

Welcome to the July edition of Spotlight

Last month, in order to fit into Spotlight an especially large number of contributions, we had to exert more editorial discretion than usual. This meant shortening or rearranging some contributions and we inadvertently managed to annoy some people who felt that our actions weakened their submissions. We apologise for that but we acted with the best of intentions. The capacity of our stapling machine dictates the number of pages we can print so we do have to edit contributions sometimes!

Did you all read the article in June's edition about the threat to the future of Seend's shop? To avoid any misunderstanding, we wish to make it clear that Rich and Mel were NOT the authors. The editorial team claim responsibility but wish to acknowledge that the article included material submitted jointly by Anne Salter, John Smallshaw and Mathew Thorpe whose names were inadvertently omitted.

Internally, Spotlight looks a bit different this month. Our new advertising year starts this month and we say hello to some new advertisers whilst welcoming back some loyal friends. We have used this opportunity to introduce a family announcement page and to try a different ordering of material. This is a work in progress so please let us know what you think.

Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received on the layout. The clip art is proving very popular – credit for which should go to Sue, the most computer- literate of our team.

Don't forget that Spotlight is not printed in August. Next month's edition will cover August AND September, so if you want to announce a forthcoming event for August or September we need your contribution by 8th July.

Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the August/September double issue (*copy deadline 8th July*) 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 – Meg Combs 828229 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

VILLAGE NEWS

What's happening with the WI Hall

There is nothing new to report about the future of the WI Hall site. The WI has told the editorial team that it is still waiting to hear from the Charity Commission. As most people know, the Hall will not be available for hire after September 2006 and those who rent an allotment from the WI have been given notice.

Editorial team

EVENTS!

WHAT'S ON IN JULY - SEEND AND BULKINGTON

Bulkington 'Fun Day', 'Party in the Park' & Scarecrow Trail – 1st – 2nd July

The theme for the **SCARECROW TRAIL** is Children's Books. At least 20 displays will be scattered around the village, so why not come along and see if you can identify them? The trail begins in the playing field along Wickleaze Lane and the competition runs on Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd July from 10am to 4.30pm each day. There will be a cash prize for the winner.

On Saturday there will be many fun items taking place in the playing field. In the morning we have Tug O' War (over the brook), a Duck Race (in the brook) and a Fun Run (around the brook) plus 'Keep Fit'.

Saturday afternoon, the fete will be opened at 2pm by the Village Princess. There will be the usual **VILLAGE FETE** attractions and Nev will be running his popular little engines at Mill Croft.

Saturday evening there will be a **PARTY IN THE PARK**, where Bulkington stages its own Village Idol and Karaoke, followed by an evening of live jazz and a spot of dancing to round off the day. Bring your own picnic and candelabra and cross your fingers for a dry evening. If you haven't been sold a ticket, they will be available on the gate from 7pm at £5 for adults and £2.50 for children under 16.

Teas will be available in the refreshment tent throughout the weekend. The Tippy Toad will be open all day on Saturday and will also provide another bar in the playing field until late Saturday evening.

All monies raised will be passed to Bulkington Parochial Church Council. We look forward to seeing you. Fete Committee

Bulkington Scarecrow Trail and Fun Day
1st & 2nd July-10am-4pm

Village Fete
from 2pm

Party in the Park
from 7pm

Party tickets priced £5 adults £2.50 children
Full details above



IT'S NEARLY HERE!! - THE SEEND CHURCH SUMMER FAYRE
8TH JULY 2006. In the The Rectory Garden. Open 2pm

Last year we had a new look Fayre, with a marquee and gazebos to brighten up the event and keep the sun off the stall holders! Yes it was a sunny afternoon. We had new games for the children and competitions with prizes to win, plus the bouncy castle. It's all happening again and our local school will also have a treat in store for us.



Parents, adults of all ages, you have many stalls, a spirits Draw and a Raffle to keep you occupied. Also, wet sponge throwing at guess who???? You will have to come along and see who WHO is...?

We have ice cream to cool you down and the Tea House where you can sit and relax before going round again to win or buy something. So you are set for a fun afternoon

Please help to make the day a success by giving items for the following stalls - Groceries, Plants, Books, Bric a Brac, Cakes, Toiletries/Smellies, DVDs/ Videos/CDs, on Wed. Thurs. and Friday to Cranbelle, or after 9am on the Saturday please. Now is the time for that clear-out. Thanks for your response. Everyone involved with this Fayre will look forward to seeing you on the day.

Don't miss it!

Tony Ewin. 828325

VILLAGE BREAKFASTS IN JULY

This month we see the return of the village breakfasts, but this year they will be held at the Seend Community Centre and Social Club. Hurrah!



So between 7.30am and 9.30am on the Saturday mornings of July 8th, 15th, and 22nd, freshly cooked - and reasonably priced - breakfasts will be served. All proceeds will go towards making improvements to the Hall.



Barn Dance
(Organised by Seend School)
8th July
from 6pm to 11pm
Seend Social Club

Entertainment by the famous Wiltshire
 “Kloff Band”
 Barbeque from 6pm-8pm

Tickets: £7.50 adults, £2.50 children

(Available at Post Office or by phoning 828293)

COUNTRY AND WESTERN EVENING

The Social Club and Community Centre are holding a country and western evening with the “Denver Spur” band on Saturday 15th July from 8pm. Tickets cost £10 and includes a “bangers & beans” supper. There will be a “Happy Hour” from 7pm to 8pm. Tickets can be bought from any committee member.



SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS – ‘WHAT THE BUTLER SAW’ MELODRAMA

After over ten years of neglect, we have dusted down the scripts of our very own handwritten genuine reproduction Edwardian verse melodrama, ‘*What the Butler Saw*’, and shall perform it for your delectation and delight in Seend Community Centre at 8 pm on Saturday, 22nd July. The evening will also include a heartrending reading of Ron Westacott’s poem for voices about our village, a selection of music hall ditties and (last but by no means least) supper! Dressing up is



optional. Tickets cost £6 and are available from Seend Shop and Post Office or by phoning 828617. Proceeds will go to the Community Centre. Come along and enjoy an evening of Fawlty fun – and bring all your friends.

Tessa Doe



Seend Playgroup Presents

Ladies Night

13th July 7.30pm—10pm
At the Pavilion

Come and join us for a fun-filled evening of beauty and craft demonstrations with lots to see and buy.
Body Shop, Virgin V, cards, jewellery and lots more!

Tickets: £3.50 in advance from Seend Playgroup or on the door (Proceeds to Seend Playgroup)

ALL WELCOME




EVENTS COMING UP IN AUGUST

THE 57TH SEEND FLOWER SHOW on SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST 2006

Flaming June has kept all of you gardeners busy and I hope that all your hard work and patient care is producing the results that you have hoped for.



Show time is only a month away and the Flower Show Committee members are looking forward to helping you to display the fruits of your efforts. You can start encouraging your selection of exhibits with that little bit of extra fertiliser (organic of course) or, as some experts? will tell you, just a few kind words. The choice is yours!

There are also separate classes for you Floral Artists (the winner of which will receive the RHS Banksian Medal), for Cookery, Handicrafts and Photography which, since the digital camera has become so popular, is producing some truly wonderful shots.

Our younger members have special classes of their own and which each year have amazed the Judges and viewers with their quality and ingenuity. Programmes, listing all of the classes in which you can exhibit, are available

from the Village Shop, the Social Club, the Bell, the Three Magpies and the Topsy Toad.

Exhibits should be brought to the Social Club between 6.30pm on the Friday evening or before 11am on Saturday morning.

Do support this Show, it makes such a wonderful combination with the Village Fete for a great afternoon out, and thanks to your entries, it is still considered to be the "Best in the West".

Peter Fisher.

SEEND FETE - 12th AUGUST

Fete Breakfast Volunteers: If you've ever had the urge to be out of bed at the crack of dawn eager to be in the kitchen cooking breakfast for a bunch of hungry people (and let's face it, who hasn't?), now is your chance. Sign up as a volunteer cook, waiter or pot-washer and report to the WI Hall around 6.00 am on Saturday August 12th for the Fete Breakfast. We have a small team already, but we still need more willing hands – all the more so if you have a Food Hygiene qualification! Contact Sonja Nicholls on 828535, or Susan Rumsey on 827065. Full details will be in the August Spotlight.

Cream Teas in the WI Hall: Joanna Goddard has already signed up to bake hundreds of scones for the day. Can anyone help her out? If you can, call Sonja or Susan.

Tombola prizes: We still need them, so please keep looking. If you find the very thing, call me on 828391.

Volunteers: We always need volunteers to help out on the stalls. If you think you can spare an hour or so sometime during the afternoon, please contact Sonja who will be happy to take your details. This year we have an additional 5 brand-new gazebos, with a further 2 on order, so no-one will get heat-stroke – or wet.....

Whatever you decide you can do for the Fete, please get in touch. Our operators are standing by the phones! And if you do call, thank you very much for caring.

Bernie Prolze

SEEND FETE BOTTLE STALL

Just a reminder that the Bottle Stall will once again be a feature at the Fete this year, so please start saving your bottles and tins ready for collection as

follows:

Seend Tuesday 8th August
Sells Green Wednesday 9th August
Seend Cleeve Thursday 10th August



Please may we have as many volunteers as possible on each day to do the collections. Watch this space in the August edition for details of times and places for meeting.

Roger Brind



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Birth

Congratulations to Andrew and Sam Heart on the birth of their daughter Hetty Heart, born 24th May.

Wedding Congratulations

There are a number of weddings taking place this month in our churches and several took place in June. Our congratulations to all the happy couples: Adrian & Sarah, Lara & Adrian, Leigh & Jayne, Mark & Rachel, Ian & Keri, Matthew & Nicole, Daniel and Jenny. We wish you great happiness in your future lives together.

Max and Susan Bolton of Tyme House Somerset Close, Seend are delighted to announce to their friends that they were married on Saturday 10th June at Devizes Register office.

This new 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!

Editorial Team

CHURCH SERVICES

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, SEEND; CHRIST CHURCH, BULKINGTON AND ST PETER'S, POULSHOT

CHURCH SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2006

2nd July	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00 pm	BCP Evensong	(Poulshot)
9th July	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion.	(Seend)
	9.30am	BCP Mattins	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm.	Evensong	(Bulkington)
16th July	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	(Poulshot)
23rd July	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Family Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise Eucharist	(Bulkington)
30th July (Fifth Sunday)	10.00am	United Benefice Eucharist	(Seend)

First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service will be held in Holy Cross Church, Seend on 4th July at 2.15pm-2.45pm. All welcome.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY:

2nd July	10am	Mrs Ruth Woodhouse
9th July	10am	Revd Morris Munns
		County Ecumenical Officer for Wiltshire
18th June	6pm	Ecumenical Service led by Rev Stanley Pipet
		Preader - Revd Derek Frost
23rd July	No Service at Seend	
	10.30am	We are sharing in the service at Whitley Methodist Chapel
30th July		Mrs Michele Gard

FROM WHERE I STAND ...

...I just can't wait to go back! This time last month you may remember that I was struggling to pack my suitcase preparing to travel to Israel/Palestine. Just as I had imagined - this trip was no ordinary sight-seeing journey - but a pilgrimage. It was a journey that I feel I am still travelling along and from where I stand I invite you to walk with me. You may recall reading last month that a pilgrimage is more than a physical journey, the sense of travelling not only in the physical sense, but finding something rather more profound by the experience, going from one place to the next in body but also in mind and heart, also the possibility that it may be a journey nearer to God. Step this way and I'll show you what I mean.

From where I stand of course there was the big adventure of flying 2000 miles away, the pleasure of being with interesting people, the opportunity to sample wonderful food, the fun and laughter of people travelling together. There were also the great sites to visit, the holy places of such familiar names, honoured by Jew and Christian as well as Muslim. Yet from where I stood in these places came the realization that for over 2000 years it has been believed that Jesus knew this land, this town, this city, this mountain, this sea... Clearly there are places too where it is impossible to be so sure of the exact spot of Jesus' ministry but there are many more where it has been strongly held that He would have known this place.

To stand on the Mount of Olives and look into Jerusalem is what Jesus did and He looked at that city and wept for its destruction and the conflict that it would see. It is a land of conflict today. From a garden on the side of that mountain He was taken, arrested, brought to the authorities in the city and crucified. At the place where Gethsemane may have been it was very hard to avoid being touched by the place, its history and its God.

To stand in Bethlehem, the place known to be the place of Jesus' birth, the touch of the experience was just as overwhelming and yet too it is impossible to avoid being aware of the needs of its people today. Bethlehem is an open air prison through the wall that divides Israel and Palestine but it is into that land of conflict that God was pleased to be born to the world. To stand on the banks of the Sea of Galilee, confident that the shape of the hills and the lake will have altered very little since Jesus' time, was a very special time to allow Him to wash the shores of my mind and heart, to let me think and be, to allow Him to touch and heal...

So a couple of weeks in Israel/Palestine has meant far more than just the physical travelling. From where I stand I will always hold those places very close to me and allow them, with God, to speak to me...

Perhaps many of us could find time to pause like this for a ‘stand and stare’ moment, to allow one experience to lead us to other reflections and realisations. In that place of pausing and reflecting we can travel a long way and may begin to sense the presence of God and so be led to see Him more clearly and find ways of knowing Him more deeply.

Revd Sacha Pearce, Rector

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH “*The Minister’s Meanderings*”

Dear Friends

It seems incredible that this is the last time I meander in the pages of ‘Spotlight’ or write letters for the Bromham and Calne magazines. Indeed as I retire in a few weeks time, these will probably be the last pastoral letters that I shall write.

As far as I am aware at this moment of time, my successor will probably not be appointed for a while. When that does happen he or she will be a United Reformed Minister/Methodist Local Ecumenical Situation.

Moving in to a new phase of my christian ministry (*indeed, every christian, by virtue of the fact that he or she is a christian, has a christian ministry - you do not have to be ordained to have a christian ministry*) there will be new and different opportunities. There will be advantages to balance things I will miss - as my wife Joyce said recently—remember this coming Christmas will be the first Christmas in something like 40 years when we DO NOT have to be home for Christmas.

Looking back I have experienced many different situations - working in East London (we never look at Eastenders!); working in sea side situations (*where you know the church will be packed out and you will have to put out extra chairs - if it is a wet Sunday!*); working in a new town situation (*where the doctor’s surgery was a portecabin*); working in rural situations and working in commuter land. A rich variety of experiences.

Among my special memories of Seend are the visit of the President of the Methodist Conference for a Church Anniversary, another Church Anniversary in the Methodist Church, where the preacher was Bishop Peter Hullah, assisted by Jamie, taking Family Festival Services at Holy Cross and Derek Frost taking a Methodist Communion Service in the Methodist Church - with the bishop’s permission of course! Church and Chapel in Seend had a close relationship in those days.

We already know Burnham-on-Sea well having served in Weston-Super-Mare in the same Methodist Circuit and we already have a lot of friends

there. If you know the area well you will understand when I say that our bungalow is less than 10 minutes walk from the beach and at least 2 miles from the sea.

God bless you all, I shall be interested to hear of future developments in the village of Seend in the years that lie ahead.

Love from Stanley

Seend Church Flower Coffee Morning Thanks

Many thanks to all who came to 15 Dial Close on Wednesday 17th May to support the coffee morning in aid of Church Flowers. It was a very enjoyable morning and raised £220.

Special thanks are due to Patricia, Elizabeth and Leo who manned the Bring & Buy stall; to Anne for organising the Raffle and to Nancy and Ann for making sure everyone had a cup of coffee.

Lilian Smallshaw

Bulkington Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy – Update

At our recent Coffee Morning, held at the Rectory, the sum of £56 was raised towards our Fun Day. Thank you to all who attended, made the tea and coffee, brought raffle prizes and items for the 'Bring and Buy', Jill Breach made two beautiful chocolate cakes which were sold the moment they emerged from her bag! The Social Committee also say a very special 'Thank You' to the Rector for giving up her morning and allowing us to use her kitchen and Dining Room for the event.

Jo Bell

Bulkington Church Cleaning

1st – 15th Mrs J Breach
16th – 31st Mrs E Futter

Bulkington Church Flowers

2nd & 9th Mrs Woolnough
16th, 23rd & 30th Mrs Futter

LPA THANKS

I would like to say a very big thank you to all those lovely people across the Benefice who sent me cards, made phone calls and came to my LPA commissioning service on 8th June. I was totally overwhelmed by all your messages of love and support, it was a very humbling experience. I just hope that I can now live up to your expectations. With my sincerest thanks and love to you all.

Jo Bell

CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Committee Meeting - All members of the Committee are reminded that there will be a meeting in the Upper Room of the Community Centre at 2000 hrs on Thursday 13th July 2006. Please make every effort to attend.

Roger Brind

100+ CLUB

And still the subscriptions roll in! Although the 100 Club year officially starts on 1st May, I am still receiving subscriptions (176 so far). The draws for May and June will therefore be held at the next Fete committee meeting on June 26th, with the results in the August/September Spotlight.

Many thanks to all those caring people who have once again given their support.

Bernie Prolze

SEEND SHUTTLE

AGM

Committee members, drivers, passengers and other supporters attended the Annual General Meeting of the Seend Community Bus Committee on 6th June. The Chairman and Treasurer were both able to give very positive reports on the past year's activities, with the new, more comfortable, Shuttle proving popular with passengers and drivers alike. A revised timetable, to include one journey via Bromham, is near to completion. This will bring in new drivers from Bromham, but we still badly need some additional volunteer drivers to take on some of the scheduled services on a regular or occasional basis. Alison Cobbing has successfully combined the tasks of key-holder and bookings secretary. Drivers are reminded that they must contact Alison to make arrangements well in advance of needing to collect the Shuttle keys. The volunteer drivers and committee members were thanked for their year's work. Without the drivers there would be no Shuttle services, so they are much appreciated.



Shuttle Cleaning Rota

A rota for cleaning the Shuttle is now in operation. At the moment, those on it will be asked to clean the bus only every six months or so. If we had just a few more volunteers, they would each be asked to help out less frequently. If you are a member of a group which uses the Shuttle regularly, could you get together once in a while to give the bus a wash down and a sweep out? Or

perhaps you are a family that uses the bus for the school run and shopping trips and would like to do your bit. If so, please contact Tessa on 828617 or Sarah on 828177. Cleaning materials are provided – and if you're not an insured Shuttle driver the bus can be delivered to your door!

Bus Pass holders

If you have a bus pass entitling you to free travel on Wiltshire and Swindon buses, you can use it on the Seend Shuttle's scheduled services (not the First Wednesday shopping trips, which are private hire). Treat yourself to a free ride! The timetable can be viewed on www.seend.org.uk

Tessa Doe

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

14 members enjoyed a five mile walk in the vicinity of Avebury on a glorious sunny evening, Friday 2nd June. Our thanks to Bob Howe for his organisation.



A Reminder for Monday 17th July - Berwick-St-James

Meet in Rusty Lane, Seend for a 3.15pm departure, travelling in cars to Berwick, where the walk will commence at 4pm. The walk will take approximately 2 1/2 hours. Whereupon the meal will commence at 7pm. Contact no. Lin Salter 01225 706451.

Next Walk is Sunday 30th July - Meet in Rusty Lane at 9.30am. Details not finalised. Organisers Penny & Ron England 01380 828949.

Lin Salter

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

In May, a group of members enjoyed their visit to "Enfield House" near Netherstreet. A rainy evening, but we could still appreciate the variety of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants, and the good quality plants for sale. We caught up on news over a meal afterwards. Thanks to Monica Ridgeway for organising this evening out.



Club day out is on Saturday 22nd July to Old Church House, Wantage and Waterperry Gardens, Oxford. Please note that your monies should have been paid to Joe Hardstaff (Club Treasurer 828458) by the end of June. Pick up points and times are Woolmers Farm 8am; Martinslade 8.20am; Bell Inn 8.30am; The stocks 8.45am; Devizes 9am. Bring a picnic, or cafes and pubs available in Wantage.

Stall at Seend Church Fayre - Monica Ridgeway and Edna Fry will be manning the Club's Plant & Produce Stall. Please bring contributions to the Rectory Garden during the morning or contact Monica (838472) if you need anything collected.

Seend Village Fete & Flower Show - Contributions for the club's stall at the village fete can be brought up to the Lye Field on the morning of the Show, or phone Joyce Brand (828433) if you would like anything collected. Good luck with your entries in the Gardening Club Class.

Joyce Brand

WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP

20th July - David Haycroft from Warminster. David is our Show Secretary, and has his own nursery, mainly fuchsias, but lots of other plants are available. David will be talking on "Streptocarpus".

<p>West Fuschia Group Annual Show Saturday 29th July 1pm-4pm Seend Social Club</p>

MOTHERS' UNION - SEEND AND BULKINGTON

Seend Mothers' Union

At the Branch meeting on 17th May, members were given a fascinating insight into one family's interpretation of the phrase "Active Retirement". Kathy Miller, the speaker described how she felt moved to work overseas, 5,000 miles away in South India. She taught English and computer skills at a home for physically disabled boys. Mrs Miller goes to Tamil Nadu for 3 months every year to help and teach 88 boys. The home is run by a Christian doctor and is a very happy place.

We saw pictures of the boys, many of whom are the victims of polio, using climbing frames, and taking part in races using their sticks or crutches. Crawling races (very fast!) are held for the more seriously handicapped. The boys are obsessed with cricket and play in every spare moment. They have a large deepwater tank for all their water, but it is also used for swimming and spectacular diving!

Mrs Miller's annual visits are sponsored by the Charity, The Neem Tree Trust, and her whole family help in raising funds. Mrs Miller paid tribute to her husband who looks after the children and home in her absence.

A presentation was made to Rosemary Harding, the retiring Enrolling Member, in appreciation of her 5 1/2 years service. Elizabeth Campbell reported on a successful visit to Tewkesbury on 13th May to maintain the Deanery link with Ashton Deanery, Manchester. Many old friendships were renewed and an excellent high tea was served by the Ashchurch MU Branch.

Dates for July

8th July - Seend Church Fayre. Please support our toiletries stall
19th July - Mrs Rosemary Allen "Overseas".

Keevil and Bulkington Mothers' Union

Once again, there are two dates for your dairies:- On Tuesday 4th July there will be a Deanery outing to Old Alresford, home of Mary Sumner, and on Wednesday 26th July at 10.30am at Manor Farm, Keevil there will be a talk on the Alexandra Technique given by Mrs Nicci Creek. If you require any further details, please contact Dorothy Tyler on 870340 who I'm sure will be pleased to give you the details.

BULKINGTON LADIES' GROUP

The ladies meet usually on the last Thursday of the month. New members are very welcome and if you would like to join this lively group, please contact Geraldine for further information. Her phone number is 828664.

BRITISH RED CROSS COLLECTION THANKS

Thank you to all the people who kindly collected for the Red Cross around the village and to those who gave so generously. The total - £312 - this year exceeded the sums collected in previous years. Many thanks to all.

Joyce Brand

SEEND BOUNCY CLUB

We meet at Seend Pavilion on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am - 11.15am. We are for parents/carers and children from birth to five. The cost is £1 which includes a drink and snack.

Please Join Us
For more Information, contact Kath on 828821

**SCHOOL NEWS****SEEND SCHOOL**

The children have just taken part in their annual sponsored walk. Key Stage 1 children walked 3 km from school, along the canal towpath to the bridge near the Three Magpies and back, whilst the Key Stage 2 children walked 10km from school to the start of the Caen Hill Locks. It was a hot, sticky day and all the children did extremely well.



The school choir and all children in Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in “A Midsummer Concert” at Holy Cross Church on the 26th June. It will be wonderful celebration of singing and music.

A small group of Seend school children helped to clean the shuttle one Saturday morning in June. Great fun was had by all, and the shuttle was left gleaming. Well done to: Kimberley, Sammy, Lily, Alfie, Katie, Rory, Jenny and Toby. We hope to make it a regular activity with more children taking part.

This month, we shall be holding (weather permitting) our Sports Day on the 12th at 1.30pm. All are welcome to join us in cheering on the four teams. Thynne, Usher, Schonberg and Awdry.

Sue Bond, School PSC

KEEVIL SCHOOL NEWS

As a tribute to Mrs Laycock, some of the mums have decided to have a go at teaching the Maypole Dancing this year. We have our work cut out believe me! What a challenge to take on something we have only ever watched our children do under the watchful eye of Mrs Laycock. We hope to do her proud (and hope she will forgive us for any mistakes!!) So, come along and support us at all the local fetes – we need it!!

Swimming Tournament At Clarendon School – Trowbridge

Keevil School has seen some sporting success recently, but at the Inter-School Swimming Gala in Trowbridge they showed that taking part was equally important. Nearly all the year 3, 4, and 6's competed in the gala that consisted of seventeen races. Keevil do not have enough boys in years 3 and 4 for a relay team, so they had to enter a girl and a year 2 boy. Overall they finished fifth out of the six schools and had some individual successes, with a clutch of gold's and a few bronzes. In the final race – the year 5/6 medley relay – the Keevil team, fresh from their great swim at Millfield, beat all the other schools by a full length.

Keevil School Triumph in Trowbridge Cricket Tournament

On 8th June along with 15 other local primary schools, Keevil School took part in a national Kwik Cricket Tournament. Keevil played against Grove School, Holt, Studley Green, Hilperton and in the final they faced Bowerhill. After a very tight and exciting last game and some excellent individual performances, the team were unsure of the result. But after a lot of adding up and a few anxious moments, Keevil School had won!! The presentation took place on the steps of the Pavilion, and they will now go on to represent Trowbridge in the County final at Devizes. Well done to all who took part!!.

F O K S (FRIENDS OF KEEVIL SCHOOL)

10K Road Race & Family Fun Day, Keevil Airfield – Saturday 3rd June



What a fantastic turnout we had at our event on the Airfield. The sun shone and brought runners and their families out in their droves to enjoy a very successful day. We had over 350 runners in the 10K race from far and wide all out to either beat their personal best or just for fun! We dedicated the big race to Mrs Laycock and awarded special ‘Mo Laycock’ trophies to the fastest male, Gary Hughes who completed the race in 35 minutes and 37 seconds, and the fastest female was Tamsin Simmins who completed the race in 42 minutes and 14 seconds. Well done to both!

We had various children’s races and had over 100 children compete during the afternoon. The winners are as follows:-

Under 9’s Adam Lawes

9 – 10 year old Robert Ellis

11 – 12 year old Ashley White

13 – 14 year old Lauren Davidge

The fete kept the non runners and children amused for hours. Our thanks go out to all the mobile catering services who ‘pitched up’ for the day and also for the very kind donations received from them.

This event would not have been possible without the true dedication and very hard work from our parents, governors and many helpers from the villages and we would like to say a very big thank you to everybody who supported this event in any way.

The money we raised from this event is being put aside to help with the planned extension to our school. The money will go towards the décor for the classrooms and any equipment we need to purchase for it.

A date for your diary – Keevil 10K 2007 – 2nd June!! Happy running!!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR VERY KIND SUPPORT DURING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

If you require further details on any of the above, please contact Debbie Scott on 01380 870410 or Keevil School on 01380 870376.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The May meeting was attended by 8 Councillors.

Following the resignation of Mr Smith at the previous meeting, nominations were invited for the post of Chairman. Mr Smith nominated Mrs Joan Savage, seconded by Mrs Carr. There were no other nominations, and

Mrs Savage was elected unanimously by a show of hands. Mrs. Savage then took the Chair.

Kennet District Council have advised that the new Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 has introduced a new set of regulations that will replace the old Dog Fouling Order 1997. This will introduce Dog Control Orders which will bring the following changes:

1. Powers to control fouling in areas previously not covered e.g. 60 mph limited roads
2. Streamlined fixed penalty fines
3. More flexible enforcement

The legislation also allows a wider range of controls such as dog exclusion areas and keeping dogs on leads. More information is available from the Environmental Health Department at Kennet DC, or on their website www.kennet.gov.uk

Kennet DC have advised that they have not received claims for an election and that the Parish Council may, therefore, proceed to co-opt a member.

Planning Matters:

Permission has been approved for the following:

K/54196/F N. Keen Rusty Lane Farm, Seend
Two storey and first floor extensions, rebuilding of conservatory and tennis court.

The following application was considered by the Parish Council, and no objections raised:

K/54396/LBC Wiltshire County Council Knightsmead Farm, Seend
Replacement of timber windows.

Kennet DC have advised proposed boundaries for Neighbourhood Policing Areas. These boundaries do not appear to affect Seend.

Wiltshire CC have advised that improvements will be carried out to the bus stop at the Three Magpies at Sells Green, and the bus stop pole will be relocated to a more prominent position.

The dates of the next village skips will be:

Friday 30th June Three Magpies
Friday 28th July Wessex Water site

Mrs. Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of the meeting held on 10th May 2006

- Philip Coles was elected to be Chairman for 2006/07. There will be no Vice-Chairman.
- Due to family commitments Andrea Dobson resigned with immediate effect from the Parish Council. Her resignation was accepted with regret. Unless a bye-election is requested the Parish Council hope to co-op a replacement if possible in time for the July Meeting.
- Parish Council have agreed to help with 'up-front' costs for the Fete on 1st and 2nd July.
- The final accounts for last year were approved and signed ready to go to the Auditors.
- Meeting dates have been changed to the third Wednesday of alternate months.
- A new Parish Council (elections to take place on 3rd May 2007) will take office on 16th May 2007.

Date of the next meeting – 19th July, 8.15pm in the Village Hall

GARDEN BONFIRES -- based on information provided by the Parish Council

Very occasionally a bonfire is the best practical way of disposing of garden waste that cannot be composted, such as dry, diseased plant material etc. Considerately managed this should not cause a problem. However, during the hot summer months when windows are open and people are enjoying their gardens, bonfires can be a real nuisance.

The smoke, smuts and smell from bonfires are the subject of many complaints to the local authorities. Smoke and fumes prevent your neighbour from enjoying their gardens, opening windows or hanging out washing.. It can reduce visibility in the neighbourhood and on the roads.

So before lighting a bonfire, please consider the effect it may have on your neighbours. People do not wish to shut their windows on hot, humid nights, just to keep out bonfire smoke. It may ruin the evening for a neighbour who has been stuck in a hot office all day.

If a neighbour is causing a regular problem by burning rubbish, the law is on your side. If a persistent nuisance is caused, it can be classed as a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. It is best to approach your neighbour first about the problem, but if that fails, you can

contact the Environment Officer at Kennet District Council who will investigate the matter and take action.

Bonfire Guidelines:

1. Only burn dry material.
2. Never burn household waste, tyres, plastics, foam or paint.
3. Avoid lighting fires in unsuitable weather conditions.
4. Never leave a fire unattended or left to smoulder. Douse well with water.

For further information, Environmental Protection Act 1990, Clean Air Act 1993, Highways Act 1980, NSCA Information - Garden Bonfires.

WANTED - FAMILY HOME

If you are/thinking of moving, and have a 3, 4 or 5 bed property in Seend or Seend Cleave, suitable for a growing family of 4, we would be interested in talking to you.

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Did you read the article in last month's 'Spotlight' written by Phil Springate entitled 'Grave News'? As someone who is interested in history, especially social history, I found the article extremely interesting. I wonder, is there anyone in Bulkington who you would like to remember or pay tribute to? Is there an event that you would like to tell the rest of the residents about? There have certainly been quite a few characters in the village over the years. Even I can recall a few and I've only lived here about 16 years – Bill and Joan Breach, Jack Pickett, Lil and Len Jones.....to name but a few. If you would like to put pen to paper, please send me your memories. I know there are two residents of Bulkington who were both born in the village, Baptised, Confirmed and married in our Church, they are a wealth of information, and it would be lovely if they would share their memories with the rest of the village. Perhaps you don't want to write the article yourself, well I would be pleased to take a few notes and we could write the article between us. It is so important that these people, their way of life and their contribution to our village are not forgotten. I look forward to hearing from you, my phone number is on the front cover.