

SPOTLIGHT

Seend and Bulkington



JUNE 2007

DIARY

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 25th Village Skip, Seend Social Club
- 28th Craft Fayre, Cleeve House, Seend from 10am-4pm

DAIRY DATES FOR JUNE

- 2nd Keevil 10km Fun Run. Doors open at 10am. Race starts 11am.
- 8th Seend & District Ramblers walk - meet 5.30pm Rusty Lane
- 9th Seend Gardening Club trip to Seend Bridge House. Meet 2pm at WI hall
- 10th Historic Houses Club trip to Stonor House
- 11th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
- 13th Seend WI meeting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion
- 14th Ladies Night, 7.30pm in The Pavilion
- 16th Seend Open Gardens - 1pm-5pm
- 17th Seend Open Gardens - 1pm-5pm
- 18th Bulkington & Keevil MU - Deanery Supper 6.45pm at St James Hall, Trowbridge
- 20th Coffee Morning , 10.30am-12 noon at 15 Dial Close
- 23rd Skittles & cider evening from 6pm on The Green at Marston
- 24th Seend & District Ramblers Walk—meet 9.30am Rusty Lane
- 25th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
- 27th Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12 noon at Withdean House, Bulkington
- 29th Caribbean Night, 8pm in The Pavilion organised by Seend School PSC
- 29th Village Skip, Three Magpies

ADVANCE DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 7th Great Bulkington Steam-Up - 1pm - 4.30pm next to village hall
- 7th Seend & District Theatre Club trip to Lacock Abbey Summer Concert
- 9th Seend & District Ramblers walk and meal - meet 3.15pm Rusty Lane
- 14th Seend Church Fayre - The Rectory
- 14th Bulkington Barn Dance - 7.30pm at Leaze Farm, Bulkington
- 21st Seend Gardening Club visit - Hidcote & Kiftsgate
- 28th Historic Houses Club trip - Kingston Lacy

Welcome to the June edition of Spotlight



On 12th May, many Spotlight readers came together in Seend Community Centre to listen to the lively music of Waking the Witch, a four-piece female folk/rock band. At one point, one of the band members said that she could see that Seend had a special community spirit - and we don't think she was just being polite! The audience clapped enthusiastically at this comment and looked around at each other to discover that all age groups, from eleven to over eighty, were represented in the hall that evening. A true community indeed. The music on stage was harmonious, as was the atmosphere in the hall. A great evening and a big thank you to all those involved in organising it.

Talking of harmony in Seend In last November's edition of Spotlight, the WI Hall Trustees said "we want to live in harmony with our fellow villagers." The article which follows this editorial indicates that more than six months on, the wished for harmony over the future of the WI Hall site is still some way off.

Talking of community spirit..... reading Steven Bennett's article on page 3, about the misuse of the school's premises, reminds us that not everyone in our community appreciates the amenities we have. The school's staff, children and their parents work hard to make their environment a happy and safe place to learn. It is a shame that their efforts are being undermined in this way. Let's hope the action taken works.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the July issue (*copy deadline is 9th June*) 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.

NEWS

FUTURE OF THE WI SITE IN RUSTY LANE

In the May edition of Spotlight we sought opinions on the future of the site of the W.I. premises in Rusty Lane. The following statement has been submitted by the Chairman of Seend Parish Council, the Trustees of the Seend Lye Recreation Field and the Seend Trust / Community Centre.

“We have continued our efforts to persuade the Trustees of the Seend W.I. to hold a meeting to discuss possible solutions which should be for the benefit of all parties. Unfortunately, these proposals have consistently been rejected by the Trustees of the W.I.

We know that the last application by the W.I. Trustees to Kennet Planning, for building houses on the site, was withdrawn but they have indicated that a further submission is being prepared. Any further applications for new buildings will be vigorously opposed by the Parish Council, the Community Centre and the Lye Recreation Field. We will stress the dangers which will arise from the loss of present parking space, the driving hazards along an additional narrow length of Rusty Lane, particularly for children and indeed all those who use the existing facilities. The consequence of additional parking of vehicles on the A361 will be unacceptable to the Highways authorities. In addition, there could be the potential adverse effects from the occupants of any new buildings located on the present W.I. site, to the futures of the existing Community Centre and the Seend Lye Recreation Field.

The Charity Commission is being challenged as to how they came to agree to the modification of the Donor’s wishes with regard to the procedures for the sale of the W.I. premises and the uses of any moneys resulting from the sale.

Hopefully there is still time for a mutually acceptable compromise. The W.I., the Seend Lye Recreation Field, (where the Seend W.I. currently hold their meetings) and the Community Centre, all provide major contributions to the social, educational and recreational needs of the village. The need for additional car parking space, safer access along Rusty Lane and protection of the area that was used for allotments is surely of paramount importance to the future and quality of our village life. The generation of cash from the sale of the existing W.I. premises is recognised as an important issue. However, how such cash should be raised and applied for the future benefits of the W.I and the village as a whole is the issue that we seek to be resolved as quickly as possible.”

LOOKING AFTER OUR VILLAGE SCHOOL

Our school sees itself as part of the village community playing its part in many ways; educating local children, supporting our parish church, local fetes and other community events. The governing body of the school has also allowed villagers access to the school grounds outside of school hours.



Unfortunately we are having problems in this area at present, which we hope are transient. Over the last months young people have been climbing on our roof, painting on sheds and walls and food, drinks cans and takeaway packages have been regularly left around the school grounds. Over the Easter holiday food and packaging was thrown around the play area and on the roof and one of the play tyres was removed and rolled up the road in the early hours of the morning. This resulted in the police being contacted and official complaints have been made by local residents and the school. The police will now be making patrols around the school. This is not a situation we wish to be in and hope that once the individuals concerned have taken stock of the situation they will once again begin to act with more thought.

We see ourselves as an asset for the whole of the village and ask members of the community to treat our school with respect and care, refrain from climbing on the buildings and tidy up any rubbish they may see. This will ensure the continued use of the school as a resource for the whole community. We would appreciate the support of the whole village in this matter and thank you in anticipation of your help.

Steven Bennett
Head Teacher

LATE EVENTS IN MAY

CRAFT FAYRE - CLEEVE HOUSE, SEEND

Bank Holiday Monday 28th May from 10.00am - 4.00pm.
Refreshments in the tea room. Free parking and entrance. All welcome.
For more information call Barbara on 827129.

EVENTS IN JUNE

SEEND OPEN GARDENS - Weekend Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th June open 1pm to 5pm

Eleven gardens and a stable yard along the High Street – how much have they changed in two years? What new surprises await you as you walk round what are undoubtedly some of the finest gardens to be seen anywhere? Whether large or small, these gardens will be a joy to see, so put these days in your diary as a Must Do.

There is parking on the Lye Field, and Teas being served in the Community Centre. Somner Place will be selling ice creams, and drinks; also home made cakes.

In the Pavilion go and see the Art & Crafts Exhibition. Pam Mullings, the Nedes Quilters and others exhibiting will complete your enjoyment. The Church will be specially decorated for the two days. Enjoy!

Tony Ewin
Church Social & Fund Raising Committee

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|  | <h2>LADIES NIGHT</h2> |  |
| <p>14th June at 7.30pm The Pavilion</p> | | |
| <p>Stalls of cards, candles, Indian textiles, Gifts Homemade cards, jewellery and shoes, etc Raffle prizes galore!</p> | | |
| <p>Entry £3.50 on the door (includes glass of pimm's, wine or soft drink) All proceeds go to Seend Playgroup</p> | | |

COFFEE MORNING - Wednesday 20th June

Jenni Raby-Cox invites you to join the friends of Christ Church Bulkington for a coffee morning at her home Withdean House, 19 High Street on Wednesday 20th June 10.30 – 12.00. There will be a raffle, bring and buy also including cakes, plants etc. Please bring the sunshine then we can enjoy our coffee/tea and biscuits in the garden.



Jenni Raby-Cox

CIDER & SKITTLES ON THE GREEN, MARSTON

Saturday 23rd June from 6pm. Skittles and children's games will take place on the Green. There will be a ploughman's supper and licensed bar. Proceeds to go to Marston Village Hall Fund.

COFFEE MORNING - Wednesday 27th June

Lilian Smallshaw would like to invite you to a Coffee Morning in aid of Church Flowers at 15 Dial Close, Seend from 10.30am to 12 noon. There will be the usual Raffle and Bring & Buy stalls and good company over a cup of coffee. We look forward to seeing you.



CARRIBEAN NIGHT

Seend school PSC are organising a Caribbean Night at The Pavilion on Friday 29th June at 8pm, to raise funds for our "Outdoor Classroom". The evening will include a 3-course meal, quiz and music. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets, priced £12.50 will be available from Seend Post Office, or Jacqui on 859197.

EVENTS IN JULY

SEEND CHURCH SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 14th July open 1pm. In the Rectory Garden

This year the Fayre opens at 1pm, so you can all enjoy a barbecue lunch. This is just the start of an enjoyable afternoon, with stalls, games, Bouncy Castle, Wheel of Fortune (bottles of spirits to be won) & a Raffle. Childrens' competitions include the popular Pirates Treasure Hunt. Teasand home made cakes are there when you need a rest, and we haven't forgotten the Ice Cream! The mystery competition is with us again! Take this opportunity to come and have a fun afternoon, to relax and above all enjoy yourself. You deserve it!



PLEASE HELP to make this afternoon a success by giving us items for the following stalls;-Groceries, Plants, DVD/Videos/CD's/Tapes, Books, Bric a Brac, Toys/Games & Jigsaws, Toiletries and Cakes. Bring all items to Cranbelle, Rusty Lane from Saturday 28th June. We can also accept items on the day. Do have a good look and let us have all those things you no longer want or need. Thanks Make our day!

Tony Ewin
Church Social & Fund Raising Committee



BARN DANCE



On

14th July 2007

7.30pm - 11pm

At

**Leaze Farm, Mill Lane,
Bulkington, Nr Devizes**



Dancing to:

'WILTSHIRE KLOF'

With Caller

Licensed Bar & Barbecue

Tickets: Adults £7.00, Under 16 £3.50

Available from Seend Post Office

Jane Coles: 01380 828145

Audrey McDonald: 01380 828376

Any member of Bulkington PCC



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ken Harding

Many readers will be saddened to hear of the death of Ken Harding. Pat and Ken rang the village shop in Seend from 1988 to 1996. They were great friends to all during that time.

Ken was ever good humoured, kind and generous with his time, always ready to help people and to pop into town for an item the shop didn't stock, especially for those whose mobility was limited. He was a joy to know and to work with, and a pleasure to visit in Cambridgeshire where they moved to be near their son and his wife and young grandson. The latter, Julian, was the "apple of his eye". I am sure many will remember his cheery personality and join in extending their sympathy to Pat and his family.

Mary Warren

CHURCH NEWS

With us in Spirit! What the Church is doing at this time of year!

The great celebrations of Easter go on for 50 days which is no surprise when we remember that Christians believe that Jesus died and rose again to show us how God shares our life, draws us to get closer to Him, and offering us life with Him forever. Worth a big party! There's a feeling of heaven and earth being drawn together with special emphasis when on the 40th day we remember Christ's Ascension (this year on 17th May) with the feast remembered since the 4th century.

Jesus commissioned His disciples to continue His work and promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's Spirit, to help His followers have the skills and courage to love others in His name, to get to know God, and be like Him to others.

The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, the 50th day of Easter, and completes the whole Easter Festival. (This year this is on 27th May.) The risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now itself to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit.

A week later, this year in early June, the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday. We recall the three names given to God, so the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and remember that just as people are known in different ways (say as friend, brother, husband, son, colleague but still the same person) so the names for God mean that there are different ways in which He too is revealed to us. It can be a celebration every day to think of God in creation, God as friend and God as part of our own spirit too!

Revd Sacha Pearce Rector

‘From where I stand...’ articles, or something like it, may return in due course!

CHURCH SERVICES

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| 3rd June | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | (Seend) |
| | 9.30am | Family Eucharist | (Bulkington) |
| | 11.15am | Parish Eucharist | (Seend) |
| | 6.00pm | BCP Evensong | (Poulshot) |
| 10th June | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | (Seend) |
| | 9.30am | BCP Mattins | (Poulshot) |
| | 11.15am | Parish Eucharist | (Seend) |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong | (Bulkington) |
| 17th June | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | (Seend) |
| | 9.30am | Parish Eucharist | (Bulkington) |
| | 11.15am | Parish Eucharist | (Seend) |
| | 6.00pm | BCP Holy Communion | (Poulshot) |
| 24th June | 8.00am | BCP Holy Communion | (Seend) |
| | 9.30am | Family Eucharist | (Poulshot) |
| | 11.15am | Family Eucharist | (Seend) |
| | 6.00pm | Songs of Praise Evensong | (Bulkington) |

First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service

The next Parent & Toddler service at Seend will take place on Tuesday 5th June from 2.15pm—2.45pm. All welcome.



SEEND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE

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| 3rd June | 10.00am | No Service |
| 10th June | 10.00am | No Service |
| 17th June | 6.00pm | Ecumenical service of Celebration led by Revd Roy Fowler. To celebrate the 300th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth and to sing some of his hymns. Charles Wesley is said to have written more than 9,000 poems the large majority of which became hymns. |
| 24th June | 10.00am | Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion |

Everyone is always welcome.

FROM YOUR MINISTER

I looked out my window the other evening and I could see creatures flying around. I thought at first they were bats. It was twilight at the time. It's a while since I've seen bats. We used to see them regularly at one of my previous manses. So I went outside to take a better look. Once outside, I could see they were not bats but birds. They were in fact swallows. They were trying to get up under the eaves to nest. They were also not having any luck. The roof no longer allows them access. But they were very persistent. They kept trying to get under the eaves. I felt a bit sorry for them. Let's hope they eventually find somewhere to nest. I can only presume that they were returning to a previous nesting site. It is one the great miracles of nature that swallows travel huge distances each spring and autumn and end up where they started from. Despite a lot of research, no one is still sure how they manage it.

Are you the kind of person who finds their way easily? Can you look at a map and see where you need to go. Are you the kind of person who's prepared to stop to ask for directions? A friend of my daughter finds maps difficult. She came to stay with us a few weekends ago. It was the first time she's come to Calne. Like always, she relied on her sat nav system to guide her to us. She was delighted when it led her straight onto our drive. I asked her which way she had been directed. It wasn't the shortest route by any means, but it was probably the easiest, if you don't know the way.

All this led me to wonder. Do we know where we are going to in life? And do we know how to get there? Even more, are we prepared to let God show us?

Revd Roy Fowler

CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SOCIAL CLUB

Patio

Those of you who came to the hugely successful beer festival will already have seen it for yourselves – but the patio has been newly furnished and planted and is just the place for a drink on a summer evening.

Loopy Light Nights

Friday night is still *Loopy Light Night* in the Club lounge bar – a range of drinks at much-reduced prices whenever the Loopy Light is on. The bar prices are pretty competitive on any night of the week anyway! Ask at the bar about taking out Club membership (£8 per annum/£4 pensioner or youth membership).

Table tennis

There's free professional coaching for 10- to 15-year-olds early on Thursday evenings – ask Russ Collins (1380 828701) for details.

Open Gardens weekend

Afternoon teas will be available in the Community Centre on 16th and 17th June – conveniently about half-way between the first and last gardens!

Saturday breakfasts

Plan your summer social diary around Saturday morning breakfasts at the Community Centre – 7.30-10am from 21st July to 1st September – a most sociable start to your weekends. (If anyone out there would like to join the team of volunteers to cook or serve the breakfasts, please ring John or Lillian Smallshaw on 828540.)



Private functions

Looking for a party or meeting venue? Phone Frank Teasdale on 01380 828617 to find out about hiring the Community Centre hall or the upstairs room.

Tessa Doe

FETE 2007

The fete organisation is in full swing and the fete structure is beginning to take shape. We have a lot of really exciting things planned, some of which are listed below, with others still in the planning stage, including a TV-

Celebrity guest appearance, and a truly spectacular Circus Skills School, where kids of all ages can try unicycling, tightrope-walking, plate-spinning and much more.

- **Entertainment:** Arena entertainment from the Swifts Flyball Team. Flyball is a competition involving 2 teams of dogs, an obstacle course and some tennis balls. It's fast, it's fun and it's really good to watch! The girls and boys from the Wiltshire School of Gymnastics will be here to dazzle us with their skills and grace; Mr Snuffy and friends Punch & Judy will entertain us with their magic and fun; and music will be supplied by The Rough Street Jug Band. All the usual supporting acts will be present, Swing Boats, Bouncy Castles, Roundabout, Archery, the Seend Express Model Railway, Horse-racing, Duck-hooking, Coconut-shying, Face-painting – a brand new stall with really cool designs – and much, much, MUCH more!
- **Fete Breakfast:** Last year's free Fete Breakfast was such a success, that we determined to repeat it this year. However, without last year's venue – the WI hall – it will be slightly different! We will be offering – free, of course – egg, bacon and mushroom rolls and a large mug of tea, to be eaten in the Big marquee on the Lye. Think about it, an early morning breakfast in August, in the open air - what could be better? And remember, it's free to everyone who is willing to help set up the fete. So be there and enjoy it!
- **Tea-tent:** Without the WI Hall, the Fete Teas venue has also changed. The large marquee – last year's Beer-tent - will be the Fete Tearoom, staffed, as last year, by members of the Rambling Club who will be providing the usual fare of tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, etc.
- **Beer-tent** Don't panic, the beer-tent will be there, but in the slightly smaller Marquee which was purchased last year, Kate & Gerry Elston will be in charge together with Celia Rigg, and others still to be volunteered!

Which reminds me:

- **Volunteer helpers:** we are still short of helpers for the various stalls/side-shows etc. We really do need your help to man the stalls that mean so much to the Fete effort. All we ask is 1 hour of your time, in return for which we promise you lots of fun - and a big 'thank you' from the Fete Team – and you'll qualify for a free breakfast!
- **Tombola prizes:** Once again, we need more, so please keep looking. Many thanks for the ones so far delivered.

- **Toys** This is your opportunity to extract from the nooks and crannies of your home those no-longer-used but still useable toys which were once absolutely essential in the lives of your children, and to pass them on, via the fete, to some other family, to become in time absolutely essential in the lives of their children, until at some point in the future their parents can extract.... you get the picture. Give us your old-but-good toys, and feel good about yourself. After all, if your children really do miss them, you can buy them back on the day...
- **Cake & Pastries.** If you are making a cake for the Flower Show Cake Competition, why not make a second one for the Fete Cake & Pastries Stall - you know it makes sense! Or in fact, make a 3rd, this time for the tea tent. Once again, we will have a Guess-the-Weight competition with a cake especially made for the Fete by Angela Pearce of 'food **glorious** food' in Devizes.

More next month.

Bernie Prolze
Fete2007

100+ CLUB - FINAL RENEWAL REMINDER

There is still a little time left for new members to apply to join, and for those existing members who have yet to renew their membership for 2007/8.

If you're a new member and require an application form, or if you can't find your renewal form contact me on 828391, or email me at bjprolze@uko2.co.uk. Whatever else you do - sign up today!

Bernie Prolze Organiser, 100+Club

SEEND SHUTTLE



First Wednesday outings: Join in the Shuttle's popular shopping or sightseeing trips to Salisbury or Bath on the first Wednesday of every month. Phone Terry on 01380 828203 for details.

Volunteers – please ring Pete on 828757 to find out about being a volunteer driver, or Tessa on 828617 to volunteer to join the bus-cleaning rota. Your efforts will be much appreciated by the Shuttle's passengers.

West Wilts bus timetables

If you want a booklet including all the scheduled bus routes in West Wiltshire, phone Tessa on 828617.

Tessa Doe

SEEND and DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Friday 8th June This will be an evening walk. Meet in Rusty Lane for a 5.30pm departure. We will travel in cars to commence walking from Small Grain picnic site at Blacklands, near the North Wilts Golf Course; which you get to by branching left off the Beckhampton straights. Departure from here at approx 6pm. Bob Howe will be organising this walk of approx 4 miles.



Sunday 24th June Meet in Rusty Lane at 9.30am for a walk organised by Terry and Sheila Williams. Destination details not yet finalised at time of going to press. Should you wish to know where we are aiming for, then contact Terry and Sheila on 01225 704800 nearer the time.

Monday 9th July Meet in Rusty Lane at 3.15pm for a walk in the vicinity of Berwick-St-James. This walk will take place prior to a meal which will be organised by the Committee of the Friends of Berwick (Activities Centre for Guiding) and scheduled to commence at 7pm.

I should be grateful to receive names from members who wish to join us for this meal (which should be in the region of £6 per head), with a small amount, which is optional, for a raffle. On our last walk in April, I managed to approach those present to get their response, but those who were not on this walk, please contact me if you wish to put your name down. Tel Lin on 01225 706451.

Anne Salter will need to know for organising her catering team.

Friday 3rd August Chartered Canal Cruise

All members have been notified of this impending trip. Wendy Miller has received a good response, but there are still half-a-dozen places left should any member still be interested. So please, without delay, contact her on 01225 705355 (home) or 01249 652573 (work) to avoid disappointment.

HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

We have an exciting programme for 2007 and are looking forward to some excellent trips. Here are the details:

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| Sun 10 th June | Stonor House, Henley-on-Thames. contact Sue Johns |
| Sat 28 th July | Kingston Lacy (NT), near Wimborne Minster. Contact Sylvia Ewin |
| Thurs 9 th Aug | Guided Tour of Avebury (evening) followed by a pub meal. Contact Tony Ewin |
| Sat 1 st Sept | St Cross Hospice, Winchester. Contact Tony Ewin |

Thurs 1st Nov AGM and talk “Early Iron working in Chippenham and Seend”

Our next trip is on Sunday 10th June to Stonor House near Henley on Thames. The Stonor family have lived there for at least 800 years, some of the building dating from the 12th Century but most from the 14th Century with changes in Tudor times and the 18th Century. There is a chapel next to the house, a walled garden and parkland with good views.

It will be approximately a 2 hour drive so I am hoping that we can break our journey at Caversham, as we did en route to Mapledurham, where we can picnic by the Thames or eat in the nearest pub. It should be only about half an hour from there to Stonor. An information sheet will be sent to all members soon.

We look forward to welcoming all members.

Tony Ewin 828325

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The day trip to Hidcote and Kiftsgate is on Saturday 21st July. We are leaving at 8.30 am from The Bell lay-by. There are a few places left still so if you are interested in coming or have forgotten if you are on the list, contact Sue on 828777 - £15 for members, £16 for non-members. Don't forget your National Trust cards for Hidcote. Please pay Joe if you haven't already done so.



Would those members who are on the list for the visit to the garden at Seend Bridge House on Saturday 9th June please be at the WI hall between 2.00pm and 2.15pm for the Shuttle.

Sue Johns

SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB

Members have already enjoyed a very moving production of “Shadowlands” in February and then the crazy “Martha, Josie and the Chinese Elvis” with Maureen Lipman in April, and on 24th May a large party are going to Alan Ayckbourn's “Absent Friends” in Salisbury.



On Saturday 7th July we hope to enjoy the outdoor Summer Concert at Lacock Abbey and on 20th August we are planning a trip to the lovely Watermill Theatre. Members will receive details of the summer outings in due course. New members are always welcome to join this thriving club.

Sylvia Ewin 828325

SEEND WI

The speaker at our May meeting, Mr P Mitchell, gave an interesting talk on “Walking Sticks”. He brought samples of wood used in making them and the showed the finished product polished with handles made of cow and sheep horns.



The resolution about “Stopping the Closure of Hospitals” was discussed and voted for. Our delegate will vote on our behalf at the WI’s National AGM at the Albert Hall, London in June.

The competition “A wooden ornament” was won by Pam Hillier. We learned of the passing of Ken Harding who with his wife Pat owned Seend Post Office for many years and allowed the WI to decorate the shop window at Christmas and Easter.

The next meeting will be held in the Pavilion on 13th June at 7.30pm. Mrs Lesley Carley will talk about The Dog’s Trust. The competition “Flower of the month” and there will be a “Bring & Buy” stall.

Pam Hillier

MOTHERS’ UNION - SEEND AND BULKINGTON**Seend Mothers’ Union**

The annual Guest Service of the Seend and Bulkington Branch of the MU took place on the Feast of St Mark on 25th April. Members welcomed visitors from other branches and non-members who had given support throughout the year. The service took place in Holy Cross, Seend and was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Deanery Chaplain, Revd Jonathan Hiscox.



In her sermon, Revd Sacha Pearce asked the question “Are you a disciple?” She invited the congregation to think about the example of John Mark, who as a young man, featured in the story of Christ’s Passion, and also in the Acts of the Apostles.

The Gospel which bears his name relates the whole story of Christ’s birth and ministry. His travels with St Paul and Barnabas helped establish the church in Cyprus and Asia Minor. St Mark is also the Patron Saint of Venice (where there is a basilica dedicated to him) and also of prisoners and glaziers. Following the service, everyone walked to the newly decorated Community Centre, where we enjoyed renewing friendships and had an excellent tea.

Margaret Coley

Keevil & Bulkington Mother’s Union

On Wednesday 27th June at 10.30am there will be a coffee morning and quiz at

'Olcote' Martins Road, Keevil. For further details, please contact Shirley on 870481. There will also be a Deanery Supper at St James Hall, Trowbridge at 6.45pm on Monday 18th June.

SCHOOL NEWS



SEEND SCHOOL

Summer is here and as the weather improves we hope to get the children out into the environment of the outdoor classroom as much as possible. This week Holly Class went on a Welly Walk around our local area to learn about the changing seasons and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Such an activity teaches them many things such as how to get on with others, act safely in a new environment, investigate and discover new things first hand and as we all know as adults first hand experience is often the best educator.

On the last day of this term we will all be heading for the great outdoors as we set off on our sponsored walk along the canal. This year the funds raised will be going to support the painting of a giant wall painting in our school hall. The painting will be done by the children who will be led by an artist in their efforts to create a masterpiece to adorn the walls of our school hall. If you see us on our walk please give us a wave, especially on the way back.

Recently our school football team played in the South West of England Small Schools Football Competition at Ilchester in Somerset. The team played extremely well, but did not get through to the final rounds. We had a large and enthusiastic group of parents and siblings to support them through their games and the team did their best right to the final whistle. We were all very proud of them.

Our final term is quite a busy one with many events taking place in June and July building up to our Year 6 pupils leaving for secondary school. This year we have a whole list of secondary schools children are attending, but before they leave us they have many exciting events and activities in the last few weeks.

In conclusion, as a matter of interest for readers who have not been involved with schools recently I have been mentioning Term 1 to 6. Two years ago all schools across the country moved from a three term year to a six term year, therefore each half-term has become one full-term and the lengths of the half terms have changed. I hope this helps you to make sense of our school year.

Steven Bennett, Head Teacher

KEEVIL SCHOOL

A very pleasant evening was had by all at the St Leonard's Church on Saturday 21st April when a varied selection of singing and music was enjoyed. As a result about £270 was raised for school funds. Many thanks to those members of FOKS who helped organise and run the evening, to Mrs Symes who is a member of the singing group and to those of you who attended. I look forward to the next one.

Gardening club is getting ready to restart for a period of time and we thought it would be nice to have some pots and hanging baskets around to brighten up the place. If you have any spare pots at home that you will not need this year or have got surplus plants from your recent visit to the garden centre, please let us know.

At the beginning of term we interviewed for two new members of staff. I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a very experienced teacher called Miss Louisa Jones, who is currently working in The Grove School Trowbridge, to take the Foundation Stage class from September. We also appointed Mrs. Maria O'Brien, who is currently teaching in St Barnabus School, to take the year 3 and 4 children to cover maternity leave. Both teachers come very highly recommended. Many thanks to those children involved in showing candidates round and giving their opinion on lessons taught.

Well done to last term's winners of the effort cups. The Infant winner was Emily Purnell, the Lower Junior winner was Stacey James and the Upper Junior winner was Tasmin Cole. The laughter plate awarded in memory of Mrs Laycock was awarded to Josie Barrett! Also very well done to David Vick and Abigail Ritchens who both won medals in swimming at a meet in Salisbury recently. A team of 4 also went to a swimming gala held at Milfield School last Monday and their efforts did the school proud. Well done, David, Luke, Abigail and Katie.

The Tesco and Sainsburys vouchers are flooding in but we can never have too many so please save them and pop them through my letter box when you are passing. We are very grateful to the community in helping us collect these and supplement our resources with what we can exchange them for.

The building work is going well - still on schedule. It was wonderful to see the roof going on and the windows going in. Fingers crossed that we can be moving furniture back in at the end of term.

Jackie Chalk
Head Teacher

F.O.K.S. (FRIENDS OF KEEVIL SCHOOL)**Concert – 21st April**

Thank you to those who came along and supported us on Saturday 21st April – and to those of you who didn't what an absolutely fantastic night you missed! We were entertained by some wonderful singers from Bristol, *Impromptu* and *The Bristol Savoy Operatic Society*, who gave us outstanding performances from musicals such as *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera* and *The Pirates of Penzance* to *The Beatles - Who Needs the West End!* We are hoping they will come again and perform for us next year, so don't miss it next time! We raised nearly £270!

At the time of writing this article we hadn't had our forthcoming plant sale or 10K event on the airfield, but we will let you know all about that in the next newsletter.

Debbie Scott
Chair, Friends of Keevil School

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

The April meeting was attended by 7 Councillors, with Mrs. Savage in the Chair.

Nominations for forthcoming election – A statement of persons nominated has been received. The PC election will be uncontested in Seend. There are two nominations for District Councillor: Mr Bruce Cotton (UKIP) and Mr Anthony Lake (Conservative).

The appeal relating to application ref. K/54142/F – Mr & Mrs Hibberd, 72 Seend Cleeve, for a proposed new dwelling, has been refused.

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

K/56308/F Mr & Mrs G Burgess Cleeve Lodge, Trowbridge Road,
Seend

*Amended scheme to that approved under K/55236/F –
single storey conversion of garage/store to annex and
new pitched roof*

- K/56344/LBC Mr B Nichols Stocks Farm, Trowbridge Road, Seend
Loft conversion within main roof to form one bed and en-suite, re-open existing blocked up gable windows (x2). Install one conservation roof light
- K/56393/LBC Mr & Mrs N Jackson Moiety Manor, Spout Lane, Seend
Alteration to barn to include new roof lights, changes to elevations and internal alterations
- K/56415/LBC Mr & Mrs C Lawrence Seend Park, High Street, Seend
Formation of doorway in lieu of window on south (rear) elevation.

A letter has been sent to Wessex Water concerning the repair to the missing kerb in Seend Cleeve opposite the Brewery.

Highways have been advised about potholes in Rusty Lane, and the road surface in Station Road, Seend Cleeve.

The Footpaths Officer has been advised that the sign for Love Walk needs replacing.

Kennet DC have been requested to remove the Persimmon Homes sign that has been fixed to a road sign in Seend High Street.

The dates of the next village skips will be:

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| Friday 25 th May | Seend Social Club |
| Friday 29 th June | Three Magpies |

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 15th May at 7.00 pm in the Irene Usher Pavilion, prior to the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00 pm.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher
Clerk

BITS'N'BOBS

RECYCLING PLASTIC

We have been asked to repeat the address of the firm which accepts all your (clean) polythene mail wrappers, and also 4 -pack ring pulls and bubble wrap, for recycling. Please - no attached paper labels or sellotape etc. and nothing crinkly, and no PVC or PET or nylon.

Polypring Mailing Films,
Mackintosh Road,
Rackheath Industrial Estate,
Rackheath.
Norwich
NR 13 6LJ

PS - The RSPB are collecting stamps going towards the campaign to 'Save the Albatross'

Geraldine Beatty

Quest for information on Benjamin Milsom

I am searching for information on Benjamin MILSOM, born about 1753 in Seend, Wiltshire. I need to know anything about his parents and siblings. I know he and Susanna Stevens had a child born in 1777 out of wedlock. He married in Sept 1778 with Ann FRYER born May 1756 Seend. Her father was John Fryer and mother Phyllis. They had children: Mary 1781, Elizabeth (Betty) 1784, John 1789 (My line), Sarah 1789, Jane 1791.

These are the only ones I know. Are any of the Milsoms from Bradford related to these relatives? Thanks for any help Spotlight readers can give me. Sally Walton ncwalt@cabletonline.net

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St Peter's: Mr B James - 724944 Lay Reader: Pam Muller 01225 707804

LPA's: Audrey McDonald 828376 and Jo Bell 828550

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

Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340

Irene Usher Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250

Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583

100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391

Seend Fete Committee - Bernie Prolze 828391

Seend Community Centre & Club - Bookings - Stan Wiltshire (Skittles only)

828559. Hall bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617. Sec - Robin Heatley - 828491

Seend Shuttle. Bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568

Seend and District LINK Scheme - Coordinator 828190

Seend and District Ramblers - Bob Howe 828554

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

Seend Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325

Seend and District Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433

Seend Book Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325

Seend's Other Book Club - Frank Teasdale 828617

Seend Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend School - 828334

Seend Playgroup - Liz Futter 828485

Seend Bouncy Club - Kath Steggall 828821

Seend Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Andrea Dobson 827126

Seend WI - Judith Bigg on 736358

Seend Fawly Players - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451

WEA - Tessa Doe on 828617

Royal British Legion and Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545

Seend Cricket Club - Mr P Wallis 828757

Football Club - Darren Nichols 828535

Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545

Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281

Seend Website: www.seend.org - Neil Yockney 827139

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

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| Tues | 9.00 - 5.30 | 9.00 - 5.30 |
| Wed | 9.00 - 5.30 | 9.00 - 4.30* |
| Thurs | 9.00 - 1.00 | 9.00 - 1.00 |
| Fri | 9.00 - 5.30 | 9.00 - 5.30 |
| Sat | 8.30 - 1.00 | 9.00 - 1.00 |
| Sun | 9.00 - 10.30 | Closed |
| Bank Holidays | 9.00 - 10.30 | Closed |

* note early closing