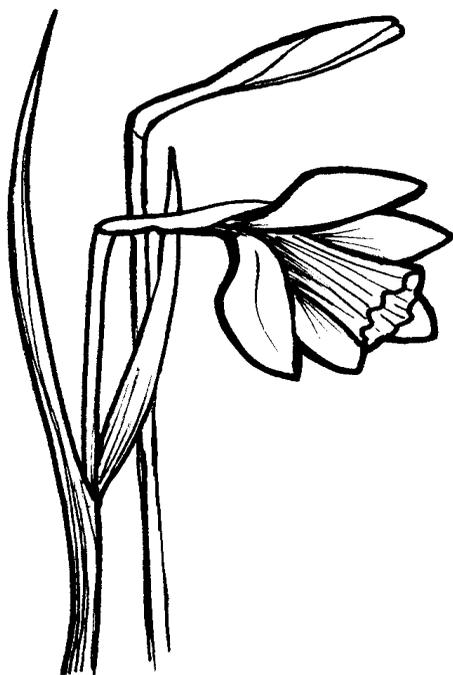


SPOTLIGHT

Seend and Bulkington



March 2007

DIARY

DIARY DATES FOR LATE FEBRUARY

- 22nd Village Panto - 7.30pm at Seend Community Centre
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- 23rd Village Skip - Seend Social Club
- 24th Village Panto - 7pm at Seend Community Centre
- 27th Seend Parish Council Meeting - 8pm in Seend Community Centre

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

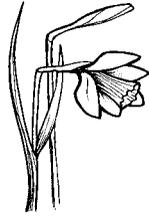
- 2nd An audience with sculptor Chris Dobrowloski, 7.30pm at the Pavilion
- 5th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve
- 8th Royal British Legion AGM - 8pm in Social Club
- 8th Seend Historic Houses Club meeting - 7.30pm in The Pavilion
- 11th Seend & District Ramblers - 9.30am in Rusty Lane
- 13th Seend Gardening Club meeting - 7.30pm The Pavilion.
- 19th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve
- 20th Bulkington Village Hall Committee AGM at 7.30pm
- 20th Seend Poetry Group Meeting - 8pm in Community Centre
- 21st Seend MU - 2.45pm at the Pavilion, Speaker Revd D Whittle, and a Bring & Buy sale.
- 23rd Curry Evening (in aid of Seend Tigers) 8pm at The Pavilion
- 24th Royal British Legion Dugout Supper - 7-7.30pm Community Centre
- 30th RBL event - The Army Sinfonietta at the Wiltshire Music Centre

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 1st Seend Ramblers AGM - 3pm in the Pavilion. Walk before at 1.30pm
- 9th Bulkington Steam Up - from 11am til 4.30pm next to village hall.
- 14th Seend Community Centre Re-Lauch - 11am-3pm.
- 14th Seend WI meeting - 7.30pm in The Pavilion
- 22nd Bulkington Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting 7pm in Church
- 24th Seend Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting 7.30pm in Church
- 25th Poulshot Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting 7pm in Church

Spotlight editorial March 2007

Welcome to the March edition of Spotlight. Well the snow came and then went all in one day! Still at least the children got to play in it for a few hours.



We may be unsure what the weather is going to be like from day to day but at least our surroundings are beginning to look brighter with the appearance of the spring bulbs. It won't be long before the Burbidge gang's annual display of daffodils will be in full bloom in the grass verges. So a big golden thank you to Joe and his accomplices for the hours they have spent over the years planting them.

We are delighted to include in this month's Spotlight an article about Seend United Football Club. Read it and find out how the club is "one win away from the biggest game in their history". March 10th is a crucial day for the players. Hopefully there will be good news to report next month. Their next home game on the Lye Field is Sunday 3rd March at 3pm, so why not go and support them. How often do you get to walk to a sporting fixture these days? Go on, reduce your carbon footprint - support your local team! Staying with the football theme, congratulations to Seend School's football team who won the final of the Wiltshire Small Schools Competition. Finally, you have a chance to help our youngest football players, Seend Tigers, buy some new kit (see page 2 for details).

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the April issue (*copy deadline is 10th March*) 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.

EVENTS IN MARCH

Landscape, Seascape, Skyscape, Escape

Ever wondered what men do in their sheds? Ever wanted to build a car, a boat or a plane and just get away from it all? Well, sculptor Chris Dobrowloski has done just that in his quest to escape his dissatisfaction with art school and the art world. Fuelled by romanticism and a sense of adventure, his journeys in these "knocked up in my garden shed" machines have become a rite of passage and the beginning of countless funny stories which will be retold in the Seend Pavillion on Friday, the 2nd March starting at 7.30pm.

Through his hilarious journey, Chris will explain his love hate relationship with art, and reveal the paradoxes and problems of his notion of "art for arts sake". The show, a combination of film, music and monologue, will last about 2 hours plus an interval and is sponsored by Rural Arts Wiltshire. All proceeds from the show will go to the **Seend Community Centre**. Chris Dobrowloski's show was rated as one of the best acts at this years Edinburgh fringe festival by RAW and should not dissappoint those looking for an easy listening, fun night out.

Tickets priced £6 and £5 (senior citizen) are available from Jan Crabtree (828687) Jan Harding (828778), Tessa Doe (828617) or the Seend Post Office. (As usual in the Pavilion, bring your own drinks. Tea and Coffee will be provided in the interval).

Curry Evening

(In aid of Seend Tigers)

Friday 23rd March at 8pm

In the Pavilion

Tickets £12.50

Elaine (828942) Lesley (828768)

Caroline (828846) Brewery (828463)

Come and support this worthwhile event

Money raised to buy new football kit

EVENTS IN APRIL



TRAIN RIDES ON THE GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY

We shall be steaming up around 11 am on Easter Monday 9th April. We will be open to visitors from 11 am until about 4:30 in the afternoon. As usual the money that is raised will go to charity and we look forward to giving lots of rides to the boys and girls (young and old!) who visit us. If any young people over the age of 8 years would like to learn to drive – please arrive around 11 am (before we get busy) and contact me.

Nev Boulton Station Master



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!

THANKS A BUNCH!

Thank you to Joe Burbidge and his accomplices for all the daffodils that will shortly be appearing in the grass verges. They are a welcome sight and a sure sign that Spring is on its way.



Volunteer for Pavilion Bookings Urgently Needed

Volunteer urgently needed to take over the bookings for the Pavilion. “I’ve been doing it for the past 10 years and I need a break as I’m getting old!” If there is anyone out there who would like to help the Village Hall, please phone Ron Apted on 828427.

Ron Apted

IN MEMORIAM

The Late Elsie Barnes

The family of the late Elsie Barnes wish to thank relations and friends from Seend, Bulkington and Bromham who attended the funeral service at the Crematorium on Monday 5th February, also, for their generous donations in aid of the Wiltshire Blind Association and the Royal British Legion.

Spotlight Readers may also be saddened to know that two long standing residents of Seend have also recently died. They are **Harry Howarth** and **Robert Gee**. Our thoughts are with their families at this sad time.

CHURCH NEWS

Notice of the Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Bulkington Church will be holding their APCM on Sunday 22nd April 2007 at 7.00 pm in church after an informal 'Songs of Praise' service. Please come along and hear what the church plans to do this year. We have some exciting new projects in the pipeline!

Seend will be holding their APCM on Tuesday 24th April at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church. **Poulshot** will be holding theirs on Wednesday 25th April at 7pm in St Peter's Church. All are welcome to attend.

First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service

This month's Parent & Toddler service at Seend will take place on Tuesday 6th March from 2.15pm—2.45pm. All welcome.



CHURCH SERVICES

4th March	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Evensong	(Poulshot)
11th March	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion.	(Seend)
	9.30am	BCP Mattins	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Evensong	(Bulkington)

18th March	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
Mothering Sunday	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	(Poulshot)
25th March	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Family Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise Eucharist	(Bulkington)

FROM WHERE I STAND.....

... things are changing! It's just possible that change is now such a normal part of our lives that we've stopped noticing! According to the weather experts January was so unseasonably warm equal to only one other year since weather records began! We're growing used to the storms, floods and warmth of unseasonable weather so that the changing of the seasons is barely recognizable anymore! We have to look to see the snowdrops, the start of the crocuses, the daffodils but actually their timing is changing too. In a sense this is a regrettable shift in the natural pattern and scientists worry about the effect on the ecological system. Every day we are reminded that due to carbon emissions from fuel, among other things, holes in the ozone layer above the earth are causing global warming. The weather changes, the ice melts, the sea rises, the world changes. We worry about the effect of the carbon footprint we leave by our fuel consumption but, from where I stand, I wonder whether we're being offered an opportunity to think about change in all our lives. We remember that the famous ecologist Charles Darwin said that the only species that will survive are the ones adaptable to change...! My job, for example, has changed so much, just like the local policeman or doctor, that the parish priest is no longer seen pottering up and down the village having tea with folk every afternoon! The priest now has even 5 or 6 parishes or more to serve as well as several roles to take on for the wider Church and the Diocese. There's no longer the idea that the Rector will do everything but an increasing need for everyone to offer his or her skills for the life of the community and the church, to contribute as our shared responsibility to care for one another and work together for the world around us.

From where I stand as we start the season of Lent we need to see the change around us and respond! The season of Lent in the life of the Church is all about change. It is the season for spiritual spring cleaning, spring cleaning our lives, making more time to get a better look at our faith, to look at

ourselves and be willing to change as we respond to the challenge. For many of us our familiar understanding of God has come from Confirmation classes of younger years or else the Church's teaching at another time. Yet it is the very nature of the living God to have moved and been revealed in new ways in each generation. It can be a frightening and very unsettling prospect to imagine that in the constantly changing world that God and His Church should change but we are pilgrims not arrivals so we're invited to go where God is going in *this* generation!

Many people traditionally give up something for Lent, like chocolate or alcohol perhaps, possibly a change for the benefit of their health or wallet! Yet this is only really of value if we know *why* we're doing it! During these weeks many churches offer a Lent Lunch, a simple light meal with financial proceeds to charity, a change in order to think of others. Similarly our 3 churches use Lent collection boxes, a small box to have at home, to collect coins to give to charity. The change of vestments in church, usually to purple, reminds us that the season has changed from the celebration of Christmas. The removal of church flowers is a sign of change, to make space in our worship and spiritual lives. In many churches too a bare rough hewn cross will have appeared... All this is intended to be different and help us to focus on the stark and vivid experiences of Jesus in His Passion. From where I stand I'm sure that Lent isn't really about giving up but about taking on more in terms of evolving, changing, as we grow nearer to God in our daily lives! 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 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.

May I wish you a holy and blessed Lent!

Revd Sacha Pearce, Rector

Bulkington Church Cleaning

March 1st – 15th Mrs M Webb

March 16th – 31st Mrs M Webb

If you are unable to do your turn, please find an alternative person to do it for you.

SEEND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Please note there will not be a service on 25th February.

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| 4th March 10.00am | We celebrate our 232nd Chapel Anniversary with Mrs Michelle Pickering leading worship |
| 11th March 10.00am | Mrs Geraldine Mann (to be confirmed - check with Anne Salter on 828502)) |
| 18th March 6.00pm | Ecumenical Service led by Revd Chris Cory |
| 25th March 10.00am | Mrs Pauline Tiller |

Everyone is always welcome.

FROM YOUR MINISTER

I spent a couple of days recently back in Sussex where I grew up. It's always a little strange being back somewhere from the past. You find yourself looking out for familiar things. There's the house where we used to live. There's my old school. That's the office where I used to work. There's the pub we used to go for a meal. And then you realise things aren't as familiar as you think. The roads have all been altered – no wonder we've got lost. The tree where you played as a child has been blown down or cut down. A whole new estate of houses has been built. Slowly, you realise that you have to see things afresh and re-orientate yourself.

The season of Lent we are in at the moment is like that. It invites us to re-visit our relationship with God. We commit ourselves to a special discipline of prayer or study. Maybe we give something up. We are trying to change the landscape of our spirituality for a few weeks. We are seeking to find the unfamiliar in the familiar, to see things a different way, to see with new eyes.

And of course the journey of Lent takes us towards the place where God completely changes the landscape of our world. It leads us to the cross where all our images of God are shattered. It leads us to Easter Day where all our hopes for the world are remade by God.

May this time of Lent be blessed for us and lead us to see familiar things with new eyes.

God be with you

Roy Fowler

CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SOCIAL CLUB

Seend Club Membership

Club membership - entitling you to unlimited use of the lounge bar (with highly-competitively priced drinks, pool table, big-screen TV for major sporting events etc) - now runs from 1st April to 31st March, but if you join now you can save yourself £1. Pay between now and 30th April and it's just £7 (£3.50 for over-60s). After 30th April it will cost you £8 (or £4). You can take out membership over the bar.

Junior membership is also available for 14- to 17-year-olds – with parental consent – at the same price as the over-60s.

Community Centre and Club Relaunch Day!

Saturday 14th April from around 11am-3pm

You're invited to come along and see the **improvements** that have been made to the Club lounge bar and to the Community Centre in the past few months – mostly by our dedicated team of volunteers.

There will be people to talk to about the **activities** that go on in the Centre – and you can even try your hand at some of them, such as skittles, short mat bowls and pool. There will be lunchtime food available – possibly **all-day breakfasts** in a trial run of what will be on offer on Saturdays in the summer. Reduced-price membership (see above) will be available - and your **first drink** will be half price! Watch out for more details nearer the time.

Wanted – a 'responsible person'!

The Community Centre Committee is seeking a volunteer to take on the role of responsible person for **fire safety** at the Centre, to meet the requirements of the Fire Safety Order 2005. A retired fire officer, or someone with similar relevant experience, would obviously be ideal, but anybody can apply. Talk to Peter Fisher (01380 828305) to find out more.

SEEND SUMMER FETE 2007

Yes, you're right, it's that time again, the beginning of the steady drip, drip, drip of requests for prizes, money, time, volunteers, etc. that signifies to everyone in Seend that Summer is just around the corner....

As usual, the fete will be held on the 2nd Saturday in August, which this year

is **August 11th**. Between now and then, we really will be asking for your help in all sorts of ways, confident in the knowledge that you won't let us down, because you never do.

We have a full strength committee this year, the first for 3 years, with the inclusion of new member **Jane Borwell** who is the new Fete Secretary. So last year's record-breaking event could well be repeated this year – providing it doesn't rain...

Our biggest need, as always, is for volunteers to help not only on the day, but prior to the day, especially in the week before. This year we have a couple of specific areas which need assistance - the bottle collection, and the toy stall. Last year our team of bottle collectors, managed by **Roger Brind**, was somewhat overwhelmed by the scale of the task. Seend, Seend Cleeve and Sells Green is a very large area to cover with a small team. We really do need additional collectors to help out. Call **Roger** on **828830** or **me** on **828391** if you can offer us some time on the **Tuesday, Wednesday** or **Thursday, 7th, 8th and 9th August**.

Pam and **Morris Mullins** and **Jan Fells** also know the feeling of being swamped. They ran the toy stall magnificently last year, but by fete-end they were exhausted. They would certainly appreciate some help with the pricing, arrangement and sale of the toys - of which we have none to date, but more about that later in the year. If you want to help, please call **Sonja Nicholls** on **828535**.

You might think that with no WI Hall, therefore no kitchen, no tables, no chairs, etc., there cannot possibly be fete-day breakfasts and afternoon teas this year! You might think that, but you'd be wrong. The Committee is busy planning alternative facilities and arrangements to ensure that these traditional features of the Seend Fete will be available on the day. We will keep you posted on the arrangements – but we might be asking for more volunteers to help make them work!

And of course we need **Tombola** prizes. Call me and I'll pick them up - **828391**

More drip, drip next month.

Bernie Prolze, Chair, Fete 2007

COMPETITION FOR SEEND FETE 2007 PROGRAMME COVER
AN ANNOUNCEMENT ESPECIALLY FOR THE UNDER-12s

In previous years, the cover for the fete programme and the illustrations which have decorated its pages have been produced by competition between the pupils of Seend School. Clearly there are budding artists living in the village who do not attend the school, so this year the Fete Committee has decided to hold an open competition for the design of the front cover of the programme.

The competition is open to anyone aged 11 years and under. All you need to do is draw a picture of your idea of a happy day at Seend Fete. So get your pencils out and get started. Your picture should be on a sheet of A4 paper with your name, age, address and telephone number on the back. You should hand in your entry to the Post Office by 30th April, not forgetting to get your parents permission to do so.

The competition will be judged by the Fete Committee, and the winning entry will appear on the cover of the programme. There will be tokens for the runners up, and selections from all the work submitted will be used to illustrate the inside pages of the programme. See if you are able to spot your work when the programme is published in July. You can submit as many entries as you like, just remember to submit them all by 30th April.

Good luck to you all - and get drawing!

Susan Bolton

SEEND and DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Sunday 11th March - Meet in Rusty Lane at 9.30am for a walk organised by Wendy Miller and Reg Cox. Again, the destination is unknown at present, but anticipated to be pleasurable. Contact Wendy on 01225 705355 or Lin Salter on 01225 706451, if you should wish for more details, a little before this date.



Annual General Meeting - Sunday 1st April at 3pm

Walkers, please try to keep this date free. There will be a short localised walk within the village prior to this meeting commencing at 1.30pm in Rusty Lane. More details in the next issue of Spotlight!

Lin Salter

SEEND POETRY GROUP

To celebrate their 50th meeting, the group invites anyone interested in poetry to join them upstairs in the Community Centre at 8 pm on Tuesday, March 20th. Bring along one or two of your favourite poems to read aloud – or just come to listen. There will be a raffle and voluntary collection in support of the Community Centre.



Tessa Doe

SEEND SHUTTLE

The Shuttle timetable (and a history of the community bus) can be viewed on www.seend.org.uk – or phone 01380 828617 for a timetable. We're always pleased to hear from new volunteer drivers (ring Pete on 828757) or people willing to join the cleaning rota (ring Tessa on 828617 or Sarah on 828177). For private hire bookings, ring Alison on 828568, and to join the first Wednesday shopping trips, ring Terry on 828023.



Tessa Doe

SEEND UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**A mixed start to 2007 for Seend Utd Football Club.**

Seend Utd start 2007 with ambitions of success in both the Trowbridge and District League Division 1 and in two cup competitions.



Jan 6th, Wiltshire Jnr Cup Quarter Final: Seend Utd 3 – Dynamo CDR 0
Seend are just one win away from the biggest game in their history after a comprehensive victory against the Wiltshire league opponents from Swindon. Dave Castle was in the sort of form that has passed him by most of the season and grabbed all 3 goals in clinical fashion. Details of the semi final game to be played at either Warminster Town or Corsham Town on 10th March will be detailed in the Wiltshire Times.

Jan 13th, Trowbridge League Div 1: Seend Utd 1 – North Bradley Saints 2
This was a bitter blow to our hopes of winning the league this season. The team didn't seem to get going against the current league leaders. Despite a tremendous 30yard strike from John Hubbard to reduce the arrears, some desperate defending and equally desperate refereeing in the last 10 minutes ensured North Bradley held on to win a highly charged game.

Feb 3rd: Trowbridge League Div 1: Freshford Utd 1 – Seend Utd 1
A game which should have seen us come away with all the points. After totally dominating the first half, we were unlucky only to reach half time with

a 1-0 lead following a goal from Kai Miller. The team then lost the momentum in the second half to allow Freshford snatch an equaliser.

Feb 10th: Trowbridge League Div 1: Seend Utd 3 – Heytesbury 1
Back to winning ways but the scoreline flattered us a little bit. The Seend goals came from Chris Stiles, Lee Jackson and Kai Miller and the win took us up to 4th place in the League.

Details of the team and our upcoming fixtures can be found by logging onto the clubs Website: www.seendfc.org.uk.

The Seend United FC fixtures for March are as follows:

Sat 03 March	The Deverills Home Trowbridge League kick-off 3.00pm
Sat 10 March	North Bradley Saints Venue unknown Wilts Junior Cup Semi-Final kick-off 3.00pm
Sat 24 March	Blue Circle Home Trowbridge League kick-off 3.00pm
Sat 31 March	North Bradley Saints Home A & B Cup kick-off 2.30pm

Neil Holloway, Chairman

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At the Club's February meeting, Eric Bloodworth gave a very comprehensive talk on the growing and propagation of fruit trees and shrubs, starting from the choice of rootstocks, then on to budding and grafting. We all appreciated his do's and don'ts for pruning the many varieties of which he spoke and of their general care and maintenance. If you have had disappointing results from your fruit you will find Eric at Frome market on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and his Nursery is not far away for helpful advice. Thank you to all those members who turned out, on such a miserable evening, and to those who made such a choice of biscuits for the competition, which was won by Dave Watts.



On 13th March, Sue Jones will give a short talk on how to grow on and look after the pelargonium plants that she will be bringing to the Club. These will be for the Club entry at the village August Flower Show. Last year, you all made a special effort and our entry made a wonderful display. So please do have a go this year, even if you have never entered anything before. Sue will

have the plantlets for sale at the March meeting. The main speaker will be Dawn Collins, whose subject is "The Art of Garden Design". Also at this meeting, we will aim to have our Spring Bulb Show. This has proved to be difficult in recent years because sometimes Spring bulbs decide to bloom for our March meeting and sometimes in April. Writing this in February, it is still debateable as to which it will be. However, please bring along whatever you have on 13th March in the way of either cut bulb flowers or pot grown to make a good display. Any unusual flowers would be particularly welcome. Our Chairman, Roger Allen, gave advance notice that Club members have been invited to visit the garden at Seend Bridge House. The date will probably be Saturday 9th June in the afternoon., but this is still to be confirmed. This garden was designed by Bunny Guinness. Lists will be out at the March meeting for deposits for the trip to York in June and for offers of a plate of food towards the buffet at the AGM and Social on 10th April. The entertainment will be the Urchfont "Barber Shop Singers". So a lot is happening in March. Hope to see you there.

Joyce Brand

SEEND WI

We were pleased to welcome several guests to our OPEN MEETING on the 14th February when we ere entertained to a beautifully illustrated talk by Mr R White about "The Magic of The Scillies". He and his wife have visited the islands more than twenty five times in the past, at various times of the year - the earliest at Easter and the latest in October. His slides gave us a comprehensive picture of the history of the main islands and included some wonderful examples of the flowers and plants that grow there.



The Seend Guides used to visit the Scilly Isles for camping holidays, based on St. Martins, biannually for many years from 1949 and most of our guests had been involved with the camps in the past so the talk evoked many happy memories for them. Mr White was thanked by Pam Hillier.

The Competition 'The Prettiest Head Scarf' was won by Florence Rowse.

The next meeting of Seend W. I. will be held on the 14th March in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, Rusty Lane, at 7.30p.m. The Speaker, Mrs. Sue King, will give a talk entitled 'Boxes - Lifting The Lid!' The Competition is 'A Pot Plant' and the Tea Hostess is Joan Greenwood. Visitors to our meetings will be warmly welcomed.

Mrs Betty Smith

HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

The meeting on Thursday 8th March in the Pavilion at 7.30pm will be our first get-together this year, when we will receive our membership cards with details of the forthcoming events. Those who have not already renewed their membership will have the opportunity of doing so, and of course, new members are always welcome. There will be a glass of wine and some nibbles to enjoy, as well as a talk with interesting slides of old Devizes and Seend by Mr Connell, the County Museum Officer.

All last year's members have been notified of our lucky break – the chance to visit the beautiful gardens of Highgrove House on 16th April. Numbers are limited, and those who have been before are excluded, but should there be too many on the list, a ballot will be conducted at the meeting on 8th to determine the fortunate ones.

Sylvia Ewin

SEEND AND DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB

We have several trips planned for this year. One has already been and gone! A very moving production of “Shadowlands” in Salisbury in February.



Tickets have already been booked for “Martha, Josie and the Chinese Elvis” with Maureen Lipman in Bath in April. But the booking is still open for Alan Ayckbourn’s “Absent Friends” in Salisbury on Thursday 24th May. Contact Carole Jackson on 827270 for details.

In July we hope to go to an outdoor concert at Lacock, taking our posh picnics. Details of this later. And then in August we will enjoy our annual treat at the Watermill Theatre for one of their famous musical productions. New members are always welcome to join this thriving club. For details ring Sylvia on 828325.

Sylvia Ewin

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Dug Out Supper

The annual Dug Out Supper (open to all whether members of the Royal British Legion or not) will take place in the Community Centre on Saturday 24th March at 7pm for 7.30pm. Entertainment will be provided by Mr Jack Stephens, a conjuror, and music for dancing or just listening to will be played by the Kennet Accordion Orchestra. Supper will be cooked as usual by a dedicated team of “Dug Outers”, and



there will also be a raffle. Tickets (£12.50 per head) can be obtained from Peter Fisher (828305) or Anthony Hodgkinson (828485), so get yours now while there are still a few left.

Army Band Concert

A concert will be given by the Army Sinfonietta at the Wiltshire Music Centre on Friday 30th March. The programme will include works by Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn and Elgar. Tickets will cost £15 and can be obtained from Tony Hill (828397). There will be a small additional charge for those travelling in the Shuttle.

Committee Meeting

Members of the Committee are reminded that the next meeting will be held in the Upper Room in the Community Centre on Thursday 8th March, commencing at 8pm.

Roger Brind

MOTHERS' UNION - SEEND AND BULKINGTON

Seend Mothers' Union

The first meeting of 2007 was on 17th January. The previous committee members were re-elected on bloc and Joanna Bell was welcomed as the Minutes Secretary. The Treasurer presented a satisfactory report. Donation to the MU Charities, home and overseas were approved. We hope to continue to support the First Steps Service (for parents and toddlers) in the Holy Cross Church, on the first Tuesday of each month.



Dates for your diary:

2nd March - The Womens' World Day of Prayer at the United Church, Market Place, Melksham. Speaker will be Mrs Joyce Pipet.

17th March - Prayers for Ireland.

21st March - Rev D Whittle (Erlestoke Chaplain) and Bring and Buy Stall

24th March - Lady Day Festival Service at Salisbury Cathedral.

THE 100 CLUB - NEARLY THE 200 CLUB! **WHAT IS IT AND WHY SHOULD I JOIN?**

The 100+ Club: The 100+ Club is a village lottery, set up many years ago to raise funds to support the upkeep of the village-owned Lye Recreation Field and Pavilion. Membership costs £15 per person per year, and is open to anybody in the village – or out of it, their money is just as good as ours - and last year (2006/2007) it raised almost £1000 for the Lye Field. In addition, and almost as important, it distributed almost £2000 back to the subscribers as prizes via 12 monthly prize draws at each of which there are 6 prizes on offer:

£35, £30, £25, £20, £15 and £10, except at Christmas when the prizes start at £100 and total about £400! Since 2002, membership has increased from 142 to 191, and in this period 134 members have won at least once, so you can see that the odds of winning are pretty high. This year's 191 members – 34 of whom are new – subscribed £2865 of which £955 was presented to the Lye Field Committee, while the remaining £1910 was returned in prize-money!

Why you should join: Principally, to support the Lye Field, which together with the Pavilion are owned by the village – that means you and me - for the use and enjoyment of everyone in the village. The upkeep is managed by volunteers who give their time and expertise free, but materials and equipment need to be paid for. Joining the 100+Club is therefore a very good way to support a fabulous amenity, while at the same time giving yourself a sporting chance of recouping your stake – or even more! How often in life does this happen?

Please give us your support. Anyone can apply for a subscription, and you can buy as many subscriptions as you like – the more you have, the better your chances of winning, and the more support we receive. Membership runs from May 1st to April 30th each year. If you want an application form, just phone or email me. Alternatively you can wait for next month's edition of Spotlight which will contain an application form just waiting to be completed – by you! Whatever you decide to do, just make sure you join the club!

Bernie Prolze

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100 CLUB DRAWS

The draws for October and November 2006 took place in Manchester during a Prolze family get-together. The winning numbers were drawn by members of the party, including 97-year old Great-grandfather Prolze.

October

1 st Prize:	£35	26 Mrs A E Parrock	
2 nd Prize:	£30	78 Mrs Flora Heavisides	
3 rd Prize:	£25	127 Ms Tessa Doe	
4 th Prize:	£20	9 Mrs M Burden	
5 th Prize:	£15	133 Mrs J J Hardwidge	(new member 06/07)
6 th Prize:	£10	158 Mrs Sue McCulloch	

November

1 st Prize:	£35	188 Mrs C Whitehead	(new member 06/07)
2 nd Prize:	£30	26 Mrs A E Parrock	
3 rd Prize:	£25	27 Mrs Nancy Hutchinson	
4 th Prize:	£20	200 Mrs Tina Yockney	
5 th Prize:	£15	133 Mrs J J Hardwidge	(new member 06/07)
6 th Prize:	£10	28 Mrs S Butler	

The big draw of the year, the Christmas draw took place on Tuesday 19th December at the Pavilion, following a meeting of the Lye Field Committee. The winning numbers, which were drawn by members of the Committee are as follows:

1 st Prize:	£100	181 Miss V M Smith	
2 nd Prize:	£75	176 Mike Moore	(new member 06/07)
3 rd Prize:	£50	198 Tony Hill	
4 th Prize:	£40	158 Mrs Sue McCulloch	
5 th Prize:	£30	100 Mrs M Gompels	(new member 06/07)
6 th Prize:	£25	59 Mr P Ewing	(new member 06/07)
7 th Prize:	£25	146 Mrs Audrey Hill	
8 th Prize:	£20	111 Mr P Grinham	(new member 06/07)
9 th Prize:	£20	36 Les Warren	
10 th Prize:	£20	164 Mrs Diana Sawyer	
11 th Prize:	£20	201 Mrs Joy Stack	

The draw for January 2007 took place on Saturday 20th January at 1 Bell Hill, during a Seend Fete Committee supper. The winning numbers, which were drawn by members of the Committee and guests are as follows:

1 st Prize:	£35	123 Mrs S Newman	
2 nd Prize:	£30	22 Mrs Debbie Duparcq	
3 rd Prize:	£25	90 Mrs P Parsons	(new member 06/07)
4 th Prize:	£20	23 Mrs Rosemary Mayell	
5 th Prize:	£15	194 Phillip Wood	
6 th Prize:	£10	105 Mrs Nancy Hutchinson	

My apologies for the delay in reporting the results, which happily was not reflected in the time it took to deliver their well-gotten gains to the lucky prize-winners! If you don't have a number in the draw, please note the number of new-member winners over the period. Next year, you could be one of them. Information on what the 100+ Club is and what it does, is given elsewhere in Spotlight, and further information plus the application forms will be supplied with next month's issue. Keep your eyes peeled!

The draw for February 2007 took place on Friday 3rd February at Thyme

House, Seend, following a Seend Fete Committee meeting. The winning numbers, which were drawn by members of the Committee, are as follows:

1 st Prize:	£35	16	Charlie Mayell
2 nd Prize:	£30	156	Edward Hickman
3 rd Prize:	£25	150	Andy Waylen
4 th Prize:	£20	73	Ron Westacott, MBE
5 th Prize:	£15	170	Mrs Betty Doig
6 th Prize:	£10	44	Neil Yockney

SCHOOL NEWS

SEEND SCHOOL

With the excitement of the first snowfall this Winter, we took the whole school out first thing in the morning to build snowmen as the forecasters had suggested that the snow would not last and they were right. We felt that it was important to seize the moment as the children learn as much from practical activities as studies in the classroom and snow is such a rare occurrence it was a chance not to be missed.



I would like to congratulate to our school football team; Tim, Rory, George, William, Josh, Will, Harry, Henry and Josh. The team has been playing in the Wiltshire small schools cup over the last couple of terms and last week in Swindon won the final. The team were presented with medals and a trophy at Golden Assembly on Friday.

Oak class recently went on an exciting trip to the Sevington Victorian School Project. The children had to dress up and be treated as Victorian school children and even had to have packed lunches made from ingredients that were available 100 years ago. During the day they had to sit in silence and learn their lessons by rote from a Victorian teacher. It will be interesting to find out which century they would have preferred to be educated in.

In conclusion we must all consider how we learn best whether it be by listening, watching or doing or as most of us with a mixture of all three styles. It may be worth asking yourself why you find something hard? How you can improve your performance and learning in this area? Then consider an area where you can put your findings to use. It's a process the children are encouraged to undertake each day at school.

Steven Bennett.

KEEVIL SCHOOL

The school rounded off a successful term with a Carol Concert and Nativity in St Leonard's Church followed by mulled wine and mince pies that was extremely well attended. Thank you to the Church Wardens who helped get the Church ready for us, to Liz Futter and her bell ringing friends for their contribution and to the parents who helped take the staging up and then down again!

The school returned after Christmas with 2 new children taking us to 79 on role. The new building started on 12th February is therefore much needed. The building works will be a time of some disruption to the school and the area around it. I hope that this will not inconvenience the local community in any way and I apologise in advance if the presence of construction machinery and traffic in any way disturbs the peacefulness of the area. If you have any concerns or there are any problems then please contact me at school. I hope that when it is all over that you will all attend the opening and see the end result.

Despite the upheaval of the building work, the education of the children motors on! The Upper Juniors are learning all about forests and jungles and will be going tree planting in February at a wood in Chippenham. The Lower Juniors are learning all about The Ancient Egyptians and the infants are getting to grips with opposites. If anyone has any pictures/resources/knowledge that would support these in any way then we would love to hear from you.

Jackie Chalk Head Teacher.

F O K S (Friends of Keevil School)

Happy New Year from all at Keevil School!

Due to the refurbishment of our school, all events we will be holding will take place in local village halls etc. The events we are proposing to hold are as follows:-

Plant Sale:- Our annual sale will be held locally (venue tbc) from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm on Saturday 12th May. We will be asking parents/local gardeners to help us again be either donating or bringing along their own produce to sell. There will be a raffle and children's games as well as our cake stall and refreshments.

10k Run and Family Fun Day – Keevil Airfield:- We will be holding our annual 10k Road Race at Keevil Airfield once again. This will be taking place on Saturday 2nd June 2007. The itinerary will remain the same as last year with the 10k run being held first, followed by various children's races from 1 pm. There will be a



Fete, refreshment stalls and family entertainment throughout the day with lots of children's activities and attractions.

Last year we had over 450 runners take part in the races and we are aiming for a bigger turnout this year, so if you can offer your help in any areas on the day, we would love to hear from you asap. Thank you.

Further details for enrolment are on our website: www.keevil10k.co.uk or you can e mail simonandnikki@aol.com for application forms. If you require further details on any of the above, please contact Debbie Scott on 10380 870410 or Keevil School on 01380 870376.



SEEND BOUNCY CLUB

We meet at The Pavilion on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am - 11.30am. We are for parents, carers and children from birth to five. The cost is £1 which includes a drink.

Please Join Us
For more Information, contact Kath on 828821



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The January meeting was attended by 8 Councillors, with Mrs. Savage in the Chair.

Missing Kerb, Seend Cleeve – Letter received from Wiltshire County Council, to advise that they have inspected the site and it appears that the footway has encroached on to a water box, and this will be investigated further.

Bradley Lane – Bradley Lane is still in a poor state. The Clerk will advise the Footpaths Officer again.

Permission had been refused by Kennet DC for the following applications:

K/55493/F Mr J McCormack, Good Rest, High Street, Seend

Form vehicular access to side off roadway

K/55565/F Dr and Mrs S J Phillips, 28 Dial Close, Seend

Change of use of amenity land to domestic garden and erection of 2 metre high fence

Permission had been granted by Kennet DC for the following applications:

K/55400/TR2 Dr S Phillips, 28 Dial Close, Seend

Felling of a cedar tree at the front of house

K/55418/F Mr and Mrs C Grafton, Ferrum Towers, Pelch Lane, Seend

Demolition of existing extension and construction of new kitchen utility extension. Construction of new stables and outbuilding.

K/55444/LBC Mr J McCormack, Good Rest, High Street, Seend

Internal alterations to partitions. Provide ground floor toilet facility. Install wood burner. Repair/replace windows as needed. Demolish lobby to rear.

K/55576/F Mr D Akerman, Broad Lane Farm, Broad Lane, Seend

Extension to enclosed former silage clamp

K/55578/F Mr A P Norris, The Stables, Cleeve House. Trowbridge Road, Seend

Erection of conservatory

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

K/55796/F Mr and Mrs K Stokes, Berhills Farm, Bath Road, Seend

Alterations and two-storey extension

K/55798/F Mr E Walsh, Manor Field, High Street, Seend

Two storey extension, 2 new dormer windows, glazed canopy and new garage

K/55873/F

Mr P Bown, 57 Sells Green, Bath Road, Seend

Proposed extension to front elevation and erection of timber office within front garden

A letter had been received from Wilts CC about proposals to re-organise the Registration Service in Wiltshire. The first proposal is to create a single Registration District in the county by removing boundaries around the current five separate districts. The second is to withdraw the service of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Calne, Corsham, Malmesbury, Marlborough, Melksham, Mere, Tidworth, Westbury and Wootton Bassett, including changing the status of Warminster Register Office to that of an outstation. General consultation information about the proposals can be found on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Any objections regarding the proposals should be lodged in writing to the Acting Proper Officer at County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN before 23rd February.

Councilors discussed the letter in Spotlight from Mrs Wilfort, concerning road safety. Residents with hedges fronting the High Street are respectfully asked to trim them back where necessary to improve the room available for pedestrians. A letter will also be sent to Wilts CC about traffic calming measures where the pavement is narrow in the High Street.

If you are aware of any area in the village that needs the attention of the Parish Steward, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The dates of the next village skips will be:

Friday 23 rd February	Seend Social Club
Friday 30 th March	Three Magpies
Friday 27 th April	Wessex Water Site

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 27th February at 7.30 p.m. in Seend Social Club.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

BULKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st March 2007 at 8.15 pm in the village hall.

Village Life Remembered

This newspaper report, recalled by long standing Seend Cleeve resident Bryan Mattock, makes interesting reading. If other Spotlight readers have any similar recollections, the editorial team would be glad to hear about them.

The following newspaper report appeared in 1943.

Sunday 9th January 1943

Barge Bridge Accident

A Local Paper Report

Three members of the crew of an armoured car lost their lives by drowning when the vehicle crashed through the parapet of the canal bridge at Seend Cleeve on Sunday morning 3rd January 1943 and fell into the water, the actual cause of the tragedy is not yet revealed. A fourth member of the crew is recovering in Trowbridge Hospital.

All the men were dragged from the crashed vehicle by rescuers from one of the accompanying armoured cars and the wrecked vehicle was salvaged sometime after the accident, the bridge is on a narrow road bend.

The dead men are Lieut William James - Gordon Taylor (whose home was in Scotland) His wife to whom he was married to just recently, served in the A.T.S. Tpr Warwick David Gower aged 21, The Meadows Highland Road Amersham, Bucks. Tpr Louis Walsh ages 21, East Dean, Harlington, Nr. Doncaster. The injured man in hospital is Tpr Percy Smith.

Walsh died on Monday after partial recovery, but had a relapse at 4 am on Monday, due to water congestion of the lungs.

These manoeuvres took place on a regular basis around the Cleeve area throughout the war years and I can remember this incident and the furious attempts to resuscitate the rescued soldiers on the bank utilizing wood from the stile (still there) and using it as a see-saw effect to remove the water from their lungs.

I can also remember the recovery of the vehicle, later in the afternoon through the Barge yard after the canal had been drained, when a red-haired army driver steered the vehicle through the canal mud, while being winched by a recovery vehicle anchored in the Barge car park.

Bryan Mattock

BITS'N'BOBS

The Parish Council has forwarded to Spotlight details of the charity event below. Maybe someone would like to organise a coach from Seend?

LONDON BRIDGES WALK - 24th JUNE 2007

Enjoy a great day of sight-seeing and support Kidney Research UK by walking eight of London's Bridges on Sunday 24th June 2007.

The London Bridges Walk starts and finishes at the newly refurbished Potters Fields Park on the south side of the Thames near Tower Bridge. Walkers will cross eight bridges between Tower Bridge and Westminster, including London and Millennium Bridges. Last year, over 650 people joined the procession, and for many it was their first introduction to the capital.

It costs £7.50 per person to take part and this price includes a goodie-filled backpack and a special event t-shirt. There is no minimum sponsorship required but walkers are encouraged to raise as much sponsorship as they can. We have a massive target of £100,000 this year - we need your help to reach it! Proceeds will be used to further the work of Kidney Research UK and help improve the lives of people living with kidney disease.

Kidney Research UK is the leading national charity funding research to save lives from kidney disease. The research we fund focuses on improved treatment, and ultimately a cure, for kidney disease. The charity is also dedicated to patient care and educational initiatives.

Over 3 million people in the UK will have their lives threatened by chronic kidney disease, so we need your help to give them a bright future. Community Fundraising Manager, Helen Haynes, says, "The walk is a wonderful opportunity for a great day with friends and family in the world's greatest city. The route takes you past many historical sites along the Thames and offers great views of London.

2007 marks the fourth year of this event and we are looking forward to making it the biggest and most exciting London Bridges Walk ever. Be a part of something special and make a real difference by helping us fund research to save lives!"

For more information or to take part in the London Bridges Walk please call Kidney Research UK on 08456 121226, e-mail events@kidneyresearchuk.org or visit www.kidneyresearchuk.org

USEFUL CONTACTS NUMBERS:

Rector - Revd Sacha Pearce 828615

Churchwardens: Holy Cross; S Taylor 01225 709360 Lt Col A Hill 828397

Christ Church: Mrs E Futter 828485 Mr J McDonald 828376

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 - Ron Apted 828427

Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583

100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391

Seend Fete Committee - Bernie Prolze 828391

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

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

Seend Shuttle. Bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568

Seend and District LINK Scheme - Coordinator 828190

Seend and District Ramblers - Bob Howe 828554

Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Ester Daly 01672 513157

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

Seend Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325

Seend and District Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433

Seend Book Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325

Seend Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend School - 828334

Seend Playgroup - Liz Futter 828485

Seend Bouncy Club - Kath Steggall 828821 612

Seend Brownies - Helen Hook 828477

Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Andrea Dobson 827126

Seend WI - Judith Bigg on 736358

Seend Fawltly Players - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451

WEA - Don and Heather Hyde 828342

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

Police non-emergency number: 0845 408 7000

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Mon	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
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