

# SPOTLIGHT

Seend and Bulkington



NOVEMBER 2007

## **DIARY DATES FOR LATE OCTOBER**

- 25th Historic Houses Club AGM - in the Pavilion
- 26th Village Skip - Wessex Water Site
- 28th Pumpkin Day at the Brewery Inn, Seend Cleeve from midday
- 29th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve  
10.55am - 11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 30th Parish Council, 7.30pm upstairs in the Community Centre

## **DATES FOR NOVEMBER**

- 3rd Halloween dance in aid of Dorothy House, 8.30pm at the Community Centre
- 4th Seend & District Ramblers - meet 9.30am in Rusty Lane
- 5th Fireworks at the Brewery Inn
- 7th Shuttle Shopping trip (book by Monday 5th)
- 7th Quiz and Supper evening, 7pm at The Pavilion
- 10th Wine and Food Fair - 7.30pm at the Community Centre
- 11th Remembrance Day Parades - Seend and Bulkington
- 12th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve  
10.55am - 11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 12th Short Mat Bowls Club AGM - 7.30pm in the Community Centre
- 13th Gardening Club meeting in the Pavilion 8pm
- 14th WI Open Meeting, Pavilion
- 16th Opera Dudes - 7.30pm in The Pavilion, Seend
- 17th Deadline for Spotlight contributions
- 17th Community Transport Conference at Lackham, 9am-3pm
- 18th 'Big Sing' at Bromham Methodist Chapel
- 18th Table top sale at the Community Centre, 9.30am
- 21st Seend & Bulkington MU - Mission Aviation Fellowship
- 21st Devizes Floral Art Club Open Evening, 7.30pm at Devizes School
- 23rd Seend Ramblers' Social - 7.30 for 8pm in the Pavilion
- 24th Christmas Craft Fayre at Cleeve House, 10am-4pm
- 26th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve  
10.55am - 11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 30th Village Skip - Seend Community Centre

## **DATES FOR DECEMBER**

- 1st Christmas Craft Fair in the Pavilion 10.30am-2.30pm
- 7th Seend School Christmas Fair, 6pm at the School
- 10th Mobile Library
- 20th Bulkington Carol Service
- 23rd Seend Carol Service
- 24th Mobile Library

# Welcome to the November Issue



Well, summer is over - what there was of it! Still, look on the bright side, all that rain has produced a glorious display of autumn colours on the trees. Just remember how colourful the leaves looked as you go about the seemingly never-ending task of sweeping them up. The Harvest is over and the nights are drawing in but there are still plenty of events happening in November to entice you out of doors.

For starters you can dress up as a witch or skeleton (optional) and enjoy a Halloween Dance on 3 November in Seend Community Centre. On 7 November you can test your little grey cells at Seend's Big Quiz Night in the Pavilion. Following that you can end the week at a Wine Tasting and Food Fair in the Community Centre. Even music lovers are catered for this month with an appearance by "The Opera Dudes" on 16 November. You will find details of all these events inside.

You may well be reading this edition in October but I'm afraid it does contain news about Christmas events! Apparently, it is never too early to start your Christmas shopping so let us get you started with news of two Christmas fairs. The first takes place at Cleeve House on 24 November and the second is in the Pavilion on 1 December. Also, this year, Seend will have its own Christmas card designed by Cliona Walker. You will be able to buy copies from the Post Office and other outlets

Finally, **a reminder for our contributors.** Don't forget that the December/January edition of Spotlight is a double issue. This means that we need details of events in December **AND** January by the 17 November.

## **The Spotlight Contacts**

Contributions for the December/January double issue (see above) *copy deadline is 17th November* can be sent by e-mail to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto: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.freemove.co.uk](mailto:trevor@bell8490.freemove.co.uk)). Comments and queries – Meg Combs 828229 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

And see under 'Bits 'n Bobs' at the end for possible future developments.

## EVENTS IN OCTOBER



### **Pumpkin Day 2007**

Sunday 28th October

At the Brewery Inn, Seend Cleeve

Pumpkins on display from midday

*(Only pumpkins grown from seed  
bought at the Brewery can be entered)*

Proceeds to Joe Burbidge's village fund

Pumpkin soup will be served  
and a pumpkin recipe booklet will be on sale

## EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

### **HALLOWEEN DANCE**

with

Live music from "Zig Zag"



**3rd November at 8.30pm**  
**Seend Community Centre**

Tickets priced £8 available from  
Ray Willis (01225 708811) or Geoff Wiltshire  
(01380 828603).



**Proceeds in aid of Dorothy House**

*(Halloween costumes optional!)*

**Firework Night at the Brewery Inn**  
Early evening Monday 5th November



**BBQ (weather permitting!)  
Customers are invited to contribute to the  
cost of the fireworks**

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**SEEND QUIZ NIGHT**

Pavilion, Wednesday 7 November

Licensed bar. Doors open 6.30pm - Quiz starts 7pm.

Individuals and groups (maximum 6 people) welcome

Tickets £5, to include buffet supper,  
available from Seend Post Office,  
The Brewery Inn or Kay Beasley 828593

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Proceeds in aid of Church Funds

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**SEEND WINE & FOOD FAIR**

**Saturday 10th November  
in Seend Community Centre  
7.30-10.30pm.**

- \* 18 wines to taste and buy \*
- \* displays from local food producers and sellers \*
- \* live music and raffle \*

Tickets £6 (including supper and 6 tastings)  
available from Seend Shop/PO or the Community Centre  
or phone 828617



*Christmas Craft Fayre at Cleeve House, Seend*

Free parking \* free entrance \* raffle  
Tea Room open

Saturday 24th November 2007  
10am to 4pm

**RURAL ARTS WILTSHIRE - THE OPERA DUDES**

Our next Rural Arts Wiltshire event - with proceeds going to Seend Community Centre - takes place in the Pavilion on Friday 16th November at 7.30pm. "The Opera Dudes" are two very talented and entertaining singers. We are sure this will be yet another evening of top-quality entertainment in conjunction with RAW. Tickets (£6 and £5 for OAPs) are available from the Post Office, Jan Harding 828778, Jan Crabtree 828687 and Tessa Doe 828617. Bring along your own alcoholic beverages and glasses - tea and coffee will be served in the interval.



Ric Ellinger

**EVENTS IN DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

Pavilion, Saturday 1 December 10.30am - 2.30pm

Stalls to include pottery, paintings, jewellery,  
wood turning, Christmas items

Refreshments, soup and ploughman's lunch available

Entry £1 (to include free raffle tickets)

*Proceeds in aid of church funds*

## SEEND SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE



**Friday 7th December** from 6pm in the school hall. There will be lots of stalls and activities, including tombola, wreaths, jewellery, cakes, mince pies and mulled wine. And as a treat for the children, Chuffy the Train will take them on a ride to see Santa in his Grotto (tickets for train to be booked in advance). All welcome to this festive event.

## NEWS

### WI HALL

The planning application for development on the WI Hall site will be considered at the December meeting of the Planning Committee. We hope to be able to report in due course.

### MOBILE LIBRARY

The next visits of the mobile library for Seend and Bulkington will be on the 12th and 26th November – at the following times:

Seend - 9.35am-9.50am at The Lye

Seend Cleeve - 10am-10.15am at the Telephone Box

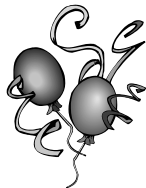
Bulkington - 10.55am – 11.25am at the car park of the Topsy Toad.

Don't forget - as reported last month - use it or lose it!

### SEEND SUMMER FETE 2007

#### EPILOGUE

We now know the expected total income from Fete 2007. With all bills paid and most of the income received the cash in the bank totals £7,342, and with a further £230 in receipts expected, the predicted total is **£7,572**, an increase on last year's income of more than £1000.



This was a magnificent achievement, and a tribute to everyone involved – on both sides of the stalls. Once again I would like to say to everyone, thank you for a job wonderfully well done, thank you for your time, your hard work and dedication and to our visitors, thanks for coming to our village and giving us

your support. Thanks also to the many individuals and organisations that provided sponsorship and advertising revenue to support our event. Without their generosity it would be impossible to plan and organise the Fete on its present scale.

As retiring Chairman, I can't promise anything next year, but I am absolutely confident that Fete 2008 will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August, bigger and better than ever. I know I'll be there. Make sure you are!

Bernie Prolze  
Committee Chairman, Fete 2007

## **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!*

### **Lorna Hillier**

Lorna's family have told us that the collection in her memory came to £765.60 - an amount which reflects how well thought of Lorna was in the village. The collection will be equally divided between Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **The 49 Club**

What was previously known as the Saturday Lottery Bonus Ball, is now being relaunched as The 49 Club.

A commitment of £1 per week for a number between 1 and 49 gives you the chance of winning £25 a week if you have the lucky bonus ball number (if all 49 numbers are taken up ) with £24 going to the Church Fabric Fund.

Please contact Jan Gudge on 01225 706526 if you would like to join in.

Jan Gudge



### **From Where I Stand...**

...on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, with the gentle waves washing my feet, I can see fish darting in the shallow waters as they too take in the warmth of the sun. The morning *is* hot and yet quite hazy, the mountains on the other side are barely visible, but still a few fishing boats ease out of the tiny harbour and travel south across the lake. Birds like the tall white egrets cruise by in the warm air above, their long necks tucked into their chest, their long black legs and bill define their graceful shape. The variety of kingfishers, with their shimmering colours and shrill call, speed low above the water sweeping in front of me and suddenly dive for their fish. As the day clears the northern shores reveal some of the places from here in Galilee, Northern Israel, associated with the earthly life of Jesus like the home of His friend Peter, the shores along which He met the fishermen and called them to follow Him, the places He used for preaching, the place where the feeding of the five thousand is remembered. By the late afternoon the wind from the Golan Heights from the north whips up the sea enough to imagine the disciples on the boat and Jesus calming the storm. At night the lights of the small towns glimmer along the hills and I remember Jesus' image of lights, no use being hidden, as He reminds His disciples to discover *His* light, His presence, within them, to explore it and not hide it, and help others discover it for themselves too.

From where I stand, returning once more from a pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine, to the 'land of the Holy One', to Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, Bethany, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee to name but a few, I know it was a journey of discovery not only of the land but within ourselves.

Records show that in all the great religions, including Christianity, Islam and Judaism, taking pilgrimages has meant taking devotional journeys to sacred places from as early as the 2<sup>nd</sup> century to Jerusalem. There is still the sense of travelling in the physical sense but also discovering something rather more deeply within ourselves by the experience. Pilgrimage today is usually associated with the human journey nearer to God, looking for Him through events throughout our lives, a life long pilgrimage for us all! When any of us take time to think back over our lives, over the previous few weeks, or look back over the past day, to pause like this for a 'stand and stare' moment it can 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.

Revd Sacha Pearce  
Rector

**Just to remind you...****Children, who have been baptised, and Holy Communion**

Following last month's article, as our Benefice responds to the new Church of England guidelines, there is another opportunity for interested families and children to come to a very informal 'walk-through' Eucharist teaching session allowing parents/children to learn more about the service. This is on ***Sat 10<sup>th</sup> November in Holy Cross Seend at 4pm for little over ½ hour.*** We hope to have permission from the Diocesan Bishop to administer Holy Communion to baptised children later this year. So if you think that, once we have permission to do so, you would like your baptised children to receive Holy Communion or, if you would like to discuss this further, please contact the Rector (828615).

**CHURCH SERVICES**

28th October	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Poulshot)
	11.15am	Family Eucharist led by Anglican & Methodist ministers	(Seend )
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise Evensong	(Bulkington)
4 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	4.00pm	All Souls Service	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Evensong	(Poulshot)
11 <sup>th</sup> November (Remembrance)	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	(Seend)
	10.55am	Remembrance Service	(Poulshot)
	10.55am	Remembrance Service	(Bulkington)
		(at War Memorial then in Church )	
18 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	Parish Eucharist	(Poulshot )
25 <sup>th</sup> November		Bulkington's Patronal Festival	
	10.00am	Benefice Eucharist	(Bulkington)

2 <sup>nd</sup> December	08.00am BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
(Advent Sunday)	09.30am Family Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm Benefice Advent Carols	(Seend)

### **First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service**

The next Parent & Toddler service at Seend will take place on Tuesday 4th December from 2.15pm - 2.45pm. All welcome.



### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Would you like to join the choir of Holy Cross, Seend,, and Christ Church, Bulkington, for the Christmas Carol Services and Midnight Mass?

If you would like to sing we will expect singers to attend at least two rehearsals, plus the final pre-service rehearsal. You don't have to sing at all the services and there won't be a rehearsal before the Midnight Mass!

There are several rehearsals planned on Wednesdays 21st November, 5th and 19th December, plus Thursdays 29th November and 13th December.

The services are:

Thursday 20th December - Bulkington carol service (rehearsal 6.30pm)

Sunday 23rd December - Seend carol service (rehearsal 5pm)

Monday 24th December - Midnight Mass in Seend (starts 11.30pm).

If you are interested please contact David King on 01225 710127 or 07802 714053 (mobile) or email [musicdhk@btopenworld.com](mailto:musicdhk@btopenworld.com)

### **SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER**

4th November	10am Mrs Ruth Woodhouse
11th November	10am Revd Roy Fowler - Sacrament of Holy Communion
18th November	No service at Seend 3 pm Area 'Big Sing' at Bromham Methodist Chapel
25th November	10am Mrs Janet Tanner

**FROM ROY**

The two great commandments are to love God with all our being and to love our neighbour as ourselves. I like to think of this as loving God in our neighbours and loving our neighbours in God.

In my prayers recently, I have been using some simple breathing prayers. In these prayers, I have been trying to match my prayer to the rhythm of my breaths. I sit upright, with my legs uncrossed and hands held lightly together in my lap. I become conscious of my breath going in and out without trying to alter its pattern. I then use two words, one on the in-breath and one on the out breath.

In – grace  
Out – love

I go through a pattern of 10 breaths, and then change the words.

In – faith  
Out – hope

I repeat the pattern for 10 breaths and once more change the words for a further sequence of 10 breaths.

In – right  
Out – peace

I then start the whole sequence over again and repeat it for as long as I can hold attention to what I am doing – sometimes longer than others.

I hope you might find this way of praying helpful as you seek to love both God and neighbour. In this simple, but potentially deep, way of praying, we can keep focussed on God while beginning to let God's energy within us to be released out to the world.

God bless,


**CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS****SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

At the time of writing we are preparing for our first **Table Top Sale**. If it goes well, we plan a second one on 18th November; watch out for posters. Edition no.4 of our newsletter 'Happenings!' is included with this copy of

Spotlight, and you can read more about what's going on in your Community Centre there. Some highlights are:

**Halloween Dance in aid of Dorothy House** - See events section for details.

**Wine and Food Fair** - See events section for details.

### **Private hire**

The hall, kitchen and upstairs meeting room are all available for parties, weddings, conferences etc. Ring Frank Teasdale on 828617 for details.

And do have a look at our new **web pages** at:  
[www.seend.org.uk/community\\_centre.shtml](http://www.seend.org.uk/community_centre.shtml)

### **SEEND SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB AGM**

The Club's AGM is on Monday, 12th November, at 7.30pm  
 in the Community Centre.

### **SEEND SHUTTLE**

#### **The Tuesday service to Melksham**

This service now operates without the Bromham detour, so is a quick and convenient way to do your shopping and errands in Melksham. You can see the timetable for this (as well as the Monday Post Office run and the Thursday service to Devizes via Bromham) on [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) - or phone 828617 for a copy.



*Please do make use of this service - otherwise it may have to be dropped.*

#### **First Wednesday**

Ring Terry on 828203 to book your place on the **shopping trip** on the first Wednesday of each month (ring by midday on the Monday), usually to Salisbury though suggestions for other destinations are welcome.

### **Volunteers**

We would still love to hear from individuals willing to give up an occasional few hours to **drive the bus** (phone Pete on 828757) or from families, groups of neighbours, village organisations etc able to go on the **cleaning rota** (phone Tessa on 828617). At the moment, those on the rota are asked to clean the bus every ten months or so; it would be so nice to have a couple more names so that we each only have to do it once a year or less!

## **SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS**

### **Weekend away**

37 ramblers had a wonderful weekend in Bournemouth on 12-14th October, arranged by Lin and Gerald Salter. We enjoyed a comfortable hotel, complete with indoor pool, sauna and Jacuzzi, good food and helpful staff. Colin and Jo Waldeck organised the two walks. On Saturday we took the ferry to Studland and completed a six-mile walk around the peninsula which took in shore, heathland and woods. We started out in drizzle, but the skies cleared in time for the later stages of our walk along the beautiful sandy beach. On Sunday, a short drive took us to Hengistbury Head, where we walked for five miles in warm sunshine around the little harbour, along beaches, through the nature reserve and up to the Head with wonderful views along the coast and out to the Isle of Wight. A hardy few completed a further mile and a half while the majority took a short-cut back to the café for coffee and ice-cream!



### **Ramblers' Social - 23rd November**

All are welcome to join us for a social evening, with American Supper. Our guest speaker is Dennis Barnard, who will entertain us with some comical anecdotes, with a local touch, on the subject of 'My Village'. Admission £2.50; 7.30 for 8pm.

### **Next walk - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Meet in Rusty Lane at 9.30am for a not-too-strenuous walk that starts from Nockatt Coppice car park at Heaven's Gate at approximately 10.15am. The walk passes Longleat house and goes through fields and lanes to the village of Horningsham. Bring refreshments. Leaders: Brian and Geraldine De'Ath (01225 705806). This is a change from the announcement in last month's Spotlight.

Lin Salter

## **SEEND'S OTHER BOOK CLUB**

We meet in each other's homes (not in the Community Centre as wrongly reported in October Spotlight) every six weeks or so to discuss a chosen book and put the world to rights over a glass of wine.



Our next book is a collection of short stories by Scottish poet Jackie Kay entitled 'Wish I Was Here'. Please ring Tessa or Frank on 828617 if you'd like to join us.

Frank Teasdale

## SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Roger started by thanking our President, David, for standing in as Chairman at our last meeting.



The list for our **stay-away trip to Dublin** next year on 18th to 23rd June was out. This is a six-day trip because of the greater than usual travelling distance. If you are unable to get to a meeting please let Roger know (828493) if you wish to join this trip.

The day trip will be a second attempt to get to **Hidcote and Kiftsgate** and will be on Saturday 19th July. The list will be out at the November meeting or you can let Sue (828777) know. Edna Fry is organising a visit to see the illuminated woodland at **Westonbirt** on Friday December 8th this year. This will include a supper stop. Please let her know if you are interested. (722110). Costs will depend on numbers going.

The speaker in October was Dinah Lindon-Critchley of Blooming Hill Plants in Shepton Mallett (near the sheep roundabout). Her interest is in new varieties of vegetables. Seeds from these come from Eastern Europe, Turkey and America and are becoming readily available, many being completely hardy. With many of us having small gardens, she recommends the practice of "catch cropping", that is making use of spaces between slow growing plants to grow a quick crop of salads etc, before they become overwhelmed by their slower neighbour. She also explained how to use a small plot to grow the greatest range of crops, by sowing small amounts of a variety of vegetables. For those with even less space, pots and boxes were suggested, particularly the blue plastic mesh ones from green grocers and elsewhere, lined with newspaper and filled with approx. 2 inches of soil.

Dinah's pea and bean bed is 5 by 10 feet, with cross shaped supports which provide shelter and give room for many varieties of climbers and low growing species. She went on to give wise advice on tomatoes, squashes, courgettes, onions, pumpkins, salads and culinary flowers. Like us she has had her disasters, especially this year, but we learnt a lot from such an enthusiast.

Our next meeting is on the 13th November. Jennifer Harmer's talk is entitled 'Look who is in our garden', about plants named after plant hunters and others. The competition will stretch your knowledge and need a little homework. It is for a vase of plants which are named after plant breeders, hunters or gardeners. A bit more work than usual, but you might learn a lot! Some suggestions...Gleditschia is named after Gottlieb Gleditsch a botanist, Euphorbia griffithii Dexter is probably named for Christopher Lloyd's garden, Viola Bowles Black after E R Bowles. Good luck!

Joyce Brand

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

All Members are reminded that the following Parade and Service will take place on Remembrance Day:

**Remembrance Day ( Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2007 )**

Parade at the Rectory end of Church Walk at 1040 hrs, march to the War Memorial for the laying of wreaths and then continue into Church for the normal Sunday Service with Act of Remembrance at 1100 hrs.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the Community Centre to which all members of the congregation are invited.

Roger Brind

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – POPPY APPEAL 2007**

When you receive this copy of Spotlight, you will also receive a Gift Aid envelope as in previous years.

As indicated last month, if you are a tax payer, please sign the envelope and put your address on it. Give it to the poppy seller when they call and you can either put your money into the envelope or in the collecting box. 28p in every £1 can then be claimed for the Seend Branch, increasing our village collection at absolutely no cost to yourself and no inconvenience to us. Just sign your envelope together with a legible address and give it to the collector. The Appeal Committee will do the rest.

A R Hodgkinson  
Seend Poppy Appeal organiser  
Tel: 828545

**SEEND WI**

A short silence was held before the start of the September meeting in memory of Lorna Hillier, a long serving member who was very much loved. Her passion was the Womens Institute and she served on the committee right up to her death in August. Seend will be the poorer for her passing - she touched the lives of so many people in the village.



The Speaker, Mrs Lesley Bastone, gave a wonderful talk about Sugarcraft (cake icing). She demonstrated the easiest and most effective way to ice a cake using fondant icing. She then demonstrated how to make acorns, hawthorn berries and roses, and, after colouring these, made a delightful Autumn Posy for the top of the cake. The cake was put in the raffle and won by a delighted Mrs Florence Rowse. Mrs. Bastone was thanked by Mrs Jo Vaux. The Competition 'A Napkin or Serviette' was won by Mrs Pam Hillier.



Members and guests celebrated our 88th Birthday on 10th October at Cleeve House, the home of our first President Miss Dorothy Hewerd Bell (Mrs H. C. Hony). The excellent meal was prepared and served by Mr & Mrs Zaccarelli and helpers. Mrs Shirley West made the lovely cake which was cut by Mr Bob Smith and Mr Stephen Biggs - two of our stalwart W. I. husbands! Miss Sue Noad - a good friend of Seend W. I. for many years - read poems by her favourite poet, Pam Ayres, and had us all enjoying a very good laugh at the delivery.

Our next meeting on November 14th is an 'OPEN MEETING'. The speaker, Mrs Catherine Knight, will tell us about her 'Cycle Cuba Fun and Friendship Tour' which she and other W. I. members and friends did to raise money for Denman College at Marcham in Oxfordshire. The evening should hold special interest for those who have been to Cuba or are contemplating a visit in the future. Visitors and potential new members will be warmly welcomed to this and any of our meetings which are held in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion in Rusty Lane on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Members are asked to bring a gift for Green Lane Hospital patients and to indicate clearly whether it is for a lady or gentleman. PLEASE will you also list the contents by means of a TIE ON label. The Competition will be for 'A Green Lane Parcel' and there will be a 'Bring and Buy' stall.

Betty Smith.

**MOTHERS' UNION**  
**SEEND AND BULKINGTON BRANCH**

In September, the branch welcomed Mrs Evelyn Grant, Deanery Chairman. She proved to be a very entertaining speaker.



One activity in the Salisbury diocese is the holiday for families on the Isle of Wight. Supported by the MU, this enables families under pressure to relax in beautiful surroundings. There is also the Durdle Door holiday home, booked for 26 weeks last year.

Mrs Grant spoke wisely about the need to strike a balance between outreach activities and meeting the needs which arise locally.

The branch is hoping to collect for the women's refuge in Trowbridge. This centre fills a real need for women and their families after marriage break-up. We would like gifts of soap, towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste etc to make emergency toilet kits; also small Christmas presents, nearly new toys and clothes for babies and children up to 12 years old.

Please contact Mrs E. Campbell, who is hoping to receive these gifts before the end of November.

### **Future dates**

November 21st - Mission Aviation Fellowship

Please remember your tribute money, £14 for next year.

There will be other events in December.

Margaret Coley

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **SEEND SCHOOL**

We have now settled back into school and are nearly at the end of Term 1. The new children have settled in quickly after being looked after by the older children in our school. We have also had visits and news from many of our leavers who are working hard at their new schools and showing themselves to be a credit to Seend.

This term our clubs have been a great success and children have taken part in drama, creative writing, gardening and football clubs run by the staff and Judo and tag Rugby Clubs run by professional coaches. The football team has now won a place in the Wiltshire Small Schools Final on the 5<sup>th</sup> December in Chippenham, after winning some great matches in the area competition in Trowbridge.



We have recently had our Harvest service in school and the children brought donations of tinned food and dried food to school for the newly opened Trussell Trust depot in Devizes. Parents were invited to the service and were able to hear the wonderful singing of our children. In fact, we are now starting to prepare for our Christmas performances. This year KS1 are producing a Nativity based performance and KS2 are working on a musical performance of Scrooge. So watch out for more news.

Another event of note was the election of the School Council. We hold an election day when interested candidates can speak to their classes to encourage them to vote for them. The day concludes when all the children take part in a secret ballot in the hall and the winning candidates are announced. Many of the children made posters and made presentations to their peers, while the younger pupils were encouraged to get their parents to write down their ideas.

With a new PSC committee recently elected, more fundraising events will be taking place in the forthcoming academic year. The first of these will be the

Christmas Fayre on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December (details are in the events section of this issue). Money raised from last year's fundraising events will be put towards the building of an outdoor classroom. And with money raised from the school's annual 100 Club, we are planning to provide netball coaching, some time next year.

We have now locked the school gates to the playground and field during school hours in an effort to increase the security of the school and the safety of the children while they are at school. The gates are reopened at the end of the school day to allow access to the school grounds.

Steven Bennett  
Headteacher

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**Highway Matters** – A response had been received from Highways to the letter sent following the last PC meeting. With regard to the request for a lower speed limit at The Strand, Highways advise that the A361 is subject to a review to be undertaken during 2007/8, with any suggested changes being carried out by 2011, subject to funds being available. With regard to a footway to the north of the A361, Highways advise that funding is not readily available, and that usage would not warrant the costs involved. With regard to parking in the High Street on either side of the entrance to Rusty Lane, a request for prohibition of parking has been added to the list of streets to be assessed for parking controls by Kennet DC. A request had been received from a parishioner that vehicle speeds in the High Street be monitored with speed boxes. The PC agreed to request this.

**Spiderweb Paddock** – There had been complaints about a fire lit in the paddock, causing unpleasant smells. Matters of this nature should be advised to the Environment Agency. A further complaint had been received that the footpath had been fenced off; the Footpaths Officer would be advised.

**Little Foxes** – Concern had been expressed that a caravan had been placed in Little Foxes, Rusty Lane. The Enforcement Officer at Kennet had been advised. The PC understands that the caravan is to be used as an outdoor classroom for students from Lackham College.

## Planning Matters

Permission has been granted for the following applications:

- K/57019/F Wilfort, 108 Seend Cleeve  
Rear extension and loft conversion
- K/57048/F Padfield, Totterdown Farm, Bath Road  
Take down existing building and erect new larger building
- K/57086/F Thornton, Goosebutt Barn, Spout Lane  
Solar panels (evacuated tube system) on garage roof

The following applications were considered, and no objections raised:

- K/57246/F Air Cdr J Hardstaff, 5 Dial Close  
Raise existing roof
- K/57247/F Hawkins, Lock Cottage, Bollands Hill  
Demolish single storey extension; build new single storey extension, including all other associated works
- K/57273/F Doel, New House Farm, Bath Road  
Sun room, rear single storey extension
- K/57376/F Garton, Ferrum House, Pelch Lane  
Demolition of existing extension and construction of new kitchen utility extension,  
construction of new stables and outbuildings (amendments to previous approval K/55418/F)

K/57402/TR2 Smallshaw, 15 Dial Close  
Works to trees in the garden of the property.

The Parish Steward is due to visit the village again on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> December. Any matters for his attention should be advised to the Parish Clerk, including clearing of drains and gulleys and cutting back overgrown vegetation.

The Parish Council will write to British Waterways, to see if the problems of parking in Spout Lane can be resolved.

Highways advise that the A365 Devizes Road, from its junction with Falcon Way, Bowerhill to Station Road, Seend will be closed on 20<sup>th</sup> October for two days for resurfacing.

Wiltshire County Council proposes some changes to the Rights of Way network around Broad Lane Farm and Totterdown Farm. The PC was happy with the changes to be made, as they make the routes easier to use, and avoid crossing

gated cattle yards and farmyards.

The dates of the next village skips will be:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October                      Wessex Water site  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November                  Seend Community Centre

The date of the next meeting will be 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at the Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. Rosemary Fisher  
Clerk

## **BITS'N'BOBS**

### **FUTURE PLANS FOR SPOTLIGHT**

#### **Sports section**

Francis Goddard has offered to coordinate a Sports Section for Spotlight - so if you want your individual or team triumphs (or disasters) reported, please contact him by sending in your news to the usual Spotlight contacts, but marked for his attention, or contact him on 828488..

There is also the possibility of a youth page or section in the future - watch this space!

### **DEVIZES FLORAL ART CLUB**

OPEN EVENING AT DEVIZES SCHOOL ON  
WEDNESDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2007 AT 7:30

‘FEASTING & FANTASY’

BY BOB HARRIS – a National Demonstrator

Tickets - £8

For information call 01380 828354



### **MIA THE MISSING CAT**

Those of you who saw all the posters offering a £200 reward will be pleased to know that Mia was found safe and well on 12th October!

## **GRUK COMPETITION**

Last month we asked you to submit a gruk (a sort of two-line rhyming philosophy) to compete with those in 'Miscellany II'.

And the lucky winner of two free tickets for the next village panto is none other than the Revd Sacha Pearce, with:

'If you need a holiday, a day or two on the beach,  
Simply ask your imagination - 'coz in *there* nothing's out of reach!'

## **MISCELLANY II - A selection of verses by Seend Poetry Group**

At the time of writing, there are just two copies left of this publication, priced at £4.50. A further edition (limited or unlimited) could be printed if there is a demand (it's an ideal Christmas gift!). So far, it has raised around £80 for the Community Centre and £40 for the Church Fabric Fund. Phone Tessa on 828617 to order a copy.



## **Wiltshire and Swindon Community Transport Conference 2007** **"Social Enterprise: What does it mean for Community Transport in Wiltshire and Swindon?"**

Interested parties are cordially invited to attend the **Wiltshire and Swindon Community Transport Conference** which is being held on **Saturday 17th November at Lackham Countryside Centre, Lacock, near Chippenham**, from 9am to approx. 3.30pm.

This year's conference will showcase some examples of local Community Transport groups that have set up as Social Enterprises - businesses that trade for a social purpose. All sorts of issues relating to Community Transport and Social Enterprise will be discussed and importantly you will get a chance to hear about the **practical** experiences involved in developing social enterprise community transport.

Conference attendance is £5 (inc VAT). This price includes a buffet lunch and refreshments. For more information about the Conference please call Liam Tatton-Bennett, Community Transport Manager at Community First on (01380) 722475 (ext. 243).

## **ANY OFFICE EQUIPMENT TECHNICIANS OUT THERE?**

There's a second-hand Konika photocopier in the Pavilion that needs attention. Is there a community-minded technician or engineer who could at least give us a free diagnosis as to whether it is worth spending money on repairing it? If so, please ring Dave Sawyer on 828583.



## USEFUL CONTACTS NUMBERS:

Rector - Revd Sacha Pearce 828615  
Churchwardens: Holy Cross; S Taylor 01225 709360 Mrs T Yockney 827139  
Christ Church: Mr J McDonald 828376  
St Peter's: Mr B James - 724944 Paulette Bremner Milne 828527  
Lay Reader: Pam Muller 01225 707804  
LPA's: Audrey McDonald 828376 and Jo Bell 828550  
Director of Music - David King 01225 710127 Bell Ringers C Mayell 828627  
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340  
Irene Usher Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250  
Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485  
Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583  
100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391  
Seend Fete Committee - Bernie Prolze 828391  
Seend Community Centre & Club - Bookings - Stan Wiltshire (Skittles only) 828559.  
Hall bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617. Sec - Robin Heatley - 828491  
Seend Shuttle. Bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568  
Seend and District LINK Scheme - Coordinator 828190  
Seend and District Ramblers - Bob Howe 828554  
Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Ester Daly 01672 513157  
Seend and District Theatre Club - S Ewin 828325 M Whitehead 828612  
Seend Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325  
Seend and District Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433  
Seend Book Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325  
Seend's Other Book Club - Frank Teasdale 828617  
Seend Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617  
Seend School - 828334  
Seend Playgroup - Liz Futter 828485  
Seend Bouncy Club - Kate or Kevin 828770  
Seend Brownies - Helen Hook 828477  
Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Ellie Purdy 828035  
Seend WI - Judith Bigg on 736358  
Seend Fawltly Players - Tessa Doe 828617  
Seend Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451  
WEA - Tessa Doe on 828617  
Royal British Legion and Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545  
Seend Cricket Club - Peter 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; Owen Burton on 828820 (Seend Cleeve)  
Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281  
Seend Website: [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) - Neil Yockney 827139  
Bulkington Website: [bulkington-village.co.uk](http://bulkington-village.co.uk) :- Angela Read 828925

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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