

# SPOTLIGHT

## Seend & Bulkington



*Lest We Forget*

NOVEMBER 2011

## DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

First week - BL Poppy Appeal

- 1<sup>st</sup> Seend Acoustic Club, Richard Digance, Community Centre, 8pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Brewery Inn fireworks, 7pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bulkington Bonfire & fireworks, Bulkington Playing Field, 6 for 6.30pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 9<sup>th</sup> British Legion AGM, Kennet Room, Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Historic Houses AGM, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day - 10.45am at Seend War Memorial
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bulkington in Bloom village meeting, Village Hall, 10.30am
- 12<sup>th</sup> NT Winter lecture 'Jane Austen in Bath', Community Centre 2.15pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Belly Dance Party, Community Centre
- 13<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday
- 15<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club, Hickman & Cassidy, Community Centre, 8pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> School table-top sale at Devizes Market
- 17<sup>th</sup> Indian evening in Bulkington Village Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> LAST DATE FOR ITEMS FOR DEC/JAN SPOTLIGHT
- 19<sup>th</sup> Free Film Show for Seend Club Members 'Umbrellas of Cherbourg'
- 20<sup>th</sup> Ramblers meet 9.30am in Rusty Lane
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Free Night for Spotlight readers! Seend Acoustic Club, Community Centre, 8pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nosh and Natter lunch club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Ramblers' Social, with speaker Freddie Giles, Pavilion, 7.30 for 8pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> WI Christmas Bazaar, Pavilion 10am-2pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Cleeve House Craft Fayre, 10am-4pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Seend Wine and Food Fair, Community Centre, 7.30pm

## DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seend School Christmas Fair -6-8pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Theatre Club outing to Handel's Messiah in Bath
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 6<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club, Gaz Brookfield, Community Centre, 8pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nosh and Natter Christmas Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ghost Tales, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Comedy Bus Roadshow, Community Centre, 8 for 8.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club , The Cleverly Brothers, Community Centre, 8pm

### **Newcomer to Seend?**

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

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

## Welcome to November 2011 Spotlight

After a glorious October we are now approaching that time for reflection and remembrance as the nights draw in and more wintry weather arrives. The month starts in its usual reflective mood with services for All Souls and of course Remembrance Sunday. Leo Coley's article on his visit to Italian war graves is very topical and as we have seen from the news items from Royal Wootton Bassett, nothing much changes and we still need to remember those who give their lives in service. We hope to see you at one of the services.



We are beginning to get some feedback from the Seend Appraisal as the various organisations make sense of their information and there are some interesting articles in this month's magazine on this too.

On a more cheery note there is plenty to look forward to in the coming month both at our churches and in community events. The variety is endless and there should be something for everyone. You can choose from fireworks, dancing, singing, lectures, films and concerts. There is food galore - from lunches to crumpets, and maybe puddings too. Don't forget to support the WI Christmas Bazaar and the Community Centre Wine and Food Fair on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, and start your Christmas shopping. The acoustic club goes from strength to strength and is offering a free musical event open to everyone who get Spotlight. There is really no excuse to stay at home by the fire – get out there and enjoy!

Finally – if you must stay at home then visit the mobile library (see diary dates for the dates and times) and get a new book out – we have been warned that if we don't use the service we may well lose it.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the magazine.

### THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the December/January issue (**copy deadline 19<sup>th</sup> November**) can be e-mailed to [spotlight@seend.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@seend.org.uk) or delivered to Seend Post Office. Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Anne Ewing on 828557. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO.

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

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

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

## Events in November 2011

*(See also Bulkington News on pp10-11)*

### The Brewery Inn Firework Display

Friday 4th November at 7pm

Entry by donation: in aid of Help for Heroes

BBQ from Cornflower Catering



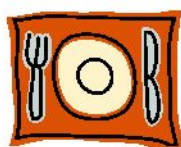
## GRAND CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>

10am – 2pm

IRENE USHER PAVILION, RUSTY LANE, SEEND

ADMISSION FREE



Nosh And Natter Lunch Club!

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December  
at 12 for 12.30pm

Advance booking essential - ring John and Lilian on 828540



North and West Wiltshire  
National Trust Association

Winter Lecture

**Jane Austen in Bath**

Saturday 12 November 2011

2.15pm

**Seend Community Centre**

Admission: Association members: £2.00; Visitors £3.00

## Seend Acoustic Club

1st & 3rd Tuesdays upstairs in Seend Community Centre at 8pm

Arrive early to book a floor spot.

Tickets are now on sale for special guests **Richard Digance** on 1<sup>st</sup> November and **Hickman & Cassidy** on 15<sup>th</sup> November – both £10.



### FREE LIVE MUSIC

Yes, Seend Acoustic Club is running an extra night on November 22nd and it is completely free for residents that receive Spotlight. Malcolm has persuaded some fine musicians to come along and perform for free, so if you've never been but have considered it then now you have nothing to lose and you can see for yourselves why this club gets such great reviews and why artists love to perform here. Remember it's called a club but you don't have to join anything or become a member, and of course you don't have to play an instrument or perform - unless you want to! Call Malcolm on 01380 827041 to reserve a seat!

See [www.seendacoustic.org](http://www.seendacoustic.org) for full details



### Free Film Show for Seend Club Members only 'The Umbrellas of Cherbourg'

Jacques Demy's 1964 musical masterpiece starring Catherine Deneuve. Once seen, never forgotten!

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November in Seend Community Centre  
7.30pm (bar opens at 7.15pm)

### Belly Dance Party

**Seend Community Centre – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

*Dress up and boogie, shop at the souk, and bring a plate of food to share. Bar available. Performances of dance to enjoy (or take part in if you attend our classes). Live music by John Sleiman (talented Lebanese drummer and keyboard player). Family & friends welcome. Tickets £6 in advance or £8 on the door available at Monday morning class in the Community Centre (10.30-11.30am) or from [www.wiltshirebellydance.com/events.html](http://www.wiltshirebellydance.com/events.html)*



Cleeve House Craft Fayre  
November 26th 10.00am - 4.00pm



Seend Wine and Food Fair  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
**7.30-10.30pm**

**in Seend Community Centre**

Tickets £7.50 – available from Seend Community Centre, Seend Shop/PO or phone 01380 828617

The ticket price includes a cold buffet supper and six wine tastings.

There will be around 15 wines (supplied by Majestic) to taste and buy and stalls selling chilli pickles and sauces, chocolates, cheeses, honey, olive oils, cookware and more!

The wine tastings are generously sponsored by D & M Gompels, Cleeve Cats Boarding cattery, NB Engineering and Home Sweep Home.

Proceeds to Seend Community Centre.

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### **Art Exhibition**

Seend Community Centre

**Saturday 26th November, 7.30-10.30pm in the Kennet Room**

During the Wine and Food Fair, work by the Thursday morning art class will be exhibited in the Kennet Room. Free entry.



Keevil Drama Group presents

## **'ALLO 'ALLO**

a play by Jeremy Lloyd & David Croft



**7.30pm in Keevil Village Hall**

**Thursday, Friday and Saturday**

**24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**TICKETS £5.50 Advance bookings with:**  
**Joyce Nutter, Beach House, Main Street, Keevil**  
**Tel 01380 870282**

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### **Advance Notice - 11th February 2012**

**A Very Special Concert by our talented Seend Musicians and guests**  
**in aid of church funds**

Put the date in your diary and look out for further details in next Spotlight

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## **CRUMPETS ON SUNDAY!**

During 3 Sundays in Advent there will be informal discussions on some of the interesting and controversial themes of Advent. They will be held at the Vicarage in Seend from 3.00-4.30, beginning with crumpets and tea! Please put these dates in your diary and come along:

November 27<sup>th</sup> – “Death” – led by Renée Coulson

December 4<sup>th</sup> – “Judgement” – also led by Renée

December 11<sup>th</sup> – “Heaven and Hell” – led by Maureen Allchin

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*The Seend Event of 2012!*

Seend's First Community Opera project

## **Benjamin Britten's NOYE'S FLUDDE\***

3 Fully-staged performances at the Community Centre

130 performers including all the children from Seend C.of E.School and orchestra!

**Wednesday – Friday, 23 – 25 May 2012 at 7pm**

Tickets: £7 (on sale date: Wednesday, 1 February 2012)

If you would like to be involved as a performer, event steward or stage-hand please contact: Michael Johnson (01380 828401)

\*In association with Boosey & Hawkes Music Publishers Limited

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## **REMEMBRANCE – A PERSONAL REFLECTION**

To mark the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII the Heritage Lottery Fund again sponsored the Veterans' Return Scheme. This enabled veterans, spouses and, if necessary, carers, to visit the areas where they had fought and to honour, through visits to War Graves Commission Cemeteries, comrades who had been killed during the fighting.

My wife and I were awarded a grant and went in mid-September to Ravenna in Italy. We visited Forli Cemetery and found the graves of Gunners Archer and Howlett. They had been killed when their vehicle, the water wagon, received a direct hit when our convoy was moving into new gun positions.

With information from the War Graves Commission website we had no difficulty in finding the graves and placing remembrance crosses on them. We read the campaign history in the entrance porch and I signed the visitors' book, adding my tribute to these two well remembered friends.

Bert Archer had a good baritone voice and sang Edwardian ballads, often “Trumpeter, what are you sounding now?”. Basil Howlett was a cheerful man and brought the daily ration of water with the same good humour with which he had delivered bread at home. The date of death on the gravestones was 17<sup>th</sup> December 1944, which was a nightmare of a day that I well remember. As we approached the



farm which was to be the battery HQ, George Torrance stepped out on to a schu mine, losing a foot. When we eventually got to the farmhouse we found the farmer lying at the door with both legs missing, another Italian with one leg missing and the women weeping at the horror. The Germans had defended the farm and schu mines had been laid liberally. Later Gunner Pyle lost both feet and there were more civilian casualties.

Harry Seccombe often said “Old soldiers remember because they can’t forget”. Our visit to Forli Cemetery made me thankful again that I came home in one piece, but deeply saddened at so many lives cut short and so many families bereft of loved ones.

Gunner L Coley 952958  
Royal Artillery

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### **ALL SOULS AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICES**

It's that time of year again when letters are despatched from the Vicarage inviting people whose loved ones have died during the previous year and whose funeral service has been held in one of our churches, to join us at our annual “All Souls” service. This year the service will take place at St Peter's Church, Poulshot at 6pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Everyone is welcome to attend, and to remember a loved one - regardless of when they died - and to light a candle in their memory. A list will be at the back of church so that names can be written down – they will then be read out during the course of the service. A lot of people find this gentle and reflective service very helpful.

Additionally, Remembrance Services will be held at each of our churches on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November, starting at the respective war memorial at 10.50 am, and then continuing on into church for the remainder of the service, in the usual way.

All these services are ecumenical – people from any Christian denomination (or none) are very welcome to come along. Please contact the Vicar if you would like more information (827285)

### **BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**



Have you found your gift aid envelope in this issue of Spotlight? We hope that you will support this very worthwhile appeal. The money goes to give lifetime support to Servicemen and women past and present who need it.

We will be calling on you to collect donations and to bring poppies starting from the first week in November. If you are able to gift aid your donation, please complete the attached slip and most importantly, sign it. If for any reason we are unable to contact you, we have a collection point at Seend Post Office, or you can phone me.

Many thanks

Joan Savage – Tel; 01380 828108



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

A big thank you to all who helped at or supported the **Macmillan ‘World’s Biggest Coffee Morning’** in the Community Centre on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We made a splendid £505.11p.

### **SEEND APPRAISAL**

The amount of data that has been collected in the recent Parish Council section of the Appraisal is taking much longer to input than had been anticipated. Consequently the Parish open-meeting will not be able to take place until December. I am very sorry for the delay in providing you with feedback from the appraisal process.

Tony Murch

### **THE VICAR’S SPONSORED WALK**

I am so grateful to everyone who sponsored me for my 152 mile pilgrimage walk this year. I’ve now collected in all the money pledged, which amounted to £975. It would be great to hear from Jackie Chalk, Headteacher that parents have brought the overall total to something in excess of £1,000 for the School’s new build project. Now that WOULD make all those blisters worthwhile! We’ll delay letting the local newspaper know the result – just in case!

Renee

### **NURSERY PROVISION FOR PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN**

We have been advised that a new Nursery will be opening in Poulshot in January 2012. The nursery is for pre school children and will be open all year. This will be a useful addition to the existing nursery in Seend. The new nursery will make full use of its rural setting. Details are available from Caroline Coles on 01380 828436.

### **MOVING HOUSE**

Angela and Nigel Knocker have at last moved from The Hatch to 18, Dial Close. Same telephone number, 828609.

Pop in and see us.

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## **CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS**

### **Letter from the Vicarage**

The results of the Village Appraisal are currently being analysed in depth, but at first sight we are encouraged by the results so far as your village church is concerned and we are most grateful to all those who responded. Certainly we will be addressing those areas where it was felt we could do better! It's not possible to cover all the issues raised in the space available here so we will try to answer the points you raised over as short a period as possible.

One common theme was how little some of you know about the day to day workings of the church. Ah! Communication is always the weak point isn't it! I'm not really sure whether these comments related to the routine – ie the pattern of services and so forth, or all the actual administration that goes into making a village church function. But today I will concentrate on the former point.

I expect you realise that we have a fairly regular pattern of services on Sundays -8am (said –no singing or music) Holy Communion every week. Then, at Seend the main morning service is at 11.15 am. The first Sunday of the month is an informal service, suitable for people of all ages, with no Communion, the second and third Sundays are Parish Communion, and Family Communion follows every fourth Sunday. On fifth Sundays (usually four a year) the service is held at 10.00 am. These are held jointly with the congregations of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot churches, and the Wesley Chapel in Seend and we take it in turns to hold these services in each other's place of worship. They're usually followed by light refreshments.

Occasionally changes have to be made to accommodate "specials" – the Remembrance Sunday services at each of our churches being a very good example. As we approach the Christmas season there will be several extra things to look forward to – for example the school's Christingle service on 8<sup>th</sup> December, the Carol services, and the crib services. This year Seend's "Scratch Nativity" will take place in the Vicarage Garden as usual (and everyone is invited!) – again there will be a live donkey – and there will be hot drinks and mince pies for everyone (remember the cold snow last year?!!!) – so do start looking out all those fancy dress costumes for our shepherds and angels and kings again.

I am delighted that we are forging ever closer links with our village school and we welcome every opportunity to strengthen them by involving our children with church activities whenever possible. The children will be taking part in our Remembrance services, as well as at Christmas and we will be starting an "Open the Book" project in the New Year, when a team will be going into the school to act out Bible stories. This has proved to be really popular countrywide and the children can often be drawn in to be part of the action.

Please take time to read about some of the other church activities that are currently in progress, or planned, as well as the notices of the current month's services published in this magazine, and displayed on the board outside the Vicarage, and the church porch. For more details please contact me (827285) or Sue Taylor (01225 709360).

Every blessing,

Renee

## **Church services during November**

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 10.55 am Remembrance service at Seend
- 10.55 am Remembrance service at Bulkington
- 10.55 am Remembrance service at Poulshot

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 9.30 am Parish Communion at Bulkington (Patronal festival)
- 11.15 am Parish Communion at Seend
- 6.00 pm Joint service at St Nicholas Church Bromham  
*(No evening service at Poulshot)*

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 6.00 pm Benefice Advent carol service at Seend

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

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

*On November 20<sup>th</sup> there will be no evening service in Poulshot, but instead a joint service for all churches in our "Cluster" (ie our benefice, Potterne with Worton and Marston, plus Bromham, Rowde and Sandy Lane parishes). This will be an Iona style service held at St Nicholas Church Bromham to which everyone is invited.*

**FROM ROY**

As I write this, all my family are preparing to go to Jersey to celebrate my Mother's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. She just let it slip to my sister that she would like to go back to Jersey again. It's going to be a bit of a surprise for her when she gets to the ferry as she thinks she's coming to stay with me in Calne for the weekend.

These important landmarks in our lives are always worth celebrating. They allow us to look back at our lives. We can give thanks for all the good times remembered. We can also think of the hard times and remember the support we received through them. There is also sadness as well. My father will not be there to share the celebration with us. Celebrations allow us to share our memories happy and sad.

There's an old hymn that begins 'Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and of joy ...' The hymn reminds us that God is with us throughout our lives – the source of all goodness – our help in difficult times – our comfort in sorrow. We are invited to give thanks for God's presence with us always.

God bless,



### **Seend Methodist Chapel**

#### **Services for November**

November 6th	6 p.m	“United Villages” At Chittoe Heath Methodist Church, led by Rev. Stanley and Mrs Joyce Piper
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mrs Janet Clark

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## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

### **BULKINGTON BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS – SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

The gates will open at 6pm, and the fireworks will be lit at 6.30pm. BBQ and refreshments will be available. Entry is via donation. The Committee will be doing a 'door knock' around Bulkington a week or so before the event. We rely very much on the generosity of villagers in helping fund this much loved event.



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### **An Indian Evening in Bulkington**

On Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011, in Bulkington Village Hall there will be a power point presentation by the Revd. Renée Coulson on her pilgrimage to India in January 2011. There will be an evening meal with an Indian flavour. Tickets are £7.50 available from Liz Futter (828485) and Audrey McDonald (828376). All are welcome.

The Inaugural meeting of the **Friends of Christ Church, Bulkington** took place on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. The meeting began with refreshments (of course!). The Constitution was agreed and the Committee elected.

**Our Purpose:** To play a vital part in the preservation and development of the church building and churchyard, its history and its work and thereby guaranteeing its place in the community for future generations.

**Our Aims:**

1. To raise funds for the maintenance, repair, restoration, development, improvement and upkeep of Christ Church, its fabric, interior decorations and furnishings, its churchyard and environment.
2. To support the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church who have responsibility for the Church and churchyard and all the works done upon and within it.
3. To invite, promote and receive donations, contributions, legacies, grants and appeals in pursuit of these aims.
4. To work with other village groups to build community and to enhance the social life of the village through its activities

There are already 30 members of the Friends and we look forward to welcoming more. If you would like a leaflet then please contact Maureen Allchin (828931). The first Friends' Event will be a **VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE** on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 in Christ Church with the Friends involved with the readings and the refreshments. The collection will go towards the work of the Friends. There are many other events under discussion – so look out for details.

The church hosted Bulkington lunch takes place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 12.15 at The Well. Everyone in the village is welcome. It is a great village occasion with a good two course meal for £10.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145). A date for your diaries - The CHRISTMAS LUNCH will be on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December.

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>th</sup> November. Please support this.

Christ Church, Bulkington will be celebrating its PATRONAL FESTIVAL (naming festival) on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30. This is a very special service for everyone in the village.

On Remembrance Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> November), there will be an ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at the Bulkington War Memorial followed by a short service in church. All are welcome to this very important occasion.

## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

All Members are reminded that the following Parades and Services will take place on Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day:



#### **Remembrance Sunday ( Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011 )**

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 Sunday Service with Act of Remembrance at 1100 hrs.

Air Vice Marshall and Mrs P O'Reilly have kindly invited Members of the Royal British Legion and their families for refreshments at Dial House on completion of the service. Please do your best to attend this service as it is particularly relevant with the current operations in Afghanistan.

#### **Remembrance Day ( Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011 )**

Muster at the War Memorial at 1045 hrs for prayers and the act of Remembrance at 1100 hrs.

All members of the general public, who are not members of The Royal British Legion, are more than welcome to attend.

#### **Annual General Meeting and Next Committee Meeting**

All Members should note that the AGM will be held in the Ground Floor Room in the Community Centre on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 commencing at 1930 hrs. Please put this date in your diary and endeavour to attend. There will be a short Committee meeting on completion.

#### **Forthcoming Local Events.**

- a. The Wessex Concert Orchestra is providing music for a showing of the 1916 silent film of the Battle of the Somme in the Devizes Corn Exchange on 20<sup>th</sup> November. Performances at 3.00 and 7.30pm.
- b. A 2 day seminar entitled "Understanding Afghanistan" is being held at Marlborough College on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November to raise money for Afghanaid and other charities in the field. Further details can be obtained on [www.understandingafghanistan.com/](http://www.understandingafghanistan.com/)
- c. Salisbury City Band will be giving their inaugural concert, in aid of the Royal British Legion, in St Martin's Church, Salisbury, on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 7.45pm.

#### **Gift Aid**

Will all members who subscribe to Gift Aid please note the instruction in the letter attached to the Membership Card. You are requested to renew your wish to continue with Gift Aid by ticking the box on the Declaration form at the bottom of the letter, and sending it to the FREEPOST address printed in RED on the form.

#### **Annual Lecture**

An excellent lecture, given by Air Commodore Brian Poulton and entitled "Before and After The Hercules", was attended by over seventy people. Over £400.00 was made and donated to the Royal British Legion.

Roger Brind

## **SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

The Community Centre continues to be the venue for an amazing variety of events and activities: see the Events section at the front of the magazine and our 'Happenings!' newsletter for details. New ventures planned include a Wine Circle and a Pudding Medley evening for those with a sweet tooth!

## **SEEND LYEFIELD AND PAVILION**

As Chairman of the Lye field Recreational Committee, I feel it is opportune to give the community a brief history of the Lye Field after almost 45 years as a vital amenity of Seend. The recent Village Assessment revealed a large minority of respondents to the questionnaire who knew nothing of the work of the committee and the management of its day-to-day affairs. Having lived in the village for 35 years, I feel I can speak with some authority about the people who did some truly amazing things to create the Lye Field and the Pavilion for the benefit and enjoyment of all the people living in and around Seend. The need for a recreational area in the village was first mooted in the mid-sixties by the older members of the community when they became concerned by the lack of amenities for the youngsters of the village.

The idea of a community led initiative to provide the village with a sports field, especially for the young people of the village, was further strengthened by the threat, in 1967 by the owners of the field, to sell it for a housing development. This was as contentious then as it would be now. There was a great deal of soul searching and attempts to improve the recreational facilities in the village by those concerned about the future of the community's children and decisive action was started by a small number of senior members of the community with the time and resources to make things happen.

Money was the limiting factor in the purchase of the Lyefield and to facilitate the efficient raising of the cash, an application was submitted to the Charities Commission and the Lyefield was successfully granted charitable status. A bank loan was arranged, underwritten by Mr Archie Kidd and Miss Irene Usher, with many money raising schemes introduced including traction engine rallies, which brought in most of the cash, but it was the entire village's will to succeed that really came together to make the whole project viable. Their efforts cannot be underestimated or praised enough by us all who use the Pavilion today.

Upkeep of the Lye Field is very reliant on money raised by hiring the hall and field, donations, the annual Seend Fete and the 100 club. The Lye Field Committee is made up of representatives of most of the village organisations who vote for various day-to-day expenditures. The committee meets four times a year with an executive committee meeting more regularly if required. However, if any major costs are to be incurred, consultation with the full committee is practiced before the money is spent. Five trustees of the Lye Field are responsible for the prudent overseeing of the charity.

The Lye Field has built up financial reserves over many years by careful management of the funds, which are essential for contributing to a positive cash flow to meet the



ever-increasing costs of running the charity. However, the income generated from these funds is not sufficient to meet the total costs incurred by the maintenance of the building and field. This is why the income generated by the Seend Fete is so important to keep the Lye Field in its present excellent condition now and in the future.

Committee members all make a great contribution to the success of the Fete and have done so for many years, especially the Fete Committee, which this year did an outstanding job of organising and running the event, which proved to be a great success.

Villagers, who know little of the workings of the committee, should be aware of those unpaid volunteers, who give their time and expertise freely purely to ensure the facility is clean, well maintained and safe for all users, including the maintenance and running of the Pavilion. Anyone with the time and inclination to help the existing team will be most welcome, as most of us are not getting any younger! Finally, I encourage all the people who need a venue for parties, meetings or for any activity, which requires such a facility, to consider using the Pavilion and Lye Field. The rates for hiring the pavilion are very competitive, and you would be making a useful and worthwhile contribution to a priceless community asset.

Philip Proven  
Chairman, Lyefield Committee



### **HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB**

Another date for the diary is the AGM on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** in the Pavilion at 7.30pm, when there will be an interesting talk on Historical Bath, and members will be able to pay their subs for next year. New members are always very welcome, and indeed, anyone may come to the AGM to enjoy the talk, the wine and the general conviviality.

Tony Ewin

### **THEATRE CLUB**

The next trip of the Theatre Club is to Handel's Messiah in Bath on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.



The Theatre Club AGM will be held in the Pavilion at 7.30pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012. All members and any prospective new members are invited to join this fun evening with wine and song – but you do not have to sing for your wine, as we will be entertained by Mike Scott and his famous guitar. Mike's gentle wry humour captivated all those who heard him at the Acoustics Festival, so we will be in for a treat! Members have already received information about the trip to Salisbury on 12<sup>th</sup> January for the Cole Porter evening of "bubble, flirtation and romance", entitled "Let's Misbehave!" This is just a reminder that your booking slips and cheques must be returned by 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Sylvia Ewin and Marion Whitehead

## **SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS**



### **Report on the week-end away in Kingham – 14/15 and 16 October**

28 ramblers attended a glorious few days in Oxfordshire. 19 enjoying the two walks; one of 8 miles and the other of 5 miles; passing through some amazing villages of outstanding beauty. Those members who did not walk spent time visiting various places of interest.

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Meet 9.30 a.m. in Rusty Lane, Seend or 9.45 at the Greyhound pub car park, Bromham for a 5 ½ mile, circular walk. Leaders: Jo and Colin Waldeck (01380 828946)

### **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Social Evening in the Pavilion (The Irene Usher Hall) Rusty Lane, Seend. 7.30 pm for 8 pm start. Admission: £2.50 Speaker: Mr Freddie Giles. Please bring a plate of food for a shared supper. This is not just a members evening, friends and anyone interested in a good evening of entertainment amongst our ramblers, will be most welcome.

Lin Salter



## **SEEND WI**

Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> was the WI's birthday party and what a party it was! After the business part of the meeting and whilst our speaker Paul Cook was setting up his talk, we all enjoyed a glass of wine expertly served by our resident sommelier Frankie Goddard.

Our thanks Frankie for giving up your evening to join a monstrous regiment of women – we hope you enjoyed yourself as much as we enjoyed your company.

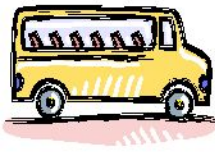
Paul entertained, amused and educated us with his talk about ostriches – do they bury their heads in the sand? In a word, NO. He had feather boas, handbags and even ostrich steak to show us and it all made for a most enjoyable talk. The lighthearted mood of the evening continued whilst we enjoyed our birthday supper. Members enjoyed wine and cheese and a variety of nibbles and snacks topped off with a piece of delicious birthday cake kindly made by Ann Hunt – our thanks to you Ann for a lovely birthday cake.

Two dates for your diaries – our pre-Christmas Bazaar is to be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November in the Pavillion from 10am – 2pm. There will be a variety of stalls and a craft table for the children, so if you are entertaining grandchildren, please do bring them along to join in the fun. There is a raffle for another pamper hamper, a Christmas hamper and a WI hamper. The board is in the Post Office and all you have to do is choose a square, write your name and telephone number and pay £1 per entry. The draw will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> November. This year we are making a donation to the school building from from the proceeds of our Bazaar.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> when Jane Arnold will be sharing the importance of herbs in everyday life. This is also the meeting when we collect gifts for Green Lane Hospital patients. If you would like to bring a gift please

indicate on the label whether it is for a man or woman. There will be a prize for the best wrapped gift.

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



## **SEEND SHUTTLE**

**Seend Shuttle Cleaners:** Another year has passed and I'm asking the same people to keep the Shuttle clean for all of us. It would be great if I could add a few more names to this list of lovely willing volunteers, either individuals or groups and societies. It would then mean that no-one would need to clean it more than once a year. You don't have to be able to drive it. Someone can deliver it to where you want to clean it and pick it up afterwards. I would also stick you on the end of the rota so it wouldn't be 'til next summer! Please give it some thought and contact me at [anitashea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:anitashea@hotmail.co.uk) or phone me on 01380 828757.

**Drivers Wanted** - Graham Appleby has been a long standing stalwart of the Seend Shuttle committee and for many years a tireless driver for our regular shopping runs on Mondays and Tuesdays. He turned out week after week remaining cheerful regardless of how few passengers he might have. It was with great sadness and shock that we heard of his recent sudden death. Of course we send our deepest sympathy to his family.

If there is anyone who could join our pool of drivers who now have to take on the extra hours of driving to keep the Shuttle running we would love to hear from you. Please contact Alison our driver co-ordinator (01380 828568 or 07951030491).

**Timetable** - The Shuttle hopes to run a trip to Salisbury on the first Wednesday of the month. Bookings to Terry Sleightholme please, by the previous Monday.

The timetable for the Shuttle's scheduled services (Monday to Seend PO, Tuesday to Melksham and Thursday to Devizes) is on [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk)

Anita Shea

## **SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

At October's meeting Bob and Mary Biggs came to talk about herbs, bringing with them a huge quantity of plants to talk about and pass round. Here are some of Bob's thoughts..



Of all the many different mints Moroccan mint is the one to use for mint tea, grapefruit mint for fruit recipes and English lamb mint for the Sunday roast. Garlic chives can be used instead of garlic to give the taste without the effects and the flowers of both kinds of chive can be eaten in salads too. Lovage makes a good substitute for celery flavouring but grows very tall. Sweet Cicely can be used to sweeten dishes instead of sugar and salad burnett has a cucumber flavour without the same effect. To harvest parsley, chives and other herbs you should cut the whole stem in order to encourage new growth. The competition was won by Jeni Raby-Cox. As usual the same 3 people entered and they would like some competition from

the rest of us. On 8<sup>th</sup> November the competition is a photo of a garden enemy and I am expecting some interesting pictures. The talk is called 'Eating Your Garden Enemies or Meat and Two Veg'. Slug anyone?

**NB.** The arrangements for the Alhambra trip are not finalised and are still being thought about. If you are interested in going please let Carole know ASAP.

Sue

## **SEEND SCHOOL NEWS**

Firstly I must say a huge thank you to Renée Coulson for her sponsored walk and also to the many of you who sponsored her. So far £975 has been raised which is a great help to our building fund. And talking of the building, we are still on track for an end of December finish and now that the roof is on hopefully there is nothing to stop the builders from motoring on. The new library shelves are due to be put up any day now and we are looking forward to returning the books to their new home. We are also taking this opportunity to audit our book resources and purchase some new ones to fill gaps and replace books that have seen better days.

The 17 new reception children are now staying all day. They had their first "Wellie Walk" today as they went with parents for a walk round the village looking for signs of autumn. Already, the next round of applications has started so if anyone is looking for a place for September 2012 please contact the school to arrange a visit.

The school netball team won their first game of the season 4:1 against The Mill School. Well done to the team and their coach Karen Elliott. The year 3 and 4 children returned tired but happy from their residential in Braeside after enjoying 2 days of pond dipping, visiting a farm, the local Shire Horses, exploring the low ropes and team building and problem solving activities.

As part of the Rural Arts in Wiltshire we are hosting a performance of Arabian Nights on December 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a family show suitable for all ages and tickets will go on sale shortly. Look for further details around the village in the coming weeks. This will be just one week after our ever popular Christmas Fayre which we hope to see you at. Don't forget that if you know anyone who is thinking of moving, that Lock & Key Estate Agents will give 10% of their commission to the school if they value and sell your house for you (as long as you let them know when they value it). This could potentially provide our building fund with an extra boost so please spread the word.

Jackie Chalk  
Headteacher

## **SEEND SCHOOL PARENT SOCIAL CLUB**

**Textile Collection.** Thank you to everyone who brought in bags for us on 7<sup>th</sup> October. We will let you know how much we made in the next issue. We will be organising 2 more collections in the future, so please think of us when sorting your wardrobes out!

**Devizes Table Top Sale – Thursday 24 November.** This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> sale in the centre of Devizes on Market Day. It raises much needed funds from another source, as we are conscious we appear to keep asking the same people to buy things!! If you

are able to assist with any cakes, baking ingredients, garden produce or preserves, we will be extremely grateful.

**Christmas Fair – Friday 2nd December, 6 – 8 PM** - This is our biggest fund raising event of the year. Chuffy the Train will be back by popular demand and Father Christmas will be dropping by. To book you place on Chuffy, please see a member of the PSC in the Playground. Rides will be £3.50 and include a present from Father Christmas. We will have stalls, refreshments and something for everyone. Please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing as many parents, friends and villagers as possible.

In order to maximise fund raising from the Christmas Fayre, we are offering local businesses the opportunity to sponsor the event. It is always well received and helps raise extra money for items which cannot come out of the school budget.

We would like to offer you, as a local business, the opportunity to sponsor the event.

**For £20 we offer you:**

**The opportunity to advertise an A4 Poster in the school hall windows for 3 weeks (one week prior to the event, through to the end of term) and the option to leave flyers / business cards etc in the hall on the night of the Fayre.**

(If you kindly advertised last year, would you like us to use the same poster?)

If you are interested, please contact me with your reply as soon as possible please, as we need your donation of £20 and poster by 20 November. Cheques need to be made payable to: Seend School PSC.

**Seend School 100 Club – September Winners**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	John Steel	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Mel Steel
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Mel Walker		

**Seend School 100 Club – October Winners**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Steve Taylor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Mike Baker
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Charlotte Watts		

Emma Smith  
01380 828056

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

The meeting held on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** was attended by 9 Councillors with Mr. J. Padfield in the chair in the absence of the Vice-Chairman; also in attendance were Cllr. J. Seed and Belinda Fowler from Community First and 2 members of the public. Apologies received from Mrs. T. Carr and Mrs L. Waylen.

Prior to the start of the public meeting, Belinda Fowler from Community First gave an outline of Parish Plans. She said that the underlying principle of Community First is strengthening communities, and part of this is to support parishes undertaking a Parish Plan. She said that the plan should be thought of as a parish strategy; it should involve the whole community and reflect what they value about their community, it should also contain an action plan. A Parish Plan can provide evidence on issues and

can feed into development plans. It can cover issues that affect communities such as development, traffic, the environment or older people.

### **Election of Councillor, due to the resignation of Anita Heatley**

Mr Michael Johnson of 20 Dial Close had been elected unopposed. Mr. Johnson attended the meeting from 8.00 p.m., and signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

### **Matters arising**

*War Memorial* – Confirmation has been received from the Area Board of a grant of £288 towards the refurbishment of the War Memorial. It was unanimously agreed that the remedial work should now go ahead, accepting the quote of James Long (Masons) Ltd.

*Allotments* – Three quotes have now been received for the work to the new entrance for the allotments. The Clerk undertook a site visit with the Probation Service who have agreed to clear a further area of the allotments, using Community Payback, over 4 Saturdays in October and November, commencing 8 October.

Members agreed unanimously to accept the quote from P J Dyke for the work to the allotment entrance.

*Love Walk, replacement of stone steps* - Further quotes received, also awaiting a quote from Seb Abbott, a Wiltshire Council approved supplier. It was suggested to ask P J Dyke for a quote as well. It was still not clear whether Wiltshire Council intended to pay for the work to be undertaken, or whether the landowner was liable for some of the cost. Cllr. Seed said that he would follow this matter up with Wiltshire Council on behalf of the PC.

*Highway Matters* - Mrs. Waylen had advised that the best location for the new grit bin is just inside the entrance to The Lye on the left-hand-side. It was agreed to purchase a bin in readiness for the winter.

*Old Railway Bridge, Station Road* –The remedial works have now been completed.

*Barbara Booth, trees in memory* – A quote for trees in the sum of approx. £275 had been received, further quotes awaited. It was suggested that a small plaque be obtained for the lilac tree in Seend Cleeve.

*Rusty Lane* - Nick Keen has indicated that he has no objections in principle to a finger post on his land at the bottom of Rusty Lane, but requests a site visit with a member of the PC; Mr. Padfield agreed to undertake the site visit. The Clerk has contacted Melksham Without PC re. the finger post signs in Bowerhill. These were supplied by their ROW Officer, Paul Millard. The Clerk to follow this up and get more details.

*Footpath SEEN4, Three Magpies* - The Caravan & Camping Club site advise that they have notices on site about dog walkers picking up after their dogs, and also provide bins on site for waste. An e-mail has been sent to Wiltshire Council to request a bin to be installed by the kissing gate. They have responded that, due to budget restrictions, they can't purchase a new bin. However, if the PC or caravan site would like to sponsor a bin, they will install the bin and empty fortnightly. Cllr. Seed offered to make contact with Wadworths to see if they would sponsor a bin. The Clerk to obtain prices.

*School Road* – Mike Cooper at the Environment Agency, Chippenham will take up the matter of washing out of a concrete delivery lorry with Wiltshire Concrete. Highways have been advised in case there is any problem in the future from the concrete residue washed down the drain.

### **Melksham Area Board**

The next meeting is on 26 October in Seend Community Centre.

### **Village Appraisal**

Mr. Murch said that some forms are still trickling in. The spreadsheet required to be corrected, and this had held up processing somewhat. He hoped that the results would be available for the October PC meeting. He has provisionally booked the Irene Usher Pavilion for Tuesday 21 November, 7.30 p.m. for the village meeting. He would invite the other organisations to present their findings. Mr. Diffey said that it would be necessary to see the outcome of the Appraisal before we go to a Parish Plan, and we need to publicise the outcomes. It was agreed to discuss at the October meeting and put on notice boards and website, there was no point in having a meeting on 21 November if the other organisations couldn't attend.

### **Planning Matters**

#### Plans for approval

E/11/0799/FUL    Wych Elm, Seend Hill

Creation of new access; first floor extension over car port and existing utility room to create additional residential accommodation

**Comments** – If this application is approved, it should be on the proviso that the current access cut by the new driveway is closed, also the access recently opened up further west along Seend Hill.

Vote – 9 in favour.

### **Correspondence**

E-mail from Dr Jackson re. HGV survey on the A361. Wiltshire Council has indicated they may have funds available to undertake the survey that was postponed in 2010, due to a cut in the local transport budget. Dr. Jackson has suggested that village volunteers could help, to save on costs. The Clerk to contact Laura Gosling at Wiltshire Council to follow up.

### **Financial Matters**

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return has been signed off by the External Auditor, and a notice to this effect posted on notice boards and the website.

### **Any other business**

**Seend Hill** – it was noted that there is a large dead tree on the left-hand side of the road approaching Seend. The Clerk to advise Highways.

**Rusty Lane, traffic speed** – it was noted that drivers do not always keep to the low speed limit in Rusty Lane, an area that is frequented by children. Highways to be requested to place larger speed signs in the lane.



**Land at Berhills Lane** – the land that was previously the subject of a planning application for a family golf course has now been sold. The Clerk to check with Planning Enforcement what the current situation is.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher  
Clerk

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

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Bulkington has been recently targeted for thefts from insecure vehicles. They appear to have happened in the early hours on the 5th of October. iPods, wallets and Sat Navs have been taken. I am aware that this has also occurred in Keevil, Broughton Gifford and Atworth in recent weeks. Please remember to lock cars - sadly gone are the days of being able to leave cars open. Many Thanks

Emily Thomas  
Community Beat Officer

There have been several thefts from vehicles parked at houses in Bulkington recently. The police are investigating. The Bulkington Neighbourhood Watch Team urge everyone to keep vehicles, outhouses and their homes securely locked at all times. Please be vigilant.

John Scott  
Bulkington Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

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## **SPORTS NEWS**

*The detailed sports news will return next month - apologies. We know you can't wait to find out what Colin has been up to!*

### **'The Badgers'**

Worton and Cheverell F.C

The youngest age group at Under 7 level, have now moved their training on Saturday mornings to Five Lanes School Worton, starting at 10.00 a.m. Please ensure you bring your boots and shin pads to the training. New members are welcome on the day (or contact Lee 07879-418941). Some early matches for this age group produced goals galore. For most of the other younger age groups, training takes place at West Lavington pitches.

Steve Dagnall  
01380-727976

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## **PERSONAL ADS**

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

**Wanted:** Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area - to lease with view to purchase. We are looking for an area of grazing which we can fence securely to make a safe haven for our ponies and their feed/water following numerous incidents of theft

and now criminal damage at our current location. Anything considered, although three acres plus preferred. We are happy to include uplift clauses etc to alleviate any concerns regarding development etc if required.

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

## **BITS 'N' BOBS**

Come and find the perfect present at our  
**CHRISTMAS COUNTRY FAIR!**  
at the  
**MARKET LAVINGTON COMMUNITY HALL**  
on  
**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10am to 4pm**

Local handmade crafts and homemade produce  
**Paintings, Jewellery, Walking Sticks, Textiles, Pottery, Soaps,  
Cakes, Preserves, Cards and lots more!**  
Donations to The Soldiers' Charity  
(The Army Benevolent Fund)

For more details, or to book a stall, please contact  
Sue Bonney on 01380 812757  
or email [thebonneys@waitrose.com](mailto:thebonneys@waitrose.com)



**CF Oil, Community First's new venture that saves you money!**

CF Oil is a new social enterprise that will reduce the cost of your domestic heating oil each time you place an order.

All you need to do to take advantage of the scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

Membership costs £20 per year and you normally save more than your memberships costs in your first order!

The more people who get together to buy oil the greater negotiating power of the group. It helps shift power away from the supplier and back to the customer.

The scheme normally works through a volunteer local co-ordinator but CF Oil will act as the co-ordinator until one is appointed. Local Co-ordinators have FREE membership of the scheme.

If you would like to save money on the cost of your heating oil, please join our CF Oil & see how easy it is.

If you would like further information on being a member or a Local Co-ordinator please contact our CF Oil administrator Jess emery on 01380 732809 [oil@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:oil@communityfirst.org.uk) or visit our website [www.communityfirst.org.uk](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk)

**Devizes Kats and Kits** is a local cat sanctuary which has been caring for homeless and needy cats since 1994. We are entirely reliant on voluntary help to carry on our work. Do you have a couple of hours on one or two mornings a week to help clean and care for our cats, here at Wick Farm, Keevil? We are a friendly, committed small group, but we are in need of extra hands.

The cats are all named, loved, very well cared for and living in bright and clean accommodation in an idyllic situation, with access to the outside. You will be shown what to do and we always enjoy a break for coffee, biscuits and a chat.

You will need your own transport, as we are out in the country.

#### **Jumble sales.**

We are also looking for help at our jumble sales, which are held at the Scout Hall in Devizes, about four times per year. The next one is on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November and we need someone willing to look after one of the tables, between about 9 and 11 AM. Please contact Lorraine Spencer on 07976 624770, if you are able to help with either of the above.

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#### **And Finally ....**

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

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

**CHURCH:** Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: Revd Maureen Allchin 01380 828931. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01380 828733. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; St Peter's Poulshot: Mrs Janet James 724944, Mrs Paulette Bremner Milne 828527; LPA's: Mrs Audrey McDonald 828376, Mrs Jane Goman 827121 and Mrs Liz Futter 828485; Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627  
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340  
Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250  
Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485  
Seend Community Centre/Club - 828796 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: Frank on 828617  
Seend School - 828334  
Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Private hire bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568  
Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281 [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)  
Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Mr Jonathan Seed 01380 850696  
Seend Website: [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) - Neil Yockney 827139  
Bulkington Website: [www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington](http://www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington)  
Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01672 513157  
Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255  
Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. She can be contacted on 0845 408 7000, or e-mail [melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)  
MP Claire Perry, 01672 519198 (10-5 ) or [claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk)  
MEP - Graham Watson 01458 252265

**CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

*100+ Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391*  
*Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 827041 - [www.seendacoustic.org](http://www.seendacoustic.org)*  
*Book Clubs - the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617*  
*Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350*  
*Brownies - Helen Hook 828477*  
*Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 01249 812088*  
*Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617*  
*Fete Committee - Fiona Johnson 828401 - [www.seendfete.co.uk](http://www.seendfete.co.uk)*  
*Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067*  
*Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433*  
*Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325*  
*LINK Scheme - 075320 55560*  
*Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583*  
*Mothers' Union - Kay Beasley 828593*  
*Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606;*  
*Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.*  
*Preschool - Liz Futter 828485*  
*Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617*  
*Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451*  
*Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830; Poppy Appeal - Joan Savage*  
*Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946*  
*Singing group - John Smallshaw 828540*  
*Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828683*  
*Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612*  
*WEA - Pam Church - 828597*  
*WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730 and Jo Vaux on 828970*  
*Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446*

# Seend Post Office & Village Store

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NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES  
FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES  
WINES BEERS & SPIRITS  
GROCERIES  
NATIONAL LOTTERY  
POSTCARDS & STATIONERY



	Village Store	Post Office
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