

SPOTLIGHT

Seend and Bulkington



OCTOBER 2007

DIARY

DIARY DATES FOR LATE SEPTEMBER

- 25th Seend Parish Council meeting - 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre
- 28th Village Skip at Three Magpies
- 30th Seend church Harvest Lunch in The Pavilion around midday - following church service
- 30th Bulkington Harvest Supper, 7pm in Bulkington Church

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 1st Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
10.55am - 11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 3rd Shuttle shopping trip (ring Terry on 828203 by Monday 1st)
- 8th WEA classes start, 7.30pm upstairs in the Community Centre
- 9th Seend & District Gardening Club meeting - 7.30pm at The Pavilion
- 10th WI meeting celebrates 88th year at Cleeve House
- 11th Royal British Legion AGM - 8pm in the Community Centre
- 12th-14th Ramblers' weekend in Bournemouth
- 13th Copy deadline for November issue of Spotlight and for gruk competition
- 15th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
10.55am - 11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
- 17th Seend & Bulkington MU - Neem Tree Trust Bring & Buy sale
- 18th Seend's "Other" Book Club, 7.45pm at Seend Community Centre
- 20th Serendipidy Hand Bells, 7.30pm at Bulkington Village Hall
- 21st Table top sale - 9.30am at the Community Centre
- 25th Historic Houses Club AGM - in The Pavilion
- 26th Village Skip - Wessex Water Site
- 29th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve
10.55am - 11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington

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
- 7th Church Quiz and Supper evening at The Pavilion
- 10th Wine tasting and food fair - 7pm at the Community Centre
- 11th Remembrance Day Parades - Seend and Bulkington
- 16th Opera Dudes - time to be confirmed in The Pavilion, Seend
- 18th Table top sale at the Community Centre, 9.30am
- 21st Seend & Bulkington MU - Mission Aviation Fellowship
- 30th Village Skip - Seend Community Centre

Welcome to the October issue



We are back after the summer break with a bumper edition listing village events and happenings. We say after the summer, but it does seem that an Indian summer is under way. It's good to see the sun even if it is too late to save many of our vegetable crops from the merciless onslaught of the invading army of slugs we have been subjected to this year.

Before we look forward to October's events let us congratulate all those involved with this year's Seend Fete and Flower Show. Both events, which run concurrently, had their best ever year with attendance and, we understand, revenue was at an all time high. Final figures should be available next month. Great news! Other successes worthy of note are the Bulkington Steam -Ups and the resurrected Seend breakfasts both of which were well attended and raised much-needed funds for their respective organisations.

Coming up in October we have the annual Pumpkin Day at the Bewery Inn celebrating this year's biggest and best locally-grown pumpkins. Bulkington plays hosts to the popular Serendipity Hand Bells and the Community Centre is the venue for a table-top sale. See inside for details of all these events.

Finally, a note about the Spotlight copy deadline. We do try to make the copy deadline dates as late in the month as possible to accommodate those groups whose meetings are held in the second half of the month. This is not always possible as we also try to avoid having to print and collate during the school holidays as many of our band of helpers have child-care to think about at these times. However, we do try to be flexible, so if a copy deadline is awkward for you please contact a member of the editorial team.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the November issue (*copy deadline is 13th October*) can be sent by e-mail to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to the Post Office, High Street, Seend or for Bulkington contributions to Jo Bell at 1 Northfields, Bulkington (e-mail to trevor@bell8490.freeserve.co.uk). Comments and queries – Meg Combs 828229 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

EVENTS IN OCTOBER



Serendipity Hand Bells

Saturday 20th October 2007 at 7.30pm

Bulkington Village Hall

Kate Morton – Flute - accompanied by David King

Light refreshments will be served

Tickets available from

Liz Futter 828485 & Audrey McDonald 828376

£5 – Adults £2 – Children

TABLE TOP SALES - 21st October

Now's the time to clear out those cupboards and turn your unwanted items into cash! Our first table top sale at the Community Centre will be held on Sunday, October 21st, from 9.30am-12.30pm. Tables cost £5 if booked in advance (phone Tessa on 828617) or £6 on the day – subject to availability. Sellers can set up from 8.30am. Buyers are asked to make a voluntary donation to the Community Centre for admission. Refreshments will be on sale, and the bar will be open from 11am. Further sales are planned for November 18th and December 16th.

The Community Centre Committee will be running one table in aid of the Centre – so any supporters who would like to donate items for sale please ring Tessa on 828617, or leave items with her, Peter Fisher or Jo Waldeck.

PUMPKIN DAY AT THE BREWERY INN

Sometime toward the end of October the Brewery Inn's annual pumpkin competition will be judged and pumpkin soup will be served to all. And, in case you've got a pumpkin you don't know what to do with, pumpkin recipe booklets will be on sale. Any proceeds are used to benefit the community; in past years they paid for all the daffodil bulbs that pop up throughout the village every spring. The date has not yet been decided, so you'll just have to pop into the Brewery Inn to find out!



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!)



CHURCH QUIZ AND SUPPER EVENING

Make a date in your diary for Seend Church's Quiz and Supper evening which will take place in The Pavilion on Wednesday 7th November. Full details will appear in the November issue of Spotlight.

WINE TASTING AND FOOD FAIR

Don't miss this special pre-festive-season event on Saturday, 10th November, from 7-10.30pm. Tickets will be available shortly; watch out for posters. For more information, phone Tessa Doe on 828617 or Colin Waldeck on 828946.



THE OPERA DUDES - FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

We are having another Rural Arts Wiltshire evening in aid of the Seend Community Centre, in the Pavilion on Friday 16th November. (Time to be confirmed). The artists are "**The Opera Dudes**" and, as their name suggests, we will be in for an evening of popular opera sung by two very talented singers. We hope this will be another entertaining evening in conjunction with RAW. More details in the November issue of Spotlight. Tickets (£6 and £5 for OAPs) will be available from the Post Office, Jan Harding 828778, Jan Crabtree 828687 and Tessa Doe 828617.

Ric Ellinger

NEWS

WI HALL

The following update has been received .

The Chairman of the Parish Council has written to the Trustees of the Seend WI begging them to think through the consequences of a sale of the redundant WI premises and the adverse effects that, any approval of the Planning application for building purposes, would have for the villagers. The Trustees of the Community Centre and the Lye Recreation Field have written to the Trustees of the W.I. giving details of the conditions by which the Charity Commission permit the sale of land by one Charity to another at less than full market price if such a disposal should be the wish of the current owners. It was proposed that all parties should meet with the purpose of reaching agreement as to a price that would enable the W.I to secure its financial future and for the land to be purchased by the other Charities and used for the benefit of the entire village.

To date there has not been any response to these letters.

The Planning Application for the erection of three houses on the W.I. site has now been submitted to Kennet District Planning Department and has been the subject of numerous letters of objection from organisations within the Parish who will be adversely affected through loss of existing parking facilities and increased danger to pedestrians in their use of the Pavilion, Recreation Field, and the Community Centre. Petitions from a large number of Seend inhabitants have also been sent expressing opposition to the development. The date for the meeting of the Kennet Planning Committee to discuss this application, should all efforts to find a mutually acceptable alternative solution, has not yet been notified.

I am sure that the Spotlight readers will agree that the search for an answer that will be in the best interests of the Village must be the most important objective.

MOBILE LIBRARY: USE IT OR LOSE IT

The continuation of the mobile library service in our villages might be at risk. We understand that the library needs to have a minimum of six users per stop to justify its visit to a location. Recently, the number of users in our area has fallen below that number. It is possible that the service may be withdrawn if the number of users does not improve. So, please help protect the service for those who depend on it - use it!

The next visits of the mobile library for Seend and Bulkington will be on the

1st, 15th and 29th October – 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

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

During July and August two ‘steam-ups’ were held in the garden of Neville and Thelma Boulton. The amounts raised were £280 and £204 respectively. Bulkington Social/Fundraising Committee are extremely grateful to everyone who helped to make these events so successful and for also giving the children such a great time. Most of all our thanks must go to West Wilts Model Engineering Club and Neville and Thelma Boulton for running the Great Bulkington Railway in their beautiful garden.



THE 58TH SEEND FLOWER SHOW

Thanks to your support this year's Flower Show was a great success. Attendance at the Show was an all time record and it was obvious, from the many favourable comments made, that visitors were most impressed by the quality and, in some cases, the originality of the entries. From a wide ranging field of exhibitors a very popular winner of the cup for the most points in the Flowers Class and also for most points in the Show overall was Charlie Mayell who also won the RHS Grenfell Medal. Well done Charlie. The standard of the Seend School entries also gained many appreciative comments.



For next year the Flower Show Committee members want to ensure that the entry classes meet changing times and are seeking your ideas as to which entries you would wish to add or change to make the Show more attractive to you and, for you first timers, to encourage you to enter an exhibit or two or three!

This is your Show and on August 9th 2008 we want to see even more entries but so we can start on the preparation of the next programme and give you time to make your plans for entries, would you please tell us what we should be adding to or changing in the entry programme before the end of this year. And finally, the proceeds from the Flower Show benefit the village in a number of ways. This year the main beneficiaries will be The Seend Community Centre, Seend School and the Joe Burbidge Seend Village bulb fund. Thanks again and the Committee look forward to your continued support.

Peter Fisher

President Seend Flower Show. Tel No: 828305

SEEND SUMMER FETE 2007

At 5.30am on Saturday, 11th August 2007, the village of Seend awoke to a misty morning, warm and still, a clear indication of a perfect summer's day to come. By 7.30am, a blue sky was beginning to emerge through the clearing mist, and on the Lye Field the sun-warmed air was redolent with the smell of the recently cut grass – and the even more recently fried-eggs-and-bacon being prepared in the Pavilion for the small army of volunteers who had gathered to enjoy a communal breakfast-in-a-bap before tackling the 1001 jobs necessary to get Seend Fete under way. Fete-day 2007 had truly begun.



Throughout the morning as the sun rose higher, more and more helpers flooded onto the Field, eager to help in the task, and slowly, on a once-empty green field, under a perfectly blue sky, a Fete began to emerge. At 12.30 it was completed, at 1.00 o'clock our regally-attired King and Queen, with their Attendants had – with a little help from their friends – officially declared the Fete open, and we were off!

The rest of the day just got better and better, and when we pulled out the last tent peg and finally closed the tack-shed door late on Saturday evening, we all knew we had had a truly wonderful day. We had had more visitors, enjoyed more food and drink, played more games, had more fun, and certainly made more money than ever before. Once again Seend Fete had been a triumph.

Throughout the following week, congratulations were being received from within and without the village, by word-of-mouth, by phone, by email and by postcard, and I pass these congratulations on, as they belong to you. You are responsible for the success of this event. You are the committee that over the months since early spring, has worked to make the fete work. You are the volunteers who set up the Field, who build the fete, who run the stalls, who feed and entertain the crowds, and you are the ones who stay on after the crowds have left, to clear away the tents and stalls for another year. And finally, you are the visitors who arrive eagerly anticipating the entertainment and amusement, and who entertain and amuse in return – and happily spend your money. The success of Fete 2007 is a tribute to everyone who was there, and on behalf of the Lye Field Committee, I thank you all. It was a privilege for me to have been part of it, and part of the fun. Long may the fun last!

Go to www.seend.org.uk to see some stunning photos.

Bernie Prolze
Committee Chairman, Fete2007

Fete - Bottle Stall

May I thank everyone who contributed to the Bottle Stall at the Fete this year, either by donating or by trying their luck, as we made a magnificent total of nearly £650.00.

Roger Brind

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thanks from the family of Lorna Hillier

John, Dennis and Pam would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral of Lorna and for the many cards and letters. Our special thanks to Mrs Pam Muller for conducting the service.

Thanks from the family of Gladys Plater

Trish, Sam and family wish to express their thanks for the cards and donations received during the sad loss of Gladys, and for attending her funeral service. Thank you also to Mrs Pam Muller for the kind words of comfort in her service.

IN MEMORIAM**LORNA HILLIER. 1916 – 2007**

Seend will be the poorer with the passing of Lorna Hillier who touched so many peoples' lives in the village. Her passion was the Womens' Institute and she served on the committee right up to her death in August although she never wanted to be an officer.

One of her gifts was catering and in 1966 she was in charge of one of the teams, with Mrs Vi Drew, arranging the summer Saturday morning breakfasts – reluctantly retiring 38 years later in 2004. She also very sympathetically arranged the buffets after funerals for many village families. She arranged the WI outings (I used to joke with her 'You are the WI Transport Manager') and for many years we enjoyed looking around historic houses and gardens, mystery tours with a pub meal each June, theatre trips for members and non-members, and then the shopping trips to Bristol in November. She spent quite a lot of time on the telephone inviting non-members to join us.

She found the time for all of these tasks as well as running the Farm business and her home. Visitors to her home were always welcomed with a cup of tea and some cake and she kept a sweet box to give any children a packet of sweets or chocolate.

She was a founder member of the WI Skittles team. She had to retire after her second hip operation but still came to support the team, of which she was the Hon. Treasurer, who play in the Seend Community Centre as 'The Titanics'. When the WI founded 'The Concert Party' she was keen to join in the fun by dressing up in the costumes and singing the songs and she also enthusiastically joined in the decoration of the WI Float on which she rode in the annual Fete Parade.

Lorna was born in Calne and moved to Rowde with her parents, then her father was killed in the first World War. She trained to be a Ladies and Gents Hairdresser. She cut the hair of several gentlemen in the village and the ladies benefited from her perms and shampoos and sets. She was always keen to help others. She married Cecil Hillier in the late 1930s and they moved to Seend to live in the Lock Keeper's cottage by the canal at the bottom of Bolland's Hill. John and Dennis were born there and there is a tale that John nearly fell in the canal but was saved by an evacuee named Carol who lived there with them during the second World War. Her husband died in 1979.

As a Mother-in-Law she was kind and never interfering. After her first stroke it was a privilege to help her with her tasks. She was always trying to do things for herself but appreciated some help in writing letters, etc. Let us hope that we may continue to learn from her example of how to live a life of kindness and caring for others.

Pam Hillier

CHURCH NEWS

Seend Harvest Lunch

Following the Harvest Festival service in Holy Cross church on Sunday 30th September at 11.15am, there will be a Bring-and-Share Harvest Lunch in The Pavilion. Everyone is welcome. Contributions for the lunch will be gratefully received.



Bulkington Harvest Supper

Our Harvest Festival will be held on 30th September with a Family Service at 9.30am in church. Please bring not only the traditional harvest gifts, but also tinned food as this year we have decided to donate everything to Alabare

Christian Care. Our annual Harvest Supper will be held at 7.00pm in the church. Tickets can be obtained from Liz Futter 828485. Adults £3, Children £2.

Bulkington Summer Quiz

The winners of the Summer Quiz in aid of Christ Church, Bulkington were:- John and Ann Scott. Congratulations!

Bulkington's 4th Sunday Service Hymns

On the 4th Sunday in the month we have an informal service of hymns, prayers, readings and reflection in contemporary language. The hymns are chosen by members of the congregation by writing their requests on the notice board in church. However, we would like to open this up to people who might occasionally want to come to this service and don't regularly see the notice board.

If you would like to choose a hymn for this service, please get in touch with Liz Futter 828485. If we get too many, or they don't quite fit the theme of the service they may be held over to the following month. Either way, we will let you know when your hymn is being sung so you can be present to enjoy it. We will still continue with having the note on the notice board.

We would love to hear from you even if you haven't sung a hymn for ages!

Diocesan Choir Festival

David King and the choir will be taking part in the Diocesan Choir Festival Evening Service at All Saints Church Westbury at 6pm (this is the main church in Westbury). There is usually an Evensong in Bulkington at this time, but in the absence of our organist and our rector, we have decided to join the congregation at Westbury. We will be sharing transport, so if you would like a lift to Westbury or would be willing to drive, please contact Liz Futter 828485. We will leave at 5.30 pm.

Relaunch of the Saturday Lottery Bonus Ball

Here's your chance to raise money for the Seend Church Fabric Fund as well as a chance of winning some money for yourself. The odds of winning are probably greater than doing the national lottery! A commitment of £1 per week per number between 1 and 49 will give you the chance of winning £25 a week for whoever draws the bonus ball providing all 49 numbers are taken up - with £24 going to the above fund. If interested, please contact Jan Gudge on 01225 706526.

Jan Gudge

Just to let you know...

Children, who have been baptised, and Holy Communion

The current and familiar pattern in the Church of England means that children, often as infants, come for Baptism (Christening) and then, often in their early teens, come for Confirmation and then start to receive Holy Communion. This has been the practice in the Church of England since the 16th century.

However discussions had been taking place, from the 12th century onwards, and more recently for several decades through 1940s, the early 1970s, 1980s and 1990s to the present day in the Church of England on the issue of the connection between Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The Christian Church sees Baptism as the full and complete rite of Christian initiation meaning entry into the Church. In the early Church, so the 1st century AD, children were baptised with the whole family and everyone then received Holy Communion. By medieval times it became impossible for the bishop to perform all Baptisms as was originally the case. Presbyters, similar to the priest of today, began to conduct the baptism, expecting the Bishop to visit at a later date to perform the missing elements of the service and to ‘confirm’ what had already taken place. The time lapse between Baptism and ‘confirmation’ became longer and parents increasingly failed to bring their children back since they had *already* been admitted by Baptism as a full communicant member of the Church. So in the Western Church the separate Confirmation by the bishop evolved.

In February 2006 the Church of England updated and introduced new regulations, which came into force on 15th June 2006, for the admission of baptised children, who have not yet been confirmed, but who may be admitted to Holy Communion with the provision of certain regulations. Each Bishop manages the process in his own Diocese so under the direction of the Bishop of Salisbury we are discussing and sharing plans to follow this policy ourselves! It means that the PCCs of our Benefice churches have been discussing this and that booklets with further information are being delivered to our local school and various children’s groups, and are available in our churches and schools for anyone to collect. We will be applying to our Bishop for permission to start administering Holy Communion to baptised children, whose parents give their consent, later in the year.

Our Baptism Policy

We have an ‘open’ Baptism policy which means that the Rector welcomes all applications for Baptism and simply asks for the family to come only for a very short meeting (about 20 minutes!) for preparation. On the basis that something has prompted the parent or family to apply for their child to be baptised the Rector believes that the church’s doors are open to all and that

God's grace is for everyone. We welcome and include all! However it is our responsibility, as the church, to endeavour to stay in touch with the newly baptised and their family to support them in their faith journey.

What happens next?

Children wishing to take Holy Communion need to be baptized. With the new guidelines no child should receive Communion as a matter of course but only once their baptism is known and their parents give consent.

After this it is within the priest's absolute discretion to decide, whether and if so, when any child should be admitted to Holy Communion.

Following on from the work with Seend Primary School, as part of their RE study and Diocesan expectation, we will run a series of very informal 'walk-through' Eucharist teaching events, at weekends in the Autumn, allowing parents/children to learn more about the service.

Those who may be interested are invited to attend of the events on either Sat 29th September or Sat 10th November in Holy Cross Seend at 4pm for around ½ hour.

The Rector will chat to parents who wish their baptised children to be admitted to Holy Communion, both at these events or at any other time informally, and we hope to have permission from the Diocesan Bishop to administer Holy Communion to baptised children by November 2007.

If you think that, once we have permission to do so, you would like your baptised children to receive Holy Communion, please come to one of our 'walk-through sessions' or at any other time, if you would like to discuss this further, please contact the Rector (828615)

Revd Sacha Pearce

CHURCH SERVICES

7th October	10.00am United Benefice Service	(Bulkington)
14th October	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am BCP Mattins	(Poulshot)
	11.15am Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm No service at Bulkington (See Diocesan Choir Festival details under church news)	

21st October	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	(Seend)
	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	(Bulkington)
	11.15am	Parish Eucharist	(Seend)
	6.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	(Poulshot)
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)

First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service

The next Parent & Toddler service at Seend will take place on Tuesday 2nd October from 2.15pm - 2.45pm. All welcome.



SEEND METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY

7th October	10.00am	To be arranged (please phone 828502 for info)
14th October	10.00am	Mr Michael Simmonds
21st October	6.00pm	Ecumenical Service led by Mr Douglas Colbourne
28th October	11.15am	United Service at Holy Cross

Everyone is always welcome.

FROM ROY

A book has just been published of the Letters of Mother Theresa, the Albanian nun who ministered among the poor of Calcutta. In one letter she confides, 'Where is my faith? Even deep down ... there is nothing but emptiness and darkness.' It's not difficult to imagine that living and working among the incredible poverty she encountered that faith, hope and love might be severely tried.

Some days when I am at my prayers, it seems like an enriching experience. I feel like I am drawing on resources deeper and richer than my own. It seems indeed like God is blessing me. On other days, it feels more like going through a necessary chore. Nothing seems to be happening. I finish praying and start on whatever needs next to be done.

There are times when God's faithfulness appears to be hidden. But faith surely does not depend upon always being able recognise its benefits. It depends on our matching God's faithfulness with our own. And that means

turning to God trusting that God is already turned towards us even when we cannot perceive it.

Someone once wrote, I kiss my child not because I love her, although I do, but because I want to love her. We turn to God, not because we are always convinced of God's presence, although we may be aware, but because we desire to grow in all with which God blesses us.

May God indeed bless you,



CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Well, that's another summer gone. Saturday breakfasts were a roaring success (a bit too successful on a couple of occasions, when food started to run out!). The promised barbecues on Fridays didn't take place as often as hoped, largely because of the weather, but we hope to offer them on a more regular basis next year, as the few that did happen were very enjoyable family occasions. Club members have been taking advantage of free use of the pool table on Monday evenings, and the bar and hall have been popular venues for a variety of public and private gatherings – including, of course, the flower show.

Table tennis

As the skittles season has started again, the free professional table-tennis tuition for 10- to 15-year-olds has moved to Sunday evenings from 6-7.30pm. Ring Russ Collins on 0790 555 8309 to find out more.

Table top sales

See events in October for full details

Halloween Dance in aid of Dorothy House

See events section for details.

Wine Tasting 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.

WEA CLASSES – ‘GREAT HOUSES, GREAT LITERATURE’

The autumn season of evening classes starts upstairs in the Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 8th October. Dr Alan Phillipson’s course, which runs for eight weeks with a half-term break on 22nd October, on the social history of our literary heritage comes highly recommended. The course fee is £40 (free to people in receipt of certain benefits). To reserve your place, phone Tessa Doe on 01380 828617.

SEEND SHUTTLE



The change to the **Tuesday timetable** (dropping the Bromham detour) that we had expected at the end of July still hasn’t happened – though it really is imminent! It’s not our fault; the Traffic Commissioners have been ignoring our application for a change to the timetable, despite taking our money! Ring Terry on 828203 if you need the latest information. You can also ring Terry 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 can never have enough volunteers to drive (regular scheduled services or private hire bookings) or to clean the bus. Please phone Pete Wallis (828757) to find out more about driving or Tessa Doe (828617) to put your name on the cleaning rota. Don’t forget, if it wasn’t for the volunteers there would be no Seend Shuttle, so why not join this noble band!

GRUK COMPETITION

What on earth is a gruk? Well, those of you lucky enough to have bought, borrowed or stolen a copy of ‘Miscellany II’, the collection of verses by Seend Poetry Group, will know that a gruk is a two-line, rhyming philosophy as invented by Danish poet, Piet Hein. Our favourite example from the Seend poets’ attempts is by Anita Shea:

Advice for the Young at Heart gruk

When you’re feeling that your outside is far older than the in,
throw your body in a dance and your mirror in the bin!

Send in your own gruks to Spotlight (see contact details at the front of this issue) for a chance to win two free tickets for Seend Fawltly Players’ 2008 pantomime, ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’. Entries need to be received by the deadline date for November Spotlight (13th October).

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Fete day, Saturday 11th August, proved a great success with the teas making £600 profit towards the Lye Field upkeep. Well done to everyone who helped.



Sunday 19th August – a small but select group of about ten ramblers, led by Tessa Doe and Frank Teasdale, walked around the historic site of the Battle of Roundway, finishing with wonderful views from Oliver's Castle.

Sunday, 9th September – 16 ramblers completed a six-mile walk commencing from the Green in Luckington, out to the villages of Sopworth and Sherston, covering some wonderful countryside. Our thanks to Denise and Colin for organising a lovely route.

There will be no Sunday walk for October, as a party of 37 ramblers will be taking part in the annual **weekend away** – this time in the Bournemouth vicinity. Two walks in the area are planned for 13th and 14th October.

Sunday 4th November

Meet in Rusty Lane at 9.30am for a seven-mile walk in undulating countryside commencing in the Alton Barnes area. Leaders: Brian and Geraldine De'Ath (01225 705806). Bring lunch. Possible pub stop at Honeystreet.

Lin Salter

SEEND'S OTHER BOOK CLUB

The next meeting is at 7.45am on Thursday, 18th October, when we will be discussing 'Behind the Scenes at the Museum' by Kate Atkinson. Please ring Tessa or Frank on 828617 if you'd like to join us.



Frank Teasdale

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Jenny Pape was our speaker on September 11th, the second time she has visited us. She showed us many beautiful slides of plants that can be grown in the shade, some of the pictures from her garden at Mallards, in Chirton, which opens for the NGS several times year.



Shade is produced by walls, hedges, mature trees and shrubs and varies from deep to gently dappled. Jenny believes that gardens need some shade to add depth, by providing light, shade and form to the planting, give relief from the brightness of the sun and provide atmosphere. She showed that early spring bulbs grow well in the shade and protection of shrubs and trees and die down as the leaves of the bigger plants develop and block out the light. The bulbs can then be followed by ground cover and foliage plants like herbaceous geraniums, ferns, hostas and so on with the different shades of green lasting all

summer and the flower colours often being intensified by the shade. The competition for a vase of garden foliage was won by Sue Rawstron.

The speaker on Tuesday 9th October will be Dinah Lindon-Critchley of Blooming Hill Plants near Shepton Mallett. She will be talking about unusual vegetables and will possibly have plants for sale. She is a fund of information so you can take notes ready for the next growing season! The competition will be a display of vegetables (home grown) if you have any at all after this wet year. Arrangements for trips next year are on-going so remember your diaries.

Sue Johns

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Annual General Meeting

All Members are reminded that the AGM will be held in the Upper Room in the Community Centre on Thursday 11th October 2007, at 2000hrs. Please put this date in your diary and endeavour to attend.



Remembrance Sunday - Warning Order

The usual parade and service will be held in the Church of the Holy Cross, Seend on Sunday 11th November 2007, followed by a social gathering in the Community Centre.

Please put this date in your diary and let us see if we can increase the good turnout we had last year. Further details of this will be published in the November edition of Spotlight.

Roger Brind

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – POPPY APPEAL 2007

Poppy appeal envelopes will be inserted in the November issue of Spotlight, but some of you may be called on by house-to-house collectors during October, before November Spotlight is published. Static collection boxes will also have been placed around the village.



Please give generously and, if you are a tax payer, sign the Gift Aid Form attached to the envelope. This is an easy way to increase our village contribution without any extra expense to yourselves. All that is required on the form is your name, signature, address and amount. You need not put the amount unless you wish to do so, but put your money in the box in the normal way. Completing the form in advance saves time for the collectors.

A R Hodgkinson
Poppy appeal organiser
Tel: 828545

SEEND WI

The weather for the August barbecue held at the home of our President, Mrs Judith Biggs, was dry and warm - a very welcome contrast to the awful weather that we have experienced so often this 'summer'! Mrs Biggs' husband, Stephen, proved to be a very accomplished chef making a first class job of cooking the delicious meats which were accompanied by an excellent selection of salads and followed by 'naughty but nice' desserts. It was a very relaxing evening and we all enjoyed chatting and catching up on news of absent friends.



On 10th October we will be celebrating our 88th Birthday at Cleeve House - the home of our first President, Miss Bell.

Betty Smith.

MOTHERS UNION - SEEND AND BULKINGTON BRANCH

Most of us will travel many miles to look at an ancient castle or a stately home, but often ignore places of interest on our doorstep.

This year, Seend MU travelled just a mile down the main road to Cleeve House. One reason for going there was to enjoy the garden and the extensive views over Salisbury Plain, but heavy rain prevented this. The cream tea which was to have been eaten in the garden had to be enjoyed in the dining room. The comfortable surroundings compensated for the rain. It was an enjoyable afternoon for all the members and their guests.

Future dates

October 17th - Neem Tree Trust Bring and Buy
November 21st - Mission Aviation Fellowship

Margaret Coley

100+ CLUB

Apologies to all members for the lateness of the draws for July, August and September. These took place on Monday 10th September at Thyme House following the Fete 2007 Wash-up meeting. The draws were made by members of the Fete 2007 committee.

The results are as follows:

July

1 st Prize	£35	65	Joe Hardstaff, MBE
2 nd Prize	£30	5	Terry Symonds
3 rd Prize	£25	63	Max Bolton

4 th Prize	£20	110	Mrs J Greenwood
5 th Prize	£15	181	Miss V M Smith
6 th Prize	£10	172	Ron Apted

August

1 st Prize	£35	61	Mrs P Hawkins
2 nd Prize	£30	158	Mrs Sue McCulloch
3 rd Prize	£25	161	Mr R Ames
4 th Prize	£20	203	Mrs Louise Proven
5 th Prize	£15	120	Mr M D Park
6 th Prize	£10	105	Mrs Nancy Hutchinson

September

1 st Prize	£35	103	Eric Akerman
2 nd Prize	£30	152	Terry Sleightholme
3 rd Prize	£25	175	Mrs Angela Knocker
4 th Prize	£20	115	Mrs Pat Fisher
5 th Prize	£15	31	Mrs Christine O'Reilly
6 th Prize	£10	107	Mrs Jo Vaux

Bernie Prolze, Organiser

SEEND UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Some key developments have been happening at Seend Utd Football Club for the 2007/08 season. We have set up a partnership with Melksham Park Football Club, whereby players who reach the upper age limit of boys football are then given the opportunity to continue playing together through Seend Utd in either the 1st or Reserve team. Obviously we are also supporters of the Seend Tigers team too and have affiliated them to our club so that they can play in tournaments, hopefully when these players from the village reach the age of 16 they'll want to step up and join the men's team.

The 2006/07 season presentation night took place back in June at the Brewery Inn, with our president Ron Westacott and Vice Presidents Tony Hodgkinson, Dave Sawyer and Sam New joining the rest of the team to celebrate our successes on the pitch. The main award winners were: Players Player of the Season – Liam Richards; Managers Player – Mike Hopkins; Supporters Player – Liam Richards. A big thank you to Norman and Carol at the Brewery Inn for their hospitality and continued support for the club.

As we're reaching our 100 year anniversary, Seend Utd FC recognizes the importance of bringing through youth players and helping them develop. Our 1st team has improved in recent years to be among the best playing at their

level in the whole county, missing out narrowly from being crowned County Cup Champions last season. Our success both on and off the field is owed in no small part to the generosity of our sponsors and in particular for the 2007/08 season we'd like to thank the local companies Keyline Security and Bowes Wine as well as Nortree Motors of Melksham. Without the generosity of donations and sponsors the expense of replacing equipment each year would mean that the club just wouldn't exist. So if any local businesses or members of the community would like to make a donation to the club or become involved in the Football Club committee it will help ensure our long history can continue. For further information please contact Neil Holloway on 0777 644 3084.

You can come and show your support to either of our teams, with a game taking place most Saturday afternoons at the Lye Field from the start of September. Full fixtures are detailed each week in the Wiltshire Times.

Neil Holloway
Chairman

SEEND & DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB



Our Christmas outing will be to the Wharf Theatre in Devizes for an evening of songs, poems and a whole sleigh full of good cheer, entitled "**Christmas Cheers**", devised and directed by Liz Schorah and Esther Chapman. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served from 7.30pm. All members will receive a booking form probably for Thursday 30th December. Tickets £8.

Here is advance notice to all theatre lovers of a fascinating series of lectures starting on Monday 14th January in the Community Centre. This WEA course is called "Understanding Theatre" and is described as a fun trip through the decades of 20th century British Theatre, when realism and theatricality fought for domination. There will be readings of short extracts from the works of playwrights and you'll hear tales of artistic movements and dramatic personalities told by a good storyteller. This course taken by Christopher Scott is highly recommended. Enquiries to Sylvia Ewin 828325.

Sylvia Ewin

SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

The last visit of this year took place on Saturday 1st September, when twenty two people travelled to the Hospital of St Cross, Winchester. Founded in the 12th century it is England's oldest secular charitable institution. After a superb lunch at the adjacent pub, a resident Brother of St. Cross took us on a guided tour. This started with a visit to the Norman church, described as a

normal cathedral in miniature. An enthralling hour passed before we moved on to visit the centuries old Brothers' Hall, kitchens and cellar. A stroll around the beautiful gardens and pond added to the peace and quiet, a feature of St. Cross for many centuries. Home made cakes and tea completed a lovely visit.

All members please note the AGM is Thursday 25th October in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane.

Tony Ewin.

SCHOOL NEWS

SEEND SCHOOL

We have now returned to school for the 2007 – 2008 year at Seend C.E. School and would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new intake of pupils in Holly Class:



Amilie, Harvey, Gemma, Daisy, Joshua, Edward, William, Deya, Evan, Owen, Sophie, Ben, Theo, Daniel and Toby.

We also have a new member of staff Mrs. Coleman who will be responsible for Chestnut Class and will also be our Deputy Head teacher. Mrs. Coleman is settling in well with her class and the children are enjoying learning with her support.

We were pleased to receive the results of the Flower Show Art Competition, that took place over the school holidays. The flower pictures from Oak Class all got a special mention and we were very pleased with this.

At the moment we are planning our School Council Election. Each year group will have two members voted onto the school council to represent their classmates' views. The school council have regular meetings to discuss events, run charity events. Last year they supported the Blue Peter Shoebiz Appeal, make suggestions on how to improve our school and find ways to develop the environment. Members of the school have to put themselves forward for election and tell the other children why they think they will make a good school council member. The older children take on the roles of Chair, secretary and treasurer and create minutes for the school council members to report back to the classes.

A whole school initiative we are also taking part in is the Travel Plan initiative. As a school we are considering how we decrease traffic around the school and local area in an attempt to make our school journeys more

sustainable. An example of this is the school's use of the community bus, the Seend Shuttle, to transport children to school. If any local residents have any comments or ideas we would be pleased to receive them at school.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the pupils who are attending secondary school for the first time the best of luck in the next seven years and hope that their time at our school will have provided them with a sound base for all their work.

Steven Bennett
Headteacher

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The July meeting was attended by 9 Councillors, with Mrs Savage in the Chair.

The Chairman welcomed PC Rupert Moore to the meeting. PC Moore introduced himself as a Community Beat Officer. There had been a spate of vehicle crime in The Lye, an arrest had been made and two other persons were implicated. A consultation process was taking place with local rural areas, and this showed that the main areas of concern were anti-social behaviour, speeding traffic and parking. Some people had experienced problems when trying to phone the 0845 call centre telephone number. PC Moore emphasized that where a crime was in progress or an incident needs immediate police response, then 999 should be dialed.

Planning permission has been granted for the following applications:

K/56550/F F Haines & Son, Little Thornham Farm, Trowbridge Road,
Seend

Change of use of redundant cow shed to form granny annexe

K/56554/LBC As above

K/56610/F Jackson, Goodworth Lodge, 72A Seend Cleeve

Conservatory to rear of property

K/56785/F Giles, Old Wyatts, Row Lane, Seend

Proposed tree house and small cottage

K/56797/TR2 Drysdale, 54 The Lye, Seend

Felling of a sycamore tree in the front garden of the property

Planning permission has been refused for the following applications:

K/56559/F Godwin, 14 The Stocks, Seend Cleeve

Erection of dwelling after demolition of existing bungalow

K/56733/F Philips, The Swallows, Trowbridge Road, Seend

Change of use of barn to garage and games room together with external alterations and driveway

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

K/56821/TR2 Church of England, The Vicarage, High Street

Works to trees

K/56907/F Akerman, Broad Lane Farm, Seend

Extension of car mechanics shed

K/56921/F Keen, Rusty Lane Farm, Bath Road, Seend

Conversion and extension of redundant pig styes to create holiday let cottage

K/56968/LBC McCormack, Good Rest, High Street

Painting of walls, window and door

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

Mrs T Carr has advised that she is resigning as a Parish Councillor. The Parish Council is very grateful to Mrs. Carr for her past services to the Council.

Mr. Darren Nichols was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor.

There was an interim PC meeting held on 14th August, to consider planning applications:

K/57086/F Mr & Mrs Thornton Goosebutt Barn, Spout Lane, Seend
Solar panels (evacuated tube system) on garage roof

No objections.

K/57099/CAC and K/57100/F

The Trustees of Seend WI Hall

Removal of existing hall and replacement with 3 dwellings and garages

The PC does not support the development as proposed, although they are in agreement that the Trustees of Seend WI should be paid a fair price for the site. They still feel that this area should remain an amenity area for the village. The Chairman advised that there had been a further development, in that the Trustees of the Lye Field and the Social Club wanted to negotiate with the WI to buy the site. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that objections would be advised to Kennet District Council to the above applications.

The August meeting was attended by 5 Councillors, with Mrs Savage in the Chair.

The PC agreed that from January 2008, the number of Parish skips would be reduced to one per month.

Permission had been granted for the following application:

K/56986/LBC Mr J McCormack, Good Rest, High Street,
Seend

Painting of walls, window and door

Letter received from Kennet DC to advise that the following application will be considered by the Council's Regulatory Committee on 6 September:

Mr S Wilfort 108 Seend Cleeve

Increase in the height of the roof to facilitate rooms in the roof, incorporating 3 dormer windows to the front and rear extension.

There was a number of items to be referred to Highways, including the footpath from Cooks Close to the High Street is becoming overgrown with brambles; parking of vehicles at the entrance to Rusty Lane restricting the vision of drivers emerging onto the A361; the state of the footpath from the Bell to The Stocks and traffic speeds on the A361 near The Strand, and lack of a footpath.

The dates of the next village skips will be:

Friday 28 th September	Three Magpies
Friday 26 th October	Wessex Water site
Friday 30 th November	Seend Social Club

The date of the next meeting will be 25th September 2007 at the Seend Community Centre at 7.30 pm.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher
Clerk

BITS'N'BOBS

KENNET CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Kennet Citizens Advice Bureau is looking for volunteer receptionists as well as volunteer advisors. Please contact Kerry Barratt or Sandra Long on 01380 722242 for more information or to arrange a visit. Alternatively, write to Kennet CAB, Commercial Road, Devizes SN10 1EH or email: bureau.kennetcab@cabnet.org.uk

WILTSHIRE INDEPENDENT TRAVEL SUPPORT (WITS)

The Wiltshire Independent Travel Support scheme (WITS) provides travel support for disabled people aged 18+, and older people, in Wiltshire. Individuals will receive one to one assistance from a Travel Supporter to enable them to increase their skills and confidence. The aim is for the user to be able to travel independently (after initial support) on public transport, for work, to meet friends, for college, or training, etc. The scheme is free to the user, they only pay their own travel fare, or use a travel pass as appropriate.

For more details about the scheme please contact Louise Rendle by telephone on 01380 872928 or by email on witsrefer.wsun@btconnect.com

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 - Mr P Wallis 828757

Football Club - Darren Nichols 828535

Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - Anthony Hodgkinson 828545; Owen Burton on 828820 (Seend Cleeve)

Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281

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

Bulkington Website: bulkington-village.co.uk Contact :- Angela Read 828925

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