

SPOTLIGHT

SEEND & BULKINGTON



OCTOBER 2008

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 27th The 3 Heartbeats and Roy Charles at the Community Centre, 8.15pm
29th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
30th Seend Parish Council, 7.30pm upstairs in Community Centre

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- 1st First Wednesday shopping trip (phone 828203 by Monday 29th September)
3rd-5th Ramblers weekend away in Chipping Norton
5th Harvest Festival at Holy Cross 11.15am, followed by picnic at Seend School
6th Harvest Supper, Bulkington Village Hall 7pm
6th Start of WEA course upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
7th First Steps Parent and Toddler Service, Holy Cross, 2.15pm
8th WI birthday party
9th British Legion AGM 8pm upstairs in Community Centre

11th DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT

- 13th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
18th Capella Nova in Bulkington Church, 7.30pm
18th Sackful of Sovereigns, Cleeve House, 7pm for 8pm
25th Stratford Shuttle trip to Hamlet
25th Dance to the Zig-Zag Band in aid of Dorothy House, Community Centre 8pm
27th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
31st Wear it Pink day (see www.wearitpink.co.uk) in aid of Breast Cancer Research

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

- 1st Craft Fair, The Pavilion, 10.30am-3.30pm
2nd Ramblers meet 9.30am Rusty Lane
6th Historic Houses Club AGM with speaker, 7.30pm in the Pavilion
8th Wine and Food Fair, Seend Community Centre 7.30pm
9th Remembrance Sunday
10th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington
11th Act of Remembrance at War Memorial, 11am
15th Quiz Night in The Pavilion, 6.30 for 7pm
21st Ramblers Social, Pavilion, 7.30 for 8.15pm
24th Mobile Library - 9.35am The Lye, Seend; 10am Telephone Box, Seend Cleeve;
10.55am-11.25am car park at Topsy Toad, Bulkington

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 13th Christ Church, Bulkington - 'Song's For a Winters Evening' with contributions
from Bristol Light Operatic's Society
22nd Carol Service at Seend Holy Cross

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. And visit www.seend.org.uk

Welcome to the October issue



Welcome back to Spotlight after the summer that never was. Here's to a more pleasant autumn.

Despite the weather, the fete and flower show were great successes, rambblers found a few dry walking days, Community Centre Saturday breakfasts brought people together - and gardeners at least did not have to do much watering this season! The following pages are full of reports of what everyone has been getting up to during the past couple of months.

As usual, there is plenty going on in our villages during the autumn. It's not too late for lovers of soul and Motown music to book tickets for the show at the Community Centre on 27th September. Or you can dance the night away in aid of Dorothy House on 25th October. Our churches offer harvest festival and supper opportunities, and you have a choice of music on 18th October - an excellent choir at Bulkington Church or electric folk at Cleeve House.

Autumn has also brought the start of the skittles season - did you realise that there are ten different teams that use the Community Centre as their home alley! That's an awful lot of skittlers. Football has replaced tennis and cricket as the major outdoor sport, but the short-mat bowlers just keep on going all year. Read all about it in Frankie Goddard's sports page towards the end of this edition of Spotlight.

You can think ahead to November and December too - see the events pages for November, and Christmas dates inside the front cover. If you want to get involved now in preparation for the Carol Service at Holy Cross (as a singer or instrumentalist) please contact the Rector or Phil and Cathy Springate on 01380 828294. More details will be in November Spotlight.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the **November issue** (*copy deadline is 11th October*) can be e-mailed 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 to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

N.B. Would those sending emails to 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 quite often includes genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT, maybe even your important message!

EVENTS IN LATE SEPTEMBER

Live music from
The 3 Heartbeats

Taking you back to the days of Soul,
Motown and the Sounds of Philadelphia
plus

Roy Charles

Stand-up comedy and magic

Saturday 27th September

8.15pm in Seend Community Centre

Tickets £11 (*proceeds to the Community Centre*)

Phone Sam Sainsbury on 01380 828157



EVENTS IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Christ Church Bulkington
Harvest Supper
in Bulkington Village Hall
Monday 6th October at 7pm



followed by an Auction of Produce
Tickets: adults £5, children £3
from Liz Futter 828485

APPEARING IN CONCERT

**Sackful
of
Sovereigns**



www.sackfulofsovereigns.co.uk

at

**Cleeve House, Seend,
Nr. Melksham, Wiltshire.**

www.cleeve-house.com

Take two voices, a flute, a recorder, a concertina,
some electric and acoustic guitars, a bass guitar,
electronic drums, percussion, a clutch of original
and contemporary folk songs, a sprinkling of rock
and traditional influences and what do you get?...

an evening of electric folk music at its best

Saturday 18th October 2008

Featuring the British premiere of "An Unknown Child"

In 2007 Sidney Leslie Goodwin was identified by DNA testing as the occupant of the grave of the "Unknown Child" in the Fairlawn Cemetery in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Descendants of the Goodwin Family in America commissioned the song to follow on from "Bound for the Promised Land" which was written in 1998 about the Goodwin Family from Melksham who perished in the Titanic disaster in 1912. "An Unknown Child" was premiered in Canada, on August 6th 2008, after a special grave-side service.

NOW AVAILABLE

"Small Change" (5 track CD), "Bound for the Promised Land" (2 track CD), "Up to the Hill" (6 track CD),
"In for a Penny" (8 track CD), "The Other Side of the Coin" (10 track CD)

— TICKETS £6.00 each —

Available in Advance (Book early to avoid disappointment) from
Cleeve House, Seend, Nr. Melksham, Wiltshire · Telephone 01380 827129
Tourist Information Centre, Church Street, Melksham · Telephone 01225 707424
or Sackful of Sovereigns on 01225 707659

doors Open at 7.00pm - starts at 8.00pm

Refreshments available visit www.cleeve-house.com and www.sackfulofsovereigns.co.uk



Christ Church Bulkington
 A Choral Concert by
Capella Nova
 in **Bulkington Church**
Saturday 18th October at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets £8 to include light refreshments.
Please contact Liz Futter 828485
or Richard Whitehead 828612



Annual Dance in aid of Dorothy House

Saturday 25th October
8 till late at Seend Community Centre

Dancing to the 6-piece

Zig-Zag Band

50s, 60s and 70s classics

Tickets £10 (including ploughman's)

from Geoff on 01380 828603 or Ray on 01225 708811

Craft Fair

Saturday 1st November

10.30am-3.30pm

in the Pavilion



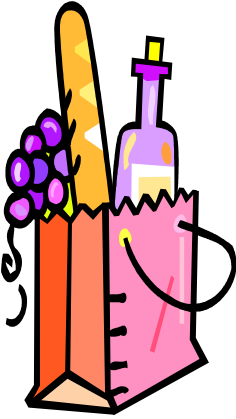
Perfect timing for Christmas presents!

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

Refreshments, soup and ploughman's lunch available

Entry £1 (includes free raffle ticket)

Proceeds in aid of church funds



Seend Wine and Food Fair

Saturday 8th November

7.30-10.30pm in the Community Centre

Tickets from Seend Shop/PO

or phone 01380 828617

(please book in advance for catering purposes)

**£7 including supper + six tastings
from a choice of 17 wines, and a market
place of local food producers to explore**

Local businesses wishing to be named as sponsors of this event
please ring 01380 828617

Seend Quiz Night
in the Pavilion
Saturday 15th November
Doors open 6.30pm - quiz starts 7pm
Tickets £6 to include buffet supper
available from Seend Post Office
or phone 827139
Licensed bar
Proceeds in aid of church funds

Advance Notice

The celebrated

Fred Wedlock

and

The Yetties



May 23rd 2009 at Leaze Farm, Bulkington

Tickets £10 on sale NOW!

Don't delay - many sold already

Barbecue and licensed bar on site

For tickets ring Sue Noad 01380 870343,

Audrey McDonald 01380 828376 or Jane Coles 01380 828145

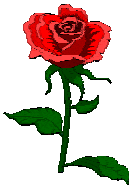
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Congratulations to Liz Futter who won this year's Bulkington Summer Quiz!

Thanks to all those who brought and arranged the beautiful flowers for the Church Patronal Festival weekend celebrations.

SEEND FLOWER SHOW



Despite the dreadful weather we have had this Summer (?) and particularly on the Fete and Flower Show day, the Show entries numbered nearly 540 and provided a colourful, mouthwatering and very interesting range of skills from all age groups.

The committee members are to be congratulated on the organisation and smooth running of the many aspects of the Show and for the pleasure that it gave to so many visitors and winners! The profit from the entry fees and sale of raffle tickets will be distributed by donations to the Seend School, whose teachers and pupils always provide such a colourful display of imaginative artistic abilities which decorate the walls of the Hall,

and also to the Community Centre, without whose facilities it would be impossible to stage the Show.

Next year, on August 8th 2009, the Seend Flower Show will celebrate its 60th Anniversary. Very few Flower Shows can boast having achieved this vintage and the Flower Show Committee seeks, with your help, to make this a very special occasion. So, please put this date in your next year's diary and start thinking now as to what you can enter or thoughts that you can contribute to help make this Show the biggest and most attractive Show ever.

Peter Fisher
Flower Show Committee Chair

SEEND SUMMER FETE - THE LAST CHAPTER

So, August 2008 has been officially declared to be the wettest August since records began, and this, say some, is incontrovertible evidence of global warming. Well that's as maybe but what was un-clear for most of the morning of Saturday August 9th was whether or not it would actually rain during the Fete. "There was," as a German colleague of mine once very elegantly put it "certainly a certain uncertainty"



At 7.30am, as volunteers breakfasted around the pavilion, it was cool but dry. By 10.00am the gazebos were up and the tables were beginning to be set out, and it was still cool but looking ominous. At 12.15pm the fancy-dress competitions were being judged - in the rain!

The Princess and Attendants arrived braving the rain in the back of an elegantly decorated open Bentley, while the driver protected himself under a large pink umbrella., the Fete was opened and the rain briefly stopped, then restarted - and for the rest of the day this was to be the pattern. And in-between times, the sun shone!

But the English climate doesn't stop us having fun. For more than 3 hours, Tombola and Grand Draw tickets were sold, games were played, prizes won, food and drink dispensed and consumed, and White Elephants were purchased by the dozen, and all the time with smiles and evident enjoyment, and with such determination that between 1.00 pm and 4.15pm we took just over £5,300!

The final total for Fete2008, with all bills paid and income received will be more than £5,500! This is a magnificent achievement by everyone involved, and to all who played a part I say thank you for a job wonderfully well done. Thanks also go to the many individuals and organisations that provided advertising revenue and sponsorship to support our event. Their generosity makes it possible to plan and organise the Fete on a scale which encourages

so many visitors to come and spend their money. Thanks must also go to this year's performers, including the stars of the afternoon, the Swifts Flyball Team. They were really amazing.

The last four Fetes organised by the present Committee have included the wettest Fete (2005), the second wettest Fete (2008), the most profitable Fete (2007) and the second most-profitable Fete (2006), and we can truly say that we are happy to have been involved in all these small records, even the 'wettest' ones!

EPILOGUE

Six members of the present organising committee are retiring – Sonja Nichols, Neil Yockney, Jo Vaux, Brian Hunt, Roger Brind and yours truly – while Jane Borwell and Susan Bolton are remaining in post and are being joined by Lisa Perrigo, Sally Barlow, Geoff Burgess, Ann Burgess, Ian Bolton, Georgie Agass, Rebecca Rowan, Dave Bowen and Fiona Johnson. So the future of the Seend Summer Fete is assured, and we wish the new team much success, and many new records – but hopefully not in the 'wettest' category.

Bernie Prolje
Chairman, Fete2008

Seend 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, or by running the stall as, in spite of the weather, we made a magnificent total of £419.00.

Roger Brind

SEEND FETE 2008

The flags are wildly flying
And the white line grids are drying
The tables and gazebos all in place
We work hard to fill the stalls
And sort out last minute calls
Our new horses are all ready for the race.

We have a gentle shower
It gets wetter by the hour
We hope that Ron can bend the heavenly ears
And though we flew the flag
To honour the old wag
We get the weather the Fête committee fears

But the village does us proud!
 We can't believe the crowd
 We count them in their hundreds and in tens
 With umbrella, mac and boot
 They bought up all the loot
 Well, what's a drop of rain between your friends?

So to the team who did the planning
 All the folks who did the manning
 Everyone who helped on every stall
 And to all of you who came
 The message is the same.
THANK YOU
 The Fete and field will be preserved for all.
 P.S. Better weather next year please Ron

From the Horse Race stables.

CHURCH NEWS

Holy Cross Church

Family Harvest Festival Service

on

October 5th at 11.15am

Please bring your harvest produce to the service

Seend School Choir, The Brownies
 and Seend Youth Group will be there; we look
 forward to seeing you too.



After the service join in the
picnic at Seend School
 Bring and share or pay £5

ALL WELCOME

From where I stand...

...looking at the fields that surround us we see that the traditions of agriculture, including Harvest, are subject to change! Since the middle of the 19th century we have enjoyed the Harvest Festival, or Harvest Thanksgiving, as both a village and church tradition. We know that the Rev'd RS Hawker in Morwenstow in Cornwall started this in 1843, saying it should be held on the first weekend in October, which meant that churches began to be decorated for this Harvest season. Of course the 'harvest home' celebration had long been part of the farming calendar but Hawker wanted to link the church and village saying, "God has been very good to us this year. He hath filled our garners with increase and satisfied our poor with bread... Let us offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving."

Experiencing the change in our weather, and as we know of harvesting over the last few months on any dry day or night, today's farmers try to get in crops whenever they can in the hope too that next years' seeds can be planted as soon as possible. The long dry summer seems a thing of the past! However whatever changes or developments, or serious crises, there are in farming the Church remains dedicated, especially in the countryside, to praying for and supporting the agricultural industry.

There are four particular seasons in the agricultural year linked with the Church, times when we traditionally give thanks and pray for God's provision for us. Early in the year on Plough Sunday, during the season of Epiphany, the Church prays for and dedicates the farming community. On Rogation Sunday, after Easter, the Church asks for God's blessing on the crops. At Lammas-tide, late in the summer, the first harvest is welcomed and then thanksgiving is offered at Harvest Festival later in the autumn. At all these times there are traditions that may have now fallen out of use, because of technology or other developments, like blessing the plough wheeled into church on Plough Sunday or at Lammas bringing in the first sheaf of wheat into church and blessing the loaf as a sign of the very first fruit of the harvest.

From where I stand, the way any village has kept its 'harvest home' may well have evolved and changed over the years just like farming practice either through necessity or because of the natural process of our culture which, after all, evolves over time! Two of our Benefice churches will once more this year take the harvest produce brought to church on to a local charity for the homeless and our school supports a similar endeavour. So however our villages and churches keep 'harvest home' come and join in, either in the church service or harvest meal, and share in the celebration of our food resources, even if the way it's done doesn't meet with *your* idea of how Harvest used to be – after all, looking at the fields that surround us we see that the traditions of agriculture, including Harvest, are subject to change!

The Rev'd Sacha Pearce



First Steps Benefice Parent and Toddler Church Service

The First Steps group will meet again on Tuesday 7 October 2008 at the usual time of 2.15pm in Holy Cross Church, Seend. As the meeting falls just after our Harvest Festival, we will be thanking God for the fruits of the harvest, and the food we eat. After we have listened to the story, sang some songs and said our prayers, there may be some colouring in to do. Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits will be served at the end of the service. Everybody is welcome to come along and join in the fun. For further information contact the Rector on 828615 or Jo on 828550.

Benefice of Holy Cross Seend, Christchurch Bulkington & St Peter's Poulshot - services for October

Sunday 5th Oct 'Harvest Festival'

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend
 09.30 Family Eucharist Bulkington
 11.15 Parish Eucharist Seend
 18.00 Evensong Poulshot

Sunday 12th Oct 2nd Sunday of the month

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend
 09.30 Mattins St Peter's Poulshot
 11.15 Parish Eucharist Holy Cross Seend
 18.00 Evensong Christchurch Bulkington

Sunday 19th Oct 3rd Sunday of the month

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend
 09.30 Parish Eucharist Bulkington
 11.15 Parish Eucharist Holy Cross Seend
 18.00 Parish Eucharist St Peter's Poulshot

Clocks go back!

Sunday 26th Oct 4th Sunday of the month

08.00 Holy Communion Holy Cross Seend
 09.30 Family Eucharist St Peter's Poulshot
 11.15 Family Eucharist Holy Cross Seend
 18.00 Songs of Praise Evensong Bulkington

FROM ROY

The world didn't come to an end. We didn't disappear down a black hole. I mean when they started up the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland last month. I wasn't really worried that anything would happen. It isn't just that I trust God to take care of the world. I am not sure that because God cares for

the world that excuses us from acting responsibly – in fact I am sure that it doesn't. It was more that I couldn't believe that a science project that was sponsored by most the governments in Europe would be so irresponsible as to risk ending the world. And on reflection, despite the large scale of the apparatus, the actually particles and forces are so incredibly minute. There is not enough energy involved in the experiments to power a light bulb. This didn't stop the media from hyping everything up of course.

I am more fascinated by the potential of these experiments to help us understand more about the universe of which we are part. The universe that we believe is God's gift to us. I don't really understand about quarks, gluons, superstrings and anti matter – the stuff of particle physics. And the result of the experiments that are taking place in Switzerland maybe that our understanding of such things will prove to be false or we will have to radically change our suppositions. What I do think is that the more that the mysteries of the universe are unlocked, the more I wonder at the glories of God's vast creation. Wonder is the beginning of worship. It is our delight in the goodness and the wisdom of God.



**Seend Methodist Chapel Services
for October - see end of Spotlight**

CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

SEEND WI



On Saturday 2nd August Carola and Mathew Thorpe opened the garden of Beech House to the village and served tea and cakes and champagne, the proceeds of this event to be shared between the WI and the Community Centre. Fortunately we enjoyed one of the few nice sunny evenings of the summer, and the WI benefited by the sum of £238. We are very grateful to them for this generous gesture.

Unfortunately Seend Fete day was very wet, but nonetheless members of the committee braved the weather and raised £45 for WI funds by encouraging people to guess the number of sweets in a jar. Several ladies also expressed an interest in joining the WI, so it was a successful day.

The speaker for the August meeting was Mrs Ann Chapman from Chippenham who gave a very interesting talk about the history and techniques of patchwork. She urged all those members who have half finished patchwork cushions and quilts at the back of their cupboards to get them out and finish them!

The speaker for our September meeting was Mrs Celia Jennings who gave an interesting insight into education in Victorian times with the work undertaken by Sevington Victorian School

The birthday party will be on Wednesday 8th October. The committee are going to provide a buffet and entertainment. Tickets are £5 which will include tea and coffee and a soft drink, and glasses will be provided for people who wish to bring their own drinks.

Our meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion at 7.30 pm. If you are interested in joining, then please feel free to come along, or if you would like more information please contact either Sarah Todhunter, our President on 828730 or our Secretary Susan Bolton on 827065

STOP PRESS!!

Your WI committee is planning a Nearly New sale in November. Start thinking about your winter wardrobe. Go through your cupboards and find all those impulse buys that you have hardly worn and resist more purchases. Date and further details to be published in November Spotlight.



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 9th October 2008, 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 9th November 2008, 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.

Remembrance Day

There will be the usual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Tuesday 11th November 2008, at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Poppy Appeal 2008

The annual Remembrance appeal starts on Saturday, 25th October, and continues until Remembrance Day itself on Sunday 9th November. There are 18 collectors around the village together with 18 static boxes.

The next edition of Spotlight will include a notice about the work of the Royal British Legion and a gift-aid envelope. Many subscribers already use gift-aid,

and it is one way the branch can improve its figure without any extra cost to yourselves. This will be more fully explained in the next edition of Spotlight. Any queries please to Anthony Hodgkinson, 12 Dial Close, Seend. Tel: 828545.

SEEND WEA Autumn Course

Our WEA Autumn Course starts on **Monday 6th October** at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Dr Allan Phillipson will be giving a second series of lectures on '**Literature and Social History**', exploring the social context of literature, from Hardy's cottage to Waugh's Brideshead Revisited - but you don't have to have read any books at all to enjoy the talks! The fee is £47 for eight lectures, free if in receipt of a means tested benefit. (Other students may be eligible for some financial assistance through the WEA's Learner Support Fund.) Further details of the course from Pam Church on 828597, or just turn up on the night.

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

On Sunday 17th August, seven walkers joined Penny and Ron England for a 5.3 mile walk around Naish Hill, Lacock. Despite the poor weather forecast, the walk was completed in warm sunny conditions and we enjoyed stunning long-distance views of the Wiltshire countryside. Half-way round, we stopped to remember Ron Westacott MBE, who was, of course, a stalwart member of the group. We shared some of his poetry and were reminded of his love of nature and his great sense of fun. There was a collection which will be sent to Dorothy House Hospice in his memory.



Nine walkers took part in the Berwick St James annual event on 1st September. We covered tracks with a fresh breeze in the air, most bracing, covering plain and downland, and remained fine! On returning to the Guiding Centre, the ladies had prepared a lovely meal for us, whereupon a further ten members joined us. Our grateful thanks to Ann Salter for organising yet another splendid evening, and to Geraldine and Brian De' Ath for leading the walk at the last minute.

The next walk, which was scheduled for October 19th, will now be on **Sunday 2nd November** and will be organised by Pam and Derek Chapman. Details not yet finalised at time of going to press. Please turn up in Rusty Lane on the 2nd at 9.30am. Bring refreshments. Should you wish to know more about this walk, phone Pam and Derek nearer the time on 01225 793227.

A weekend in Chipping Norton will take place on **3rd-5th October**, with 28 members taking part. Two walks have been organised, one from Chipping Norton and the other from Burford. We hope the weather will be kind to us!

Lin Salter - Tel: 01225 706451

SEEND RAMBLERS SOCIAL EVENING

An evening with Richard Angwin from BBC Weather Forecasting has been arranged for **Friday, 21st November** as our annual social event. Doors open at the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion at 7.30 for an 8.15pm start. Tickets, including supper, cost £4 from Committee Members, or phone Bob Howe on 01380 828554 or Lin Salter on 01225 706451.

100+ CLUB

Membership for 2008/9: has clearly settled at **198**. The numbers allocated to current members with initials **A** to **J** were listed in Spotlight for July. Numbers allocated to current members with initials **K** to **Y** are listed below.

Results for June & July 2008: the draws took place on Tuesday July 15th following a Seend Fete Committee meeting. The draw was made by members of the Committee.

August & September draws: these will take place at the Lye Field meeting on 16th September and the Fete2008 washup meeting on 18th September. Results in November Spotlight.

June 2008

1 st Prize £35	84	Mrs Marcia Cottle
2 nd Prize £30	47	Dave Sawyer
3 rd Prize £25	114	Seend Gardening Club
4 th Prize £20	30	Mrs Nancy Hutchinson
5 th Prize £15	113	John 'BJ' Tilley
6 th Prize £10	13	Peter Dearing

July 2008

1 st Prize £35	101	Ms Tracy Delamere
2 nd Prize £30	102	Brian Hunt
3 rd Prize £25	88	Mrs Helen Hook
4 th Prize £20	59	Peter Ewing
5 th Prize £15	7	Mrs Joan Savage
6 th Prize £10	187	Mrs Sue Johns

Numbers of existing members K-Y

Kilduff, Miss A	163	Manser, Mr M	121
Kilduff, Miss R	078	Manser, Mr M	125
Kilduff, Mr M	143	Martine, Mrs J	011
Kilduff, Mrs J	081	Mattock, Mr & Mrs B	043
Knocker, Mr N	174	Mayell, Mr C	016
Knocker, Mrs A	175	Mayell, Mr J	184
Louca, Mrs D	069	Mayell, Mr W & Mrs R	023
Louca, Mrs D	153	Mayell, Mrs M	183

McCulloch Mr R I	021	Smallshaw, Mr J S	083
McCulloch, Mrs S L	158	Smart, Mr N	139
Miller, Mr J I	099	Smart, Mrs N	190
Miller, Mrs N	076	Smith, Miss V M	181
Moore, Mr M	176	Smith, Mr C	144
Moore, Mrs J	157	Smith, Mr R S	002
Morgan, Mr R	185	Smith, Mr R S	068
Moroney, Mrs S M	082	Smith, Mrs B M O	154
Newman, Mr R	010	Smith, Mrs V M	034
Newman, Mrs A	064	Springate, Mrs C	006
Newman, Mrs S	123	Stack, Mrs J	201
Nicholls, Mr D	173	Stephens, Mrs W	060
Nunn, Mr S A	159	Sutton, Ms J	048
Nunn, Mr S A	166	Symons, Mr T	005
O'Reilly, Mr P J	086	Symons, Mrs S R	196
O'Reilly, Mrs C	197	Teasdale, Mr F	151
Orlans, Mr C	094	Thornton, Mr R	182
Park, Mr M D	017	Thornton, Mrs L	091
Park, Mr M D	120	Thorpe, Sir Matthew	062
Phillips, Dr S	168	Tilley, Mr B J	113
Phillips, Mrs J	008	Todhunter, Mrs S	053
Pike, Mr N	001	Turner, Mrs S	050
Pond, Mrs A C	072	Vaux, Mr N	079
Prolze, Mr B J	056	Vaux, Mrs J	155
Prolze, Mrs E	098	Waldeck, Mr C	142
Proven, Mrs L	203	Walker, Mr R	130
Puntis, Mrs L	117	Walker, Mrs M	041
Rogers, Mrs J	162	Warren, Mr L	036
Russell, Mr H	192	Waylen, Mr A	150
Russell, Mrs C	095	Westacott, Mr R E	073
Salter, Miss A	057	Westacott, Mr R E	140
Savage, Mrs J	007	White, Mrs M	028
Sawyer, Mr D	047	Whitehead, Mr R	137
Sawyer, Mr R	038	Whitehead, Mrs M	089
Sawyer, Mr R	077	Wiltshire, Mrs J	003
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Bernie Prolze
Organiser

SEEND SHUTTLE



Timetables

Don't forget the Shuttle timetable can be viewed on www.seend.org.uk - or there are some copies on the bus if you ask the driver nicely! The Tuesday morning run to Melksham can drop you at one end of town and pick you up at the other with plenty of time to do all your shopping in between.

Stratford Shuttle

Rumour has it that tickets for David Tennant's Hamlet are selling on ebay for loadsamoney. They are the hottest tickets in town! I'll be in touch with those lucky people who have booked and paid for their tickets for the matinee on 25th October a couple of weeks beforehand to finalise pick-up arrangements.

There are a couple of spare seats on the Shuttle should anyone manage to buy their own tickets, or just wish to enjoy a day out shopping and sightseeing in Stratford. Do ring me if you are interested.

Tessa Doe
828617

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Looking back

We're not going to even mention the summer weather, but just reflect on the successful Saturday breakfasts throughout the holiday period, the disco on 16th August that raised lots of money for cancer research, and the delightful 'open garden' evening at Beech House. Many thanks to John and Lilian and the breakfast teams, Barb Tilbury and Mathew and Carolla Thorpe respectively.

Coming events

Unfortunately the performance by 'Other Lives' Theatre Company on September 21st had to be cancelled - but we hope they will come and entertain us next spring instead. Likewise, the antiques event planned for 12th November is being postponed until the spring.

The next big event is the show featuring '**The 3 Heartbeats**' and comedian Roy Charles, organised by Sam Sainsbury on **27th September**; there's still just time to book your tickets by phoning Sam on 01380 828157. We can promise a real party atmosphere, if previous shows are anything to go by!

Next we have the annual dance in aid of Dorothy House on **Saturday, 25th October**, with live music from the **Zig-Zag Band**. On **November 8th**, we have the second **Seend Wine and Food Fair**, back by popular demand - an opportunity to stock up in readiness for the festive season.

See display ads at the beginning of Spotlight for details of all these events.

We are also hoping to organise another **Quiz Night** some time in the autumn.

We'd love to hear from people who have ideas for events they would like to see at the Centre, especially if they are willing to help organise them! Talk to committee members or leave a note in the Suggestions Box on the bar.

Wine Tasting Sponsorship

If any village businesses (some have already been successfully approached) would like to donate a modest sum in return for publicity at the Wine and Food Fair - and free admission! - please contact Tessa on 828617 for details before the end of September. (That's a slight extension of the deadline already given to businesses we contacted earlier. We'd still love to hear from those who haven't yet responded.)



Book and Game Swap

The Swap is open to Club members between 7.30-10.30pm every evening when the lounge bar is open, so do pop in and have a look. There's some good stuff there for adults and children.

Seed Trade Fair

Would any small businesses in the village be interested in a mini 'trade fair' at the Community Centre? Would the general public be interested in attending such an event? Please let any committee member know your thoughts, or phone Tessa on 828617.

Refurbishments update



The new chairs are now in situ. We hope you like them. A certificate naming and thanking our chair sponsors will shortly be on display.

Repairs to the roof are, we hope, about to commence. The contractors tell us that the roofspace should be covered and weatherproof each evening so that skittles and evening functions should not be affected. The members' lounge bar and the upstairs room will not be affected at all, and we hope that daytime events can utilise these. We have been very fortunate in securing more funding from Kennet District Council toward these necessary repairs.

Work is also under way on refurbishing the toilets at both ends of the building. We shall do one set of loos at a time so there will always be somewhere to adjourn to when necessary!

Once the roof is done, the new ceiling, lighting and sound system can, at last, be put in place. We shall then look at purchasing new tables, redecorating the hall and cleaning or replacing the stage curtains.

Meanwhile, the downstairs room that was used as a children's/TV room, before becoming a storeroom, is now empty and will be redecorated, making a useful new facility.

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



During the summer break, in July, we visited the National Trust garden at Hidcote and nearby Kiftsgate Court garden with only a few showers in the morning! Hidcote was looking good, despite rain induced lush growth. It is a garden divided into lots of small compartments and pressure of numbers, not just us, made it difficult at times to see it properly but it was nevertheless enjoyed. Kiftsgate Court, a private garden nearby, is less well known and is a garden for plant enthusiasts to spot lots of different varieties. It has beautiful vistas across surrounding countryside towards Wales. It is also the home of the white Kiftsgate Rose, which is rambling in one area of the garden and taking up a staggering amount of space. Pruning must be problematical unless the owner has admitted defeat! The journey home was very scenic with the sun shining strongly on rain freshened countryside. A good day. Next year the day trip will be on July 18th. There will be a weekend trip to Kent.

Thank you to all who helped on the gardening club stalls at the Church and Lye Field Fetes - both very successful, the latter despite the rain. A tray was left on the stall. See Joyce if you think it's yours. There was a good number of entries for the Gardening Club geranium in the Flower Show, won by Susie Rawstron.

In August some members visited the vineyard at Littleton Panell and enjoyed a tour and very interesting talk on growing wine in this country. Wine was both consumed and purchased.

Chris Smith of Pennard Plants was unable to address our first meeting but was good enough to give us plenty of notice. Instead we welcomed back Dinah Lindon-Critchley to talk about prairie planting - the use of perennials and grasses together. Although not to everyone's taste, grasses can be very useful and attractive in the garden. Many have almost year round interest with the colour of the foliage, delicate flowers and attractive seed heads during the autumn and winter. Perennials planted with them are enhanced by being glimpsed through the gently swaying stems. They can be planted formally with separate blocks of grasses and perennials or more informally with all the plants muddled together. You can extend the season with bulbs in the spring. You can also be rewarded with the beauty of frosted grasses in the winter by not cutting them down until Spring. Another form of prairie planting is wildflower meadow planting with a mixture of native wildflowers and grasses and annuals. Good if you have a spare orchard or meadow! However, all these ideas can be adapted to smaller places and also work in shade. Dinah is a very knowledgeable and interesting speaker and will be asked to visit again! The competition for a single flower, was won by Sylvia Ewin. 2nd and 3rd were Jean Allen and Tony Hill.

Next month the speaker is Carl Sadler on making garden trugs and he will have some for sale also. The competition is 'An item from the potting shed.'

Sue Johns

SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 6th November, at 7.30pm in the Pavilion. This will be our AGM and it will be followed by a talk on Church Recording by Lady Belinda Johnson.



The Committee invite members to make suggestions for next year's programme.

All are welcome to come along to the meeting and enjoy a glass of wine. For further information please contact me on 828809 or Tony Ewin on 828325.

Joy Stack



MOTHERS' UNION **SEEND AND BULKINGTON BRANCH**

At the meeting on 16th July, Mr Anthony Matthews spoke about the work of the Farm Crisis Network. He explained the many difficulties facing farmers today that the Crisis Network, which is a countryside volunteer organisation aims to help. Sometimes it is overwork, anxiety, loneliness, an excess of form-filling, bad debts or even bereavement. The Network 'walks with' and supports people as they seek to resolve their problems.

In Britain, dairy farmers are going out of business faster than ever before because the price paid for their milk is below the cost of production.

In a recent survey, 70% of people said they wanted to be able to buy local, or regional, food. The farming community would be greatly helped if 'people power' could achieve this.

In August the branch members had a happy afternoon in Cleeve House, enjoying a cream tea. Only the warm sunshine was missing.

Throughout October, we hope to collect necessities for a Women's Refuge in Salisbury. A box will be at the back of Holy Cross Church until November 16th. They need toiletries, single sheets, single duvets and covers and towels – all in new or nearly new condition. Can you help?

Please phone E. Campbell, M. Coley or J. Bell to arrange for collection if you are unable to bring items to Church.

Future dates:

October 15th – Mrs Carol Jones – 'Answering God's Call'

November 19th – Bring and Buy Sale – Mr Peter Hicks, The Royal British Legion.

SEEND C.E. AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Seend School Fundraising Group



Another exciting fundraising year for the Group with approx 14 members, it's a great way to start the school year. We will be concentrating on our biggest project to date - the Outdoor Classroom. This will provide much needed learning space for the school, with the added bonus of being outside - so watch this space with that one!

Also, one of our biggest fundraisers coming up is the Christmas Fayre, with rides on Chuffy the Train and lots of stalls to tempt buyers, it's an excellent way to raise money. (More information at a later date).

We will be having lots of events throughout the coming school year - so watch this space!

Rachel Lewis

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL July and August meetings

The meeting held on 29th July was attended by eight Councillors, with Mr. Clifford Smith in the chair. Two members of the public were also in attendance.

A letter was sent to Wiltshire County Council requesting **traffic-calming measures on the A361** between the bottom of Caen Hill and Seend Fork, to mitigate the effects of speed and reduce the number of serious accidents.

The PC intends to replace the **notice boards** in Seend Cleeve, by Rew Farm, and outside the Post Office.

Planning

An Appeal has been lodged against the refusal of the following planning application:

K/58410/F Mr & Mrs Shearmon, Spiderweb Paddock, Rusty Lane
2 pole barns, one for storage of farm machinery and one for hay and straw

An Appeal has been lost against the refusal of the following planning application:

K/57093/F Mr & Mrs Moore, Brookes Farm, Bath Road
Conversion and extension of outbuildings to form dwelling

The following applications have been approved:

K/58717/F Mr Bartholomew & Miss Scott, Blackwell Cottage, Bell Hill
Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and detached garage

K/58769/F Mr & Mrs Giles, Old Wyatts, Row Lane, Seend Cleeve
New boundary wall to Row Lane & new pedestrian access

K/58773/F Mrs Hibberd, 72 Seend Cleeve
Erection of conservatory to rear

K/58793/ LBC Mr & Mrs Giles, Old Wyatts, Row Lane, Seend Cleeve
Removal of existing redundant boiler chimney and
reinstatement of existing thatch

K/58890/TR2 Mr P Ewing, 1 Somerset Close
Felling of two trees adjacent to double garage

The following applications have been withdrawn:

K/58807/LBC Mr & Mrs Giles, Old Wyatts, Row Lane, Seend Cleeve
K/58808/F Proposed alterations and extension to existing coachhouse

The following applications were considered, and no objections raised:

K/58770/F Mr K Stokes, Berhills Farm, Bath Road, Sells Green
Replacement dwelling

K/58979/F Mr D Card, Rowcroft House, Spout Lane, Seend
Convert stable block into 2 holiday lets

K/59089/ LBC Mr & Mrs Giles, Old Wyatts, Row Lane, Seend
Proposed alterations to existing kitchen and proposed
replacement canopy to utility external door and replacement
roof covering to utility and existing lean-to roof to family room/
kitchen lobby

K/59169/ HED Wessex Water, Land to the south of The Barge Inn
Removal of a section of hedgerow and replant (proposed new
sewer main)

There was one comment relating to the following application:

K/59159/F Mr A Drewett, Seven Acres Farm, Curnicks Lane, Off Broad
Lane
Erection of stables and barn

It was felt that the stable block was too high, and should be kept as a single
storey building.

A letter has been received from Wiltshire CC re. the **A361 – Littleton
Roundabout to Seend Fork**, to advise that survey work should commence
before Christmas along this route, which has been identified as one of three
priority routes to be assessed with a view to developing appropriate freight
management measures.

A letter has been received from Wiltshire CC, to advise that they have made an Order to **modify the Definitive Map and Statement** to show a restricted byway from the A361, Keevil to u/c 6076 at Seend Head Mill.

A letter has been received from Kennet DC, to advise that they are objecting to the removal of the **telephone box** at The Lye, Seend, as it is adjacent to social housing, and there is restricted alternative access.

The last **parish skip** at Wessex Water site was filled to overflowing. Please try to take as much as possible to local Recycling Centres, to reduce the amount of rubbish going to landfill.

The PC still has **allotments** available opposite The Bell. Anyone interested in having one rent-free for two years should contact the Parish Clerk.

The meeting held on 26th August was attended by 7 Councillors, with Mr. Clifford Smith in the chair. Mr. Richard Munro from Wiltshire County Council was also in attendance, plus three members of the public.

Mr. Munro spoke to the PC about the implementation plans for the **new Unitary Authority**, in particular the delegation of various services to Town and Parish Councils. These would not include social care services, but related to items such as street cleaning, street furniture and street naming. Mr. Munro asked the PC to let him know within the next two months if there were any services the PC wanted to take on; any services the PC were not sure about and any services the PC did not want to take on. He also explained that there would be Community Area Boards on which PCs would have representation. He said that, so far, rural councils had expressed an interest in taking on grass cutting and the kind of jobs currently undertaken by Parish Stewards. Parish Councillors then had the opportunity to ask Mr. Munro questions.

A lengthy letter has been received from Mr. Parvis Khansari, Assistant Director Environmental Services at Wilts CC. He explained that **speed limits** are being re-assessed against guidance from the DfT given in August 2006, and any changes will be implemented by 2011. With regard to double white lines, it is the practice of the County Council to restrict the use of double white lines on "A" roads. He would refer the request for the provision of a speed camera to the Safety Camera Unit.

Planning

The following planning applications have been approved:

- K/58756/F Mr & Mrs Godwin, 14 The Stocks, Seend Cleeve
Replacement dwelling
- K/58770/F Mr K Stokes, Berhills Farm, Bath Road, Sells Green
- K/58979/F Mr D Card, Rowcroft House, Spout Lane, Seend
Convert stable block into 2 holiday lets

The following applications were considered, and no objections raised:

- K/59201/F Mr & Mrs Whitehead, Seend Lodge, High Street, Seend
Re-building of section of boundary wall east of main entrance gates and re-pointing/repair to the remaining lengths of wall
- K/59213/DEM Mr G Meer, 53 Seend Cleeve
Rear first floor extension and raised decking area
- K/59247/O Trustees of Anne Dent Deceased , Wyatts Leaze, Trowbridge Road, Seend
Demolition of existing dwelling. Outline application for erection of detached house and garage
- K/59343/TR2 Mr Smallshaw, 15 Dial Close, Seend
Trimming back by approximately 20% of an acer tree situated on the front lawn of the property

A notice has been placed on the three parish notice boards dated 26 August, to advertise the **current vacancy on the Parish Council**.

A notice has been received from Wiltshire CC, to advise that part of **Pelch Lane** from its junction with Station Road towards the junction with Perrys Lane will be closed for approximately 6 weeks from 14th October. This is to enable Wessex Water to renew a sewerage main in the carriageway.

Dates for the next **Parish skips** will be:

- September 26th The Three Magpies
There will not be a skip in October.
November 28th Community Centre

The **next Parish Council meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 30th September 2008 at Seend Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher
Parish Clerk

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS and FIXTURES

Cricket

Since our last report Seend contested a further seven matches, mostly through a curtain of rain. Led by captain Ben King this has been one of the most successful seasons for many years with the young side winning nine and losing only four - with two of the victories on the last ball of the match.

20th July – Local rivals Keevil were dismissed for 102 assisted by Chris Waylen's figures of 4-23. Seend's response was to reach the target with some 10 overs and 2 wickets to spare: Luke Ballinger and Dan Waylen scoring 20 each with Tom Wallis notching up a tidy 15.



27th July – Frome Incidentals at home – Seend batted first, reaching 192 thanks to Jeff Mattock 35, Luke Ballinger 36 and Tom Wallis 33. Frome matched Seend to the very last ball when a four would have given them victory, only to see Russell Collins secure the win with a caught and bowled! Jake Sainsbury 3-38

3rd August – Visitors Frome Red Star could only manage 114, and the match looked as if it would be abandoned due to rain. However, Seend comfortably eclipsed the Frome total with Russell Collins on 32 and Tom Wallis 45 not out. Ben King, Chris Waylen and Tom Wallis picked up 2 wickets each.

17th August – This weekend it was away to Keevil at their delightful but rain soaked ground. Keevil managed 154 off their allocated 40 overs with Tom Wallis taking 3-15. Seend replied by knocking off the necessary runs for the loss of only 3 wickets, Luke Ballinger 43, Russell Collins 29, Tom Wallis 35 not out, Andy Furniss 24 not out. The match was also remembered for a somewhat unusual celebration by Luke Ballinger on taking a Keevil wicket – described by the match referee as “bare faced cheek”, but apparently not warranting any penalty!

24th August – At home to the Golden Fleece, this was a rare Summer defeat, with Seend fielding a very young team, with many of the regulars off at the Reading Festival! The Fleece set 242 for Seend to chase but despite Jeff Mattock’s 47 and Andy Clarke’s 38 their total of 134 was well off the mark. Hopefully Charlie Waylen’s 11 not out on his debut was a sign of things to come.

31st August – The return match against Frome Incidentals had Seend chasing a total of 135, Jake Sainsbury having taken 3-15; Tom Wallis made 39, Andy Clarke 28 and Ben King with 40 not out ensured a comfortable 6 wicket win. Sportingly Seend offered the visitors Dan Waylen, as they were a man short. Dan responded by taking Tom Wallis’ wicket and then uprooting Luke Ballinger’s middle stump with the latter on 5!

14th September – Home to Beanacre for the last match of the season – and no rain! The seal on the season was set with the 9th success of the campaign. Tom Wallis 24 and Andy Furniss 31 underpinned the Seend tally of 166. Russell Collins with 3-16 and Jack Davis 2-10 led the way in restricting Beanacre to a modest 75.

Seend – Ben King (captain), Nathan King, Tom Wallis, Russell Collins, Andy Furniss, Luke Ballinger, Andy Clarke, Dan Wallis, Pete Wallis, Jeff Mattock, Paris Goddard, Jake Sainsbury, Josh Hamblin, William Goodier, Chris Waylen, Dan Waylen, Jack Davis, William Davis, Charlie Waylen, Greg Bowen, James Dancey, Nick Rawlings. Teas – Anita Shea

Tennis

Seend has had two mixed and one men’s team in the Chippenham and District Tennis League this year. Unfortunately the ladies had to drop out early in the season, but hope to rebuild next spring.



The mixed A team, Elaine Davis, Mark Newman, Tim Hues, Sally Hawkins, Steve Yelland, Carol Whitely and Pam Akerman, topped division 3 with 8 wins

and 2 draws out of 12 matches. They are automatically promoted to division 2. Congratulations to Elaine's team.

The mixed B team of Ric Ellinger, Dan Waylen, Frankie Goddard, Carol Whitely, Pam Akerman, Jeanne Bergin, Susie Meharg, David Meharg, Chris Ellinger, Will Newell, Lawrence Jackson and Pete Scott ended up midway in division 5. Perhaps it will be promotion to division 4 next year. They notched up 5 wins out of 11 matches.

The men's team of Dan Waylen, Charlie Scott, Pete Scott, Tom Jackson, Lawrence Jackson, Tom Wood, Frankie Goddard, Will Newell, Roger Mortimer and Mark Newman missed promotion to division 5 by a whisker as a result of injuries and absences in the last few weeks of the season. They recorded 9 wins, 1 draw and 4 defeats.

Skittles

The Seend mens skittles teams, A B C and D start their Melksham league matches on 19/9/08 – hopefully by next month's Spotlight we should have an indication as to where they will be going this season . Best of luck to all Seend's skittles teams - ladies and Devides League teams too.



Short Mat Bowls

The boys are back with a bang – sporting their bright yellow lycra kit picked up by Director of Bowling Colin Waldeck on eBay for a snip from a disgraced East European weightlifting team who had to leave Beijing somewhat prematurely – anyway, every cloud etc. etc. The first match in the Winter league is in October, circuit training commences in earnest on 28th September – wear that lycra with pride team!

Seend Tigers Football – Coach Luke Ballinger

The Tigers kicked off the season with a match on the 30th August against Bradford-on-Avon U15. The Tigers were, on average, some two years younger than the opposition, and so their victory of 5-4 was an outstanding achievement.



The team was: Greg Bowen, Charlie Waylen, Harry Waylen, Josh Gingell, George Akerman, Matt Purdy, Will Purdy, Jack Davis, Will Davis, Harry Keen, Tom Keen, Henry Hawkins and Tom Hawkins. Scorers – Charlie Waylen 2, Josh Gingell 1, Harry Keen 1, Jack Davis 1.

Training continues on a Friday but Luke will probably move this to a Saturday in a few weeks time as the nights draw in. Well done to the team!

Senior Football

1st XI – Manager Matthew Pearce

The first league match saw a 5-1 win over Trowbridge Town A, (Gary Higdon a hattrick!). This victory for the league champions was followed by an 8-1 rout in the cup against F.C.Northbridge with the new signing Gary Higdon netting 5 goals. A great start to the season.

Reserves

The reserves play in the Trowbridge and District 2nd Division. They started the season with a cup-tie against Trowbridge Wanderers, which was still deadlocked at 3-3 after extra time. We look forward to the replay.

Deadline for October is the 11th. All results, news and fixtures to the club house please.

Frankie Goddard – 828488

BITS 'N' BOBS

Please help riders and cyclists

Upgrading of footpath Keevil 23

There is a chance, just a chance, that life for Seend cyclists and horse riders may become a whole lot safer if an inquiry finds that the footpath called Keevil 23 should be upgraded. Horses and cyclists would no longer have to use Baldham Bridge or Bell Hill, risking risk life and limb, when they want to enjoy a ride towards Keevil, Bulkington and all points South.

This footpath, from Seend Head Mill to the A361 near the T junction to Keevil, is a very old track which the Wiltshire Bridleways Association put in a claim to upgrade to a bridleway, on some very strong historical map evidence.

Seend is very lucky because there are literally hundreds of such applications languishing in the WCC files. But this path, if granted, would make such a good long distance link and improve public safety that the Rights of Way Department have jumped it up the queue because it accords with the aspirations of their new Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Wiltshire.

So WCC have made the Order, put up the notices, and there was the 42 day window for support and objections. Since there was one objection it will now go to committee and on to Inquiry with the Secretary of State within the next few months. However, it all will turn on the historical evidence, which will be contested, so if any of our older residents have memories of using this path in their youth it could be crucial to the outcome.

It would make such a difference to riding and cycling safety that it would be wonderful to find someone who remembers riding there when it was not locked. Anyone else too can help by supporting the application, by writing to or emailing Sally Magwick at the WCC Rights of Way Department.

You can see the application on the WCC website at :

http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/row/getrow.php?reference_number=2006/17

Lucy Garton
Wiltshire Bridleways Association

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Wanted: Good home for an old Hammond Organ. Condition unknown, but in need of tlc. Used to belong to John Paton who wants nothing for it. Currently housed in the WI Hut. Enquiries to Roger Brind (Tel. 828830)

For Sale: Focalpoint electric stove. Model 565 stove (black) with remote control handset. £125 o.n.o. Tel: 01380 828311.

Seend Methodist Chapel Services for October

Sunday 12th October 10am - Mr Douglas Colborne

Sunday 26h October 6pm - Rev Roy Fowler, with Holy Communion

Anne Salter

USEFUL CONTACTS :

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

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 - vacancy

Seend Community Centre & Club - Bookings - Stan Wiltshire (Skittles only) 828559.

Hall bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617.

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 - Sylvia Ewin 828325 Marion 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 - Sarah Todhunter on 828730

Seend Fawltly Players - Tessa Doe 828617

Seend Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451

WEA - Pam Church on 828597

Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830;

Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson on 828545

Seend Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 828757

Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067

Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407

Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - Tony Ewin on 828325; 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

PC Andrew Horman, Community Beat Manager for our area, can be contacted at devizesnorthruralpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk or on 0845 408 7000

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Sat	8.30 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
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