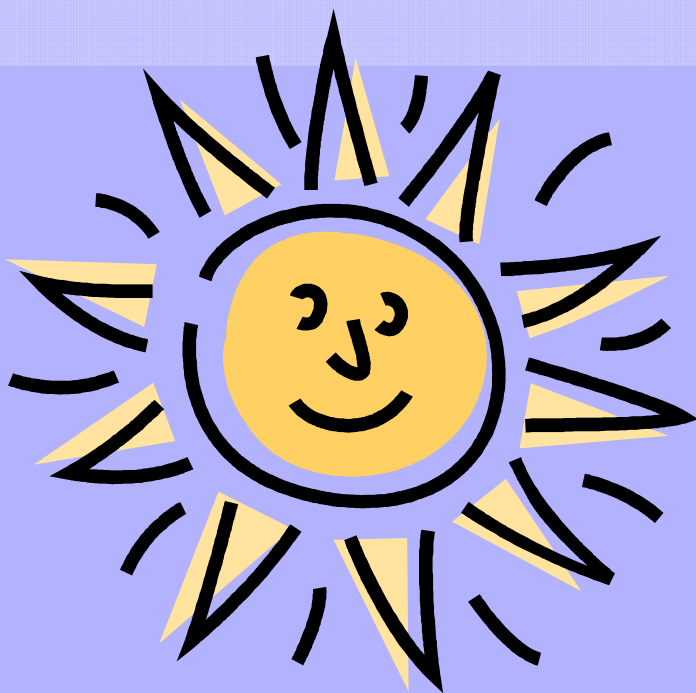


SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



July 2009

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 27th 60s Night at Seend Community Centre, 8pm
- 27th Wessex Concert Orchestra at Keevil Manor, 7.30pm
- 30th Seend Parish Council, 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre

DIARY DATES FOR JULY

- 1st Shuttle shopping trip; phone Terry on 828203 by Monday 29th June to book
- 4th Great Bulkington Railway in operation, 1.30-4.30pm
- 6th Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 8th WI Summer Fun evening at the Community Centre
- 11th Seend Church Summer Fete, Seend School 12 noon-4pm
- 17th Grand re-opening of refurbished Community Centre - details to be announced
- 17th Family Night at Seend School, 6pm
- 18th DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT
- 18th Bulkington Fete and Fun Day from 12 noon, plus disco in the evening
- 18th Gardening Club day out to Dorset and Somerset
- 18th Start of Summer Saturday breakfasts in Seend Community Centre
- 18th Ramble and picnic with Seend Ramblers. Meet at 2.30pm North Wraxall
- 20th Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 21st Nosh and Natter lunch club, 12 for 12.30pm in Seend Community Centre
- 25th Breakfast in Seend Community Centre
- 30th Election for vacancy on Seend Parish Council

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

- 1st Breakfast in Seend Community Centre
- 3rd Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 8th Fete on the Lye Field and Flower Show in the Community Centre
- 15th Breakfast in Seend Community Centre
- 17th Theatre Club to 'Spend, Spend, Spend' at Watermill, Newbury
- 17th Mobile Library - 9.35 am The Lye; 10am telephone box, Seend Cleeve; 10.55am Topsy Toad car park, Bulkington
- 22nd Breakfast in Seend Community Centre
- 29th Breakfast in Seend Community Centre

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 for village history, Shuttle timetables, What's On, useful links and back numbers of Spotlight and Happenings!

Welcome to the July 2009 issue



We hope the choice of a shining sun on the cover is not over-optimistic for the coming month. We shall see! We were very lucky with the weather for the main event in June, the delightful open gardens, more of which in the following pages.

Sunny or not, in July we have the **Seend and Bulkington church summer fetes** coming up, on the 11th and 18th (with both a junior and an adult disco in the evening after the Bulkington fete). Those most enjoyable **Summer Saturday breakfasts** begin again on the 18th, after the **official re-opening** of the refurbished Community Centre on the 17th. You can enjoy a lunchtime **'Nosh and Natter'** at the Community Centre on 21st; be sure to book in advance. There's a **picnic and ramble** on the afternoon of the 18th.

All aboard the **Great Bulkington Railway** on 4th July, and **Seend School** is organising a family night at 6pm on the 17th. The **WI offer a Summer Fun evening** in the Community Centre on the 8th.

We've just heard that there is to be an election, rather than a co-option, for the vacancy on **Seend Parish Council**. The election should be on 30th July; see noticeboards for details.

If you get this magazine in time, let us remind you of the **60s Night** at the Community Centre on 27th June - featuring the Beatles Tribute Band *'All You Need is... The Beatles'*. There may be a few tickets left, so dig out those 60s outfits from the back of the wardrobe.

The Spotlight Contacts

Contributions for the **August/September issue** (*copy deadline 18th July*) can be e-mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office or, for Bulkington contributions, to Jo Bell at 1 Northfields, Bulkington (e-mail to trevor@bell8490.freemove.co.uk). Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Tina Yockney on 827139.

Lost emails: Occasionally, an email to Spotlight goes astray for no obvious reason. If email correspondents don't receive an acknowledgement by the end of the Monday after the Spotlight deadline, please ring Tessa on 828617 to check if all is well. Please follow the advice in the N.B. below, too.

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 include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT, maybe even your important message!

EVENTS IN JUNE



60s Night!

**With Beatles Tribute Band
‘All You Need is ...The Beatles!’**

**8pm Saturday 27th June
in Seend Community Centre**

**60s music! 60s food!
60s dress optional!**

**Tickets £15 including buffet
from Caroline (01380 828846)
or Jane (01380 828655)**

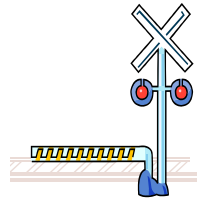
Proceeds to the Community Centre

EVENTS IN JULY

Great Bulkington Railway July 4th 2009

Greetings to all our passengers. We are very pleased to advise that the Great Bulkington Railway will be offering train rides to young and not so young on July 4th (American Independence Day) from 1330 hrs until 1630 hrs.

The event is in aid of a worthy charity called ‘Women for Women’ (292518) which is headed up by Lord Professor Robert Winston who also heads up the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Trust at the Imperial College London. This charity raises funds to research the cause and treatment of miscarriage, childhood cancer, genetic diseases and infertility. We expect to have a cake stall, strawberries and cream, with cold drinks, teas and coffee. The railway is located next to Bulkington Village Hall and has around 1000 feet of track, ride on carriages, signals and a tunnel.



Nev Boulton, Station Master. 01380 828101

SEEND CHURCH SUMMER FETE



Saturday 11th July

12-4pm at Seend CE Primary School

BBQ & LICENSED BAR

Stalls, Games, Face painting, Raffle,

Vintage Car Rides

Ice Creams, Teas, Home-made Cakes

In aid of Church Funds

SEEND CHURCH SUMMER FETE 2009

Saturday 11th July 12-4pm at Seend C/E Primary School
It's that time of year again!

We really do need your help for this to be a huge success !

If you have any unwanted items or gifts please donate them to us for
the various stalls:-

Bric a Brac, Books, Toys/Games, Toiletries, DVDs/CDs, Stationery.

Plants and cakes, pies and preserves especially appreciated.

In fact anything home made and delicious.

If you could help on the day to set up gazebos/stalls and being a
general dogsbody and if you would like to man any stalls or assist
with the barbecue you'll be welcomed with open arms!! PLEASE

Contact Tina 01380 827139/Yzanne 827086/Kay 828593/lan
828960. We can arrange to collect any items you wish to part with !

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Friday 17th July

Grand re-opening of the refurbished Seend Community Centre.

Lunchtime ceremony by invitation
and an evening event for everyone.

Watch out for details!



Summer Saturday Breakfasts

The first of the season is at Seend Community Centre
on **18th July**. 7.30-9.30am. Don't miss it!

Bulkington Fete and Fun Day

Saturday 18th July

at Leaze Farm, Mill Lane, Bulkington

To be opened at 12 noon by Bishop Bill Ind
(‘A Seaside Parish’)

Devizes Town Silver Band, Helicopter (if available),
Fun Dog Show, Football Target Game, Children’s Sports,
Children’s Fancy Dress, Face Painting, Coconut Shy, Skittles
and much, much more!

Procession of Wadworth Shire Horses and dray
carrying the Fete Princess and her attendants
leaving the Church at 11.30 a.m. and arriving at the fete
at 12 noon.

Barbecue, ploughman’s lunches and bar available from 12 noon
and cream teas from 2.30 pm



Any contributions to the stalls or offers of help
would be much appreciated.

Please ring 828376, 828485, 828145 or 870343.

In aid of Bulkington Church funds



Bulkington Village Fete Disco

Saturday 18th July 2009



Venue: Leaze Farm Bar, Mill Lane

Time: Children's disco from 6pm-8pm

Adult disco from 8pm-midnight

(children welcome to stay)

Licensed bar plus burgers and hot dogs

Tickets: Adults £5 each; Children £2 each or family ticket £10

From: Jan Flynn (01380 828248)

Audrey McDonald (01380 828376)

Jane Coles (01380 828145)

Nosh and Natter lunch club

Tuesday 21st July 12 for 12.30

in Seend Community Centre

Ring 01380 828540 by 17th to book.



EVENTS IN AUGUST



And don't forget the **Diamond Anniversary flower & produce show** in the Community Centre on the afternoon of 8th August.

Programmes are available in the Village Shop, Community Centre, Brewery Inn, Three Magpies or from any committee member.

Price 50p.



SEEND FETE 8th August

We are now counting down to Seend Fete in weeks not months and the biggest date in the village diary needs your support.

Why not pick up the telephone and offer to help with just one or two requests on this notice board. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Funds raised from the fete go back into your community, so you get to feel good about helping out and you benefit from the results.

Lend Some Muscle on Fete Day

We really do need your help to construct the Fete. Setting out the field on the Thursday/Friday before the fete; putting up gazebos; and putting out tables and chairs around the field. Give us an hour or two of your time, in return for which we promise lots of fun and a big 'thank you' from the Fete Team. What's more, you'll qualify for a free breakfast on Fete day!

ARE YOU A DOMESTIC GODDESS?

The Cake Stall & Tea Tent
need your support.

If you are making a cake for the Flower Show Cake Competition, why not make a second one for the Fete Cake & Pastries Stall - you know it makes sense! Or you could make a 3rd, this time for the Tea Tent.

TOYS, GAMES & BOOKS

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Let the next generation
enjoy the things your
little ones have grown
out of and help support
the upkeep of The Lye
Field for all to enjoy.
Why not clear out the
toy cupboard and call
the fete team to
arrange your donation.

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Bricabrac wanted

Ron Apted will be in the Pavillion on 5th & 6th
August from 7pm to 9 pm and all day Friday 7th
to receive your White Elephant Stall
donations.

Any queries contact Ron on Tel: 828427.

Wanted - Tombola & Grand Draw Prizes

WE REALLY DO NEED PRIZES

Please keep looking for those things which you will never use but which are really too good to throw away and contact Fiona Johnson Tel: 828401

Fete Chairman Geoff Burgess contact Tel: 828077
Donations & Sponsorship contact Fiona Johnson Tel: 828401
Volunteers & helpers contact Rebecca Rowan Tel: 828684
All other aqueries contact Susan Bolton Tel: 827065

Don't
FORGET!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We are having our son, Dylan, Christened at Seend Church on the 18th July. We wanted to invite people from the village to the service if they would like to attend as it's not part of the normal schedule of services. The service will start at 11am.

Best wishes, Paul and Charlotte Martin

Lisa and Elliott Perrigo are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their baby son Leith Elliott Perrigo. Born on Saturday 30th May weighing 8lb 6.5oz.

Many thanks to all the kind people who came to the Coffee Morning, and also to those who gave donations in aid of Seend Church Flowers. A grand total of £160 was raised.

It was a very enjoyable morning. Thanks must also go to our helpers: Pat, Nancy and Ann, and Jane and Dorothy.

Lilian Smallshaw

A huge thank you to all who helped with open gardens this year. It has been an enormous success but without your participation this simply couldn't have taken place. The weather over the weekend was perfect and all who were there enjoyed themselves whether a visitor, a resident allowing all to explore their beautiful gardens, or an organiser with happy and incredibly hard-working bands of volunteers. All the delicious cakes and scones were so much appreciated and it proves just how good events can be when we support each other.

Unbelievably we raised £6,500 for church funds - the best ever! Well done to all. Thank you again.

Tina Yockney

A big thank you!

Lisa and I have been overwhelmed by the help and support given to us by friends and neighbours during Stan's stay in hospital. Please accept our heartfelt thanks and we are both very grateful to you all.

Diana and Lisa Webb

RED CROSS COLLECTION

Many thanks to all the ladies who collected for the Red Cross, an organisation that does so much to help people in times of trouble at home and abroad.

The village total was over £362 – a record in spite of recession – so grateful thanks to all those who gave generously.

Joyce Brand

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

The Christian Aid collection this year was £919. Many thanks to all the collectors in Seend and Bulkington and also to all who gave.

FLOWER SHOW - 8th August



What a tremendous pleasure it gave to so many people to visit the "Seend Open Gardens" weekend. The displays of flowers and vegetables and the care with which the gardens had been laid out and prepared were an inspiration. It was also rewarding to have visited the allotments behind the WI hut to see the wonderful transformation that the enthusiastic new allotment holders have achieved. Please be inspired by them to enter the 60th flower and produce show with examples of your skills.

Peter Fisher

CHURCH NEWS

WWW.....(WAITING WONDERING WARDENS)

Did anyone see the ad in the Church Times for a new house for duty Priest-in-Charge for our Benefice? It looked very good and eight clergy applied for our profile. That has not resulted in a rush of applications, but it is early days yet...

In the meantime our parishes continue with their fund-raising efforts. Bulkington's Fred Wedlock & the Yetties concert made a profit of over £1,500 and the church would like to thank all those members of the benefice who came to support it. It was a very entertaining evening and one that might be well worth repeating in a couple of years or so.

Seend had a wonderful weekend for the Open Gardens, enjoyed by several hundred people each day. Our grateful thanks to all those who put in many hours of hard work.

Coming up are both the Seend and the Bulkington fetes on 11th & 18th July. Rev Maureen Allchin is holding an exhibition of her paintings on Saturday 12th September and Seend is holding a car boot sale on the same day, so please keep this date free!

Steve, Tina, Liz & Anne.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY 2009

Sunday 5th July

8.00am	Holy Communion	Seend	<i>Rev Julian Harford</i>
9.30am	Family Eucharist	Bulkington	<i>Rev Maureen Allchin</i>
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	Seend	<i>Rev Maureen Allchin</i>
6.00pm	Evensong	Poulshot	<i>Brian James</i>

Sunday 12th July

8.00am	Holy Communion	Seend	<i>Rev Renée Coulson</i>
9.30am	Matins	Poulshot	<i>Brian James</i>
11.15am	Family Eucharist	Seend School	<i>Rev Michael Flight</i>
6.00pm	Evensong	Bulkington	<i>Brian James</i>

Sunday 19th July

8.00am	Holy Communion	Seend	<i>Rev Francis Chadwick</i>
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Bulkington	<i>Rev Maureen Allchin</i>
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	Seend	
6.00pm	Parish Eucharist	Poulshot	<i>Rev George Royle</i>

Sunday 26th July

8.00am	Holy Communion	Seend	<i>Rev Julian Harford</i>
9.30am	Family Eucharist	Poulshot	<i>Rev Renée Coulson</i>
11.15am	Parish Eucharist	Seend	<i>Rev Renée Coulson</i>
6.00pm	Songs of Praise		
	Evensong	Bulkington	

First Steps Benefice Parent & Toddler Church Service



Our Parent and Toddler Group, First Steps, will meet again on Tuesday 7 July 2009 in Holy Cross, Seend, at 2.15pm. The story this month will be about a shepherd who loses one of his sheep. Come and find out how he searches for the lost sheep, and if he manages to find it. After the story, we will sing some songs, say some prayers, and with the help of Margaret Coley, there will be something to make to take home. If you have a little one from birth to school age and would like to find out more, contact Jo on 01380 828550.

SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL

Methodist Services for July

5 th July	10.30am 'Villages Together' at Whitley Methodist Chapel
12 th July	10am Mrs Janet Tanner
26 th July	10am Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion

All welcome.

From Roy

In last month's letter, I spoke of my intention to take a retreat. So here's a poem I wrote while on retreat. I leave you to make of it what you may.

Like a mustard seed

The spring was a trickle in the bog.
Water oozed through mud, languidly spreading
out from its source: the gently seeping fountain
sluggish.

But hidden in a forgotten corner,
Masked by some leaves, a channel had been cut,
where water spilled out from this stagnant stew,
running cleaner, clearer, and faster, on its way.

Onwards it went, routed to a sluice gate
That stopped its flow. Now, it was pushing hard,
Hard against the dam, urgent to go on,
Onwards, forwards, and thrusting with power.

Up went the sluice gate. Down went the water,
Pressing along the race to the finish.
Round went the wheel, faster, faster, faster.
Dynamo spun: current surged through the mains.

God bless



THE FUN STATION



The new **children's club in Bulkington** opened its doors on 10th June, when the children gave it the name of ***The Fun Station***. Quite a title to live up to! Six children came for the first time and played games, sang songs, made a card and a gift for Father's Day and listened to a story. The July meeting (on 8th) will involve following a Pirates' Trail and on 12th August we will have Holiday Fun.

The Fun Station meets on the second Wednesday of the month in Bulkington Village Hall from 4.30 - 6.00pm and is open to all school children from Year 1 to Year 6. For more information contact Liz Futter at 01380 828485 or Anne Saywell at 01380 828931.

CAR BOOT SALE
Lye Field, Seend
12th September 2009
8am – 12noon

Light Refreshments available
Entry to buyers by donation
Cost per pitch:
£5 per car (£7.50 on day)
£7.50 per van (£10 on day)

Additional voluntary contributions for church funds much appreciated
 Set up from 6.30am

To book please contact
Yzanne Martin Hallett – 01380 827 086
Tina Yockney – 01380 827 139
ALL PROCEEDS TO CHURCH FUNDS

CLUB AND ORGANISATION NEWS

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

For the big event of June – our trip to Highgrove - we had the most glorious, hot, sunny day, almost too hot, but not humid which always helps, and the day did not disappoint. The organisation there is smooth, efficient and very polite, from the armed policeman who welcomes you at the gate, the smartly dressed gentleman who welcomes you at the visitor centre to the volunteer guide and the ladies who serve the tea. Nevertheless you do exactly what you are told, leave cameras and phones on the coach and don't alight from the coach until you are told. There were, I think, four other parties there but we hardly caught a glimpse because we were timed so well.



The garden is, of course, run on organic lines and is full of birds and wildlife and seems to be a serene and timeless landscape. Nothing jars or looks out of place, it is not as manicured as you might expect, no sweeping lawns mown in lines, but a series of small gardens that run into each other, often connected by the wildflower meadow. This was beautifully in flower although we were too late for the tulips and the alliums were at the seedhead stage. There are many quirky buildings and features and numerous carefully arranged groups of large pots. Prince Charles holds a National Collection of hostas in the Stumpery and keeps some old species of orchard trees for Brogdale. Each tree is very simply planted round by lavender in mown grass rather than the usual orchard long grass. The tour lasted two hours, followed by tea and a visit to the shop and

then we went into Tetbury, although we were behind schedule by then so we had to choose between lunch and shopping, a hard decision.

Our next trip for a very select group is to West Woodhay House Flower Show on 20th June.

Our day trip to Dorset and Somerset is on 18th July. Please gather at The Bell lay-by at 9.15 am, ready to leave at 9.30am. Coffee will be provided at Hilltop Nursery. You will need a picnic lunch to eat at Snape Cottage. Tea will be available at East Lambrook Manor, (not included in the cost of the trip). There are still a few places left if you wish to go. Any queries to Monica on 828472.

We need VOLUNTEERS and PLANTS for the Church fete on 11th July and the Lye Field fete on 8th August. If you can help, please contact Joyce on 828433.

Our first meeting of the new season, will be on September 8th. The speaker will be Caroline Pakenham on Unusual Herbs and the competition will be a vase of herbs from the garden. New members and visitors are very welcome.

Sue.

SEEND SHUTTLE



The AGM

Most of the Seend Community Bus Committee, a few of the regular drivers and a handful of other supporters attended the Shuttle AGM on 11th June.

The chairman, Peter Wallis, talked of our cooperation with the village of Bromham - which provides several drivers and some funding - and the problem of finding new drivers to replace those now approaching the age of 75, which is the cut-off age for insuring our volunteer drivers. After 17 years of operation, many of the same people are still involved. Private hirers are encouraged to find their own drivers, whom Peter takes on a test run. Many car journeys are saved by the Shuttle. The Tuesday service into Melksham is not very well supported; we don't know why. But the Thursday route into Devizes via Bromham is very popular. The school run continues to be well used. There has been some minor damage to the bus, possibly happening in the car park. It will be repaired, but it is difficult to find time for this because of the bus's busy schedule. Peter thanked the volunteers and Committee members for their work during the year, singling out Alison Cobbing for a special mention as she deals with the arduous jobs of taking private-hire bookings and organizing the drivers' rota.

Ownership of the Shuttle is being transferred to the Parish Council (it was previously technically owned by Kennet District Council). Day-to-day running of the service will continue to be the responsibility of the Committee.

Treasurer Terry Sleightholme reported a successful year financially, with the income from private hire still subsidising the scheduled services.

Shuttle cleaning rota

Please, please, please help us to achieve the modest target of having enough people on the rota to only require volunteers to clean the bus once every year or more! At present, each of us has to clean it about every nine months. Just one or two more individuals or groups (perhaps parents of children who use the school run, or clubs who use the bus for outings, or just people who'd like to support us) would make such a difference! Phone Tessa on 828617 to volunteer.

First Wednesday Shuttle Shopping Trip

To book your place on the Shuttle shopping trip on Wednesday 1st July (almost certainly to Salisbury) please ring Terry on 828203 by Monday 29th June.

Don't forget the **Shuttle timetable** is available on www.seend.org.uk

MOTHERS' UNION**Seend and Bulkington Branch**

In May, Mrs K A Witchell spoke to the MU branch on Christianity in India. She spoke of her work at the Christian Medical College and Hospital Vellore.

This hospital is a centre for teaching medicine to 60 students each year. 75% are Christian. She demonstrated to us how to wear Indian dress, a shalwar kameez and a sari with an embroidered end.

Mr Witchell is an engineer and also works at the hospital, repairing equipment of all sorts. They spend six months each year in India, and six months in the UK.

Future Dates:

June 28th – Garden Party to raise money for the Flying Doctor team in Uganda.
2-5pm at Rev Chadwick's, Wickfield, Wick Lane, Devizes.

July 7th - an Overseas Coffee Morning at 10.30am at the same address.

July 11th – Seend Church Fete. The MU stall is toiletries and stationery.

July 15th – Branch meeting (speaker to be arranged).

July 16th – Visit of the Worldwide President, Mrs Rosemary Kempself, to Trowbridge. (See details below.)

July 30th – Wave of Prayer, 2.30-3pm

August 19th – Outing and lunch at Whitehall Garden Centre.

Mother's Union members and friends are invited to meet Rosemary Kempself, **Worldwide President of the MU** who is visiting our Diocese on Thursday 16th July: 10.00-1.15 at St. John's Church, Upper Studley or 7.30-9.30pm at St. John's Parish Rooms, Devizes (Peas, Pies and Punch). On 18th July at 11.00 the MU AGM and Celebration Service will be held at 11.00, followed by a sharing lunch, at St. Nicholas and St. Mary's Church, Wilton. RSVP the MU Office (01722 333402) by 10.07.09

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS



'Music with Mummy'

Music classes for pre-school children

A new regular activity at the Community Centre is a range of music classes for children from babyhood to 4 years old on Tuesday mornings in the upstairs room. Free taster sessions are offered. Phone Lucy Wain on 01380 721291 for details or see www.musicwithmummy.co.uk

Grand reopening ceremony

On 17th July, representatives of the organisations that provided the grant funding which enabled us to extend, repair and refurbish the Community Centre, together with some of the contractors who carried out the work and villagers who have helped in fundraising, will be invited to witness Sir Mathew Thorpe unveiling a memento of the occasion.



In the evening we hope to provide a suitably festive event for the whole community. Posters giving full details will be seen around the village shortly.

Summer Saturday breakfasts

The first breakfast is on July 18th, from 7.30 till last orders at 9.30am. Don't miss out on these popular and sociable starts to your summer weekends.



Private Hire

For details of private hire of the hall or meeting rooms, call Frank on 828617.



'Nosh and a Natter' – or Seend Luncheon Club

On Tuesday, 9th June, 32 people enjoyed each other's company over a hot, two-course lunch with tea or coffee. At £4 per head it was also fairly light on wallets and purses. The next meeting will be at 12.30pm on Tuesday, 21st July. All age groups are very welcome.

In order to ensure that we purchase the correct amount of food for the occasion, we need to know by Friday, 17th July, at the latest who will be lunching on the day. It is worth noting that we are now nearing the maximum numbers possible for this venture. If you are interested in coming along – do not leave it too long!

Lilian and John Smallshaw. 01380 828540

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Cranmore, near Shepton Mallet – yet again, due to inclement weather predictions, Ron Apted's walk for Sunday 17th May, had to be cancelled. (I think Ron may have given up on this one!!)

The Friday evening walk of 5th June in the Heddington area, led by Reg and Wendy, attracted 16 walkers. On leaving The Ivy

pub car-park , we crossed footpaths towards Stockley, climbing the ridge and making a round trip covering bridle tracks and lanes. The skies were overcast and a light drizzle prevailed, but very pleasant nevertheless. A pint at The Ivy afterwards made the evening complete. Thanks to both Reg and Wendy for their planning.

Our next walk will be the **picnic at North Wraxall on Saturday 18th July**. Meet in the village of North Wraxall at 2.30pm (parking in the driveway of Lower Court Farm). Travel through the village of Ford on the main A420. Take the next right turning off the A420 (which will be marked in some way).

Bring your own picnic and a folding chair to sit on. A cup of tea or coffee will be provided.

The Lywood brothers have kindly consented to having our Club back to their premises and will show us around their lovely grounds, weather permitting, after our walk of about five miles. It will be a shorter walk than last year! A small donation for North Wraxall Church would be a fine payment for their hospitality.

Saturday 8th August – Seend Fete Day. A reminder to all Club members; volunteers are desperately needed to run the refreshments tent on this day, and where possible cake baking for this event would also be most appreciated. Offering your services, even if it's only a brief stint, would be wonderful. Helpline 01225 706451.

Berwick St James annual afternoon walk and evening supper – Thursday 24th September. Reminder: Names of those interested in taking part in the above event would be much appreciated. Phone Lin on 01225 706451.

Lin Salter

SEEND WI

Our next meeting takes place on 8th July 2009. This will be a bit of Summer Fun with a BBQ and Skittles evening at the Community Centre. Entry to the event is free, but if you wish to join in a sumptuous supper to include a selection of grilled treats with delicious salad accompaniment you will need to buy a meal ticket in advance. This is to ensure that we cater for the correct number. Meal tickets cost £2.50 and will be available from Joy Stack on 01380 828809.

The Community Centre bar will be available for the purchase of soft and alcoholic drinks.

It promises to be a fun evening, so don't worry if you are not a seasoned skittler - come along and have a go!

On 12 August we will visit A'becketts vineyard in Littleton Panel – cost will be £5 for tour and tasting starting at 6.30pm. Please sign up at the next meeting or contact Joy.



We will be back in our normal venue and time on September 9th– the Irene Usher Pavilion at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Dr Rupert Gabriel from Snowberry Clinic talking about non-invasive surgery and laser treatments.

If you want any more information feel free to contact me on 828730 or any other committee member - It's a good fun crowd, so come along and join us.

Sarah Todhunter, President

SCHOOL NEWS



SEEND SCHOOL PARENT SOCIAL CLUB

We have welcomed Mr Hickey to our school, and hope he enjoys working with the PSC.

Our Timber Trail has now been installed to include three extra pieces of play equipment – and it looks fantastic! After our recent meeting, the next aim is to put down an all-weather surface around the trail. This is going to cost a great deal of money, so we are going to be working hard to raise the funds for this over the next year.

The next date in our fundraising calendar is Cream Teas and Cakes on Sports Day on Friday 10th July at 1pm! Then on Friday 17th July, starting at 6pm, it's Family Night which brings together Parents and Children of the school (soon to be Children at School also welcome). There will be a BBQ, Football, Face Painting and our traditional Egg Throwing Contest will be held on the School Field. Christie Miller will be organising Children's Games throughout the Evening. We are hoping to get a visit from the Mad Scientist!!! & Daisy Chain crafts.

So with loads of sunny weather ordered, these events should be great fun and help to raise the funds for our all-weather surface.

Rachel Lewis (01380 828293)

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Cricket – Captain – Ben King

Saturday 23rd May vs Southend Trinity Touring Team – The visitors posted a total of 179 off their 40 overs and Seend chased after that figure speedily reaching 100+ for only 2 wickets, but then a mini-collapse left them needing 50 with only 4 wickets standing. In their 38th over Seend equalled the target of 179 with their last 2 batsmen at the crease, when Jake Sainsbury was caught at cover leaving the match tied. The 30 or so spectators gave both teams a rousing reception as they left the field. Top scorers were Ben King 47, Russell Collins 40 and Jake Sainsbury a match saving 25. Top bowlers were Paris Goddard 4-21 and Chris Waylen 3-15.



Sunday 31st May vs Golden Fleece – Playing against a strong side, Seend went in to bowl first, and did well to restrict their hosts to 174-9 off 40 overs, Russell Collins and Paris Goddard both taking 3 wickets; however, Seend's batting performance was not up to their usual standard, losing wickets at regular intervals, before being bowled out 40 runs short of the target. Russell Collins impressed with the bat as well as the ball, top scoring to win the man of the match award.

Sunday 7th June vs Spye Park – Travelling away, Seend went out to field for the first friendly match at Spye Park, with its magnificent new thatched pavilion. Bowling and fielding well, Seend managed to get Spye Park all out for 133 after 37 overs, with Nathan King taking 4 wickets. After getting off to a nervy start whilst batting, losing both openers in the first 2 overs, Seend soon consolidated their innings with 25 from Paris Goddard and a big-hitting 56 from captain Ben King. Dan Waylen came in to score a great 33 not out, and saw Seend to a 4 wicket victory.

Sunday 14th June vs North Bradley – This was Seend's third consecutive away match, and again for the fifth time this season they were put in to field first. Seend took advantage of most of their chances, with Jake Sainsbury and Chris Waylen both taking good catches. North Bradley were restricted to 150 all out, Ben King being the pick of the bowlers with 3 wickets. Seend knocked off the required total with Russell Collins scoring 37, and Dan Waylen scoring 25 to win by 3 wickets.

Record so far this season : Played 5, Won 3, Lost 1, Drawn 1.

Players so far this season from: Tom Wallis, Russell Collins, Paris Goddard, Ben King, Dan Waylen, Josh Hamblin, Jake Sainsbury, Will Goodier (wicket keeper), Charlie Waylen, Nathan King, Chris Waylen, Luke Ballinger, Geoff Mattock, Jack Davis, Will Davis.

Tennis – Chairman – Ric Ellinger

Men's – Captain – Frankie Goddard

Played 6, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 2, Points 26.5

Ladies' – Captain – Pam Akerman

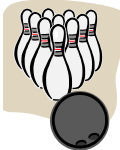
The ladies have had a steady season back in the league and are presently about halfway up their division.

Mixed A – Captain – Elaine Davis

Played 6, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 2, Points 21

Mixed B – Captain – Ric Ellinger

Played 7, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 3, Points 23



Skittles

Congratulations to Joyce Wiltshire, a member of the 'Titanics' Ladies Skittles Team who play in the Melksham and District League. She has won the cup for the highest score of 46 points!



The Summer 3-a-side mixed skittles tournament is well under way at the social club; the sub-competition finalists are: Skylarks, Woodborough A, The Three Ds, Hinderstones, 3 As (Tom Aust), Jedi, Tearaways, Right Offs, Turnpike 3 and Pumpkins.

The main competition finalists are: Avon Men, Roundway Ringers, DJs, NPT, Sam's Lot, Silverbacks, Castaways, 3As (Tony Scammell), Four Boys and a Girl and The Bobingos.

The competition will have been completed by next month's Spotlight when we hope to give you all of the results together with an in-depth analysis.

Football

Close season – we understand all the players are training hard with an eye on a third league championship in a row in 2009/2010.



London Marathon - Correction

Mark Newman tells me that he is worried that the selectors will be after him having read that he completed the 26 miles in less than 3 hours. It was in fact some 4 hours 20 minutes which is a tremendous time!

Please send all results and Sports news, particularly of any disciplines which we have been missing (yes that does include Cribbage), to the Long Room by 17th July, thanks.

Frankie Goddard - 828488

SEEND CRICKET CLUB

Further to the entry in the June issue of 'Spotlight' regarding **the Ron Westacott Memorial Cricket Match on 19th September**, I can now confirm that this match will commence at 1pm and will comprise of 30 overs per side. Arrangements are in hand for teas to be available during the afternoon and the event will probably spill over into the Community Centre during the evening. If sufficient help is forthcoming there may well be a barbecue.

The Centenary XI of 1988 are looking forward to taking on the current team, although some serious fitness training may have to take place and zimmer frames may have to be available! Appeals have been circulated for sponsorship and raffle prizes, but if there is anyone out there who did not read the June 'Spotlight' entry, then please feel free to contact me on 01380 828581. I have only lived in Seend for 30 years, so there may be a number of much older former players who might wish to come along on the day. Should anyone know of them, then again please contact me.

Brian Hunt

BITS'N'BOBS

PETITION FOR TRAFFIC CALMING

First of all I should like to thank all those who signed my petition for some form of traffic calming in the High Street. It was sent off to the Wiltshire Council (copy to our Parish Council) in the middle of May and I received a reply almost by return. By the third week of May the Police had established a survey to record the speed of all vehicles travelling along the High Street. The survey lasted for one week and on 30th May I received their results. I should like to congratulate all concerned on the speed with which they reacted.

Unfortunately, I believe that the rubber strips laid across the road for the survey constituted a form of traffic calming in themselves, and I saw many drivers slow down when they saw them. However the results achieved were quite dramatic:

- Number of vehicles checked 47,302
- Number exceeding speed limit (by any amount, even 1mph) 22,383
- Number exceeding speed limit by enough to be prosecuted 5,677

The average speed of all those checked was 33.76mph. This doesn't sound too bad until you realise that theoretically, it only needs seven vehicles travelling at 30mph to allow one vehicle to travel at 60mph and still achieve this average. If this had happened, it would mean that, over the week, there would have been 5,913 vehicles travelling at 60mph. This would be 845 per day or 35 every hour of every day and every night!!

Quite obviously this would be a worst case scenario and didn't happen, but I do know that, particularly at night, vehicles regularly drive at 60-70mph and, even during the day, will overtake other vehicles keeping to the speed limit.

As a result of the survey, the police have agreed to install interactive signs. However, this will not occur until mid/end August, as there are none available until then, and we shall have to wait to see whether they are permanent or only temporary.

Roger Brind

Wiltshire's Young People's Website - www.sparksite.co.uk

SparkSite is a free website where events and organisations for young people can be posted and publicised, and music, opinions and images can be shared. You can register online or email sparksite@wiltshire.gov.uk

The SparkRadio radio station is run by young people and can be listened to through your computer by going to www.sparksite.co.uk



Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal

2009 is the Air Ambulance's 19th anniversary year and the appeal team is hoping to collect more money than ever. The ambulance is entirely dependent upon voluntary donations from the public. In 2008 it attended 618 incidents and undoubtedly saved many lives.

You can contribute in many ways - through collecting boxes, visiting the charity shop in Westbury, or taking part in the new lottery which is due to commence during the summer.

To find out more about fundraising, contact Melanie Gee on 0845 122 1423.

PERSONAL ADS

To place a small ad (individuals, not businesses, thanks) please give your ad plus £2 to the PO/Shop or to Tessa Doe at 6 New Buildings, Seend Cleeve.

Nothing this month, we're afraid.

Looking ahead - more dates for your diary

12th September	Boot Sale on Lye Field for church funds
13th September	Wedding Fair at Cleeve House
19th September	Ron Westacott Memorial Cricket Match
5th October	Start of WEA course upstairs in Community Centre
31st October	Dance for Dorothy House in the Community Centre
7th November	Wine and Food Fair in the Community Centre
14th November	Craft Fair in the Pavilion
28th November	Craft Fair at Cleeve House
2nd December	Christmas Quiz in the Pavilion
12th December	Concert in the Community Centre
19th December	Sam's Christmas Bingo in the Community Centre



STOP PRESS!

There has been a request for an election for the **vacancy on the Parish Council**, which should take place on 30th July. See noticeboards.

And finally...

“The English winter - ending in July to recommence in August.”

Lord Byron

“The pen is mightier than the sword, and considerably easier to write with.”

Marty Feldman

USEFUL CONTACTS:

Rector: Vacancy Benefice Administrator: Sue Taylor 01380 828733
Churchwardens: Holy Cross; S Taylor 01225 709360 Mrs Tina Yockney 827139
Christ Church: Mrs Liz Futter 828485
St Peter's: Mrs Janet James - 724944 Paulette Bremner Milne 828527
LPA's: Audrey McDonald 828376 and Jo Bell 828550
Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340
Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250
Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485
Seend Community Centre & Club - Hall bookings: Frank Teasdale 828617
 Skittles bookings only: Stan Wiltshire 828559
Seend School - 828334
Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568
Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281
Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Mr Jonathan Seed 01380 850696
Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139
Bulkington Website: bulkington-village.co.uk Contact :- Angela Read 828925
Public Footpath Warden - Mrs Esther Daly 01672 513157
Connect 2 (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255
Community Beat Manager for Seend PC Emily Thomas. She can be contacted on
0845 408 7000, or e-mail melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

100+Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolje 828391
Book Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325
Bouncy Club - Clare Stynes 01380 827164
Brownies - Helen Hook 828477
Bulkington and District Junior Youth Group - Ellie Purdy 828035
Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 828757
Fawltly Players - Tessa Doe 828617
Fete Committee - Geoff Burgess 828077
Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067
Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433
Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325
LINK Scheme - 075320 55560
Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583
Mothers' Union - Elizabeth Campbell 828451
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators - Tony Ewin (Seend) 828325;
Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.
Playgroup - Liz Futter 828485
Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617
Ramblers - Bob Howe 828554
Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830;
Poppy Appeal - Anthony Hodgkinson on 828545
Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946
Tennis Club - Philip Proven 828407
The Other Book Club - Frank Teasdale 828617
Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612
WEA - Pam Church - 828597
WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730 and Jo Vaux

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

WINES BEERS & SPIRITS

GROCERIES

NATIONAL LOTTERY

POSTCARDS & STATIONERY



	Village Store	Post Office
Mon	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Tues	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Wed	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 4.30*
Thurs	9.00 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Fri	9.00 - 5.30	9.00 - 5.30
Sat	8.30 - 1.00	9.00 - 1.00
Sun	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
Bank Holidays	9.00 - 10.30	Closed

* note early closing