

# **SPOTLIGHT**

## **Seend & Bulkington**



**February 1<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 2012**  
**(Leap Year!)**

## DIARY DATES FOR LATE JANUARY

- 26<sup>th</sup> Theatre Club AGM, with Mike Scott, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Acoustic Club Special: Flat Foot Floogies - CANCELLED
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 31<sup>st</sup> Seend Parish Council meeting, Community Centre, upstairs at 7.30pm

## DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Seend Shuttle shopping trip. Phone 828203 by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan to book
- 4<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers' skittles and short-mat bowls evening, Community Centre,  
7pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club – guest Mike Scott, Community Centre, upstairs @ 8pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Seend Musical Celebration, Holy Cross Church, 7.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Casino Night at Cleeve House, 8pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 16<sup>th</sup> Seend Fawltly Players 'Moonrakers – The Panto!', Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Seend Fawltly Players 'Moonrakers – The Panto!', Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Holy Cross Churchyard Cleanup, 10.30am-12.30pm and 2-4pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Seend Fawltly Players 'Moonrakers – The Panto!', Community Centre, 7pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Messy Church Pancake Party, Seend School, 3.45pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Seend Acoustic Club – 'Appalachia', Community Centre, upstairs @ 8pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nosh and Natter lunch club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Service with neighbouring parishes, Holy Cross, 7.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Ball for the George Hutchings Therapy Trust, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am
- 26<sup>th</sup> 'The Band's Visit' free film show for Seend Club members, 7.30 for 7.45pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington

## DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

- 6<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club – The Kevin Brown, Community Centre, upstairs @ 8pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Seend Shuttle shopping trip. Phone 828203 by Monday 5th to book
- 11<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 16<sup>th</sup> Wine Circle, Seend School (book by 9<sup>th</sup> March)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Seend Acoustic Club – Jenna Witts, Community Centre, upstairs @ 8pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Acoustic Club Special – Daisy Chapman, Community Centre, upstairs @ 8pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Seend Ramblers AGM, Pavilion, 3pm, preceded by local walk
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;  
10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 27<sup>th</sup> Young Musicians of Seend, Community Centre, 7pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nosh & Natter lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Rural Arts Wiltshire 'Me, Myself and Miss Gibbs', Pavilion, 7.30pm

### **Newcomer to Seend?**

Call in at the shop/PO and ask for your copy of the **Welcome booklet**, which tells you all you need to know about the village. Visit [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) for past editions of Spotlight & 'Happenings!', local history, 'What's On', links to other village sites etc

## **Welcome to the February 2012 edition of Spotlight**



As we write, winter has finally set in, surprising the birds, insects and bulbs that thought they were experiencing an early spring.

If you are having difficulty in heating your home during the colder weather, see details of the Surviving Winter funds available on page 20.

We hope you all enjoyed Christmas and the New Year and are now looking forward to everything that February has to offer. Of course, there is the annual panto on 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February (proceeds going to the school building fund, so please support it) and we have a free film show, lots of music of various kinds, Nosh and Natter lunch club, pancake fun for the kids, a charity ball and lots more. You can also join in a communal tidy up of the churchyard – with free biscuits!

It's also time to look ahead to the coming summer. Outline plans are taking shape for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations on 4th June and, of course, there is the summer fete and flower show on 11th August. All these events need lots of people to help to make them happen; see the items in the magazine about what is needed and whom to contact.

Incidentally, yet another event (the Acoustic Club Special on January 28<sup>th</sup>) has been cancelled due to lack of advance ticket sales, although we are sure that many of you were planning to attend (including at least one of the editorial team). So, for the sake of event organisers – PLEASE BOOK EARLY!

### **THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS**

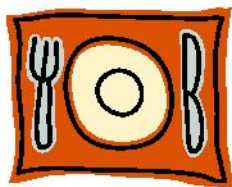
Contributions for the March issue (**copy deadline 18<sup>th</sup> February**) can be e-mailed to [spotlight@send.org.uk](mailto:spotlight@send.org.uk) or delivered to Seend Post Office. Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Anne Ewing on 828557. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO.

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

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

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

## Events in February and March



Nosh And Natter Lunch Club!  
at 12 for 12.30pm  
on Wednesdays February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
and March 28<sup>th</sup>

Advance booking essential - ring 01380 828540

Church of the Holy Cross  
**SEEND MUSICAL CELEBRATION**  
Featuring outstanding local musicians

Saturday, 11 February 2012 at 7.30pm  
Tickets £10 (to include interval refreshments)

Available from Tina (827139), Fiona (828401) or Seend Post Office

***All profits to Church Fabric Fund***

***Concert sponsored by West Wiltshire Music Ltd***

## **Seend Acoustic Club**

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

7<sup>th</sup> February – the one and only **Mike Scott**. Be ready to giggle. Entry £4.

21<sup>st</sup> February – ‘**Appalachia**’. Foot-stomping blues, bluegrass and American roots music. Entry £5.

Arrive early or contact Malc if you want to perform a floor spot.

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

N.B. Unfortunately, the ‘special’ on 28<sup>th</sup> January has had to be cancelled due to lack of advance ticket sales.

Don’t forget Seend Acoustic Festival – 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September





## Pancake party Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

SEEND SCHOOL from 3.45pm - 5.45pm

There will be games and pancakes races.

To book your place, please contact

Sue Taylor on 01225 709360 or Liz Futter on 01380 828485

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### Free Film Shows for Seend Club Members in Seend Community Centre

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm

#### **'The Band's Visit'**

An unusual and heartwarming tale of an Egyptian band arriving for a concert in Israel and forming relationships with the locals.



The bar opens at 7.30pm. Membership cards must be shown, or non-members can join on the door. Membership costs £8 per year (April-March) or £5 for over-60s or 14- to 17-year olds.

**You can join now for 2012 and get £1 discount!** See below.

Visitors from outside the village accompanying local Members can take out temporary membership for the film show for just £1 each.

*The next film show will be on March 25<sup>th</sup> – Jacques Tati's 'Mon Oncle'*

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Seend Fawltly Players' 33<sup>rd</sup> village pantomime

**Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday February 17<sup>th</sup> at  
7.30pm and Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in Seend Community Centre**

**'Moonrakers - The Panto!'**



An original script based upon Wiltshire stories and legends.

Tickets £5 or £3 concessions, available from Seend Shop/PO, Seend Community Centre or The Brewery Inn at Seend Cleeve.

The bulk of this year's proceeds go to Seend School's building project.

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West Wiltshire Music Limited  
**YOUNG MUSICIANS OF SEEND**



A showcase at the Community Centre  
featuring some of Seend's top musical talent  
including Seend C of E School Choir

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7pm**

**ADMISSION FREE**

Retiring Collection in aid of the Community Centre

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**RURAL ARTS WILTSHIRE**

**Our next RAW event will be on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm**  
in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion.

The show is Francesca Millican-Slater's  
**"Me, Myself & Miss Gibbs"**

In 2003, Francesca bought a second hand postcard for 50p. The message on the postcard, sent on 15th July 1910, and addressed to a Miss Gibbs, simply reads:



"Be careful Tomorrow A.C."

Part detective noir, part lecture, part personal biography, in the fascinating journey Francesca investigates the postcard sent 100 years ago. What happens when she starts tracing the history that isn't her own? And why did Miss Gibbs have to be careful tomorrow?

Find out on the 31st March.

Tickets will be available from the Post Office, Jan Crabtree (828687),  
Jan Harding (828778) & Tessa Doe (828617) .  
(Ticket prices Adults £7, Concessions £6, Children £4.50)

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Seend Community Opera  
**BRITTEN'S NOYE'S FLUDDE**

**Wednesday – Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7pm**

Join us for the Seend Event of 2012!

Seend Community Centre

**Tickets: £7/£4 on sale from Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012**



Tickets available from Michael/Fiona 828401 or Seend Post Office

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **Helen Cox**

Our thoughts are with Gary, Sabrina, John and Yan Cox and Helen's partner, James, after the sudden and tragic death of Helen while on holiday in Egypt.

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**Congratulations to Chris Berry** for passing his Diploma in Farriery. A well deserved achievement as he has been very dedicated to his work throughout his apprenticeship Good luck for the future, from all of your family and friends.

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### **Thank you**

We would like to thank the kind lady and other villagers who stopped when they witnessed our dear cat Scarlet getting hit by a car (which didn't stop), and then took the trouble to telephone us enabling us to come straight away.

Although Scarlet had already passed away we really appreciated someone caring enough to stop to help her. Scarlet meant so much to us. Thank you

Wendy Cormack and Paul Rowland

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**We would like to thank** our friends in the village who sent us Christmas cards. As is our usual practice, instead of cards we have sent a donation to Dorothy House. We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2012.

Richard and Marion Whitehead

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### **Just to say Thank You**

A big thank you from all of the Smallshaw family to our many friends in and around Seend for all the love and support we have had during the last few weeks that John has been, and still is, in hospital. Progress seems very slow, but hopefully we will have better news soon.

With love to you all, Lilian.

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### **And more thanks**

A big '**thank you**' to Sam Sainsbury, Andy, Doreen, and Toddy for organising the Christmas Bingo at the Community Centre on December 10th, and to those who supported it. Well over 50 people attended and a good time was had by all.



## Do you live in Seend Cleeve and love your garden?

The third biennial Seend Cleeve Open Garden day (in aid of Seend Church) is taking place on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be contacting all those who kindly opened their garden last time, and if you would like to share the joys of your garden with others, we would love to hear from you. Gardens of all shapes, sizes and designs included – the more the merrier.

Please contact Steve Taylor on 01225 709360 or email [ssstaylor@btinternet.com](mailto:ssstaylor@btinternet.com)



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## Seend Fete Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2012

### SEEND FETE NEEDS YOU

### THE COMMITTEE NEEDS SOME NEW MEMBERS

### URGENTLY

We are a friendly group of people but need at least two or three more people to help in the organising and planning of the fete. We usually meet once a month. One or two of the committee have indicated that this will be their last year on the committee so we're looking for replacements.

If you would like to join us please get in touch with Fiona Johnson on 828401 or Jo McManus on 828870.

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## The Seend Club

Annual Memberships are now available for 2012/13.

**Join us before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and get discounted membership at £7**

(14-17 year olds and over-60s £4)

**Membership rate £8 / £5 from 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Help support the work of the Community Centre  
by becoming a Seend Club member for 2012

Join at the Centre or send a cheque/cash (payable to The Seend Club Ltd) to  
20 Dial Close, Seend, SN12 6NP (01380 828401)

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## Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Following supportive feedback from the Seend Appraisal, the Parish Council has agreed to take the lead on co-ordinating celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee. A number of organisations (currently the Community Centre, the Lye Field, the Church, School and the WI) are engaged in the planning stages of the celebrations with the date of Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> being considered. These are likely to include a children's party, games, entertainment, food and beacon lighting. Please pencil in the date for an afternoon and evening of fun. Further details to be advised through organisations and Spotlight. If your organisation would like to be involved please email the parish council or Spotlight.





## Churchyard Cleanup - Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>

Helpers are needed for a churchyard clean-up at Seend Church. This is an ideal opportunity to have a winter workout in the fresh air!! We need to remove a number of small saplings that are growing in the wrong place before they get to become trees. Also some overgrown and neglected hedges need a haircut. We are wanting to create areas suitable for wildlife and this work has been identified by the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. All help would be gratefully received - please bring your own tools and flask - we'll bring the biscuits! Anytime from 10.30 till 12.30 and again from 2 till 4pm. For further information please contact one of the Churchwardens.



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## LETTER FROM THE VICARAGE

Happy New Year to you all (even if it is a little late)!

May I add my thanks to everyone who took the trouble to respond to the Village appraisal. The results for the church were very helpful and we will be addressing those issues that are within our power and that are not being covered already! However, probably the most significant outcome was the request for better communication. That was pretty hard because we already include as much news as space will allow in Spotlight and, of course, we have weekly pewsheets in each parish, as well as village noticeboards that we use. Short of walking up and down our village high streets wearing sandwich boards it's a bit difficult to know what else we can do!

However, one of our churchwardens suggested a good place to start might be to give you an idea of my typical working week so you can see where and how I spend my time - so here it is. This (pretty average) week was as follows:

**Monday** (*usually intended to be my principal "admin day"*): *am*: preparation for upcoming committee meetings etc. *pm*: visiting parishioners at RUH Bath. *evening*: Bulkington PCC meeting in the Vicarage.

**Tuesday**: *am*: Deanery Chapter meeting in Devizes, followed by a visit to a former Seend parishioner and others at Avonmead Nursing Home, Devizes. *pm*: 4 pastoral visits in Poulshot, followed by a meeting with Seend Churchwardens at the Vicarage. *evening*: admin (dealing with correspondence, phone calls and emails).

**Wednesday**: *am*: 4 pastoral visits in Bulkington. *pm*: meeting preparation and other admin. *evening*: meeting with benefice churchwardens in the Vicarage.

**Thursday**: time off until *evening*: meeting with a wedding couple, followed by admin.

**Friday**: *am*: meetings, and preparation for Messy Church in the afternoon

**Saturday**: *am*: meeting and admin. *pm*: pastoral visits in Seend. *evening*: sermon and service preparation

**Sunday:** *am:* services at 8, 9.30 and 11.15. *pm:* Baptism, followed by two meetings with wedding couples. *evening:* service at Poulshot.

Most of you will know that I am contracted to work only two days plus Sundays (this being a “part-time” appointment) and so I make a point of disappearing to my “bolt hole” once a month to catch up with my reading, personal paperwork, walking and sleep! I am also allowed the odd holiday so I’ll be disappearing to Israel for a week later this month to do a sponsored walk, and plan to do some voluntary service overseas in Nepal later this year. Not much happening there then! BUT ... I am here for each one of you (01380 827285 – or email: renee.coulson.2@googlemail.com), and I love it!

Thank you all so much for your lovely messages and good wishes over Christmas. May the Lord bless you richly.

Renée

## **CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS**

### **What’s this then ?**

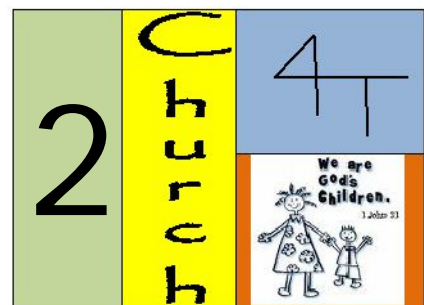
Well – simply Sunday School for **ALL** families living in Bulkington, Poulshot and Seend with young children

**When?** On the second Sunday of each month 4.30 – 5.15pm

**Where?** Bulkington Church

**... and?** We’ll enjoy a simple craft activity, Bible story, games, songs etc, and we’ll end with ... **Tea !!!**

(Collect a sticker each month towards a prize for the best attendance!)



### **Lent and “Discipleship”**

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**. We will be holding a service in **Seend Church that day, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30 pm**, together with congregations from Bromham, Rowde, Potterne, Worton and Marston, as well as Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, of course. Do come along if you can. Starting the following week we will meet one evening a week as a **Lent discussion group**, which will end with a very short act of worship - either Night Prayer or a time of informal prayer. Please check the noticeboards and pewsheets for details, or contact the Vicar (827285) or Sue Taylor (Benefice Administrator – 01225 709360). The night before Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday, **21<sup>st</sup> February**, we will be holding a **Messy Church Pancake Party!** Sue will be able to confirm details.

Did you know that our parishes are prayed for in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer? My submission for 10<sup>th</sup> January was “*Pray that the people of our benefice might “catch the vision” and work together to further the work of the Kingdom in this place. Pray that they will give of their money, their time and their talents with*

*generous and joyful hearts and that, in so doing, they will be richly blessed.”*

That remains my prayer for each of our parishes.

In the meantime The Ven Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum (shortly Wilts too), will be discussing what it means for all Christians, who are called to be “disciples”, to serve the Kingdom of God. The meeting will be at **St James’s Church Devizes on 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm**. It’s free, and tea and coffee will be served. See you there? I hope so! Phone me (827285) if you would like a lift.

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## **Church services in February**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 9.30 am Matins at Poulshot
- 11.15 am Parish Communion at Seend
- 6.00 pm Evensong at Bulkington

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (Ash Wednesday)**

- 7.30 pm “Cluster” service at Seend (with Ashing)

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 9.30 am Family Communion at Poulshot
- 11.15 am Family Communion at Seend
- 6.00 pm Parish Communion at Bulkington

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

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
  - 9.30 am Parish Communion at Bulkington
  - 11.15 am All Age Worship at Seend
  - 6.00 pm Parish Communion at Poulshot
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## **WANTED ! CAN YOU HELP ?**

Seend PCC has critical need of a Treasurer. If you or someone you know, have any relevant financial experience and can spare some time to assist with this vital job, please would you contact the Vicar on 827285 or Neil Yockney on 827139 urgently?

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## **Church Floodlights**

**31st December 2011/1st January 2012**

In celebration of the new year. John and Jane GOMAN

**New Years Eve 2011** For Cairistiona

Apologies from the last magazine: Rex and Jan Gudge's birthday celebration dates should have been 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December.

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### **FROM ROY**

The universe continually amazes me. New things are discovered every day, it seems. Late last year, it was discovered that neutrinos may be capable of travelling faster than the speed of light. The elusive Higg's boson may have finally been detected. Both findings are subject to further investigation, but even to have experiments running that may confirm this is wonderful. Meanwhile on the BBC's Stargazing programme recently encouraged everyone to join in a project to help search for new planets.

The more we know about the universe, the more we realise just how full of potential, how full of energy, how full of life-giving possibilities it is. From our point of view, the most amazing thing of all is that we are capable of discovering the wonders of the universe we live in and that we are capable of caring for, nurturing and furthering life. This is surely what it means to bear the image and likeness of God. We are able to participate in discovering and sharing in the God-given potential of the universe.

Yet at the same time, we are aware that it is easy for us to use our knowledge for destructive purposes and all too often rather than co-operate with each other for the good of all, through fear and greed we close down the possibilities of life in all its fullness.

This month, we will be beginning our Lenten journey towards Easter. In this journey we travel with Jesus towards the cross and God's sharing with us in the consequences of our destructive and life-destroying tendencies. Through the new life of Easter, God releases us back into the possibility of sharing once in all the potential of universe and the realisation of fullness of life for all. We are made new.

God bless,



### **SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL**

#### **Services for February 2012**

February	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Mr Derek Gard
	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion

Anne Salter



## NEW !!!! BENEFICE BUZZZ GROUPS

Beginning in April/May 2012 in Bulkington, Seend and Poulshot—for all the church family

These groups will be held once a month on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. You can choose WHERE you go, on WHAT day and time suits you best, with WHICHEVER leader is leading the group. It is YOUR choice. BUT...we hope that EVERYONE IN THE BENEFICE WILL CHOOSE TO GO TO A GROUP.

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## **BULKINGTON NEWS**

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – COLLECTIONS IN BULKINGTON**

The house to house collections, the poppies sold in “The Well” together with the collection taken at the Remembrance Sunday Service raised an amazing total of £344. My grateful thanks to all who donated so generously.

David Raby-Cox

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## **SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

#### **Dates to Remember**

April 26<sup>th</sup> Next Committee Meeting

July 1<sup>st</sup> Drumhead Service - Lye Field

#### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal collection, November 2011**

Total collection £2275.66. Gift aid can be claimed on £887.00 of this. Again, our grateful thanks to all our collectors

Joan Savage, Poppy appeal organiser.



### **DAY TRIP to BUCKINGHAM PALACE THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2012 at 11am.**

As a special treat for this jubilee year, a trip to London to see the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace has been organised. This is open to all Seend residents and you are advised to book early if you would like to go. There is also an exhibition of "Diamonds: A Jubilee Celebration" to be seen and is included in the price. Tickets for this event are £16.50 + return travel by coach from Seend. It will leave at approx 0830 hrs. Further details will be available nearer the time. Please contact Tony Ewin on 01380 828235 or Joy Stack 01380 828809 to book your place or for further information contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139.

## **SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS**

See the copy of 'Happenings!' inserted in this magazine – and the events pages in the front – for details of the activities going on in your Community Centre.

### **Peter Fisher**

One thing we must put into the main body of Spotlight is a big thank you to Peter Fisher, who has stepped down as Chairman after six years of wisely steering the Centre from choppy waters to stability and success. The village owes him a lot. Fortunately for us, Peter will continue to be involved as a Trustee of Seend Trust and Community Centre, and as a member of 'The Dregs' Friday morning maintenance team.



### **SEEND WINE CIRCLE**

The feedback from the participants in the first evening "The Italian Night" was very positive. A packed room enjoyed wines from almost every corner of Italy. Some wines were more enthusiastically received than others, with a Gavi and I Satiri from Pugula pleasing the greatest number.

The next event our Spanish night, "Rioja and beyond" has already sold out. The organisers have moved this to the larger venue of the school hall, because they want everyone that is interested in coming to be able to attend.

To keep up to date with events and availability visit: [www.seendwinecircle.org](http://www.seendwinecircle.org)



### **SEEND WI**

Our December meeting had a decidedly Christmas flavour. Members were greeted with a glass of mulled wine and mince pies and then were entertained by The Philomel Choir under the baton of Michael Johnson. The choir sang a delightful selection of Christmas songs and carols and their performance ended by the members joining in Oh Little Town of Bethlehem. By the time we went home a great feeling of friendship and goodwill had been generated.

In January we were entertained by Lady Ruth Hawley (mother of BBC reporter Caroline Hawley). She shared her experiences of being the wife of a diplomat with us, and disabused us of the notion that the life of a diplomat is all parties and luxury. She had many amusing tales to tell and made light of the difficulties and frustrations of trying to bring up a small family in sometimes rather difficult circumstances. We were pleased to welcome two new members this month – Debbie Duparcq and Lesley Jaques and we hope they enjoy being part of our WI.

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

## **SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS**



**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December:** 15 walkers completed a distance of five invigorating miles within the vicinity of Kington Langley. Thanks to Wendy and Reg for planning and organising the route.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January:** on a cold, but bright, sunny morning, 25 walkers met at the car pull-in, Longsplatt, Kingsdown for a walk of six miles, taking in the villages of South Wraxall, Monkton Farleigh and a full circular route making our way back through the little hamlet of Kingsdown. At this stage we experienced some spectacular panoramic views over the Box valley. Thanks to Colin and Denise Noad for their efforts.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February:** Social Skittles and Short Mat Bowls evening, Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane; 7 for 7.30 pm start. Members and friends most welcome. Please bring a plate of food towards a shared supper. Drinks can be purchased from the bar.

Frank Teasdale (01380 828617) or Colin Waldeck (01380 828946) can be contacted. There will be some small charge towards the running of the event. For the short mat bowls, soft, light footwear will be a requirement.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February:** Meet in Rusty Lane for 9.30am departure for a walk of approximately six miles starting at Old Sarum and organised by Terry and Sheila Williams. Bring a packed lunch.

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March:** A walk led by Penny and Ron England (details in the next issue of 'Spotlight')

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** The date for our Annual Meeting, commencing at 3pm in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion. A short local walk will take place within the village prior to the meeting. Further details to follow in the next issue.

Lin Salter



## **SEEND SINGERS**

The Seend Singers meet and enjoy themselves on Tuesday mornings at 11:15. We sing a variety of songs and at the same time try to improve our voices and the way we communicate the music. It doesn't matter what standard you are. If you range from a 'bathroom bass' to a 'shower soprano', or if you are a more experienced singer, you'll be made welcome and we'll try to make sure you have a great and rewarding time.

'Seend Singers' is what we're calling ourselves for the moment – but it's not necessarily a permanent name. We're open to ideas so if anyone who joins can think of alternatives, we'll listen. We levy just a small charge to pay for the use of the centre. So – Tuesday mornings at 11:15 in the Community Centre - hope to see you there. If you decide to come along, please let Roger Brind know on 01380 828830 so he has an idea of numbers.

Bob McCulloch





## **SEEND SHUTTLE**

The usual shopping trip is planned to go to Salisbury on the first Wednesday in February. Please note that the first Wednesday is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month. This can cause problems because our passengers don't think about the trip until the month starts and then it will be too late! Closing date for booking is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Phone Terry on 828203.

## **SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

A hint of spring will be welcome at our next meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Gordon Cottis will be talking to us about Hellebores and, I think, will have some for sale also. The spring flower show schedules will be out ready for our show in March, which will be postponed to April if necessary. The competition in February is an early spring flower arrangement, although with the weather as it is who knows if we will have anything at all in the garden. We had an excellent response to our competition in January with 10 or 11 containers of home-made compost to be judged by our speaker who sniffed and dug about and pronounced herself very impressed with our composting skills. Modesty prevents me from naming the winner, but I think the garnish of parsley helped. Alison Peterson was as entertaining and informative as ever in her talk. It is impossible to reproduce everything she said but to sum up briefly: you can compost anything that has been alive including woolly jumpers, shredded cardboard and paper, kitchen waste, wood ash, grass clippings (leave them to dry before you add them to the heap and they won't go slimy) and weeds before they have set seed. Don't put in diseased plants or nasty things like bindweed. You need a good mix of things still fresh and green and older, twiggy things (brown). These provide carbon and nitrogen and with warmth and moisture will rot down well. If there are lots of ants in there the heap is too dry, if there are creatures around the top trying to escape it is too wet. Lastly it doesn't matter if not everything has completely broken down when you use it, the worms will pull it down into the soil when you spread it on the garden. Either way, home-made compost encourages healthy soil and therefore healthy plants.



Sue.

## **SEEND SCHOOL PARENT SOCIAL CLUB**



**Christmas Fair** – Thank you to all who turned out to support us and took the opportunity to look at the extension. We raised £1080 which we are extremely pleased with.

*I would like to especially thank our sponsors: Bovisand Lodge Beachside Holiday Park, Saint Cars, The Brewery Inn, Melksham Groundcare Machinery, Haine & Smith Opticians, Brian Hunt Driving Consultant, Owen Burton Computers, Camelot Media, The Daily Drinker, Cleeve Cats Cattery, Shane Stevens Painting & Decorating, Swindon NFU Mutual Insurance,*

*P M Bines Stone Mason, JDS Electrical, Millipedes Nursery, Seend Post Office, Trevor Hale Tree Surgery, Mark Williams Logs and Matt Hill.*

**Table top sale** – We raised £285, so thank you to everyone who helped by making produce or donating ingredients. The cakes and chutneys flew off the table and we were even able to pack up early! We will be having two more stalls later in the year.

**Textile Collection** - We will be arranging another textile collection shortly with Bag2school. When sorting through your cupboards, please think of us. We can take adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (*not duvets or pillows*).

Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school (50p/Kg), it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. It is a fact that as a nation we still send 1,081,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

**Seend School 100 Club – December Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Rachel Lewis    2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Emma Smith    3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Jane Clarke

Emma Smith 01380 828056

## **SEEND PARISH COUNCIL**

The meeting held on **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** was attended by 10 Councillors with Mrs. T. Carr in the chair. Apologies received from Mr. Johnson.

*War Memorial* – The remedial works to the War Memorial are now complete. An e-mail of appreciation has been received from Rev. Coulson.

*Allotments* – Wiltshire Council Highways have advised that an application must be made before work starts on the allotments entrance. Awaiting confirmation that planning permission is not needed.

*Footpath SEEN4, Three Magpies* - The Clerk met with Rupert Bagnall of Wadworth. He is willing to sponsor the cost of a waste bin. E-mail sent to Highways to ask if they can obtain a bin for the PC in their usual design, cost will probably be cheaper because of WC purchasing power, awaiting a response.

*Rusty Lane, traffic speed* – The Parish Council is concerned at the speed of some cars accessing Rusty Lane, bearing in mind it is well used by pedestrians of all ages, and is close to a childrens' play area. Warning signs will be placed in the lane in due course. In the meantime, could everyone please keep their speed to an absolute minimum in this location.

*Queen's Jubilee Celebrations June 2012* - It was agreed to write to village organisations who take an active role, asking if they have any plans formulated, and arranging a meeting for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm, inviting them to attend to discuss possible celebrations.

## **Village Appraisal**

Mr Murch provided Councillors with a copy of the main findings of the Appraisal, and he will send all the captured comments electronically to PC members to see if they want to pick out other comments. The Appraisal has enabled people to say what they think about the village, including people new to the village since the last appraisal. Mr Murch thanked everyone who helped. Mr Diffey said that the results contained a lot of information, and asked how it would be presented at the meeting. Mr Murch said that he hoped the results would help to start to form the Parish Plan; the presentation should take about 20 minutes.

## **Planning Matters**

E/11/1428/FUL The Barge Inn, Seend Cleeve

Single storey extension to dining area, alterations to fencing

**No objections, but the PC would like to ask why is the comment added under section 3, Description of the Proposal “change of use of land to domestic”**

E/11/1518/LBC Crossways, High Street, Seend

Replace wooden windows with identical white painted windows

**No objections**

E/11/1528/FUL 10 New Buildings, Seend Cleeve

Erection of a two-storey rear extension and detached single garage

**No objections**

E/11/1540/TCA Springfield, 9 Dial Close

Work to trees in a conservation area

**No objections**

**Reminder to horse riders** – it was noted that horse manure had been dropped on the footpath by the railings at the end of School Road. Please would all horse riders remember that they should pick up after their horses.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January** at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

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

## **WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED**

A New Year brings new opportunities for us all and that includes those of us involved in local politics. This year the big challenge facing Wiltshire Council will be balancing the budget whilst at the same time making sure we have provided services to all those entitled to them. This is a complex task for a Council with a budget of over £800million and especially as the budget is quite rightly subject to detailed scrutiny by Council Members and the public who pay the Council taxes that make it all possible. I am heavily involved in the scrutiny

process as a Member of the Overview and Scrutiny panel which will go through the budget on a line by line basis and ask searching questions of those who propose to spend our money. To do this it is necessary to study a financial document several hundred pages long and then look for any problems - a thankless but vital task as it is essential that the back bench Members hold the administration to account at budget time when money is so scarce.

Wiltshire Council under the current administration manages its funds as if they were their own money and we are thoroughly aware that in these times of austerity the electorate would expect no less. That is why we are consolidating our real estate and reducing our staff. There are occasions when the reductions required to run an efficient Council are painful and difficult. I have found this to be personally and particularly poignant when the Council recently had to decide to sell Urchfont Manor where I am Chairman of the Board of Management. The Manor has provided excellent adult education and small conference facilities for many years in a superb setting. However the service being provided within a site worth several million pounds on the open market is not statutory and therefore the Council has had to make efficiencies by stopping this service and putting the site on the market. Sad though this is, unfortunately this is the reality of operating efficient local government in the current economic climate.

The good news is that all is not gloomy in Seend and Bulkington for 2012 and I hope to attend your Parish Council meetings and learn about your plans for celebrating The Queen's Diamond Jubilee later this year.

Jonathon Seed

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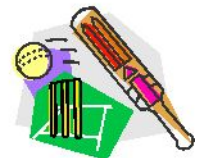
## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **SEEND CRICKET CLUB A.G.M.**

The 2012 cricket season is just around the corner, so it will soon be time to dust off the willow, make sure that last years grass stains have been washed from the kit, and start exercising those muscles that have not been used for the past few months. Last year was one of the most successful in the history of our club and it is to be hoped that we will retain the nucleus of last years team for 2012, and at the same time, welcome any newcomers to the village, and give them the opportunity of playing matches on a Sunday afternoon. Whilst not in the Saturday format, it is extremely competitive and very enjoyable, being played with a maximum of 40 overs per side. At the time of writing, seventeen fixtures have been arranged, with several new venues to visit and new visitors to welcome. Regrettably, the two touring sides that we have entertained for a number of years have decided that the ageing process and the financial implications, means that they will no longer be visiting us.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Community Centre at 8pm. on Sunday, 5th February. Please make every effort to be there.

Brian Hunt, Chairman



## **Football**

### **Manager Mike Hopkins**

### **Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham**

Recent results:

Lost vs Steeple Ashton 0-1

Won vs SC United 4-3 in the cup

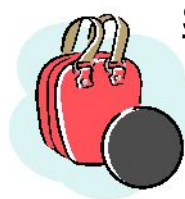
Won vs Bradford United 3-0

Won vs Melksham town

Lost vs North Bradley 0-1 in the cup



Mark Newman's 'goal of the month' goes to Mike Hains for his stunning strike in the match against Bradford United.



### **Short Mat Bowls – Projectionist – Colin Waldeck**

Colin tells me that Seend are well up in the division and were top only a couple of games ago, having won their first 3 matches. The last 3 results have seen them fall from the pinnacle. Those results were as follows:

Lost Vs. Melksham and Shore 2-6

Drew Vs. Crudwell 4-4

Lost Vs. Marshfield 2-6

We wish the boys well for the remainder of the season.

I was of course relieved to hear that Colin survived his sponsored bungee jump from the canal bridge with only minimal injuries. It was one of those ideas that looked tempting on paper but the reality proved to be a different matter. We all wish him well for London 2012.

## **SKITTLES**

Seend A – Captain – John Wiltshire

Seend B – Captain Nick Easton

Seend C – Captain – Graham Hamblin



Seend C have played two matches since the New Year, the results are as follows:

Vs. Comrades – won 6.5-0.5

Vs. The Good, Bad and the Ugly – won 6-1

Full results for all three teams together with league placings will be in next month's Spotlight.

*(See 'Happenings!' for details of the forthcoming Singles and Mixed Pairs skittles competitions in Seend Community Centre, plus a plea for help. Ed.)*



## **TENNIS – Chair – Elaine Davis**

We are presently playing in Division 2 of the Chippenham and District winter tennis league.

Results so far:

Vs. Devizes B – lost 3-5

Vs. Marshfield – lost 3-5

Vs. Frome B – won 7-1

Vs. Chippenham B – won 7-1

Vs. Calne (match postponed)

Vs. Devizes B (return fixture) – won 5-3

We have four more return fixtures finishing on 4<sup>th</sup> March. The spring/summer league starts in earnest in April. We will be putting up two mixed doubles teams, one ladies doubles team and the men's doubles team. Anyone keen to play in the league from April until August, please contact Frankie Goddard – 828488.

Players so far in the Winter league: Susie and David Meharg, Victoria Bowes, Elaine Davis, Pam Akerman, Harry and Charlie Waylen, Mark Newman, Frankie Goddard, Roger Mortimer.

## **Bishops Cannings 5000 metre Dash**

The 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive running of this event takes place in this Olympic year on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Race details and entry forms are on the website at [www.bishopscanningsdash.co.uk](http://www.bishopscanningsdash.co.uk). Seend runners have a great record in this event as the race roll of honour and records show, and no doubt 2012 should be another good year.



*All sports news results and fixtures to the locker room by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012.*

Frankie Goddard 828488

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## **'The Badgers'**

Worton and Cheverell F.C. Under 13s. [www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk/](http://www.wortonandcheverellfc.co.uk/)

We have been very fortunate to have been given permission to play our home matches at Seend playing fields on Sundays, and have been delighted with the excellent facilities and support received from Dave Sawyer and committee.

Having been promoted to a higher league this season we have had some difficult fixtures, but the boys have used the experience to develop, and have made excellent progress culminating in a superb result last Sunday against the league leaders Amesbury Junior Lions drawing 2-2 at Amesbury. This was on the back of an excellent victory in a friendly the previous week against third place Westbury Youth, played at Seend (result 4-3).

This Sunday (22nd) we have a very difficult fixture at home to second place Holt who are pushing to win the league.

With just five matches left to play we hope to continue our recent form and push for a mid table position.

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## **PERSONAL ADS**

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

**Wanted:** Child's bike, 16" wheel, to suit boy or girl to keep for visiting grandchildren. Reasonable secondhand price please. Jackie Merivale 01380 871359.

**Wanted:** Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area - to purchase. We are looking for an area of grazing which we can fence securely to make a safe haven for our ponies and their feed / water following numerous incidents of theft and now criminal damage at our current location. Anything considered, although 3 acres plus preferred. We are happy to include uplift clauses etc to alleviate any concerns regarding development etc if required.

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

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## **BITS 'N' BOBS**



Are you an older person who spends on average 10% of your income on fuel. Do you need additional support to heat your home and eat properly in the cold weather?

A Surviving Winter grant may help. You must live in Wiltshire or Swindon Borough to apply.

A grant of £125 could assist you with:

- Paying your oil, coal, electricity or gas bills or purchasing a heater
- Purchasing a pair of warm slippers and a blanket

Depending on your circumstances you may be able to apply for additional support and we may also consider applications from other individuals in need who are disabled or suffering extreme hardship.

If you would like to make an application please contact:

CAB Wiltshire - 0844 375 2775 or 0300 456 8375 for mobiles

Age UK Wiltshire - 01380 735527

Wiltshire Good Neighbours - 01380 722475

Wiltshire Credit Unions - 01380 722475

**Also, if you receive the Winter Fuel Payment from the government and don't need it perhaps you would consider donating it to the appeal, so we**



can distribute it to those who do. Donations do not have to be from the Winter Fuel Payment, support from young and old alike is welcome.

Approximately 400 vulnerable people die in Wiltshire and Swindon each winter from causes directly attributable to cold weather. Rural isolation exacerbates the situation even further. Increases in energy prices mean more people than ever face considerable hardship this winter and it is estimated that 34,000 households in Wiltshire and Swindon are living in fuel poverty. It is shocking in the 21st century that so many people struggle to stay warm and healthy during the winter. Many suffer in silence, often hidden from view, withdrawn from the world around.

**To contribute:**

€ Call 01380 729284

€ Visit Community Foundation website at [www.wscf.org.uk](http://www.wscf.org.uk) - click on the Surviving Winter icon.

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**!!!HELP NEEDED!!!**

The Bowerhill Scout Group needs as much help as possible to provide effective Scouting to young people. Your help is needed in relation to recruiting new Leaders in all sections of the Group following some forthcoming Leadership changes in 2012.



After 25 years with the Group the Cub Scout Leader and Scouter in Charge, Chris Broom, will be leaving in July 2012, these are roles that Chris has enjoyed immensely but now feels that it is time for a younger person to take over. The Group Chairman will be standing down in May 2012 so a replacement is sought to take up this invaluable role. We are a Committee run organisation and without a Committee the Group is unable to run.

Everyone has individual characteristics and personalities, which reflect their upbringing and life experiences. All or some of the following personal qualities may be desirable depending on the role in question:

- Positive attitude • Forward looking • Keen • Enthusiastic • A sense of humour
- Initiative • Reliability • Tolerance • Honesty • A realistic approach
- Works well with adults and young people

Remember that no contribution is too small! So come on and join our Group! The movement is based on voluntary support and hopefully you will be able spare some time to support our Group. Please contact Christine Broom on 01225 704168 or email [christine.broom@wiltshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:christine.broom@wiltshirescouts.org.uk) if you feel that you can contribute in some way.

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Devizes & District PHAB  
Charity No 282543

## **MINIBUS DRIVER WANTED**

### **Devizes Area**

With clean car D1 driving licence  
£ 7.30 per hour.  
4 weeks holiday plus bank holidays  
4½ to 6½ hours a week.

Casual work - transporting elderly people and people with disabilities.

For further details contact Michael Braund. Tel 01380-870274.

Email [mcbraund.phab@btinternet.com](mailto:mcbraund.phab@btinternet.com)

Devizes PHAB wish you all our best wishes for the New year, and if anyone is interested to learn more about PHAB and what it does please do contact me

Michael Braund.

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### **Family Events at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Nature Reserves: Spring Delights**

Join us as we take a walk around our nature reserves enjoying the delights of spring. We will be using nature to inspire us to create some natural pieces of artwork out on site and to take home. Don't forget to wear your old clothes for this one!

**Dates and Venues:** Lower Moor Farm: Wednesday 15th February  
Langford Lakes: Friday 17th February

**Time:** 10am—12 noon

Please remember for all our events:

- \* All children must be accompanied by an adult
- \* Please wear suitable clothing and footwear
- \* Our activities are specially designed for children under the age of 12.

For more information and to book a place please call:

Lower Moor Farm (01380) 725670

Langford Lakes (01722) 790770

**Admission: £3.50 per child; under 3s free**

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### **White Horse Opera's Spring Concert at Devizes Town Hall Saturday 24th March at 7.30pm**



"A Taste of Italy" promises to be an evening of wonderful music, all your favourite Italian opera choruses including the Triumphal Scene from Aida and the Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Nabucco.

Tickets £8 from Devizes Books Tel: 01380-725944

Please visit [www. WhiteHorseOpera.co.uk](http://www.WhiteHorseOpera.co.uk) for further details



## **WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE AVAILABLE FOR SELF-DRIVE HIRE**

Local communities' charity Community First is helping wheelchair users in Wiltshire to get out and about through the hire of a wheelchair accessible multi purpose vehicle (M.P.V.).

Based at Community First's offices in Devizes, the M.P.V. can be driven using an ordinary car licence and it can carry up to four passengers plus one wheelchair which can be wheeled straight into the vehicle.

The vehicle is ideal for families who want to take a loved one out for the day but who could not do so ordinarily because the family car cannot accommodate a wheelchair user.

The vehicle is also available on a self-drive hire basis to not-for-profit community organisations with or without wheelchair accessible transport needs (such as sports clubs, church groups, schools and groups for older people). The vehicle costs 15p per mile plus £4.70 per hour\* to hire (\*hourly charge only applicable when passengers are being carried). A charge for fuel used is also applicable.

For more information, please contact Sheila Martin at Community First on (01380) 732817 or e-mail [transport@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:transport@communityfirst.org.uk)

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### **New Year, New Challenge – Run it – Walk it – Bike it**

The Sarsen Trial and Neolithic Marathon, one of Wiltshire's important leisure events will take place on Sunday 6th May 2012. A significant date for serious runners, walkers and cyclists, it is also a fun day for families wanting to enjoy the countryside and raise money for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. This year's event includes the Full and Half Marathon, a range of walks (7, 11, 15 and 26 miles) and a new route for the 25 mile multi-terrain, circular mountain bike route, starting and ending at Stonehenge, going through Salisbury Plain allowing cyclists to enjoy the vast beauty of this unique landscape.

The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is celebrating its 50th year anniversary and hopes to raise even more funds to continue its critical conservation work supporting and developing a sustainable future for wildlife and people. "This is a rare opportunity for people to access an area which is usually closed to the public and to enjoy this spectacular landscape. I am also pleased to say that we have been given permission to take this year's cycling route through Salisbury Plain. We had over 2,300 people taking part last year and I expect this year will be no exception. The marathon places are limited and in our 50th year we expect a record attendance, so I urge people to sign on as soon as possible," says Sarsen Trail coordinator Derek Gard. It's a fabulous, fun-filled day on a route full of ups and downs and a mixture of grassland and farm tracks stretching across stunning landscape from the Vale of Pewsey, through the Avon Valley and across the wilds of Salisbury Plain. For wildlife watchers, the northern half of the route from Avebury to Redhorn Hill is an area rich in wildlife and you can

expect to see skylarks, brown hares, sedge warblers and kingfishers. The route crosses fields and country lanes as well as a couple of busier roads and a railway line. The route is fully stewarded with first aid cover and support vehicles and a free coach service is offered for walkers between the starting and finishing points. The Trust provides regular water and toilet stops with refreshments available along the route. All participants who cross the finish line at Stonehenge receive free refreshments at the end, along with a medal awarded to all those who finish their chosen route. Thanks to English Heritage, those with medals will have the opportunity to enter the Stonehenge site for free for the rest of the day.



Entry fees cover the Trust's costs for organising the event and more funds can be raised for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust through individual sponsorship. This year we are asking participants to take our £50 challenge and to raise a minimum of £50 sponsorship. Sponsorship forms can be downloaded from our website.

For further information visit our website or email [derekg@wiltshirewildlife.org](mailto:derekg@wiltshirewildlife.org). Online booking via our website [www.wiltshirewildlife.org](http://www.wiltshirewildlife.org) will be available from Monday 16th January 2012.

### Seend Railway Station Photographs Sought

I am a keen railway modeller and live within sight of the old station. I am researching for a proposed model of the station. The views I have found in books are all very similar. If anyone has any photographs of the station they could lend me, I would be most grateful to see them and would return them of course. Please contact me by email at: [kerryhames102@talktalk.net](mailto:kerryhames102@talktalk.net)

Steve Jones



**1920s Casino Night at Cleeve House**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 8pm**  
**Casino (fun money) — cocktails — canapés — jazz**

Black tie/cocktail dress or dress as a gangster or flapper  
 Tickets £35 from 01380 827129 or [www.cleeve-house.com](http://www.cleeve-house.com)

### And finally.....

If you can start the day without caffeine  
 If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains  
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles  
 If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it  
 If you can understand why your loved ones are too busy to give you any time  
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment  
 If you can conquer tension without medical help  
 If you can relax without alcohol  
 If you can sleep without the aid of drugs  
 Then you are probably the family dog.

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

**CHURCH:** Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: Revd Maureen Allchin. Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend: Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; St Peter's Poulshot: Mrs Janet James 724944, Mrs Paulette Bremner Milne 828527; LPA's: Mrs Audrey McDonald 828376, Mrs Jane Goman 827121 and Mrs Liz Futter 828485; Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627  
**Minister Methodist Church** - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340  
**Irene Usher Memorial Hall** (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250  
**Bulkington Village Hall** - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485  
**Seend Community Centre/Club** - 828796 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: Frank on 828617  
**Seend Shuttle Community Bus:** Private hire bookings - Alison Cobbing 828568  
**Seend Parish Council Clerk** - Rosemary Fisher 828281 [www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk)  
**Seend's Wiltshire Councillor** - Mr Jonathan Seed 01380 850696  
**Seend Website:** [www.seend.org.uk](http://www.seend.org.uk) - Neil Yockney 827139. **Seend School** - 828334  
**Bulkington Website:** [www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington](http://www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Bulkington)  
**Public Footpath Warden** - Mrs Esther Daly 01672 513157  
**Connect 2** (transport to RUH; book at least one day ahead) - 08456 525255  
**Community Beat Manager** for Seend PC Emily Thomas. She can be contacted on 0845 408 7000, or e-mail [melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:melkshamruralsouthnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)  
**MP** Claire Perry, 01672 519198 (10-5) or [claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:claire.perry.mp@parliament.uk)  
**MEP** - Graham Watson 01458 252265

#### **CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS**

*100+ Club Cash Draw - Bernie Prolze 828391*  
*Acoustic Club - Malcolm Shipp 827041 - [www.seendacoustic.org](http://www.seendacoustic.org)*  
*Book Clubs - the original: Sylvia Ewin 828325 - the other: Frank Teasdale 828617*  
*Bouncy Club - Paulette Pardoe 07944 300350*  
*Brownies - Helen Hook 828477*  
*Cricket Club - Peter Wallis 01249 812088*  
*Fawlty Players Panto Group - Tessa Doe 828617*  
*Fete Committee - Fiona Johnson 828401 - [www.seendfete.co.uk](http://www.seendfete.co.uk)*  
*Football Club - Dave Beaumont 01225 785067*  
*Gardening Club - Joyce Brand 828433*  
*Historic Houses Club - Tony Ewin 828325*  
*LINK Scheme - 075320 55560*  
*Lye Field Committee - Dave Sawyer 828583*  
*Mothers' Union - Kay Beasley 828593*  
*Neighbourhood Watch - Brian Hunt (Seend) 828581; Cavan Moroney (Sells Green) 828606; Owen Burton (Seend Cleeve) 828820; John Scott (Bulkington) 828026.*  
*Preschool - Liz Futter 828485*  
*Poetry Group - Tessa Doe 828617*  
*Ramblers - Gerald Salter 01225 706451*  
*Royal British Legion - Roger Brind 828830; Poppy Appeal - Joan Savage*  
*Seend Singers - Roger Brind 828830*  
*Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946*  
*Tennis Club - Ric Ellinger 828683*  
*Theatre Club - Sylvia Ewin 828325; Marion Whitehead 828612*  
*WEA - Pam Church - 828597*  
*WI - Sarah Todhunter on 828730 and Jo Vaux on 828970*  
*Wine Circle - Steve Parsons 828814*  
*Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446*

# Seend Post Office & Village Store

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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