

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



Mad March 2012

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

- 3rd Fairtrade Fair, Devizes Corn Exchange
3rd Quiz Night – Teams of four, Seend Community Centre, 7.45pm
6th Seend Acoustic Club – Kevin Brown, Community Centre, upstairs @ 8pm
7th Seend Shuttle shopping trip. Phone 828203 by Monday 5th to book
10th Soup Lunch in aid of 'Hope for Tomorrow', Pavilion, 12-2pm
10th N Wilts National Trust Assoc lecture 'Under Devizes', Community Centre, 2pm
10th Men's & women's singles skittles competition, Community Centre, 8pm
11th 237th anniversary service, Seend Methodist Chapel, 10am
11th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane, 9.30am or Devizes Wharf car park, 9.45am
12th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
16th Wine Circle, Seend School (book by 5th March)
17th Disco for Dorothy House and Breast Cancer, Community Centre, 8pm
17th LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO APRIL SPOTLIGHT
18th Mothering Sunday church services – see list on page 9
20th Seend Acoustic Club – Jenna Witts, Community Centre, upstairs @ 8pm
24th Acoustic Club Special – Daisy Chapman, Community Centre, upstairs @ 8pm
24th White Horse Opera concert, Devizes Town Hall, 7.30pm
25th Seend Ramblers AGM, Pavilion, 3pm, preceded by local walk at 1.30pm
25th Free film for Seend Club members – 'Mon Oncle', Community Centre, 7.45pm
26th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
26th Seend School Governing Body meeting; potential new governors invited, 6pm
26th WEA AGM, upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 7.30pm
27th Young Musicians of Seend, Community Centre, free entry, 7pm
27th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
28th Nosh & Natter lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
30th Official opening of new school building, 10am
31st Last date for early payment discount on Seend Club membership!
31st 'Hope for Tomorrow' lunch, Bulkington Village Hall, 12.30pm
31st Mixed pairs skittles competition, Community Centre, 8pm
31st Rural Arts Wiltshire 'Me, Myself and Miss Gibbs', Pavilion, 7.30pm
31st Market Lavington Community Hall, Easter County Fair, 10am-2pm

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

- 3rd Seend Acoustic Club – Phil King – upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 8pm
4th Bulkington Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm
4th Melksham Area Board meeting, Melksham United Church, 7pm
6th Good Friday children's workshops, Seend Church, 10am-12 noon
10th Gardening Club AGM
15th Free film for Seend Club members – title to be decided
17th Seend Acoustic Club – Nicky Swann – upstairs in Seend Community Centre, 8pm
23rd Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
23rd St George's Day Dinner, Community Centre, 7.30pm
24th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
28th Gardening Club trip to Exbury

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 for past editions of Spotlight & 'Happenings!', local history, 'What's On', links to other village sites etc



Welcome to the March 2012 edition of Spotlight

Our mad, hyperactive March hare is representative of the crazy number of things there are to do this month in our villages.

You can start off with a Quiz Night, closely followed by a shopping trip, two skittles competitions, a charity disco, the latest visiting production from Rural Arts Wiltshire, a National Trust lecture, no less than three Acoustic Club sessions, a Jacques Tati film, a concert by the young musicians of Seend, a ramble or two and a couple of chances for sociable lunches. There are also loads of upcoming events publicised in advance that you can book early for!

There are a few pleas for voluntary help – including one from your very own Spotlight editorial team. At the moment, there are a number of people in the village with multiple community responsibilities. If anyone can find the time to take on just one of these valuable village roles that would be a great help.

There are also lots of opportunities to support charity events, within and without our villages – see the Bits and Bobs section at the end of this magazine. This includes a couple of sponsorship requests from villagers attempting rather daunting physical challenges!

Do have a look at the village appraisal responses document online – see mention under Announcements. A correspondence about it in Spotlight might be useful.

Yet again, we are about to enjoy the daffodils in the grass verges throughout the village, the legacy of the late Joe Burbidge and friends. They could almost inspire a poem! Oh – I'm told somebody has already thought of that.....

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the April issue (**copy deadline 17th March**) can be e-mailed to spotlight@seend.org.uk or delivered to Seend Post Office. Comments and queries to Joanna Goddard on 828488, Tessa Doe on 828617 or Anne Ewing on 828557. Juli Wilfort collects and types up the items deposited at Seend PO.

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

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

When 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 sometimes include genuine messages for SPOTLIGHT.

Events in March and April and beyond



Quiz Night

Saturday 3rd March at 7.45pm

in Seend Community Centre

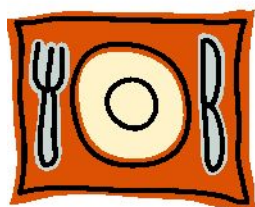
Teams of 4 - £2 per head

Cash First Prize plus runners-up

& best team name prizes

Bar and interval snacks available.

Phone 01380 828617 to book a table in advance



Nosh And Natter Lunch Club!

at 12 for 12.30pm

on Wednesdays March 28th and April 25th

Advance booking essential - ring 01380 828540

National Trust North and West Wiltshire Branch

Winter Lecture

Under Devizes

Speaker: John Girvan

Saturday 10th March 2012 at 2pm

(EGM will precede the lecture)

Seend Community Centre

Admission: Association members: £2.00; Visitors £3.00

Charity Disco

Seend Community Centre

Saturday 17th March 2012, 8pm to midnight

in aid of Dorothy House and Breast Cancer Research.



Tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for under-16s, supper included,
available from Barb Tilbury 828786 or Lou Waylen 828842

If you are able to donate a raffle prize please contact Barb or Lou.

Thank you for your support.



Soup Lunch **Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion** **Saturday 10th March, 12-2pm**

**Come and join us and help raise funds for 'Hope for Tomorrow',
a charity providing a mobile chemotherapy unit in Wiltshire
(See Bulkington News for more information on this charity.)**

Seend Acoustic Club

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

6th March - amazing guitar and vocals from Kevin Brown - entry £3

20th March - young singer/songwriter Jenna Witts - entry £5

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

**Plus tickets now available for two Saturday night specials
(please book in advance)**

24th March - award-winning Daisy Chapman - £5

26th May - Henry Priestman (from The Christians) - £7.50

See www.seendacoustic.org for full details

Tickets also available for Seend Acoustic Festival – 7th-8th September



Free Film Shows for Seend Club Members in Seend Community Centre

Sunday March 25th at 7.45pm

Jacques Tati's classic comedy 'Mon Oncle'

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 or renew now for 2012 and get £1 discount!

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 Sunday 15th April.



Seend Beer Festival

Saturday 5th May in Seend Community Centre

Tickets will be available from early March
in Seend PO, Seend Community Centre and The Brewery Inn.
Numbers limited to 500 – so book early!

Seend Community Opera
BRITTEN'S NOYE'S FLUDDE

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

Seend Community Centre

Join us for the Seend Event of 2012!

Over 130 performers!

Tickets now on sale £7(adult) £4(children)

Tickets available from Michael/Fiona 828401 or Seend Post Office
(Cheques payable to: Seend Community Centre)

Event supported by Wiltshire Council and Seend Parish Council



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, 27th March 2012 at 7pm

ADMISSION FREE

Retiring Collection in aid of the Community Centre

RURAL ARTS WILTSHIRE

Our next RAW event is on Saturday 31st March at 7.30pm
Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion.

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

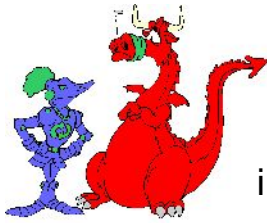
In 2003, Francesca bought a second hand postcard for 50p. The message on the postcard, sent on 15th July 1910, and addressed to a Miss Gibbs, simply reads:

"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?

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



St George's Day Dinner

Monday 23rd April in Seend Community Centre

Three-course roast beef dinner plus entertainment, including English folk songs and readings (both sublime and ridiculous) to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday. Tickets available shortly – watch out for posters.

Jubilee Summer Event

Friday 6th July 2012 in Seend Community Centre

2 course meal + cheese & biscuits

Music/band/DJ for dancing/disco

£20 a ticket

Gladrags optional - sense of fun essential!!

More details to follow in next Spotlight



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Grace Broadbridge

Grace Broadbridge died peacefully in hospital on January 25th aged 91. Her funeral service was held on 10th February at Seend Church, led by the Rev. Renée Coulson.

Having lived in Seend for over 50 years, Grace loved the village and for many years had been an active and supportive member of the local community

Her husband Harry and family would like to thank all the many friends who joined them at her funeral service and to those who sent cards and kind messages of sympathy.

Situation Vacant – Christian Aid Week

Seend and Bulkington have a good record in supporting Christian Aid Week. Last year we raised over £1,000 for the Charity.

Margaret Coley has been co-ordinator for the collection for several years and wishes to step down and hand over to someone new. Can you help? We are looking for someone to share the task in May this year and then take over in 2013. If you think you can help with this important annual task please phone Margaret on 01380 828189 to find out more about it.

Situation Vacant – School Governors

The School finds itself short of two Foundation Governors and is seeking volunteers to take on this important and rewarding role. Foundation Governors must be Christians as the School is a Church Voluntary Aided school. Alongside

that computer literacy would be a huge advantage. Knowledge of schools and children is not essential. The Governors are next meeting on Monday 26th March. They would like to invite any interested persons to join them between 6pm and 6.30pm for tea, cake and a chat – no pressure. Just come and find out what it involves and get a chance to see the new extension too.

Situation Vacant – Spotlight

Anne Ewing would like to step down from editing Spotlight as soon as a replacement can be found because of her other time-consuming responsibilities for the church and school. Please contact her or Tessa (who also does not plan to go on editing Spotlight for ever!) to find out what is involved (see Spotlight contacts). Spotlight is compiled as a Word document, so nothing too complex.

Seend Parish Appraisal

You can see a summary of the responses to the recent Village Appraisal, carried out on behalf of Seend Parish Council, on www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

Holy Cross Church Seend launches Friends Scheme

A scheme to raise new funds to maintain the fabric of this historic Church is announced this month. A leaflet giving details of how to become a Friend has been published and is now available around the village. The Church has exciting plans for the future and by becoming a Friend you will be directly helping in funding this programme of work to expand the use of the building.

Membership of the Friends scheme costs £15 a year per person, £25 for a couple and £250 for life membership. The scheme will be officially launched with a first Friends Event in the summer – full details in the April issue of Spotlight.

For further details of the scheme contact the Friends Secretary Fiona Johnson on 828401.

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 9th. 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 call Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 or email: tinayockney@btinternet.com

Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – 4th June

The Diamond Jubilee celebration planning is well under way, with the five organisations representing the village working together on events for the afternoon and evening on Monday 4th June culminating with lighting the beacon. So save the day in your diaries and please spread the word. More information to follow soon.





Seend Fete Saturday 11th August 2012

**SEEND FETE NEEDS YOU
THE COMMITTEE NEEDS
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.

The Seend Club

Join us before 31st March 2012 and get discounted membership at £7

(14-17 year olds and over-60s £4)

Membership rate £8 / £5 from 1st April

Help support the work of the Community Centre
by becoming a Seend Club member for 2012/13

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

Members enjoy the use of the lounge bar any evening, with its snooker, pool, darts, occasional sporting events on big screen TV and bookswap, plus monthly free film shows in the main hall.

The bar opens at 7.30pm every day except Fridays, when it opens at 5.30pm.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS



Good Friday Children's Workshops

6th April from 10.00 - 12.00

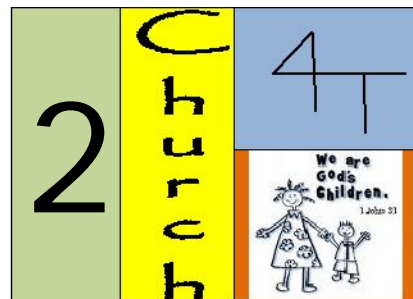
Come and get crafty with your children (or grandchildren) at Seend Church, for a morning of Easter themed crafts including the ever popular clay modelling? Help to create our Easter garden; make cards; tell the Easter story in collage; try your hand at the quiz, and many more activities.

If you play an instrument, please bring it along and join the Youth Orchestra for the day. (Music can be available in advance by contacting Sue Taylor on 01225 709360).

There will be drinks and Hot Cross Buns too!

What's this then ?

Well – simply Sunday School for **ALL** families living in Bulkington, Poulshot and Seend with young children, on the second Sunday of each month 4.30–5.15pm in Bulkington Church. 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!)

Journey through Lent to Easter

During this year's **Lent course** we will be asking ourselves whether we are “washing our hands of England's poor”. For example, when we read the tabloids, we get the impression that there is no real poverty in this country. However, research shows that Christians in the UK are more likely to attribute poverty in this country to "*laziness or lack of willpower*" than '*social inequality.*' We will look at where the church stands on this growing problem and searching for the truth behind the news headlines. Each session will end with a short act of Night Prayer. Course notes will be available on the night, or in advance from the Vicar (827285) or Sue Taylor (01225 709360). The meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7pm, alternating between our three parish churches. The first one will be held at Christ Church, Bulkington on 29th February, then Poulshot 7th March; Seend 14th March; Bulkington 21st March; and the last one at Poulshot on 28th March. Everyone welcome.

Holy Week starts on **Palm Sunday** 1st April, when our Lenten journey will continue with Night Prayer (otherwise known as Compline) the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. **Maundy Thursday** worship will be a re-enacted Passover Supper to be held at Bulkington Village Hall. On **Good Friday** there will be a workshop for all children from our three parishes in Seend Church in the morning (please contact Sue for details), and a service of an Hour before the Cross at 2pm. **Easter Eve** this year there will be a Service of Light, for all three parishes at 7.30, again in Seend Church. Full details of these services will be published in our parish magazines, on noticeboards and in the weekly pewsheet (“Lamplight”). Why not keep a note of them on your mantelpiece so that you can refer to them easily! We would love to see you.

Seend Musical Celebration

If you didn't attend this magical concert then you missed a treat ! What a wealth of talent and what a wonderfully varied programme. Our sincere thanks to all those musicians who so generously gave freely of their time to take part and to those who came to hear them. A sum in excess of £600 was raised for church funds. TY

Church services in March

Sunday 4th 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

Sunday 11th March

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
- 9.30 am Matins at Poulshot
- 11.15 am Parish Communion at Seend
- 4.30 pm 2Church4T at Bulkington
- 6.00 pm Evensong at Bulkington

Sunday 18th March (Mothering Sunday)

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

Sunday 25th March

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

Sunday 1st April (Palm Sunday)

- 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 Poulshot

Church Floodlights

11th February: To celebrate the birth of Evie Aurelia on 1st February, with love from her grandma Chris Welford of Sells Green

Baptisms

15th January 2012 Rachel Greenslade of Bowerhill
22nd January 2012 Freddie John Porter of Bowerhill

Funerals

10th February 2012 Grace Jean Broadbridge, age 91 of Seend Cleeve
15th February 2012 Frances Eleanor Keene, age 80 of Seend Cleeve

FROM ROY

The scene of Jesus' praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, the night before he died, is one of the most moving stories in the Gospels. (Mark 14: 32 – 42)

There is anguish. There is doubt. There is courage. There is loneliness. There is faith. If we want affirmation that Jesus shares the human condition with us, then we find it in this scene where Jesus realises that suffering and death are very close. And as Jesus prays, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet not what I want, but what you want,' then we realise that Jesus cannot avoid the passion that lies ahead of him and remain true to God. There is no true love and service of others without sacrifice. As we watch Jesus accepting the way of the cross in intimate communion with God, then we are taught in Paul's words that 'There is nothing in life or death that can separate us from God's love'

We are in the process of following the way of Jesus to the cross as we near Good Friday and Easter as we travel through Lent. We are invited to reflect upon our discipleship and to renew our commitment to the way of sacrificial love. In Isaac Watt's words, 'Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.'

Yet in this story of Jesus in the Garden, we also see how demanding following the way of Christ can be. The disciples are asked to pray with Christ, but every time Jesus returns to them, he finds them asleep. It can be very tiring supporting someone we love through a hard time. I realised this recently when I had to visit my wife in hospital for a few days. Do we not need the help of God when we are called upon to stand by others in their suffering? And are we reminded here to take care of the carers?

God in Christ shares our suffering. God in Christ calls to share in Christ's deep love. God in Christ strengthens us to care for each other. God be with you.



SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL

Services for March

March 11th 10am – Mrs Ruth McGregor will conduct our 237th Chapel Anniversary Service. Bromham and Whitley Chapel congregations will be joining us for this special occasion.

March 25th 10am – Revd Roy Fowler will lead the service with Holy Communion.

Everyone is welcome to attend any service. Coffee is always served afterwards.



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.

BULKINGTON NEWS

Bulkington Village Hall

Notice of AGM Wednesday 04 April 2012 at 1930 hours

The management committee met on the 2nd of February to review the prospects of our hall. Over the past ten years under the present management, we have had Lotto grants amounting to around £15,000, had the walls pointed, new electrics, new ceilings, new lighting, new floor, new windows, a new disabled toilet, new tables, new chairs and a new car park. All this had taken hundreds of hours of voluntary work and lots of money and the hall is now in top line. Usage of the hall is still however only moderate – apart from an occasional political voting session - the principal regular users are the Ladies Exercise Classes, Omni Art group, Model Engineering Society and the Parish Council. The occasional users include the Ladies Group, Church Events and funeral wakes. Thanks to our various fund raising activities we now have sufficient funds to cope with most anticipated future maintenance needs. We have an urgent need for a few fresh committee members who can spare a couple of hours every two months. My job of restoring the hall and the finances is now complete and I will be retiring from the chair with effect from the AGM.

Nev Boulton

HOPE for TOMORROW Lunch
31st March, 12.30pm in BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

‘Hope for Tomorrow’ is a charity based in Gloucester. It aims to bring cancer treatment closer to home by providing mobile chemotherapy units. Each unit costs £150,000. To date, two units have been purchased, one based in Cheltenham and one in Bridgewater. A third will be ready to launch in Wiltshire, serving Salisbury, Warminster, Trowbridge and Devizes, at the beginning of April. Each unit can treat four patients at a time and up to twenty patients each day. The aim of the charity is to raise funds for further units to be placed in Somerset and Dorset and eventually spreading nation wide. The advantages of bringing chemotherapy treatment close to home are:-



Less stress for patients and carers
Significantly reduced travelling distance
Less time out of the day for patients and carers
Positive, friendly atmosphere

To raise funds for this worthy cause a two course lunch will be served in the Village Hall on Saturday, 31st March at 12.30pm. Tickets cost £10 each and all proceeds will go to the charity. Tickets can be purchased from Audrey MacDonald (828376) and Sue Noad (870343).

(Please note that this dinner replaces the soup lunch scheduled for that day.)

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Band Concert 3rd March 2012

Just a reminder that this concert regrettably has had to be cancelled. The Community Centre is holding a Quiz Night in its place.



Obituary

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Grace Broadbridge who died at the end of January. She and her husband Harry were both long standing members of the Seend Branch of the Royal British Legion, and she will be greatly missed.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Harry and all of the family.



SEEND HISTORIC HOUSES CLUB

Here is this year's programme:

Weds 16 th May	SS Great Britain, Bristol
Sun 17 th June	Woodchester
Mon 9 th July	Avebury Manor
Fri 3 rd August	Castle Combe – walk
Thurs 8 th Nov	AGM “The Titanic and a Wiltshire Family”

And a special outing open to the whole village, organised by Tina Yockney

Thurs 6th Sept Buckingham Palace

As you see, we have several themes this year, starting with a nautical one, and then a local one, and ending with a special royal one for this Diamond year!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for our usual jolly days out.

Sylvia Ewin

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.



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Firstly, very best wishes to our two recuperating retired committee members and 'Dregs' handymen, Peter Fisher and John Smallshaw, who have both been hospitalised recently.

And welcome to our new Chairperson, Hatty Stafford Charles, who has already made her mark on the committee and thrown herself into our activities.

Don't forget the Club bar now opens at 5.30pm on Fridays for that after-work get-together.

See the 'events' section at the beginning of this magazine for more details of most of the following:

Zumba: After the half-term break, classes are back to normal – 10-11am on Tuesday with Emma Hibberd (more zumbaistas required to keep this class going – phone 828426), and 6-7pm on Wednesday with Debbie Bailey. Just turn up!

Quiz Night: Saturday March 3rd at 7.45pm. Teams of four, entry £2 per head.

Skittles competitions: Do sign up at the bar, or phone Russ on 07905 558309, to enter the **men's and women's singles** skittles competition on 10th March and the **mixed pairs** on 31st March. All welcome, from beginners to team stars!

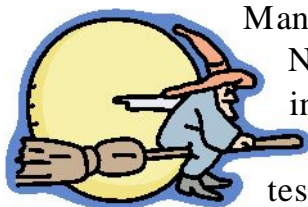
It looks like the **3-a-side competition** in the summer has been saved, thanks to Paul Waylen and friends. Further details next time.

Charity Disco: Lou, Barb and Shirley are again organising a disco in aid of Dorothy House and Breast Cancer Research on Saturday 17th March. Wear something pink!

Young Musicians of Seend: There's a free concert to showcase the talented youngsters of this village at 7pm on Tuesday 27th March. There'll be a retiring collection towards the upkeep of the Centre. Do come along to be impressed!

National Trust lecture: All are welcome at the North Wilts National Trust Association's winter lecture at 2pm on Saturday 10th March, with John Girvan speaking about 'Under Devizes'.

SEEND FAWLTY PLAYERS – ‘Moonrakers – the Panto!’



Many thanks to all of you who supported our panto this year. Numbers were well down on previous years. We'd be interested to hear your thoughts about the show – including why you think the audiences were smaller. Email tessa@tessadoe.org.uk with your comments.

However, a good time was had by all and we had a lot of enthusiastic audience participation, particularly on the Friday night when the audience got quite out of control! And thanks to many of you for the very favourable remarks we received after the shows. We hope to have raised a useful sum of money to donate to the Seend School building fund, and the British Legion, Community Centre and School Parents Social Club all benefited by running raffles.

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



20 members braved the inclement snowy weather conditions on the evening of **Saturday 4th February** to participate in a four-team friendly game of skittles at Seend Community Centre.

Prizes for top scoring female and male went to Geraldine DeAth and Gerald Salter. A finger buffet supper was enjoyed by all. Colin Waldeck introduced us to the game of short-mat bowls, at which some members were willing to have-a-go. Thanks to Frank, Tessa, Colin and Jo for organising this successful evening.

Sunday 19th February: 19 walkers assembled at Old Sarum for a 5½ mile circular walk through valleys and woodland, the outskirts of Lower Woodford, crossing the River Avon, over farmland and the grounds of Little Durnford Manor where snowdrops were in abundance. Grateful thanks to Sheila and Terry Williams for organising stunning views and a fine sunny day!

Sunday 11th March: Meet in Rusty Lane at 9.30am or Devzes Wharf car park (free on Sundays) at 9.45am, for a 6½ mile walk via Quakers Walk to Roundway Down and Oliver's Castle. Leaders Ron and Penny England (01380 828949). Bring a snack.

Sunday 25th March: Annual Meeting in the Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion commencing at 3pm. A short local walk, organised by Gerald Salter (01225 706451) will take place within the vicinity of Seend prior to the meeting, starting from the Pavilion at 1.30pm. Welcoming tea and cake will be available before the meeting. New members welcome.

Members please note that there will be a small increase in subscriptions for the coming year to £7.50.

Lin Salter



SEEND WINE CIRCLE

Due to strong demand we have increased the number of tables to 12. This means that we can accommodate 96 people, which coincidentally is the same number as we have tasting glasses!

At the time of writing this we have sold 90 places. six places remain. It may be helpful to remind people that **places must be pre-booked by 5th March**, and that it will take place at the school on the 16th March at 8pm.

Analysis of the finances for the first night showed a small deficit, so we will be having a raffle on the Spanish night to help balance the books!



SEEND WI

The speaker for our February meeting was very local. John Davis, who lives in The Lye, gave us a most informative and interesting talk about the secrets our handwriting might be revealing. He works for the police and the courts mainly investigating forgeries. This is a very painstaking and laborious task but sounded absolutely fascinating and did make us all wonder what we reveal about our character each time we sign our name. He had some samples of the handwriting of some fairly illustrious people to show and explain to us which was very interesting.

Next month, on 14th March our own Renée Coulson will be sharing her journey to Santiago de Compostela with us. This sounds as though it will be absolutely fascinating and it is always interesting to see people we know in one role doing something completely different. Everyone is welcome and it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible, even if you are not a WI member, so please feel free to come along.

All meetings take place in the Pavilion, Rusty Lane, Seend at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise notified. For more information please contact Fiona Johnson on 01380 828401 or check the website www.seendwi.weebly.com.

WEA

Our AGM will be held on Monday March 26th in the upstairs room of the Community Centre at 7.30pm. Anyone interested is welcome to come to help us choose topics for future courses.



Pam Church



SEEND SINGERS

The Seend Singers continue meet and enjoy themselves on Tuesday mornings at 11.15 in the Community Centre. We levy just a small charge to pay for the use of the Centre. If you decide to come along, please let Roger Brind know on 01380 828830 so he has an idea of numbers.



SEEND SHUTTLE

Seend Shuttle contact numbers

Our bus booking and driver co-ordinator Alison Cobbing has moved so for the time being could people please contact her on her mobile phone no: 07951030491. We are very grateful to Gordon Galloway who is happy to become the bus key holder so you can still collect the key from 4 New Buildings and contact him on 828568. Thank you.

First Wednesday Shopping Trip: Please contact Terry on 828203 by Monday 5th March to book your place on the shopping trip on Wednesday 7th.

Timetable of scheduled services: There are links to this on both the Seend village website and the Parish Council website (see inside back cover).

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting will be on March 13th. Steve Renvoize will be talking about bamboos, which are now becoming very familiar in gardens. Instead of a competition it will be our Spring Bulb Show, if the weather conditions have produced bulbs at the right time in our gardens. Amazingly, after the snow and frost, our competition this month for a spring flower arrangement produced four beautiful entries which were a joy to behold. The winner was Sue Jones. Sue also put out the list for ordering our Flower Show entries which this year will be fuchsias. If you missed this you can order at the next meeting or contact Sue directly.



We now have ready the information sheets for our three outings this year. Those of you who have given us your e-mail addresses will have received them already and they can also be obtained at the next meeting or from the organisers themselves. Carole is organising the trip to Exbury on April 28th, Sue Johns the evening walk at Rowdeford on June 12th and Jackie the trip to Hillier's Arboretum and Hinton Ampner on 14th July. The deadline for names and payment will be the AGM on 10th April. We had a pleasant and learned exposition on hellebores from Gordon Cottis and he brought and sold some lovely snowdrops. A good tip is to plant hellebores and snowdrops on banks as their flowers generally face down.

Sue.



THE 2012/2013 100+ CLUB WHAT IS IT, AND WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

The 100+ Club: is a village lottery, which was set up many years ago to raise funds to support the upkeep of the village-owned Lye Recreation Field and Pavilion. Membership costs **£15** per person per year, and is open to anybody in the village – or out of it; your money is just as good, no matter where you live! And last year - 2011/2012 - we raised just over **£1100** for the Lye Field, **£905** in donations and **£196** in Gift-Aid payments.

Prizes: In addition to the contribution to the Lye Field, an equally important aspect of the Club is the re-distribution of more than **£1800** back to the subscribers as prizes via 12 monthly prize draws. At 11 of these draws, there were **6** prizes on offer: **£35, £30, £25, £20, £15** and **£10**, but at the Christmas draw, there were **10** prizes, starting with a first prize of **£75** and totalling over **£450!** Since **2002**, membership has increased from **142** to **195**, and in this period **145** members have won at least once, so you can see that the odds of winning are pretty high.

Why I should join: Principally, to support the Lye Field, which together with the Pavilion are owned by the village – that means you and me - for the use and enjoyment of everyone in the village. The upkeep is managed by volunteers who give their time and expertise free, but materials and equipment need to be paid for. Joining the **100+Club** is therefore a very good way to support a fabulous amenity, while at the same time giving yourself a sporting chance of recouping your stake – or even more! How often in life does this happen?

How do I join: Anyone can apply for a subscription, and you can buy as many subscriptions as you like – the more you have, the better your chances of winning, and the more support we receive. Membership runs from **May 1st** to **April 30th** each year, and application forms for 2012/2013 including Gift-aid certificates will be distributed to everyone with next month's Spotlight, but if you can't wait until then phone me or email me – details below – and I will personally deliver the form to your house! This year we must get over 200, so make sure you **join the Club!**

Bernie Prolze

Tel: 01380 828391; email: bjprolze@uko2.co.uk

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



We are pleased to announce that an official opening ceremony has been arranged for March 30th at 10:00 a.m. after which the school will be open until 11:30 for visitors to be shown around and have a cup of tea. The new Bishop of Salisbury has been kind enough to accept our invitation to perform the ceremony and say a few words so we are very grateful to him for this. A group of year 5s and 6s are busy organising posters and refreshments for the occasion as well as taking the roll of tour guide on the day so it means they are very much involved in this celebration. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Even though the building work is now finished, the fundraising continues. The school is currently collecting unwanted DVDs and CDs to resell and has already raised over £150 this way. If you have any DVDs, CDs or Wii / PS games in their original boxes and with the correct covers / art work then please drop them into the box in reception or post them through the letter box if the school is closed. Discs must be originals and boxes must have barcodes on them.

Whilst you are clearing out your CDs why not also spring clean your airing cupboard and wardrobe as we are also collecting old clothes, sheets, towels etc. With the two collections made last year we raised over £500 and we are keen to continue this success. Also included are soft toys, pairs of shoes, belts and handbags. All items are resold and are not used for scrap material so please only put items in that are of a suitable quality. Items, in plastic bags, can be dropped into school week commencing April 30th ready for collection on 4th May.

On the subject of fundraising, on behalf of the school, I must extend a massive thanks to Seend Theatre Club who has very kindly donated a huge £200 towards our building fund. We have also been fortunate enough to be receiving some of the proceeds of the Seend Pantomime this year so huge thanks to them too. We are very touched that the local community is supporting us in this way.

Still thinking about the community, we are very excited to be playing our part in the Seend Community Opera that is being directed by Michael Johnson. As soon as our O2 performance is out the way (March 6th) we will be focussing on learning the songs the animals sing, and (with the help of Jan Crabtree) making masks. Our O2 songs will not be forgotten though as we are also delighted to have been asked to sing at the Seend Young Musicians Concert on March 27th and will also be joining in a Melksham Young Voices performance at Melksham Oak on 21st March.

The school cross country team are still rejoicing in their win at the recent West Wilts Cross Country tournament held at Southwick Country Park where they beat teams from around 30 schools (most much bigger than us.) to take the title. Hot on the heels of that success, our netball team won 10:0 against Urchfont in a local Netball league match. We are hoping our winning streak continues as we are due to play in a football tournament at Dauntseys School on March 17th.

Yet again we find we have a couple for vacancies for foundation governors (governors who are regular attendees at a Christian Church). If anyone is interested or would just like to know more about what is involved, the governing body are holding a meeting on March 26th at 6:00 p.m. in school. Please feel free to attend.

Finally, rather sadly, a long standing member of our school community is retiring after 11 years at the school. Mr Richard Addicott, the teacher of the current year 5/6 class, is leaving at the end of this academic year to while away many an hour on the golf course no doubt. We wish him many relaxing and happy years enjoy a very well earned rest!

Seend School Parent Social Club

The PSC has been busy organising events for the forthcoming year. Most of which couldn't be possible without parental support. If you have any fund raising ideas or wish to help, please contact any of the PSC members or Mrs

Chalk the head. We meet once a month and plan fundraising events to help buy the school things that do not come out of the school budget.

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. For a bag please contact me on 01380 828056.

Seend School 100 Club

The role of the Parent Social Club is to raise funds for things that do not come out of the School budget. The **100 Club** is one way that we do this as any person, whether they have a connection to the school or not, can help us and to raise much needed funds.

January Winners were:

1st Jan Crabtree

2nd Peter Adams

3rd Catherine Cooper

The odds of winning are better than the lottery, so please join the club and support your local village school on a continuing basis. For your chance to win, all we ask is that you pay £12 a year and each month you will have the opportunity to win a share of £45. First Prize is £20, 2nd Prize is £15 and 3rd Prize is £10.

The winning tickets are drawn each month during Gold Book Assembly. The winners will be published in the Spotlight. Subscriptions now need renewing and new members are always welcome. Please contact me if you wish to join. Cheques need to be made payable to 'Seend School 100 Club'. Best of luck and thank you!!

Emma Smith 01380 828056

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on **Tuesday 31st January** was attended by 10 Councillors with Mrs. T. Carr in the chair. Apologies received from Mrs. Waylen.

Cars parking at the top of Park Lane are restricting visibility for vehicles pulling out of the lane into Seend Cleeve. This matter will be referred to Cllr Seed for consideration by the CATG, but Councillors did not feel this area was particularly suitable for waiting restrictions. Please can residents in Seend Cleeve park considerately to enable those people living around Park Lane to access this area safely.

A similar complaint has been raised by the Managers of the caravan site in Spout Lane. In this instance, cars parking to the north of the entrance are restricting the width of the lane, making it difficult for people accessing or leaving the entrance to the caravan site, especially when towing caravans.

Footpath SEEN4, Three Magpies – Highways advise that there are two bin designs. The large bin costs £151 + VAT, the small bin mounted on a post costs £64.70, plus £41 + VAT for the post. Installation of a bin costs approximately £36, plus £47.58 + VAT per bin, per year to empty. These costs will be advised to Rupert Bagnall, Wadworths, who had offered to sponsor the costs.

Village Appraisal: Mr Murch said that the presentation had not been very well attended, probably because of the time of year. The question is what are the PC going to do with the information, the next action should be to write a Parish Plan. The total costs for producing the Appraisal were £320.57, and the pro-rata cost for the PC was £233.00. The Clerk to obtain details of possible grant funding for a Parish Plan from Community First.

Jubilee Celebrations: Mr Diffey reported that a meeting had taken place on 10th January. The Jubilee is on 5th June; the beacon lighting commences 4th June, so there is a small dilemma regarding which day to hold the event. It was hoped to have involvement from village organisations and as many people as possible. There should be communication with Bulkington and Poulshot to ensure that they are aware of any upcoming event and to find out if they are holding any events. Several ideas had been suggested, including:

Children's tea party - families to support with party food if possible. Use of the Tennis court and Lye Field (for good weather and Irene Usher Hall for bad weather). Hog roast/bar/entertainment/band in the evening – availability of both etc. Fireworks? Children's memento – 150 potentially needed- list of recipients. Party pack from Jubilee organisations? School pictures and banners to put up on Tennis Court fence etc. Asking pubs for donations of food refreshments etc.

Games - Fancy dress for children, Streetdance, Choir, Handbells, Playgroup, Outdoor games. **Facilities needed** – Tables, Chairs, Signage + Signage yes/no to non village? **Other** - Union Jack flag, Publicity, National anthem, Church Bells ringing, Big screen as an option if people want to view event co-incident with the day that is chosen, bunting.

Planning Matters

E/11/1649/LBC Loiterton Farm, Inmarsh

The removal of a single storey sun-room; erection of single storey rear extension; provision of porch to kitchen - **No objections**

E/11/1659/FUL Wiltshire House, High Street

Extensions and alterations, erection of 3m high entrance gates - **No objections**

E/11/1663/LBC Stocks Farmhouse, The Stocks, Trowbridge Road

Conversion and extension of outbuilding to form ancillary residential accommodation and car port

Support subject to the following condition – that the development is tied to the existing house as an ancillary dwelling

E/11/1685/FUL The Thatched Cottage, Baldham

Conversion/rebuilding of derelict building to provide ancillary residential accommodation

Support subject to the following conditions – that the development is tied to the existing house as an ancillary dwelling

E/11/1716/FUL Sundial Cottage, Seend Cleeve

Remove existing roof; raise wall height in line with main house; reconstruct new roof in line with house - **No objections**

E/11/1722/LBC The Hatch, High Street

Internal and external alterations - **No objections**

E/11/1753/FUL Land off Berhills Lane, Sells Green

Erection of American barn, storage barn and horse walker together with creation of outdoor arena, access track, parking, siting of a temporary equestrian workers dwelling and associated works

Comments:

On the actual application there are several references to a “significant chicken farm”, which does not exist, it is redundant pig buildings. The Parish Council does not feel the access is suitable for the number of horses that will be present on the site, and exercised on this busy minor road. The hours of business are not stipulated in the application. Members voted 6 against and 3 in favour of this application.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday, 28th February** at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Mrs Rosemary Fisher, Clerk

Full copies of Parish Council meeting minutes can be found on www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

Readers of the Parish Magazine will be acutely aware that these difficult financial times we find ourselves in are highlighted daily on our national television screens. Locally I am now well into the process of scrutinising the Wiltshire council Budget and I have to say just how pleased Members of the Council from all parties are at the prudent way the Council is managing its

funds. The Budget document is called the Wilshire Financial Plan 2012-13 and it is not too difficult a read if you want to see how the Council manages its finances – however it is a rare financial success story. It is 100 pages long but you can also view the document on the Council website. The great success of our Financial Plan can only really be gauged by looking around at our neighbours. In Wiltshire you have a Council Tax freeze but we have closed no leisure centres, are delivering all our statutory front line services, are spending more money on our roads and best of all not only are we keeping all our Libraries open but we are opening most for longer hours. Finally there is even talk of the introduction of free swimming for our children during the summer and Easter holidays. This has all been achieved with careful management and some serious financial efficiencies including a 28% staff reduction at all levels as well as other “building management efficiencies”, or closures to you and I. The Budget comes before Wiltshire Council on 28th February and it will be here that the Cabinet of the Council will present this financial success story to both the Members of the Council and the public.

I try and give similar time to all of the seven villages that I represent and keep as involved as that time permits. Last month I was pleased to be able to attend my first meeting as a Governor of St Georges Church of England Primary School in Semington. I volunteered for this position as a Local Authority appointed Governor so that I could give back something of my experience to that village and in a quiet way help the children of the village. The Board of Governors clearly knows what it is doing and their drive to make every child matter is just the goal we should all be pursuing.

In both Seend and Bulkington we have several contentious planning issues on the go and the problem with these is that opinions tend to polarise and where there are winners there are also losers unless compromise can be achieved. Finally in Seend we have seen the recent repair of the footpath steps in Love Walk, as well as progress to making the access from the caravan park in Spout Lane a little easier.

Jonathon Seed

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Football

Manager Mike Hopkins

Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham



February Results:

Vs Steeple Ashton – won 4-0

Vs Broughton – won 9-0

Vs Mere in the Wilts Cup quarter final – won 1-0

This brought to an end a 46 match unbeaten run by Mere!

The Semi final will be on March 10th at a neutral ground when Seend play The Lamb.

Mark Newman's Goal of the month goes to Joe Flower with his run down the left wing taking on two defenders before driving the ball into the back of the net. Mark will present Joe with his bottle of Newcastle Brown before the next match.

Short Mat Bowls --Referee's Assistant Colin Waldeck



Only last Saturday I had the good fortune to watch the boys play the team from the Goat and Nightgown, Trowbridge , and I can report that the pre-match handshakes went off with not too much of a problem, a slight amount of jostling but nothing seriously untoward. However why Colin had his trouser legs rolled up like that plus a trowel in his top pocket I have no idea. And what part do those compasses play? Anyhow the contest was surprisingly riveting and if I can remember which team won or even the score before we go to press I shall let you know.

Results; Colin tells me that the results so far this year could well signal a turning point. We will just have to wait and see how the next month or two pan out.

Skittles (see also Community Centre News for competition info)



Seend A – Captain – John Wiltshire

A string of good results saw the A team win the 12 aside front pin first cup at the end of January. Adding to this success, both John and Mark Wiltshire reached the semi finals of the leagues singles tournament before going out. Congratulations to them.

Other results are as follows:

Won vs. Spencers B 7-0

Won vs. Semington B 6-1

The team is currently second in the league with 2 games in hand

Seend B – Captain Nick Easton

13th Jan lost 6.5 - .5 vs Melksham Sports

27th Jan won 6.6 - 5 vs Legion E

2nd Feb won 5-2 vs Melksham Rovers

3rd Feb won 5-2 vs Cons B

Looks like they are on a roll with only six games left.

Seend C – Captain – Graham Hamblin

Away vs Avon B – lost 6-1. Russell Collins was top scorer with 29

Home vs Cooper Avon D – won 6-1. Russell Collins was again top scorer with 30

Away vs Drifters – lost 6-1 Once again Russell Collins was top scorer with an impressive 43

These results keep the C team off the bottom of the table and currently avoiding relegation.

TENNIS

Chair – Elaine Davis



Division 2 of the Chippenham and district tennis league. Results so far;- played 8, won 4, lost 4. Sets won 32, sets lost 32.

We were pleased to welcome two new players to the team , Sue Walden and Richard Jolley. February's results were;-

Lost to Calne 1-7

Beat Frome 5-3

Lost to Chippenham 1-7

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, Freddie Goddard, Roger Mortimer, Sue Walden, Richard Jolley.

Bishops Cannings 5000 metre Dash

The 30th consecutive running of this event takes place in this Olympic year on Saturday 14 July. Race details and entry forms are on the website at **www.bishopscanningsdash.co.uk**.

Sports results and news for April Spotlight to the sample laboratory by the Ides of March please.

Frankie Goddard 828488

PERSONAL ADS

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

Wanted: Grazing - Seend Cleeve or surrounding area - to 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

BITS AND BOBS

Mothering Sunday - March 18th - at Cleeve House

Treat your mother to a three-course-lunch between 12.30 and 4pm or afternoon tea from 3.30-5.30pm. Lunch £15 (£8 per child under 12); cream tea £5.50 or Squire Bell tea £7.50. Bar - family games in the library. Ring 01380 827129 to book or email info@cleeve-house.com



North and West Wiltshire National Trust Association
A voluntary group of individual National Trust members
Join our Group!

Help to conserve our heritage, meet like-minded people and enjoy lots of social activities. Our aim is to support local NT properties such as Lacock, The Courts at Holt, Great Chalfield Manor and Westwood Manor but when funds allow we may give to more distant properties. To join the Association you must be a member of National Trust, an affiliated organisation or a volunteer at a National Trust property.

Visit the website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wiltshireassoc or contact the Membership Secretary: Max Bolton, tel. 01380 827065 for more information on current events and membership.

WESSEX FUCHSIA GROUP PROGRAMME 2012

Monthly meetings – Irene Usher Memorial Hall, commencing 7.45pm
Thursday 15th March – John Nicholass – “Fuchsias in General”
Thursday 19th April – Bob Clarke – “Anything you want to Know”
Thursday 17th May – Sid Garcia – “My Way of Hybridising”
Thursday 21st June – David Haycroft – “Something Gardening”
Thursday 20th September – Carol Gubler – “Fuchsias – Getting ready for winter”
Thursday 18th October – AGM followed by an American supper
Thursday 22nd November – Sue Hunt, Wiltshire Farm Foods - “Taking Care of meal times”

43rd ANNUAL FUCHSIA SHOW

Irene Usher Memorial Hall, Saturday 28th July from 1-4pm

34 different fuchsias classes, comprising standards, baskets, hanging pots, singles, doubles, triphyllas, species, encliandras, unusual varieties and lots more. Plenty of colour in all shapes and sizes.



Home made refreshments, plant sales and tombola. One of the best fuchsia shows in the South West.

For more details contact Mrs Jill Holloway, 85 Rutland Crescent, Trowbridge, BA14 0NX. Tel. 01225 754666. E-mail: pj.holloway@btinternet.com

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 Triumphant 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 for further details



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(The Army Benevolent Fund)

For more details, or to book a stall, please contact
Sue Bonney on 01380 812757 or email thebonneys@waitrose.com

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 18th May 2012

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat fish and chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 18th May 2012 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.



You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre. The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

For more information or to request a fundraising pack, containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes, call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350, email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips. By inviting seven friends and asking them to donate an additional £5 means you will raise at least £35 from your supper.

Wiltshire Golf News

To make it as easy as possible for those interested in either returning to the game of golf or simply giving it a try, Golf Clubs across the county are organising starter sessions and other events to help you. This will start during the week of 9th-15th April (branded South West Golf Week) and will run into May and beyond for those who take part. Families, young boys and girls are particularly welcome. Ask your local Golf Club, or Wilts-wide information will be published at www.wiltshiregolfpartnership.com. Joe Goulding at wiltscdo@live.co.uk or 07789 813268 will help you if requested.



**Devizes Area Committee
CANCER RESEARCH UK
COUNTRY HOUSE CAR BOOT SALE
Saturday 19th May morning from 8.30am**

The local committee of Cancer Research UK is once again holding an upmarket Country House Car Boot Sale at Manor Farm, Stert (off A342) following the resounding success of the 2010 and 2011 events.

A pitch costs £25 for any vehicle and must be pre-booked and pre-paid. For further details, booking form et cetera, please visit www.devizescruk.org or call 07831 376688. Entry for buyers costs £5 per car.

Michael and Clare Stynes at 39 The Lye are running the London Marathon this year for the Anthony Nolan Trust.



We are going to be running a few events to try to raise money.

The first is an auction of promises and a brilliant raffle with prizes from local people, businesses and attractions, including theatre tickets and other exciting prizes. This will take place on Saturday the 24th of March in Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion from 2-4pm. Everyone is welcome to enter raffles or bid for promises that money just can't buy! If you can't come and want to buy raffles tickets or place a bid please contact Clare and Michael on the number below.

We are also taking part in a charity night at Swindon Greyhound track on Friday May the 18th. Tickets are £5 all of which goes to our charity. Children are free. It should be a really good fun night and it would be great to see as many Seend faces as possible. To buy tickets please contact Clare and Michael on 01380 827164. Alternatively see Sian Lythel or Sonja Nichols.

If you can't do any of this but want to sponsor us you can do so either by knocking on the door or by visiting our web page www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/michaelandclare

Fairtrade Fortnight 27th February - 11th March

This year the Fairtrade Foundation is encouraging you to take a step for Fairtrade - a simple step, like swapping your normal tea for a Fairtrade one - a small step for you, a giant leap for Fairtrade farmers.

Some local events:

2nd March, 7-9pm: Fairtrade Workshop held at Badgers Group, St John's Ambulance Centre, Chippenham.

3rd March: Fair in Corn Exchange, Devizes. Free entry.

3rd March: 10am-12noon, Malmesbury Abbey opens its doors to help local people take their first step to savouring Fairtrade products. Free entry.

3rd and 10th March 12noon-1.30pm: Fairtrade Lent lunches at Derry Hill Church.
 4th March, 9am to 10.20am: Fairtrade breakfast served at St Cyriac's Church, Lacock followed by morning service.
 4th March: Fairtrade café at St Pauls Church, Malmesbury Road, Chippenham.
 4th March, 10am: Special Fairtrade Service at Dayspring church, Landsdowne Hall, Derry Hill, Calne.
 9th March: 3.30pm, Exhibition of children's work on developing countries at Box Primary School, Box.
 9th March: Tea Dance in Devizes Town Hall, from 3.30-6.15pm. Entry £5 (tickets from Devizes Books). Fairtrade tea and cakes will be served.
 10th March: 9.30am-12.30pm, judging entries for the Fairtrade themed collage competition at Wesley Road Church, Trowbridge.
 10th March: 10am-4pm, Fairplanet Festival, St Margaret's Hall, B-on-A.
 11th March, 10.30am to 1.30pm: United Reformed Church, St Mary's Street, Malmesbury. Service for all ages to celebrate the end of Fairtrade Fortnight, followed by delicious Fairtrade refreshments and a banana trail.

Nick Keen's "Marathon Des Sables" run

Welcome to world of lunatics and masochists – Nick is attempting this epic Sahara Desert run of 161 miles over six days across the desert which starts 8th April this year! Competitors have to carry everything they will need for the run in their back packs, You're probably thinking 'Why?' Nick blames Sarah Chard of Perry's Lane, the UK event organiser, for talking him into this challenge late one evening in the Brewery Inn!



To justify all the preparation and training Nick has to put in for this ridiculous challenge, he has chosen to run on behalf of the "Prostate Cancer Charity". All funds raised will go direct to the charity, so, please support Nick with a donation to help justify his madness. Sponsor forms will be available around the village throughout March and April.

And finally.....

QUESTIONS YOU JUST CAN'T ANSWER

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

What is the speed of darkness?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up every two hours?

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

USEFUL CONTACTS: *(Please 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: 07703 814111
Seend Shuttle: Booking: Alison Cobbing 07951030491; Keyholder: Gordon Galloway 828568
Seend Parish Council Clerk - Rosemary Fisher 828281 www.seendparishcouncil.co.uk
Seend's Wiltshire Councillor - Mr Jonathan Seed 01380 850696
Seend Website: www.seend.org.uk - Neil Yockney 827139. **Seend School** - 828334
Bulkington Website: 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
MP Claire Perry, 01672 519198 (10-5) 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
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
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

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01380 828250

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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