

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



Seend's first Community Opera
'Noye's Fludde'

May 2012

DIARY DATES FOR LATE APRIL

- 27th Last chance to request an election for Seend Parish Council vacancy
30th Buzz Discussion Group. Hunloke Hall, Poulshot, 6pm

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 1st Seend Acoustic Club – James Hollingsworth, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
2nd Buzz Discussion Group, 4 Northfields, Bulkington, 7.30pm
2nd Shuttle Shopping Trip – phone 828203 to book by Monday April 30th
4th Textile collection at Seend School
5th Seend Beer Festival, Community Centre, 12 noon till 11pm
11th Seend School May Fair, 2-5pm
12th Safari Supper for Friends of Christ Church, Bulkington
14th Seend Shuttle AGM, Community Centre, 7.30pm
15th Buzz Group – Vicarage – 7.30pm
15th Seend Acoustic Club – Adrian Byron Burns, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
16th Annual Parish Meeting, Irene Usher Memorial Pavilion, 8pm
18th Seend Wine Circle, Community Centre, 8pm (book by 11th)
19th LAST DATE FOR ITEMS FOR JUNE SPOTLIGHT
19th COPA Coffee Morning, Bulkington, 10.30 – noon.
20th Seend Ramblers meet Rusty Lane 9.30am
21st Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
23rd-25th Noye's Fludde Community Opera, Community Centre, 7pm
26th Acoustic Club Special – Henry Priestman - upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
27th Free Film show for Seend Club members – 'The World's Fastest Indian', 7.45pm
28th Buzz Group, Hunloke Hall, Poulshot – 6pm
29th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
30th Nosh and Natter lunch club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

- 2nd Jubilee Church Fete: Vicarage Garden : 2pm
3rd Bulkington Jubilee celebrations
4th Jubilee celebrations – afternoon on Lye Field, evening in Community Centre
5th Seend Acoustic Club – Light Garden, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
6th Buzz Group, 4 Northfields, Bulkington – 7.30pm
6th Melksham Area Board meeting, Semington Village Hall, 6.30 for 7pm
9th Seend Cleeve Open Gardens – 1pm to 6pm
9th Scouts & Guides Reunion, Community Centre, 7.30pm
16th The Manor House open garden in aid of Seend School, 1-5pm
18th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box;
10.55am; Well Inn car park, Bulkington
19th Seend Acoustic Club – Home Fires, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
22nd Seend Ramblers evening ramble, 6pm start – location to be advised
23rd Bath Opera touring production of 'Carmen', Community Centre, 7.30pm
24th Free film show for Seend Club Members, 7.45pm 'War Horse'
26th Seend Parish Council meeting, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
27th Nosh & Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30
30th Abba's Angels at Leaze Farm, Bulkington, 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 for past editions of Spotlight & 'Happenings!', local history, 'What's On', links to other village sites etc

Welcome to May 2012 Spotlight

What an exciting month we have ahead with 'Noyes Fludde' Seend's first very own community opera - with a cast of thousands (well 130). And there's the Beer Festival, and lots of other events to enjoy. All are welcome at Seend Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May, and the Shuttle AGM on the 14th. Do put these dates in your diaries. And see p.19 if you haven't sponsored Nick Keen yet!



Enclosed in this month's magazine are flyers for the Seend Jubilee events (see p.10 for Bulkington's celebrations) and Christian Aid envelopes to be collected mid-month. There is also a booking form for the second splendid Seend Acoustic Festival in September – and, of course, 'Happenings!'

We are able to report that Spotlight is financially holding its own due to the generosity of parishioners and advertisers (see below for advertising rates). Any future profits will be set aside for an eventual replacement of the new printer.

ADVERTISING IN SPOTLIGHT

The adverts in Spotlight will be renewed from the July edition. Rates are: £80 half page and £45 quarter page. This is the first price increase in several years.

We will try to give preference to those businesses that are local to Seend and Bulkington. However, you must get your advert and cheque to us **by 18th May**. After this date, we cannot guarantee you a slot as adverts will be placed on a first come first served basis. Demand for space is high.

Adverts can be e-mailed to sfheseleine@gmail.com or sent by cd with cheque (payable to **Seend PCC – No 1 Account**) to Spotlight Advertising, c/o Sasha Heseleine, 53 Seend Cleeve, Seend, Melksham SN12 6PU. Tel: 01380 828861. (Many thanks to Sasha for taking this on, and to Sue for all her work up to now.)

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the June issue (**copy deadline 19th May**) can be emailed 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:

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Village events in May and beyond

(see pages 10-11 for Bulkington events)



Seend Beer Festival

Saturday 5th May in Seend Community Centre

Noon until 11pm

Live music – pig roast

£10 in advance or £12 on the door (if not sold out)

includes free souvenir glass and two beer tokens. Under 18s free if accompanied by an adult. Non-beer drinkers pay £7 on the door.

Tickets available from:

Seend PO, Seend Community Centre and The Brewery Inn.

Numbers limited to 500 – so book early!

See www.seendbeerfestival.co.uk

Seend Acoustic Club

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

1st May - unique voice and amazing guitar of **James Hollingsworth**, £3

15th May – bluesy vocals and percussive guitar - **Adrian Byron Burns**, £5

Plus

Saturday 26th May - **Henry Priestman** (of 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 27th May 'The World's Fastest Indian'

Sunday 24th June – 'War Horse'

Films start at 7.45pm. The bar opens at 7.30pm. Membership cards must be shown, or non-members can join on the door.



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



JUBILEE CHURCH FETE

Saturday 2nd June 2012, 2 to 5 pm in Seend Vicarage Garden

**Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun with
stalls and games to suit everyone**

All offers of help and contributions for the stalls are always appreciated.

Please contact Tina Yockney 01380 827139

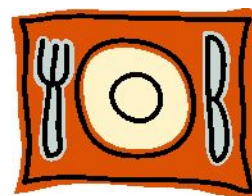
or Anne Ewing 01380 828557. Thank you.

Nosh And Natter Lunch Club!

at 12 for 12.30pm

on Wednesdays May 30th and June 27th

Advance booking essential - ring 01380 828540
(Please also ring this number if you can help)



Seend Community Opera

Join us for the Seend musical event of 2012!

Seend Community Opera presents

BRITTEN'S OPERA 'NOYE'S FLUDDE'

Over 130 performers will present this one-act masterpiece in Seend Community Centre on

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

Tickets Now On Sale from 01380 828401 or Seend Post Office

£7 (adult) £4 (children 16 and under) - unreserved

Noye is a Chester Miracle Play and will be presented with a cast of approximately 100 and orchestra of 35, directed and produced by Michael Johnson

Grant aided by Wiltshire Council and Seend Parish Council.

Sponsored by West Wiltshire Music Limited.

Production given in association with Boosey & Hawkes Limited.

A Seend Community Centre Presentation.



Seend Cleeve Open Gardens –

9th June 1pm to 6pm

Come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon wandering round the delightful gardens of the Cleeve. Cream teas and ices will be available plus the Shuttle bus to take round. Car Park at the Stocks end of the Cleeve
Entry £5- children free : In aid of Church funds.



Bath Touring Opera presents Bizet's 'Carmen'

Saturday 23rd June at 7.30pm in Seend Community Centre

Tickets £10, or £5 for under-16s, available from Seend Shop/PO
or by phoning 01380 828617.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

George Hutchings

George died most unexpectedly on March 27th. He is now buried next to his grandpa in Holy Cross churchyard. The family would like to thank Seend yet again for all your support, love and comfort which George can now enjoy for ever.

Christian Aid Week

A Christian Aid envelope is inside this Spotlight. The collectors will call during the week 13th-19th May. Please give generously, because the need is great. If you miss your collector, please hand it in to 25 Dial Close or Whites Farm, Cleeve, Seend.

Charity Disco March 17th - A Big Thank You

We would like to thank all of you who attended on the night and those who generously made cash donations and gave raffle prizes. Many local businesses helped us out. We raised a total of £865 which has been equally split between Dorothy House Hospice and Breast Cancer Care. It was a great evening, enjoyed by all. Thank you also to those who helped us set up in the afternoon, Debbie, Tessa, Shirley, Claire, Nicky, Charlie, Jess and Christopher. We couldn't have done it without you. We look forward to seeing you in 2013!

Barb Tilbury and Lou Waylen

Trees in memory of Miss Barbara Booth

Now that all the trees are planted in memory of Miss Barbara Booth, we have to "thank you" who gave so generously to the trees. Barbara loved trees and all nature. Thank you all.

Phyllis Ash (sister) and Margaret Ward (niece)

Hello all you creative geniuses!!

Need an excuse to get out those paint brushes??

How about entering our exciting competition to design the fete programme cover!! All entries to be A4 portrait in red white, blue and black only. The information ' **Seend Fete 12.30 Saturday 11th August Lye Field** ' to be included. The design needs to be representative of our village fete, perhaps also inspired by this years jubilee festival?



All entries to be posted to Oriel Villa, 10 School Road by the **deadline of Sunday 10th June 12 noon.**

Entries to have in pencil on the back: name and address, contact details, age or date of birth of the entrant.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – 4th June

We're celebrating the Diamond Jubilee in the village on this day. Enclosed in this edition of Spotlight is a leaflet for you to see what's on that day and hope you will be join us.



The various organisations supporting this event are providing our Primary and Nursery School children with a memento mug in recognition of the day. These will be handed out by the schools nearer the time.

We have arranged a celebration tea and games for our children and senior citizens to attend in the afternoon, some younger adult fun early evening and a ticketed evening event in the Community Centre. Tickets for the evening will be available from the Post Office, Community Centre and Brewery Inn shortly.

So, please come and join us on the day for the Village celebration and enjoy some fun!!



Seend Scout and Guide Reunion

Last year 39 past members came together for the reunion which took place at the Community Centre.

If you were in the movement between 1946 and 1985, why not just come along for this year's reunion – and the final one – which will be held at Seend Community Centre on Saturday 9th June from 7.30-10pm, and relive with your friends memories of early years in camp and other activities.

Gwyn Hopkins, 01225 425695

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

The Annual Parish Church Meeting for Seend Church was held on Monday 16th April. The churchwardens were re-elected for a further year. A new PCC was elected with a few changes in membership. New Members were welcomed and those retiring thanked for their hard work over the time of their membership. Both our Secretary and Treasurer are standing down this year and were thanked for their huge contributions to the church. Neil Yockney (treasurer) will be replaced by Phillipa Jackson and Richard Whitehead (secretary) by Jane Goman. We are grateful to these people for putting themselves forward for these roles. Reports were received on the operation, fabric and finances of the church.

Neil reported that it costs £1,144 per week to support and maintain Seend church, so fund raising continues to be important. The establishment of 'Friends of Seend Church' was welcomed.

Church Walk Parking: Can we ask that parishioners leave the area between the Church gates and the turning point in Church Walk free for disabled drivers and those bringing people with disabilities to the Church. Thank you.

Maureen's Ramblings.....

On 27th May the church celebrates the Festival of Pentecost. This festival goes relatively unnoticed in the world. But on the first Pentecost Sunday *everyone* became aware of what was happening. Thousands of people could see Pentecost happening in the lives of the disciples. The joy and excitement of Jesus' disciples was so great that some of the people who were passing by thought that the disciples were drunk. (*Read Acts 2 for yourself*).

I like the story about three prospectors who found a rich vein of gold in California during the gold rush. They realized what a great discovery they had and decided: 'We've a really good thing going here as long as no one else finds out about it'. So they each vowed to keep it secret. They headed for town to file their claims and get the equipment necessary to mine the gold. True to their vows, they didn't say a word to anybody. They filed their claim, bought the equipment, and headed back to their mine. But when they did, a crowd of people followed them. Why? How did the people know? Because the expression on their faces had given them away. Their faces were aglow in anticipation of the wealth that soon would be theirs. People knew that they must have found something very special. So a crowd followed them out of town and their secret was out.

On that first Pentecost people could see something different in the lives of the disciples. Different enough to stop. Different enough to listen. Different enough to want what the disciples had. Those first Christians discovered a life-changing joy and excitement in their faith. And along with the joy was the desire to share the life changing love and power of God with those around them. On the first day of Pentecost thousands of people heard the good news about Jesus and 3000 became Christians; 3000 people came to find the love of God; 3000 people knew their sins forgiven; 3000 people were filled with the Holy Spirit; 3000 people with a new direction and purpose for their lives.

Suddenly, they are part of a new society. They have come out of a world of slavery and superstition, of selfishness, greed and dishonesty. Now they are part of a new family - the Christian family. No wonder their number quickly grew to 5,000, and then into hundreds of thousands as the Church spread throughout Jerusalem and throughout the known world. Being a part of the church was different from anything else they had known. The church must always be this. We are to be a different people, joyful in our faith, excited about Jesus, hopeful about the future. We are to be a different culture; an oasis in the midst of a desert, a shady tree on a summer day, a cup of cool water for the thirsty - where people know that they will be accepted and loved, brothers and sisters, the family of God, Pentecost people. As we live as Pentecost people everyone around will notice and will see Pentecost happening in their midst.

The Revd. Maureen Allchin

BENEFICE "BUZZZZ" GROUPS



The informal discussion groups have started. Everyone is welcome - you don't need to be a churchgoer. You can dip in and out, attend any or indeed all of them, just as you wish! The groups offer a great way to hear what the church has to say about inner healing, to discuss the Bible readings from the previous Sunday, or what Christians actually believe, based on the Creed. Spare copies of the schedules are available at the back of church - please help yourself. If you have difficulty in getting to a venue please let us know, and we will arrange transport.

Church services during May

Sunday 6th May

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

Sunday 13th May (Rogation Sunday)

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

Thursday 17th May (Ascension Day)

7.00 pm	Joint "Cluster" service	at Potterne
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Sunday 20th May

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

Sunday 27th May (Pentecost or Whit Sunday)

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 3rd June

8.00 am	Holy Communion	at Seend
9.30 am	All Age Worship	at Bulkington
11.15 am	Jubilee service	at Seend
6.00 pm	Parish Communion	at Poulshot

Rogation Day Service

Historically, at Rogation time, priests led processions round the fields, blessing crops and praying for good harvests. For our service we shall remain at the one place, but our theme will still be agriculture and the service will be held at Little Thornham Farm. Everyone will be most welcome to attend this special informal service. Refreshments will be provided after the service, so come and enjoy this special service with us.

Church Notices

Funerals

15th February - Frances Keene
10th February - Grace Broadbridge
5th March - Veronica de Heather
17th April - Myra Franklin
20th April - George Hutchings

FROM ROY

We are human because of our unique DNA. We have evolved to such an extent that, of all the animals on earth, we can seek meaning and purpose for our lives. This distinctiveness, according to the Bible, enables us to perceive of ourselves being made in the image and likeness of God. We can share with God in the risky endeavour of being creative. God's creative Spirit is active within us.

We shall soon celebrate the Church's festival of God's Spirit, called Pentecost or Whitsun. At this time, we recognise God's re-gifting of us with the Holy Spirit. It is the fulfilment of Easter. In at least two of the Gospels, the risen Christ either promises the Spirit to his followers or he breathes the Spirit into his followers. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to share in Christ's re-creative energy set free into the world at Easter.

The Holy Spirit is, if you like, our Spiritual DNA. It continually re-imprints us with our unique nature that enables us to seek after God and to share in God's rich purposes for us. Christ's Easter new life flows in and through us out into the world.

Whether the Spirit comes upon like wind and fire as it did the first disciples when they were gathered together at Pentecost or whether it descends gently upon like a dove as it did on Jesus at his baptism, it comes to renew our humanity, so we may create loving relationships and a just and peaceful world. As through this month, we continue to celebrate Easter, we also look in hope for the coming again of God's Spirit upon us to transform us.

God bless you all



SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL
Services for May 2012

13 th May	10am	Mr Douglas Colborne
20 th May	10.30am	'Villages Together' at Bromham Methodist Chapel on the occasion of their Chapel Anniversary. Revd. David Ellis
27 th May	10am	Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion.

Wheelchairs available for Seend and Seend Cleeve residents. For hire free of charge, ring 01380 828354.

COPA COFFEE MORNING

Cakes	on Saturday 19th May	Plants
Books	from 10.30am to noon	Raffle



at the home of Eileen Difford, 14, High Street, Bulkington

Jeanne Bergin is returning to the Dominican Republic to work in two poor villages. Money raised will go towards the cost of resources needed for the trip.

Hope to see you there.

Seend Cleeve Open Gardens: Saturday 9th June 1pm - 6pm

A big thank you to all of you who have agreed to open your garden. We have at least ten gardens to see now and cannot add any more as it will be impossible to get round them all in the space of an afternoon. Please see Events pages for details. Cake contributions for the teas would be much appreciated and if you have any unwanted plants then we could also have a plant stall. If you can help please contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139.

Jubilee Church Fete, Vicarage Garden – 2nd June 2-5pm

WE NEED CAKES, PRESERVES, BOOKS, BOTTLES, BRIC A BRAC, TOYS, GARDEN PRODUCE, RAFFLE PRIZES, DVD/CDs etc, etc. All would be much appreciated together with volunteers to set up, man the stalls and generally help out and have lots of fun. We look forward to hearing from you.

Contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139 or Anne Ewing on 01380 828557. We will be happy to collect any items beforehand. Thank you.



BULKINGTON NEWS

Bulkington village Celebrates Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on the Playing Field on Sunday 3rd June 2-5pm

An afternoon of **FREE** fun and entertainment for all villagers and guests—bring your own picnic, chairs and rugs and share in the live music, sports and lots of fun for all ages!

LIVE MUSIC from Jess Vincent and Benny Sensus.

2.00 - Jubilee oak tree planting

2.15 - Open air church service led by Rev'd Maureen Allchin

2.45 - Village photograph—all villagers asked to assemble

3.15 - Rural Olympics; for all ages, big or small

- wellie wanging, egg & spoon race, swede putt, sack race,
hay bale hurdles, wheelbarrow race, tug-o-war, carrot relay

4.00 - Time to enjoy your picnic on the grass to the accompaniment of great live music.

Sponsored by AVI D kitchens & Bathrooms Ltd

HOPE FOR TOMORROW

bringing cancer care closer to home

Thank you to everyone who responded and came to the charity lunches at Bulkington village hall. Your generosity and support has raised £1194 at the two lunches for this most deserving charity. Nev and Thelma Boulton ran their trains on Easter Monday and raised a further £400. Special thanks must go to the people who cooked the main course and to those who made the 'waist challenging' puds! Also thanks must go to everyone who gave raffle prizes and helped with the general hard work. The charity is extremely grateful to you all.

Lunch : The church hosted Bulkington lunch takes place on Wednesday, 2nd May, 2012 at 12.15 at The Well. Everyone in the village is welcome. It is a great village occasion with a good value two course meal for £12.00 a head. Contact Audrey McDonald in advance for the menu (828376).

The Mobile Library will be visiting the car-park of The Well in Bulkington on the 7th and 21st May 10:55 - 11:25 at The Well. Please support this.

Abba's Angels
Live Tribute Band and Disco
on Saturday 30th June 2012
7.30 pm to 11.30 pm

at The Hay Barn, Leaze Farm, Mill Lane, Bulkington

Catering Van - Licensed Bar

Adults: £12, Children under 16 - £6

Available from Seend PO, or ring 01380 828145



STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

On Saturday, May 12th from 7.00 the Friends of Christ Church will be holding a **SAFARI SUPPER** around the village – starters in the Village Hall, main course and pudding in various homes (of good cooks!!) and coffee back in the Village Hall. It will be a great, fun evening. If you are not yet a “Friend” (and about 20% of the village already are Friends) then now is the time to join as this will be a Friends Only evening.

Contact Maureen Allchin (828931)

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS



Seend Fete
Saturday 11 August 2012

Please put the date in your diaries and tell all your friends and relatives to keep the date free as well! It will be a fantastic day!

We are always looking for new people to add to our list of willing volunteers to help on the stalls and games, so please give me a call if you can help us even if it's just for one hour.

Now is the time to plan your float and fancy dress entry! There will be a Jubilee theme to this year's Fete so let's make the Parade the best ever! Don't forget that there are prizes to be won. The more floats and people in the parade we have the better!

Wiltshire School of Gymnastics will be returning to perform in the arena and Seend Aikido Club will be giving us a demonstration during the afternoon. A folk band will be providing the music for the afternoon.

From next month we will start to collect any items that you would like to donate to the various stalls. We're busy collecting Grand Draw and Tombola prizes so if you have anything suitable hidden away I'd be pleased to hear from you now!!

Do have a look at the Seend Fete website at www.seendfete.co.uk

Fiona Johnson Fete Chairman (828401)

SEEND SHUTTLE



Seend Shuttle Committee's Last A.G.M. !

Don't panic, you are not about to lose your bus but this is the last time the committee will need to hold its own AGM. The bus will now belong to the Parish Council so we shall be a sub-committee and will report to the Annual Parish Meeting. So, do come along and support us on **Monday the 14th of May at 7.30 pm. Please note that we shall be upstairs at the Community Centre and not at the Pavilion.** We are starting the process of getting a new bus so would love to hear your views. We have contacted some of our regular drivers to ask what features they would particularly like it to have if we can afford them so if you have driven the bus and would like to make suggestions come to the meeting or e-mail me anitashea@hotmail.co.uk and I will pass your ideas on. If this new bus is going to be a real success we'll need you to use it, send your children to school on it, hire it, and become the volunteers who run, drive and maintain it into the future. Do come and show your enthusiasm if nothing else.

Shuttle Shopping Trip

Please ring Terry on (01380) 828203 by Monday April 30 to book your place on the monthly shopping trip to Salisbury on Wednesday May 2.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

County Parade and Service of Dedication

A parade and service of dedication will be held in Chippenham on Sunday 10th June 2012. The parade will form up at the bottom of the High Street at 1430 and march to St Andrews Church for a service at 1500. After the service, Standards will be trooped and the parade will march back to Neeld Hall where refreshments will be provided. The Shrewton Silver Band will play for the Parade and Service. Members are encouraged to attend as this is the 90th Anniversary of the Chippenham Branch and they hope for a large turn out.



Dates to Note

Sunday 1st July: Armed Forces day. Drumhead Service on Lye Field, followed by refreshments.

October (date to be advised): Annual lecture.



AT THE HEART OF
OUR COMMUNITY

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

You can read all about coming events – and reports of past events – in our newsletter 'Happenings!' which is included in this magazine.

Please note that Seend Club members need to sign in with their membership number if they wish to use the shiny new Lounge Bar in future. Thanks.

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 828325 or Joy Stack 01380 828809 to book your place or for further information contact Tina Yockney on 01380 827139.

SEEND & DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Report on the Annual Meeting – Sunday 27th March 2012:

On this warm, sunny afternoon, we proceeded with a short local walk, led by Anita and Tessa, covering footpaths over open countryside and the Kennet and Avon Canal. 19 walkers took part. Thanks to Anita and Tessa for organising it.

Refreshments followed before the start of the meeting. An increase in membership fees had been found necessary, mainly for insurance cover and admin charges.

The secretary gave her report on activities for the last year and forthcoming plans were discussed. A weekend in Weymouth is now finalised for October.

Sunday 15th April: On a dry, sunny but chilly morning, 13 walkers set out from Cricklade on a five-mile walk, taking in the Thames path and fritillary meadow, a couple of old canals (both under restoration), sailing and fishing lakes and an old railway line. The snake-head fritillaries were out in abundance – a new experience for many of the walkers. This easy walk with no gradients was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Geraldine and Brian for organising this beautiful walk.

Sunday 20th May: Bob and Brenda Jones (01225 703277) will lead a walk of 5½ miles in the Hullavington area. Depart from Rusty Lane at 9.30am.

Friday evening 22nd June: A two-hour walk will both start (at 6pm) and finish at one of the local pubs, where food will be available. Full details will be in June Spotlight. Leaders: Tessa Doe (01380 818617) and Anita Shea (01380 828757).

Lin Salter

SEEND WINE CIRCLE



The next Wine Circle meeting is at the Community Centre on 18th May, with wines from Chile. You need to book by 11th May - tickets £7.50. Please contact Steve at Seend Bridge House or Malcolm at 1-2 Weavers Cottages.



SEEND WI

The April meeting was our AGM. We were delighted to welcome Margaret Mills, a WI adviser, as our guest. The Annual Report and accounts were presented to the members.

Our President, Susan Bolton, had announced her intention to stand down this year. Unfortunately she was unable to attend the meeting and in her absence was thanked for all her hard work. She has been a great leader and will be sorely missed. Colleen Russell and Lynne Puntis have agreed to join Ann Hunt, Jo Vaux, Fiona Johnson, Pauline Robertson, Bron Murch and Gill Acornley on this year's committee. Our new President is Fiona Johnson and Secretary is Gill Acornley. After the business was concluded we enjoyed the rest of the evening racking our brains to find the answers to a series of quizzes prepared by Gill.

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday 9th May when our speaker will be Jo Gardener from Mystique Lingerie in Devizes. Visitors are always welcome. 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 Gill Acornley on 01225 707218 or see www.seendwi.weebly.com

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our AGM on 10th April rounded off our year except for the three outings we have planned. The trip to Exbury will be on Saturday April 28th and although the deadline was 10th April there are still on that trip and the trip to Hilliers and Hinton Ampner on 14th July. Please contact Carole for the former and Jackie on 828454, the latter. The evening walk to Rowdeford Garden is on June 12th at 6.30 followed by a pub supper. Those of you on the list will be contacted nearer the time with menus and arrangements. There is still room on the list for this outing as well.



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We will need your usual support for both fetes later on this year and also as usual we will need plants and garden sundries for both. Anyone who cares to help will be very welcome.

At our AGM the officers and committee were re-elected with the addition of Tim Vince, Peter Fisher having resigned. The main focus of the meeting was lower membership and higher costs meaning that our finances will be slowly depleted over the next few years and some thought was, and will be, given to this. A garden sundries table with pots and plants was started which produced some funds as did the sale of our table centres. Our speaker having cancelled (which saved some money!) we took part in a quiz, kindly passed on by St Andrew's Church in Devizes, which was a mixture of factual, anagrams and cryptic clues with the answers all being names of flowers. We also enjoyed the refreshments provided by the members.

Sue Jones wishes all those who bought fuchsias for the flower show entry to know that they should be potting them on now!

Sue



SEEND SCHOOL NEWS

The Opening Ceremony went very well. The children were impressed to see the Bishop in all his finery and visitors were impressed by the number and the array of cakes that we were able to provide. The children did a very good job of providing tours and it was a really positive end to the term. Thank you to all of those who attended and who helped to make it a really special morning.

We are pleased to have completed the interview process for the new teacher for the year 5/6 class. Mrs Phillippa Hunt, currently teaching at Westbury Leigh will be joining us in September and comes highly recommended. We are all looking forward to welcoming her onto the team.

Thank you to those of you who have been sending in unwanted CDs and DVDs. We have raised over £150 from recycling these so it really is worth the effort. The collection box is in the main entrance of the school so keep them coming in. Don't forget that 9am on May 4th is the deadline for the textiles / clothing recycling for which we get paid 50p a kilo.

We are overjoyed that Mr and Mrs Clark have offered to open their gardens and give the proceeds to the school. The Manor Open Gardens is on June 16th from 1-5p.m. and we hope you can all come. We are also doing refreshments in The Pavilion, so if you would like to help by making a cake or two, or even help by making tea, then please contact the school.

Jackie Chalk, headteacher.

Seend School 100 Club – Renew your subscription please!

If you pay £12 a year, 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 winners will be published in Spotlight. New members are always welcome. Please forward your details to school with money. Cheques need to be made payable to Seend School 100 Club. Best of luck and thank you!!

Emma Smith 01380 828056

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that due to the resignation of Michael Beasley, a vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council. **If by 27 April 2012 a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at the address below:**

Dr Carlton Brand, Returning Officer, Wiltshire Electoral Services, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 1ER

by TEN electors from the Parish of Seend, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option. If an election is called, it will take place not later than 5 July 2012.

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on **Tuesday 27th March** was attended by 8 Councillors with Mrs. T. Carr in the chair. Apologies received from Mr. Johnson, Mr. Padfield and Mrs. Waylen.

Barbara Booth, trees in memory – The trees have now been planted. The Clerk to remind the various sites to keep the trees well watered during the present drought.

Rusty Lane – Quote accepted from Sustainable Options £179 + VAT, plus £17.50 for delivery for a post made from recycled plastic. The Clerk to go ahead and order.

Footpath SEEN4, Three Magpies – The Clerk to follow up with Wiltshire Council when the bin will be installed.

Rusty Lane, traffic speed – E-mail sent to Barefoot Signs to accept their quote, with installation to be carried out locally. Mr. Manning agreed to collect the finished signs and deliver.

Seend Shuttle – Mr. Murch reported that Terry Sleightholme is looking to retire from his long-held voluntary role with Seend Shuttle, and would like to work alongside somebody over the next few months with a view to them taking over. Terry will be putting together a job specification, and once this is complete the role can be advertised.

Smiley SID – E-mail received from Abbi Gutierrez, to advise that Seend has not had a metro count recently and, therefore, is not on the current SID deployment list. The PC agreed to request a metro count at the top of Trowbridge Road, near the Bell crossroads coming into the 30 mph limit.

Parish Plan - Mr. Murch said that he thinks the requirement for a Parish Plan has been superseded by the need for a Neighbourhood Plan to reflect the number of issues in the village. Mrs Carr said that she had ascertained from Carolyn Gibson, Core Strategy Manager at Wiltshire Council, that the village of Seend consists of the main village, Seend Cleeve, Sells Green, Martinslade and Inmarsh. The main village of Seend is designated a large village which has conservation status, so infill is only allowed in the designated area. Seend Cleeve is designated a small village with no fixed boundaries and is allowed infill only. Sells Green is not designated on the plan and is categorised as a village in countryside, and not suitable for development. This designation also applies to Martinslade and Inmarsh. The area between Seend Cleeve and Seend is also considered not suitable for development. Any application for planning in this area would need very strong reasons to build and obtain planning permission. Mrs Carr proposed that this definition should be placed on notice boards and the website, as there is presently uncertainty in the village about the status of areas of the village, and the status of Seend Parish hasn't changed at all. It was agreed that the Clerk would put this notice up as quickly as possible. Mr. Diffey agreed to draft a response to Cllr Seed reflecting the PC's views with regard to the Core

Strategy Consultation. Mr. Murch expressed concern at some of the figures given in the Council's documentation, especially with regard to population and employment, and it was agreed to contact Carolyn Gibson to ask for clarification as to how these figures were arrived at. It should be stressed that this did not form part of the PC's response to the Consultation. It was agreed that the sub-committee comprising Mrs. A'Bear, Mr. Diffey, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Murch would meet and report back to the next PC meeting.

Grange Farm, West Ashton, Wind Farm development - Mrs Carr said that Mr Goman had requested that the PC discuss this matter. An article had appeared in the Melksham Independent News last year, and an application will be submitted shortly; it was thought that the wind farm will be visible from Seend. The Clerk to write to West Ashton PC to obtain more information.

Jubilee Celebrations - Mr. Diffey said that arrangements are moving forward at a good pace. A meeting had been held the previous evening, and communication in the form of a leaflet is going out with Spotlight; this will highlight the events that have been arranged. A Jubilee mug is being ordered and the cost would be £483 + VAT. Donations are coming in from various organisations, and he has applied for a grant for £250, and the decision on this is due on 7th April. Tickets for the evening event will cost £7.50 per person and it was hoped to sell 200 tickets ahead of the event.

Planning Matters

E/12/01277/TCA The Hatch, High Street
2 Yew trees – reduce height by 25-30%
2 Lawson Cypress trees – fell

It was noted that the application had not been fully completed, in that no reason had been given for felling the trees. In view of this Councillors voted 3 in favour, 5 against the application.

Litter around the village – The PC will try and arrange for either Highways or Community Payback to undertake a litter pick around the village, as it would be good to see it litter free before the Jubilee Celebrations. If any parishioners would like to volunteer to undertake a litter pick in their own area, the PC can arrange for suitable equipment to be borrowed from Highways Department. Please contact the Clerk.

White stones at edge of carriageway – Would all parishioners please note that if they place whitewashed stones on the grass verge at the edge of the carriageway, they may be held liable if somebody damages their car or car wheel. It is also worth noting that a household insurance policy would be unlikely to indemnify you should an accident occur as a result of the stones.

Bridge at Barge Inn – it was noted that the condition of the bridge is worsening. The Clerk to ask British Waterways for an update.

Seats around the village – There are several wooden benches around the village that, once again, need some cleaning and maintenance. **If you would like to volunteer to carry out this task, please contact the Parish Clerk.**

Councillor retiring – Mr. Beasley expressed his wish to retire from the PC after serving for a number of years. The Chairman thanked Mr. Beasley for his contribution to the work of the PC over a long period, and wished him well in his retirement.

Telegraph pole, Rusty Lane – A new telegraph pole had been erected at the end of Rusty Lane, and was about a foot further towards the road, obscuring the view of motorists exiting the lane. The Clerk had advised Andy Cadwallader at Wiltshire Highways by e-mail, but had not received a response to date.

PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th May 2012 at The Irene Usher Pavilion, Rusty Lane at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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

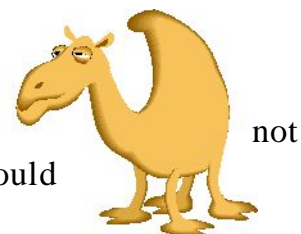
Wiltshire Council is one of the bigger unitary authorities in the country and is responsible for so much that affects our daily lives. The annual Wiltshire Cabinet Report makes interesting reading; each Cabinet Member is required to make a one page summary of the activity within their portfolio and much can be learnt about what is going on within the Council from that document. New initiatives are reported. These include investing £350million over the next three years particularly targeted at improving lives and opportunity for the young, the old, the vulnerable and those that need help in our society. As part of this commitment the Council is investing in the future and creating jobs for young people as well as creating our own County apprenticeship scheme. Wiltshire Council is also spending heavily on our roads and transport by improving 32% more miles of roads than in 2010/11 and filling 11% more potholes.

In this computer-orientated and digital age the Council sees investment in the provision of superfast broadband as a key part of the development of business and personal communications in our very rural County. The Wiltshire On Line Programme aims to achieve 85% of all premises in the county being able to access superfast broadband by 2015 as well as all other premises being able to access a minimum broadband speed of 2megabites transmission speed by that time. In order to achieve this the Council has invested £16million, the Government has invested £4.66 million and we are getting the telecommunications industry to invest the remaining £10million to make the ambitious aims a reality.

Jonathon Seed

Nick Keen's "Marathon Des Sables" Run

Firstly we apologise to everyone who assumed that Nick would complete this epic feat of endurance and also believed that he would not make it back home!!



But Nick crossed the finishing line on Saturday 14th April after a total of 246.5km over the six stages. The total time to complete this distance was 43hrs 35mins. Out of the 851 competitors that started this endurance ultra marathon, Nick's overall position after all the times were calculated was 369th overall.

Nick would like to thank everyone who has supported him both mentally and financially, via the donations to the Prostate Cancer trust that Nick was running on behalf of. The total amount collected will be announced next month.

Nick said: 'this adventure has been absolutely incredible. The terrain consisted of sand dunes as big as houses and stretching on for an eternity, high mountain passes, large rocky plateaux, dried up salt lakes which disappear into the horizon and dried up river beds consisting of fine shale which swallows up ever foot step. On day two, the temperature topped 51 degrees on the salt lake, resulting in a water consumption of over 10 litres on this day alone. All of the support and encouragement that I received from home, helped me to achieve a finishing position way above my wildest dreams.'

Once again many thanks.

Nick Keen.

P.S. This is your last chance to throw some shekels into the Prostate Cancer Pot via www.justgiving.com/Nick-Keen's or the Brewery Inn sponsors sheet.

SEEND SPORTS RESULTS AND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Manager Mike Hopkins

Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham

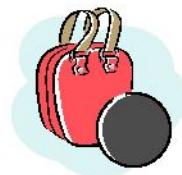


The season ended quietly with the team hanging on to their 1st division status, but only just! There were defeats to Castle Combe and Semington, the score being 0-2 on each occasion. Things worked out somewhat better against Freshford where Seend were held to a 0-0 draw. Understandably Mark Newman was in a bit of a difficulty in picking his goal of the month . He has had to settle for the next best thing being Olly Gee's clattering of the woodwork in the match against Freshford.

The club have their end of season get together shortly when awards will be given for this season full details of which we will publish in next month's Spotlight . Our congratulations to all who have organised the matches and who have played for Seend in this campaign.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Sous Chef - Colin Waldeck



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I suppose that it had to happen sooner or later given the present climate of suspicion. Understandably they started by checking Colin's visitors' book to see whom he had had around for dinner and whether any donations had passed into the SMB account. Naturally things were clean as a whistle, although eyebrows were raised in some quarters when it was noticed that one "Lucky" Lucan had signed in late in November 1974 describing himself as "en passant", but pausing to congratulate Colin on his choice of the bottle of Leoville Barton 1962 to go with the tripe and onions. No, I have no idea what Colin is going on about either!

Results: See page 64.



SKITTLES

Seend A – Captain – John Wiltshire

Seend A's recent form in the league has been excellent, winning six out of their last seven matches; 5-2, 5-2, 6-1, 7-0, 5-2 7-0 and losing 2-5. This has put them in a strong position in the league, trailing the leaders by 2.5 points, each with one more game to play.

The team reached the semi-final of the 8 a side nomination cup before being beaten but won the 12 a side nomination cup. Congratulations to the team and good luck for their final match.

Seend C – Captain – Graham Hamblin

Home vs Cons A – Lost 1-6

Highest score was Will Purdy with 29

Away vs Comrades – Lost 1-6

Highest score was Russell Collins with 24

With the season drawing to a close, Seend C look set to survive in Division 1, and are currently on the lookout for new players for next season. Anyone who wants to play please call Graham Hamblin on 01380 828171. The team would love to have you.

Seend Cleeve Sailing Club

A mixed season for SC², brilliantly making it to the final of the Devizes League nomination cup, only to lose to the team at the top of the league, whilst at the same time being in the relegation zone.

RUNNING

Bishops Cannings 5000 metre Dash – 14th July 2012 . Race start at 3.30pm.

(And see previous page for details of Nick Keen's phenomenal multi-marathon in Morocco.)

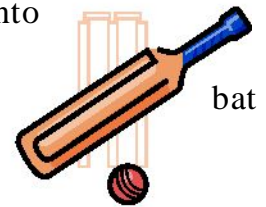


TENNIS – Chair – Elaine Davis

The matches in the Chippenham and District League will have started by the time we go to press. The two mixed doubles teams play on 23rd April with the men's team and the women's team playing their first matches on the 25th. It looks as if we should have some new players this season to boost the ranks but, as always, if anyone would like to play league tennis please contact the team captains who are as follows :- Mixed A: Mark Newman, Mixed B: Ric Ellinger, Womens: Pam Akerman , Mens: Frankie Goddard.

CRICKET – Captain – John Wiltshire

After a long winter and two encouraging nets sessions, Seend went into first match of the season against the Canal Taverners on Sunday 15th April confident of success. After losing the toss Seend were put into and given an early opportunity to show what they had been practising in the nets. Man of the match Ben King opened and scored an unrivalled personal best of 111 with Geraint Williams helping him on his way with an impressive 59 on his debut for the club. Special mention must go to Will “Woolly Hat” Goodier who scored a classy 20 runs in his first innings of the season. Such strong batting displays gave Seend a healthy 289 runs at the tea interval, where Scott Cameron won the inaugural game of Twister on his last appearance before going to America for several months. Seend confidently took to the field after an inspiring team talk from Tom Wallis, with Nathan King and Will Purdy opening the bowling, each taking 2-16 at the end of their 8 overs. This impressive bowling allowed the rest of the team to mop up the remnants of the Canal Taverners for just 95 runs, meaning that Seend won by a comfortable 194 runs. Congratulations on this great start.



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Sports results and news for the June issue to the Royal Enclosure by the 14th May 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.)

Help needed from local historians

A gentleman has contacted Spotlight as he is trying to locate where Sells Green Farm, Seend is located. Or, if it was demolished, where it once stood. All he knows is that it was still in existence in the late 1920's. He is not sure whether the farm was in Seend, or in Sells Green. If anyone can help please contact Neil Bancroft on neil.bancroft@scarrowhill.co.uk. Many thanks.

BITS AND BOBS

Summer Visitors

House Martins: These lovely migrant birds fly from Africa to nest in the British Isles, many in our area. They spend a long time making their mud nests under the eaves of houses. Please be tolerant of their building habits. The birds do not cause too much mess and they become distressed if all their hard work is destroyed. If house martins cannot raise their brood, yet another species will be endangered.

Swallows: Always return to their old nest sites, so please make access to them. If for security, access has to be shut, swallows will fly through small openings in order to reach their traditional nesting sites.



Swifts: Their nesting sites, some of which are centuries old, are fast disappearing. They require an access tunnel of at least 18" long with a small entrance hole; please don't block them off. Swifts are believed to spend as much as nine months a year on the wing and are known to nap whilst flying.

Should you require any advice about these birds or how to obtain artificial nesting boxes and how to erect them, please contact Wildlife Trust Wiltshire. Tel: 01380 725670.

These birds are, of course, protected species. It is an offence to disturb or destroy their nest sites and environments.

Dauntsey School Choral Society are holding their next concert on Tuesday 29 May at 19.30 in Edington Priory Church. It will be a choral fest with works by Sir Michael Tippett, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Bob Chilcott and others performed by all the school choirs and the Choral Society. Details from Susie Hancock – email address : choralsociety@talktalk.net

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

at Manor Farm, Stert (off A342).

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

**Bowood Charity Dog Show, Summer Fair & Tractor Ted Farmshow.
Sunday 10th June 2012, 10am to 5pm**

Call 01373 834500 or visit www.tractorland.co.uk

An Evening with Monty Halls

Monty Halls, the TV personality, writer, explorer and marine biologist (and his dog Reuben) will be appearing at Melksham Assembly Hall on Wednesday June 20th at 7 pm. This will be a chance to see images and footage from all three "Great Escapes" series shown on the BBC – as well as sequences from the filming of the acclaimed Great Barrier Reef series. Monty will also discuss his latest BBC series "The Fisherman's Apprentice" and show sequences from the ocean wildlife encounters around the globe, taken from his two series of Great Ocean Adventures for Channel 5.

There will be an opportunity to buy books and DVDs and have them signed.

Tickets, priced at just £10, are available from Melksham Assembly Hall on 01225 709887.



THINK BLUE FOR THE ANIMALS!

Bath Cats and Dogs Home is calling on animal lovers across the area to take part in Think Blue Thursday to raise money for its many animals in need.

Think Blue Thursday is a new annual fundraising event, aimed at bringing the community together on one day to raise awareness and funds for the animals. The rescue shelter, one of the largest in the UK, is inviting businesses, schools, shops, students, groups of people and individuals across Bath and the surrounding areas to get involved by doing something with the colour blue on Think Blue Thursday taking place on Thursday 3 May.

If you would like to get involved or to find out more, please contact Zena Jones on: 01225 787335 or e-mail: zenajones@bcdh.org.uk or visit: www.bcdh.org.uk

White Horse Opera Summer Ball

**Friday July 6th – 7pm for 7.30pm at the Bear Hotel, Devizes
Black Tie**

**Tickets £39.50 available from the Bear Hotel
www.WhiteHorseOpera.co.uk**

Grange Farm Wind Farm, West Ashton

Proposals are underway for the construction of three huge wind turbines to be located in our beautiful valley close to the villages of West Ashton and Heywood. At 130 metres high these 3 turbines will be the tallest onshore turbines in the UK and will be the tallest structures in Wiltshire at 130m (Salisbury Cathedral is 123m). The turbines will be very visible from Seend and Bulkington and across much of the county. There is concern that once three turbines are built in this valley then more will follow.

As some of you may know permission has been granted for a test mast, with a full planning application for the turbines expected in September.

A local action group has been formed to raise awareness & fight this proposal. For more information if you wish to support the campaign, you can visit:

www.stopgrangefarmwindfarm.com or email info@stopgrangefarmwindfarm.com

(Alternatively, if you are undecided or in favour of the application, you can find out more on www.wiltshire.gov.uk – click on Western area and search for Grange Farm. Ed.)

Golden Gardens

Celebrating 50 years of nurturing Wiltshire's Wildlife

For the last 50 years the Trust has been working with local communities to enhance and protect Wiltshire's wildlife and landscape. Today, in addition to managing 37 nature reserves and delivering programmes for the protection of habitats and wildlife Trust delivers a wide range of activities to help local people live more sustainably. The Trust's vision is a sustainable future for wildlife and people and it will do this by creating living landscapes for the benefit of people and wildlife.



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Gardens are increasingly important spaces for wildlife as habitats in the wider countryside shrink and fragment, and climate change takes its toll. Although each garden on its own may be small, together they form a vast living landscape across the county and beyond. Many of the gardens taking part in 'Golden Gardens' are privately owned and normally closed to the public.

There are 16 gardens around the county taking part. For more information visit www.wiltshirewildlife.org or call 01380 725670 for a free leaflet.

And finally.....

A man asked his girlfriend, "What do you like best about me, my handsome face or my great physique?"

She looked him up and down and replied, "I like your sense of humour."

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 Jonathon Seed 01380 850695
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 101, 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. **Melksham Area Board** - 01225 718443.

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 - Fiona Johnson on 828401 and Gill Acornley 01225 707218
Wine Circle - Steve Parsons 828814
Youth Club (Seend and Bulkington) Elanor Oddy 07517 905446

Seend Post Office & Village Store

01380 828250

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES
FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES
WINES BEERS & SPIRITS
GROCERIES
NATIONAL LOTTERY
POSTCARDS & STATIONERY



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

* note early closing