

SPOTLIGHT

Seend & Bulkington



December 2011
& January 2012

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

- 2nd Seend School Christmas Fair -6-8pm
- 2nd Theatre Club outing to Handel's Messiah in Bath
- 3rd Miniature steam engines, Bulkington Village Hall, 12-4pm
- 4th Carol singing by the fire, Cleeve House, 3pm
- 4th Crumpets on Sunday – Advent discussion group, Seend Vicarage, 3pm
- 5th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 6th Seend Acoustic Club, Gaz Brookfield, Community Centre, 8pm
- 7th Shuttle Shopping Trip (Book by phoning Terry on 828203 by Monday 5th)
- 7th Village Appraisal Meeting, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 8th Christingle Service, Seend Church, 6pm
- 9th Arabian Nights, Seend School, 6.30pm
- 10th Coffee morning for Christ Church, Bulkington, 14 Bulkington, 10.30am-12 noon
- 10th Christmas Bingo, Seend Community Centre, eyes down 8pm
- 11th Crumpets on Sunday - Advent discussion group, Seend Vicarage, 3pm
- 13th German conversation, upstairs in Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 14th Nosh and Natter Christmas Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 16th Ghost Stories for Christmas, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 17th Comedy Bus Roadshow, Community Centre, 7.30 for 8.30pm
- 18th Seend Ramblers meet 9.30am, Rusty Lane
- 18th Carol service at Christ Church Bulkington, 6pm
- 19th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 20th Free Film for Seend Club Members' children – 'The Incredible Journey' 2pm
- 20th Seend Acoustic Club, The Cleverly Brothers, Community Centre, 8pm
- 22nd Lessons & Carols with The Philomel Ladies Choir, Seend Church, 7pm
- 24th Crib Service, Bulkington, 2pm
- 24th Family Crib Service, Seend Vicarage Garden, 3pm
- 31st Brewery Inn New Year's Eve Party. from 8pm, Tickets £12.50 from bar or 828846

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY

- 13th Messy Church, Seend Pavilion, 3.45pm
- 13th Seend Wine Circle, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 14th LAST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT
- 14th New Year Quiz Night, Community Centre, 7.45pm (teams of 4)
- 15th Seend Ramblers meet 9.30am Rusty Lane
- 16th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington
- 17th Seend Acoustic Club, The Carousel, upstairs in Community Centre, 8pm
- 19th Community Centre Annual Meeting, upstairs room, 7pm
- 21st Burns Night Supper, Community Centre, 7 for 7.30pm
- 23rd Start of WEA course on 11th & 12thC Europe, Community Centre, 7.30pm
- 24th Free Film for Seend Club Members only – 'Topsy Turvy', 7.45pm
- 25th Nosh and Natter Lunch Club, Community Centre, 12 for 12.30pm
- 26th Theatre Club AGM, with Mike Scott, Pavilion, 7.30pm
- 28th Acoustic Club Special: Flat Foot Floogies, Community Centre, 8pm
- 30th Mobile Library: 9.35am Seend The Lye; 10am Seend Cleeve phone box; 10.55am Well Inn car park, Bulkington

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 December 2011 & January 2012 edition of Spotlight



It's difficult to believe another year has nearly gone by. As ever, our villages have got all sorts of things planned for you over the festive season. We've got carols, comedy, music, films, bingo, shopping trips, crumpets, ghost stories, rambling, food and wine, model railways, a quiz and Scottish and Arabian Nights on offer. See the events pages (and Bulkington news) and the diary dates for details. There is also the meeting about the village appraisal in the Pavilion on 7th December, and the Community Centre's Annual public meeting on 19th January – both important for those of you who take an interest in what goes on in Seend. And, of course there are special Christmas services in Church and Chapel.

If you rashly make a New Year resolution to get fit, look no further than the body conditioning and zumba classes that take place on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings in the Community Centre. There are details of sporting events in the back pages too (including Frankie's update on the latest exciting adventures of Colin Waldeck and the short-mat bowlers

Or, if your resolution is just to get out more, see the contacts inside the back cover for the various village clubs and organisations.

Don't forget that if you have a Seend event you want publicised or reported on, as well as or instead of in Spotlight, you can contact Tessa Doe on 01380 828617 and she will try to get it into the Community News pages of the Devizes Gazette and Herald. It has to be sent in over a week in advance of publication.

THE SPOTLIGHT CONTACTS

Contributions for the February issue (**copy deadline 14th January**) 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:

N.B. 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 December and January

(See also *Bulkington News* on pp10-11)



Christmas Carol Singing by the Fire

Cleeve House Seend
Sunday 4th December at 3.00pm

Let's kindle the Christmas Spirit together!

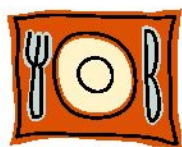
Collection for **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**

Seasonal refreshments served afterwards

Musical or poetic contributions very welcome



Please contact Barbara Zaccarelli, tel: 827129



Nosh And Natter Lunch Club!

Christmas lunch : Wednesday 14th December

New Year's lunch: Wednesday 25th January

at 12 for 12.30pm

Advance booking essential - ring John and Lilian on 828540



Seend Acoustic Club

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

December 6th – Gaz Brookfield

December 20th – The Cleverly Brothers

(Malc & Jen's day off on January 3rd!)

January 17th – The Carousel

Acoustic Club Extra! Saturday January 28th, The Flat Foot Floogies – four-piece swing band including two members of the Moscow Drug Club who ended the afternoon session of the Acoustic Festival in grand style.

Tickets £7.50 from Malcolm on 827041.

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

See www.seendacoustic.org for full details



Christmas Bingo!

Saturday 10th December in the Community Centre

Eyes down at 8pm. Free entry – pay per card.

Lots of prizes. Bring the family.



**What can you make from an orange, a red ribbon,
some sweets or dried fruit and a candle?**



Come along to the Benefice Christingle service in Seend Church on Thursday 8th December at 6.00 pm to find out. This lovely service is for children and parents, as well as the young at heart. Children from Seend School will be helping and taking an active part. We look forward to seeing you there too - all are welcome.



Church of The Holy Cross Seend
invite you to
Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
with The Philomel Ladies Choir
For all the Family
7pm on Thursday 22nd December 2011



Where's Wally?

Come and find him at the
FAMILY CRIB SERVICE
in the Vicarage Garden

3pm Saturday 24th December 2011
Hot drinks and mince pies available
Angels and Shepherds required
All Welcome



CRUMPETS ON SUNDAY!

During Sundays in Advent there are informal discussions on some of the interesting and controversial themes of Advent. They events will be held at the Vicarage in Seend from 3.00-4.30pm, beginning with crumpets and tea! Please put these dates in your diary and come along:

December 4th - "Judgement" - also led by Renée

December 11th - "Heaven and Hell" - led by Maureen Allchin

Ghost Stories for Christmas

John O'Brien narrates three spine-tingling tales including 'The Signalman' by Charles Dickens

Friday 16th December – 7.30pm
Upstairs in the Community Centre

Tickets £6.50 or £3 for 10- to 15-year-olds from Penny (828949)

Includes mince pie and mulled wine or juice
Numbers limited – book early!



The Comedy Hut presents

The Comedy Bus Roadshow!

Saturday 17th December in Seend Community Centre

Doors open 7.30pm – show starts at 8.30pm

Tickets £7 – available from www.comedyhut.org
or from Seend Shop/PO and the Community Centre

Six featured comedians – Bar

A great Christmas night out!

(Adult themes, so over 18s only)



MESSY CHURCH

Friday 13th January in Seend Pavilion 3.45pm – 5.45pm

With the theme of Kings and Camels and
a meal of Beans, Bangers and Mash

This is a fun event of all families in the benefice with
primary school children



For catering purposes, please contact Sue Taylor at 01225 709360
Or Liz Futter at 01380 828485

Seend Trust and Community Centre

Annual Meeting

Thursday 19th January 2012 at 7pm
Upstairs in Seend Community Centre

All welcome



A Scottish Night in Seend

A Celebration of Burns

and a

Traditional Ceilidh

Saturday 21st January

Seend Community Centre, Rusty Lane, Seend

7.00pm for 7.30pm

Dancing to The White Horse Band

Supper and a tot o' whisky

Licensed Bar – Raffle

Tickets (in advance only) £16.50
available from Fiona (828401), Marion
(828612) or, from 3rd January, from
The Post Office, Seend.

Free Film Shows for Seend Club Members in Seend Community Centre

Tuesday 20th December at 2pm

Disney's **'The Incredible Journey'**

The tale of two dogs and a cat trying to find their way home.
One adult Club Member can bring up to four children for free.

Tuesday 24th January at 7.45pm

Mike Leigh's **'Topsy Turvy'**

An acclaimed film about the musical partnership of Gilbert and Sullivan

Sunday 26th February at 7.45pm

'The Band's Visit'

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

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

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



Arabian Nights

A Proteus Theatre Company production fusing
circus, magic, film and music
(a Rural Arts Wiltshire event)

Friday 9th December in Seend School at 6.30pm

Tel: 01380 828334 to book tickets



New Year's Quiz Night

in Seend Community Centre

Saturday 14th January at 7.45pm

Entry £2 per head - teams of four - cash first prize
plus runners-up prize and prize for best team name.

Quizmasters Graham Hickman and Tony Daly

Bar and interval snacks available



Wine Circle

Seend Community Centre, Friday 13th January at 8.00pm

The organisers report that interest in this new event has been very encouraging with a number people already having booked their places. The first evening on the 13th of January will focus on Italian wines - seeking out some of the fabulous Italian wines, available from the high street. If you are thinking of coming do book now because places are limited.

The themes for future evenings have yet to be decided, but might include: Wines from places you didn't imagine made wine; South America night; or Smaller South African Vineyards - I am sure you get the idea.

More information about the first evening is on the insert in this publication.



The Seend Event of 2012 - Seend's First Community Opera project!

Benjamin Britten's

NOYE'S FLUDDE*

3 Fully-staged performances at the Community Centre
130 performers including all the children from
Seend C.of E.School and orchestra!

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

Tickets: £7 (on sale date: Wednesday, 1st February 2012)

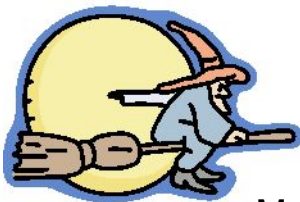
**This is your last chance to let us know if you would like
to be involved as a performer, event steward or stage-hand!**

Please contact: Michael Johnson (01380 828401)

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Church of the Holy Cross
SEEND MUSICAL CELEBRATION
 Featuring outstanding local musicians
 Saturday, 11 February 2012 at 7.30pm
 Tickets £10 (to include interval refreshments)
 Available from 3 January 2012
 from Tina (827139), Fiona (828401) or Seend Post Office
Concert sponsored by West Wiltshire Music Ltd



Seend Fawltly Players' 33rd village pantomime
 February 16-18 in Seend Community Centre
 'Moonrakers - The Panto!'



Bet you never thought you'd see the
 Moonraker story and other Wiltshire legends turned into a
 pantomime. Well, come along in February and see what we've made of
 it. We think you'll like it. Further info on posters in the New Year and in
 February Spotlight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

John Paton, aged 79, died peacefully in hospital on November 17th after several years of illness and pain which he coped with uncomplainingly in the wonderful care of the Geater family in Christian Malford.

For nearly 20 years John and his wife Sarah, who died in 2002, were committed Seend-ites. They regularly attended church and many of the village activities, often helping where they could. Alone, in a big house in Bowerhill, John continued collecting books of which he had over 10,000, mainly on Africa where he was a banker for many years. He played bridge regularly and was several times a National champion.

A true people person, John was kind, generous, untidy, told jokes which one rarely understood, loved the theatre, gambled on horses and frequently entertained his many friends with visits, meals or just calling on them. He will be remembered with a smile.

His funeral service, led by the Rev Renée Coulson assisted by the Rev Mrs Pam Muller, is on December 1st at Seend Church, with cremation at Semington. The committal will be led by the Rev Julian Harford, assisted by the Rev Mrs Pam Muller. His ashes will join his wife in the family vault in Wales.

Village Appraisal

Feedback and open meeting

The date for this meeting is Wednesday 7th December at 19.30 in the Irene Usher Pavilion. All of the organisations that participated in the appraisal have been invited to provide feedback. You will be most welcome to attend.

Tony Murch

BULKINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Hire Charges

General Info – Polished wood floor area is approx. 6m wide by 8m long. Max capacity 60 people with tables and chairs for 60 persons. Electric heating – pound coins. Kitchen with kettles, microwave, hot plates, cutlery & china.

Male and female (disabled) toilets, limited car parking.

Up to 2 hours (Regular Booking) - £8

Up to 2 hours (Casual Booking) - £9

2 to 4 hours (Casual Booking) - £10

All Day (Casual Booking) - £15 (wakes and parties)

All Day (Regular Booking) - £11

The hall may be hired for children's birthday parties (all day) with two hours of train rides (about 170 rides!) on the Great Bulkington Railway for £80.

Contact Roger Futter (Booking Agent) 01380 828484 or Nev Boulton (Station Master) 01380 828101

Last UK Posting Dates for Christmas

14th Dec Standard Parcels

17th Dec Second Class

20th Dec First Class

Last Airmail Posting Dates

12th Dec Western Europe

9th Dec Eastern Europe, Canada and USA

5th Dec Rest of the World



If you have any queries or seek advice on posting valuable or fragile packages please contact Mel or Rich at Seend Post Office or phone 828250.

Naming Ceremony

So ! You can now book a Naming Ceremony at Wiltshire register offices, aye? Well, did you know your local church already offers the same service at no cost provided it takes place in the course of a regular service (preferably the first Sunday of the month). Should a private ceremony be requested then a fee may be payable, but that would be negotiable, and certainly not the £201 fee being charged by your Local Authority. Just a thought ... over to you ! Please contact the Vicar if you would like to discuss this possibility.

A personal thank-you

Angela and Nigel have been truly humbled by all the support and kindness shown by everyone in the village when they moved into Dial Close and especially the love, support and kindness shown during Angela's recent operation. Thank you everyone, and for all the wonderful cards.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

SOME THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTMAS from Maureen Allchin

Here I am with a blank sheet of paper wondering what to say to people who read this magazine this Christmas. Maybe a gentle exhortation to make some time for God in the middle of all the hustle and bustle? Maybe an invite to come to the wonderful Christmas services in a church near you. Or maybe encouragement to sing "Happy birthday, dear Jesus, happy birthday to you!" to Jesus on Christmas Day?



I know. I shall ask you to reflect on what impressions our children will have about Christmas at the end of Christmas Day this year. What will they have absorbed about the event that celebrates one of the most important events in Christian history? Will they know a little more about what Christmas and life means when all the presents are open and there are no more? Will they know the peace, forgiveness and joy that Jesus came into the world to give, when the excesses of food and drink have worn off and their pent up excitement spills out in tears and arguments? Will they have been helped to think, and maybe say a prayer, for those whose Christmas Day was ruined by homelessness or poverty, warfare or violence? Will they have learned to give something to others who have less than they have? Will they have learned how to feel thankful and to say thank you? Will they know that being loved is more than just being given *things*?

You may be surprised to know that I think that Jesus loves the razzmatazz of Christmas, the baubles and the decorations, the enjoyment and the fun. He rejoices to see happiness shining from our eyes and to hear laughter from our lips. He is glad that he has given us Christmas and a reason to celebrate. And in the midst of it he whispers his love to us and says, "Please try and make time for me this Christmas. Give me time so that I can tell you of the love, forgiveness, peace, salvation and hope that I can give you that will last long beyond Christmas day. And if you can't make time this Christmas, I will come again in 2012, 2013, 2014 and throughout history, telling you again and again how much I love you".

The Revd. Renée Coulson, the Revd. Maureen Allchin and all the church family wish you a very happy Christmas and a blessed 2012

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

On this day when we celebrate Christmas with a fine meal and with good friends, may we always know your love and your presence and may we be generous and giving to those who will be hungry and sad this Christmas. We ask this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

There will be a **farewell service** for our Archdeacon, John Wraw at Salisbury Cathedral on Sunday, 11th December at 4.30. John is going to be the new Bishop of Bradwell in Essex.

What's this then ?

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

When?

On the second Sunday of each month 4.30 – 5.15pm
(First session 8th January 2012)

Where?

Bulkington Church

... and?

We'll enjoy a simple craft activity, Bible story, games, songs etc and we'll end with ...

Tea !!!

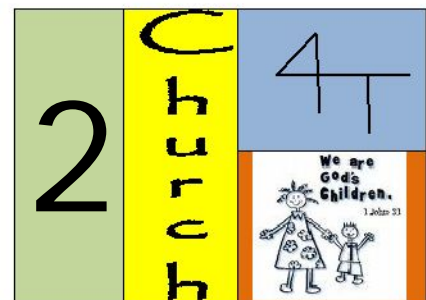
(Collect a sticker each month towards a prize for the best attendance!)

On **New Year's Day** there will be a Benefice service of Holy Communion at Christ Church, Bulkington at 10am. This will be an opportunity to start the New Year together with prayers and hymns. It will be great to see you there.

CHURCH NOTICES

Church Floodlights

12th, 13th & 14th December. Rex and Jan Gudge in celebration of their birthdays.



Church services in December

Sunday 4th December

- 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 Evensong at Poulshot

Thursday 8th December

- 6.00 pm Christingle service for all at Seend

Sunday 11th December

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

Sunday 18th December

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

Thursday 22nd December

- 7.00 pm Carol service at Seend

Christmas Eve

- 2.00 pm Crib service at Bulkington
- 3.00 pm Nativity in Vicarage garden
- 11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist at Seend

Christmas Day

- 9.30 am Family Communion at Bulkington
- 9.30 am Family Communion at Poulshot
- 11.15 am Family Communion at Seend



Services in January

Sunday 1st January

- 10.00 am Benefice Communion at Bulkington

Sunday 8th January

- 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 15th January

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

Sunday 22nd January

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 29th January

8.00 am Holy Communion at Seend
10.00 am Benefice service at Poulshot

FROM ROY

Advent is a time for yearning. These last few weeks leading up to Christmas, known as Advent, are for dreaming about what might yet be. We have all seen the ‘Occupy’ tents around the steps of St. Paul’s Cathedral. The people there are protesting, and it has been said, that beyond saying they are dissatisfied with the way many institutions within the City of London are run, they have little to say about how that may be achieved. They have a longing for justice and for justice to be done. They dream about a different world. And in a way, they are living out the Advent hope. They are yearning for what has yet to come into being. And this should surely be our Advent hope. We dream and pray for what God still needs to bring about in our world.

Etty Hillesum was a Christian Jew and she died in Auschwitz. In her diary, she spoke of not allowing her experiences to crush her, but rather to face her difficulties without bitterness or the desire for revenge. In such a way, she was able to prevent the power of death from destroying her. As I read about that thought, it spoke to me of always keeping the flame of hope alive that flickers within us. And again isn’t this what Advent is about: tending the light of hope of within us? I thought about this again when I saw someone on the television the other morning who has been unemployed off and on for the last ten years. She is looking for work again at present. She spoke of needing to hang on to a sense of self worth and not to allow the dispiriting process of seeking work destroy her. Isn’t this about tending the Advent hope?

As we yearn and dream, as we tend the flame of hope in challenging times, we are preparing again in the Advent season for the renewal of the promise that God will come to us. We wait again to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who is ‘God with us.’ God is the subject of our yearning and the presence of hope within us. May we all know the dawning of God’s presence again this Christmas. God bless,



SEEND METHODIST CHAPEL

Services for December 2011/January 2012

December 11th 10.30 am 'United Villages' at Bromham Methodist Chapel. 'Toy Service' led by Mr Clive Illman from Trowbridge

December 18th 10.00 am Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion

December 25th Services in all the town Chapels

January 8th 10.00 am Mrs Margaret White

January 15th 10.30 am 'United Villages' at Whitley Methodist Chapel with Revd Alison Morley leading the annual Covenant service with Holy Communion

January 22nd 10.00 am Revd Roy Fowler with Holy Communion

January 29th Benefice service at 10.00 am (Please see the Parish Church notices for venue).



The collection for 'COPA' at the last United Service at Chapel amounted to £155 which has been sent off together with our annual donation of £200. Thanks to all who came to the service and were so generous.



BULKINGTON NEWS

A **CHRISTMAS THEMED COFFEE MORNING** will be held on Saturday, 10th December, from 10.30am-12 noon in the home of Mervyn and Eileen Difford (14 Bulkington). There will be a Bring and Buy stall, raffle, etc, with proceeds going to Christ Church.

The church hosted **Bulkington Christmas Lunch** takes place on Wednesday, 7th December at 12.15pm at The Well. Everyone in the village is welcome. . It is a great village occasion with a good two course festive meal for £10.00 a head. Contact Jane Coles in advance for the menu (828145).

The Friends of Christ Church, Bulkington

invite you to the

**BULKINGTON VILLAGE
CAROL SERVICE with drinks**

**on Sunday, 18th December 2011
at 6.00pm in the church**

beginning with mince pies (courtesy of 'Polly's') and mulled wine to aid the singing of those traditional carols!!

The collection will be for the 'Friends' which was set up in October 2011.

Do join us for this great festive evening.



There will be another **MESSY CHURCH** at 3.30-5.45pm on Friday, 13th January in the Pavilion, Seend. ALL primary school children and their families are invited to an afternoon of activities, stories and games, concluding with a full meal. Booking is helpful for the catering – please phone Anne Saywell (01380 828931)



Don't forget to begin your Christmas celebrations with the **BLESSING OF THE CRIB SERVICE** at 2pm on Saturday, 24th December in Christ Church, led by Maureen Allchin. There will be great fun (and chaos) with a 'scratch Nativity'. Bring your children dressed as shepherds of angels or wise men (or use our costumes on the day) and everyone will take part. A great event for children, parents, grandparents and everyone else! The Family Communion service on Christmas Day at 9.30am will be a shortish service with families in mind.

A Christmas Poem

The baby had a birthday -
We made the brandy sauce.
We drank His health
And spent our wealth -
Upon ourselves of course.
We had a lovely party
And brightened up the place:
Profusely strung
The tinsel hung -
We couldn't see His face.
Then, when the feast was over,
And we'd run out of cheer,
We packed Him in
The trimmings' tin
Till Christmas time next year.

Cecily Taylor

Bulkington Playing Field

The bonfire and fireworks event on 5th November was a great success, and well supported. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated and helped to make this a special evening. We look forward to seeing you again next year. Special thanks also go to Helen and Rob Breach, Barry and Rose Forsey, the volunteers and members of the Playing Field Committee.

These events take lots of planning and hard work. They rely heavily on the willingness of volunteers. We are always looking for more help. If you'd like to assist us next year, or at our other fund raising events please call Ian Dobson (Chair) on 01380 827126.



BULKINGTON IN BLOOM

The first meeting of volunteers and other interested villagers was held on 12th November in the village hall and it was encouraging to see the level of enthusiasm shown by all.

Lots of ideas were discussed and there was plenty of resolve to achieve progress, particularly with flower beds for the War Memorial and bulb planting, which will be coordinated with the planting on the Playing Field.

A number of other good suggestions were put forward, not least the proposal by Penny and Glen Elliott's nature conservation plan for the pond at the east end of the village. This was well received, as was the news that Ron and Andie Elliott plan to sow a wild flower paddock next spring behind The Old Stables by Home Farm. Tree planting, using The Woodland Trust's offer of trees was also discussed and will be followed up with land owners to identify suitable areas. Reverend Renee Coulson suggested we might draw upon advice from Poulshot where conservation of the village pond and a tree planting scheme is already underway.

Just in time for Christmas it was suggested we run a Christmas table decorations and wreaths workshop. More on this in due course. Longer term plans are for the village's participation in the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood campaign for small, volunteer-led community groups focused on improving their immediate environment.

Thank you to all those who helped us to take this initial step by attending the meeting and to those who couldn't make the meeting but would like to be involved in the future, we would love to hear from you in due course.

Calum Ogilvie

The West Wiltshire Society of Model Engineers will be running their 16mm miniature steam engines on their table top railway in Bulkington Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December from noon until 4pm. Boys and girls of all ages are invited to come along and watch.



Contact Nev Boulton 01380 828 101 for further details

SEEND CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

WEA SPRING COURSE

We have invited the well-respected historian Richard Henderson back to talk to us about Europe in the 11th and 12th centuries. This was the era of the great Gothic cathedrals, crusades and troubadours. No previous knowledge required. Sessions start on Monday 23rd January at 7.30 pm in the upstairs room of the Community Centre. The cost is £50 but free to anyone on benefits. Please book in advance with Pam Church on 828597.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



REMEMBRANCE DAY (11th November 2011)

A magnificent turn out of between 45 and 50 people, including eight members of the children's school council accompanied by their headmistress, Jackie Chalk, and Anita Shea gathered at the War Memorial at 1100hrs on Thursday, 11th November 2011, for the two minutes silence and prayers, to remember those who had given their lives in the two World Wars and in subsequent operations. Prayers were led by the Reverend Renee Coulson and Isabel Crowley from the school council laid a posy of poppies on the Memorial.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (13th November 2011)

Twenty members of the Legion paraded for the annual Remembrance Day service under the command of our Chairman, Colonel Nigel Knocker. After wreaths had been laid at the War Memorial by Mr Leo Coley (RBL), Air Commodore Joe Hardstaff MBE (RAF), Mrs Karen Diffey (WI) and Owen Lythell (Seend School), the parade was led into church by our new Standard Bearer, Kevin Toft. The service commenced with the reading of the names of those from the village who had died during the two world wars. This was followed by the silence, with the Last Post and Reveille being played by our Bugler, Derek Kimber, who has been carrying out these duties for us now for 43 years.

We were delighted this year to have 22 members of the school choir attending the service, during which they sang two anthems and two Taize Chants under the direction of their singing teacher, Noreen Schonfeld. Madeleine Oddy also read the Exhortation. They were supported by a number of teachers and parents.

The service was conducted by The Reverend George Royal as Renée Coulson was conducting the Service at Bulkington.

POPPY COLLECTION

The usual team of Poppy Sellers toured the village during the fortnight preceding Remembrance Day. Our grateful thanks go to all the collectors and those who so generously donated, but especially to Joan Savage for taking on the organising and coordinating of the whole event at short notice.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee Meeting will be held in the Kennet Room of The Community Centre on Thursday 26th January 2012 commencing at 1930hrs.

Roger Brind

THEATRE CLUB - Annual General Meeting



Our AGM is on Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, with excellent entertainment from the singer/songwriter/guitarist Mike Scott, who has won many fans at Seend Acoustic Club and Festival with his humane and witty songs.

SEEND COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Christmas and New Year events (see also Events section)

10th December – Sam’s Christmas **Bingo**. Lots of prizes. No entry fee – pay per card. Eyes down at 8pm. Caller Andy Tilbury.

16th December – **Ghost Stories** told by John O’Brien – upstairs at 7.30 for 7.45pm. Tickets from Penny on 828949.

17th December – The Comedy Hut’s **Comedy Bus Roadshow!** 7.30 for 8.30pm. Six stand-up comedians in a show with some adult themes, so for over-18s only. A great Christmas night out! Tickets from www.comedyhut.org, the Shop/PO or Community Centre, £7.

20th December – Free showing of Disney’s ‘**The Incredible Journey**’ for Seend Club Members only at 2pm. Each adult Member can bring up to four children for this Christmas treat.

14th January – get the brain working again after the holiday by bringing a team of four to our **New Year’s Quiz Night**, 7.45pm Entry £2 per head. Cash 1st prize and other prizes. Interval snacks and bar available.

New Year Walk

Unfortunately, as nobody has come forward to plan and lead the walk, this isn’t going to happen this year. Fingers crossed for next year.

Belly dancing: Sadly, belly-dancing classes have ended due to lack of support.

Get Fit for 2012!: We may have lost belly dancing, but we still have Emma’s Body Conditioning classes at 9am on Tuesdays, followed by Zumba at 10am. And Debbie offers Zumba at 6pm on Wednesdays. Just turn up to any of these; bring a bottle of water – and a mat if you come to Body Conditioning.

German conversation: Join an informal group upstairs at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th December.

Singing Group: Singing for fun on most Tuesdays at 11.15am. Ring John Smallshaw (828540) to check if it’s happening on any particular week.

Seend Trust and Community Centre Annual meeting

Everyone is invited to attend the Seend Trust and Community Centre Annual Meeting at 7pm in the upstairs room on Thursday, January 19th. Meet the committee, and make your views known.

Village Appraisal

The Management Committee of Seend Community Centre would like to thank everyone who responded to questions about the Centre in the village appraisal. All responses are being analysed and considered. There will be a brief presentation by Marion Whitehead on our behalf at the Village Appraisal meeting on 7th December, or the feedback will also be dealt with at the Annual Meeting above.

SEEND AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS



Sunday 20th November

25 ramblers enjoyed a five mile walk from the 'Greyhound' in Bromham. The walk took us through Durlitt and over lovely open countryside to Rowde, then skirting back to Bromham. Many thanks to Colin and Jo Waldeck for leading the walk

Sunday 18th December

Leaders: Wendy and Reg (01249 652422). The walk is still in the planning stages, but will most probably be in the Kington Langley area. Ring them nearer the date to confirm more details, but in any case, meet in Rusty Lane, Seend for a 9.30am departure

There are no walks planned for Boxing Day or New Year's Day as very few of our membership will be available on these dates.

Sunday 15th January 2012

Leaders: Denise and Colin Noad (01225 852306). No further details at the time of going to press, but meet in Rusty Lane, Seend for a 9.30am departure

I take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and New Year, good health and happy walking for Year 2012

Lin Salter



SEEND WI

Those members who attended our meeting on 9th November had quite a surprise! Unfortunately our speaker, Jane Arnold, who was going to tell us about herbs in history was called away at the very last minute to her sick father. Horror of horrors, we were left without a speaker. However we do have a great deal of hidden talent in our WI and at the very last moment Karen Diffey stepped in to the breach and told us all about Natural Voice. This is when people express their feelings through song all over the world. Each person's voice is as unique as their fingerprint. The focus of the meeting was on having fun, forgetting past experiences where members may have been told they couldn't sing and learning together whilst creating an environment of acceptance whatever the outcome. This is exactly what we did and at the end of the meeting several members asked if we could have another session written into next year's programme. Thank you so much Karen for a most enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday December 14th when we will be entertained by The Philomel Choir under the guidance of another of our members, Fiona Johnson. This will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine and everyone is welcome, so if you have visitors bring them along too.

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

SEEND AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Our Christmas get together will be on Tuesday 13th December. We have Paul Mitchell demonstrating 'Stick Making' which will be an interesting and different talk. If you already have a hand crafted stick you could bring it for display. The competition is for savoury or sweet 'sticks' which will become part of the refreshments for the evening, along with mince pies, sausage rolls and shortbread provided by the club. Wine will also be available at a cost of £1 per glass. However **FOR ONE MONTH ONLY** those entering the competition will be entitled to one **FREE** glass of wine. So start thinking about your entry now!



This month Sally Heselton spoke about eating your garden enemies, but thankfully was talking about weeds rather than slugs. Wild garlic and dog roses (rose hip syrup) are more obvious examples but nettles, chickweed, plantain, ground elder, dandelion and more can be used as food or herbs. Take care though as some plants like bindweed act as a purgative. Sally's advice was that if in doubt about eating a new plant, find someone you trust and get them to eat it first.

The competition for a photo of a garden enemy was won by Tim Vince with a picture of himself! (No comment.)

Sue.

SEEND SCHOOL NEWS



Tickets are now on sale for the Rural Arts Wiltshire production of Arabian Nights. This is a production suitable for families described as: "A magical journey to the far east, to the home of Aladdin, Ali Baba, Sinbad and Scheherazade, the most famous storyteller of all is performed by fusing circus, magic, film and music." The date is December 9th at 6.30 pm in the school hall. Tickets are £5.50 for an adult, £3.50 for a child and a family ticket (2 adults 2 children) £16. You can pay by cash or cheque (made payable to Seend School). If interested please phone the school on 01380 828334 to arrange tickets.

The School Choir were delighted to have been able to sing at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th. It was an honour to be asked to support such an occasion and I thank you for the comments that have been made since. Their next "tour date" is carol singing in Sainsbury's on December 15th from 4.30 – 6.00pm where we hope they will be equally well received and help us raise some money for the building works.

Talking of the building works we are on the final stretch with the new rooms coming together nicely. We are really hoping that it will be finished ahead of schedule so we can get everything in its new home by the ends of this term so when the new term starts we can hit the ground running. Fundraising is still ongoing and luckily we have been able to pay our first contribution without taking too much out of the school budget. Thank you to anyone who has supported any of our events and a big thank you especially to the Flower Show Committee who gave us a generous donation as a thank you for the children's pictures.

To complete our vision we are hoping that one final small extension will allow us to remove the mobile so that there is an unobstructed view of the field and also a totally enclosed building. We will have to wait to find out if we have been successful with our bid but should know early next year.

The rest of term looks to be busy as the children are invited to a bedtime story evening on 29th Nov, we hold our annual Xmas Fayre on December 2nd at 6pm (all welcome) we are participating in the Christingle Service on 8th December in the Church, a hockey tournament on 10th, the infant children will be performing their nativity on 13th December and children are of course carol singing in Sainsbury's on 15th. And that is not to mention the day-to-day teaching and learning that goes on. We will certainly need the holidays to recover.

Jackie Chalk, Headteacher

SEEND SCHOOL PARENT SOCIAL CLUB

Christmas Fair – Friday 2nd December, 6-8pm - This is our biggest fund raising event of the year. Chuffy the Train will be back by popular demand and Father Christmas will be dropping by. To book your place on Chuffy, please see Rachel Lewis in the Playground. Rides will be £3.50 and include a present from Father Christmas.



There will be a Raffle, Tombola, Play Your Cards Right, Lucky Dip, Nail Decorating, Seend Secret Garden, Refreshments, Cake Stall, Wine Tasting as well the Body Shop, Jamie at Home, Phoenix Cards, Handbags, Jewellery and much, much more!!

Please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing as many parents, friends and villagers as possible. It will also be a great opportunity to see how the extension is coming on.

Schoolfunds.co.uk – With Christmas coming, an excellent way to help the school is by going to the schoolfunds.co.uk website first and locating Seend School. All the usual “on line” retailers are on there. By making purchases in this way, you accrue points for the school, which can be redeemed against purchases from educational suppliers.

Seend School 100 Club – November Winners

1st Prize Laurence Smith
2nd Prize Jeanette Smith
3rd Prize Graham New



On behalf of the school PSC, we would like to thank everyone who has helped with fund raising over the last twelve months and we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Emma Smith 01380 828056

SEEND PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting held on **Tuesday 25th October** was attended by 8 Councillors with Mrs. T. Carr in the chair; also in attendance was PC Emily Thomas. Apologies received from Mr. Johnson, Mr. Nichols and Cllr. J. Seed.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Mr. Padfield proposed Mrs. T. Carr as Chairman, seconded by Mrs. A' Bear. Agreed unanimously.

Mr. Beasley proposed Mr. J. Padfield as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. Diffey. Agreed unanimously.

Police Matters

PC Thomas reported that Seend was fairly quiet at present. She had sent out an e-mail about thefts in Bulkington; an image had been caught on CCTV but was not identifiable. Diesel was again being taken from farms. Extra patrols would be available during Halloween and Bonfire Night.

War Memorial

James Long had been requested to undertake the remedial work to the War Memorial, and Seend PCC advised. Work should be completed prior to Remembrance Sunday.

Allotments

Quote accepted for the work to widen the entrance and install the water trough. Community Payback has undertaken more clearance on site, and will be making further visits to clear the top end of the site.

Highway Matters

The salt/grit bin has been ordered from Glasdon, awaiting delivery and invoice.

Barbara Booth, trees in memory

Quote accepted to go ahead with the tree planting in the agreed locations. It was also agreed to obtain a plaque to go with the tree by Miss Booth's house in Seend Cleeve, and to ask her family what form of words they would like on the plaque.

Footpath SEEN4, Three Magpies

The Clerk will be meeting with Rupert Bagnall of Wadworths to see if they will consider sponsoring the cost of a bin.

Spout Lane

Response received from Mark Stansby. The request for signing has been added to a list of similar applications awaiting consideration. Wilts Council have a number of signing requests to work through and priority will be given to issues concerning road safety. He will contact the PC again at the earliest opportunity.

Freight survey A361

An e-mail was sent to Laura Gosling to ask if a survey will take place and can village volunteers assist. Response received to advise that there is a small pot of money available, awaiting a decision on how it can be spent. There is scope for local volunteers to assist, subject to a risk assessment and training. Once she has a clear answer on whether she can progress with this work (hopefully in the next few weeks), she will contact the PC again with further details.

Dead tree, Seend Hill

E-mail sent to Andy Cadwallader, to ask if Highways can check the safety of the tree.

Rusty Lane, traffic speed

An e-mail had been sent to Mark Stansby, to ask if better speed signing could be placed in Rusty Lane. Awaiting response.

Village Appraisal

Mr. Murch said that he was sorry to report that colleagues that offered to input data had not been able to complete the task. He was grateful to Mr Diffey for the work he had done, and realised it was a long and tedious process. It would not be completed in time for the suggested meeting date of 22nd November to consider the outcomes of the survey, and the meeting has now been put back to **Wednesday, 7th December at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion.** Hopefully, the data will be input in time for him to report to the next PC meeting; about 80 forms still need to be input. Paul Manning and Miriam Zaccarelli have indicated they are willing to help.

Planning Matters

E/11/1256/FUL Seend House, High Street

General repairs to interior and exterior of main house, removal of modern fittings & partitions, renewal of mechanical & electrical systems, and construction of plant room in place of concrete balcony structure

Application approved.

E/11/1268/FUL Goosebutt Barn, Spout Lane

Erection of garage/car port and log store

Application approved.

Correspondence

Information received about the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons (4th June 2012)**. This information to be passed to village organisations who may wish to participate.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday, 29th November** 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

The work of a Wiltshire Councillor often not only involves representing residents in community and Council matters but also being the Council Representative in the community. Remembrance Sunday is a special day which I regard as a day of duty in the community which I am privileged to represent.

This year I attended the outdoor Act of Remembrance at the Keevil War Memorial in the morning before moving to another service. In Keevil I reflected and remembered with over seventy villagers in front of a War Memorial, which was recently refurbished with the help of a Melksham Area Board Grant. A similar grant was also given to the village of Seend to help them with their War Memorial restoration. These monuments to the sacrifice of villagers who gave their lives for our freedoms are incredibly important for the cohesion of village life and it is simply right and proper that they should be maintained at public expense.

As I remembered in the autumn Sunday morning sunshine in the leafy village of Keevil my personal memories were of colleagues who had not returned from operations in which I served and that poignant moment of silence was shared with all present, many of whom have their own equally special memories of conflict and its tragic results.

Later in the afternoon I attended the Civic Service and Parade in Melksham in my role as Chairman of the Melksham Area Board where I walked in procession to Church with fellow Councillors, joined with the people of Melksham in their Church Service and Civic Act of Remembrance and then attended the parade through the streets to the Town Hall. The Town of Melksham really executes its Remembrance Service and March Past with a huge amount of dignity and is rightly proud of the day. Finally on this subject, the one thing that I have noticed this year is the significant increase in the presence of young people at Acts of Remembrance and my belief is that this is not only good for the nation but demonstrates just how much good there is in the young of our nation.

Turning to thoughts of our nation and Parliament, the Boundary Commission has made its recommendation that the whole of the electoral Division of

Summerham and Seend will form part of the new Trowbridge Parliamentary Constituency. If you have a view on which Constituency your village should be a part of then you must tell the Boundary Commission – it is quite easy to have your say via their website but you must do it before 5th December.

Finally, and on a personal note, I am pleased to be able to announce that I have been reselected by my Party to stand as their candidate for Summerham and Seend in the Wiltshire Council Elections in 2013. It has been an enjoyable privilege to represent you and work on your behalf over the past few years and I will most certainly be standing in the 2013 Council elections in the hope of continuing this work.

In the meantime may I take this opportunity to wish all the villagers of Seend and Bulkington a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Jonathan Seed

SPORTS NEWS

Football

Manager Mike Hopkins

Assistants Mark Newman and Ben Grinham



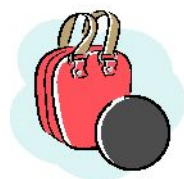
The team continues to play in the 1st division of the Trowbridge and District league. It has been a mixed season so far with a mid-table placing although there are games in hand.

Results:- lost to Westbury 0-5 then drew with the same team 1-1. Beat Freshford 1-0, lost to Melksham 2-4, won 3-1 against Semington Magpies but lost to Bradford 1-3 and likewise came unstuck against Trowbridge Wanderers 1-6.

The two-cup competitions resulted in defeat by Castle Combe 1-3 but victories over Swindon Spitfires 12-0 and The Spiffs 10-1 have kept cup hopes alive.

Top scorers are Mike Haines and Mike Hopkins. Mark Newman's goal of the month goes to Mike Haines for his half-volley last Saturday against Trowbridge.

Short Mat Bowls –Air Steward Colin Waldeck



I understand from Colin that the pre-season training is well under way and indeed I stumbled across the boys being put through their paces the other Saturday in the Community Centre. I do understand that SMB can cause the temperature to rise and precautions need to be taken in case things turn awkward on the bowling alley.

However, even I thought the air ambulance, a police helicopter and an armed response unit was perhaps a trifle over the top for a practice session. They were in the village for a couple of hours! But for all that I do recognise that Colin

knows how to get the best out of the team and I for one would certainly never question his tactics. Onwards and upwards!

In fact, the team has made a good start to the season, winning three matches and losing only one.

SKITTLES

Captained by John Wiltshire, the Seend skittles team including Russell Collins, Daniel Waylen, Kevin Waylen, Mark Wiltshire and John Wiltshire snr, fought their way to the National Blackthorn “rough skittles” finals held in Torquay in October finishing as overall runners-up to the “Knibbs” team from Bristol. Congratulations! The regular skittles has started the new season and full results to date should be in our next issue.



CRICKET - Captain John Wiltshire

The season finished with only one defeat in 12 matches, probably the best results this century. The end of season awards were as follows: -

Top bowler: - Russell Collins

Highest runs: - Mark Wiltshire

Highest average: - Mark Wiltshire

Highest individual score: - Mark Wiltshire

Most catches: - Ben King

Captain's trophy: - Russell Collins

Champagne moment for his ninety plus score:- Charlie Waylen

Player's player: - Mark Wiltshire

TENNIS

Seend are playing in division 2 of the Chippenham and district winter tennis league for the first time.

Seend lost to Devizes 3-5 and Marshfield 2-6 in our first two matches but we have scored a 7-1 victory over Frome followed by another 7-1 win against Chippenham last Sunday. Our next home match is against Calne on Sunday 4th December. We have a further five fixtures after Christmas. All matches are on a Sunday morning. The format is mixed doubles. Anyone interested in playing please contact Frankie Goddard.



Players so far:- Elaine Davis, Sue Meharg, Pam Akerman, Mark Newman, Harry and Charlie Waylen, Roger Mortimer and Frankie Goddard.

All sports news results and fixtures to the locker room by 15th January 2012.

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 lease with view 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 three 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 'N' BOBS

Rowde School Christmas Fayre/Family Disco A chance to say "Farewell..."

December will be a strange time for Rowde School as both Mr Ball (Head Teacher) and Mrs Beswick (Deputy Head / Reception Teacher) are retiring at the end of the term. Both of them have been with the school for nearly 20 years and have helped to develop it into the nurturing, inspiring, safe and welcoming village school that it is today. As the RSA represents the parents and children of the school we thought that it would be fitting to combine a family disco with the end of our Christmas Fayre on *Friday 2nd December*. This will give pupils and parents, past and present, and villagers, the opportunity to say their farewells. During the event we will have a book each for Mr Ball and Mrs Beswick where you can pass on your best wishes and perhaps write a comment or memory about your time at school or dealings with them. So please come and join us for a mince pie, a glass of wine and perhaps a boogie to help us commemorate the occasion.

*Christmas Fayre - 5:00-6:30pm
followed by Family Disco - 6:30-8:00pm
All welcome!*



Melksham Choral Society Christmas Concert

On Saturday the 10th of December at 7.30pm in the United Church in Melksham, the choir, conducted by Tom Worley and accompanied by Maria Garcia, will be performing pieces from Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Handel's Hallelujah Chorus and festive carols. Audience participation is welcomed. Tickets £10 (accompanied children free) will be available from choir members (Anita Shea 01380 828757), Melksham Tourist Information and from our chocolate tombola stall at Melksham Assembly Hall on November 26th.

White Horse Opera – A Christmas Concert

Tuesday 13th December in St John's Church, Devizes.

Tickets £8 or £5 for under 16s

(including mulled wine and mince pies)

Available from Devizes Books – 01380 725944



Come Dine with Me

Channel 4 are looking for people in this area to take part in this programme. You need to be passionate about cooking, and feel you have what it takes to throw a great dinner party.



(This information was gleaned from a letter sent to Frank Teasdale, as he was 'just the sort of person they were looking for'. Anyone who knows of Frank's culinary skills will wonder where they get their information from!)

If you are interested, please ring 0871 200 3939 or email comedinewithme@itv.com

Some more dates for your 2012 diary

February 4th – Seend Ramblers Skittles/bowls evening, Community Centre

February 11th – Concert by local musicians in Holy Cross Church

February 16th-18th – 'Moonrakers – The Panto!', Community Centre

March 3rd – Military music, Community Centre (in lieu of Dugout Supper)

March 10th – National Trust lecture, Community Centre

March 17th – Charity disco in Community Centre

March 24th – Acoustic Club Special – Daisy Chapman

March 25th – Free film for Seend Club members – Jacques Tati's 'Mon Oncle'

March 27th – Young Musicians of Seend, Community Centre

April 23rd – St George's Day dinner, Community Centre

May 5th – Beer Festival, Community Centre

May 12th – Safari supper for Friends of Christ Church, Bulkington

May 23rd-25th – Noye's Fludde Community Opera, Community Centre

May 26th – Acoustic Club Special – Henry Priestman

June 9th – Scouts and Guides' reunion, Community Centre

June 9th – Seend Cleeve Open Gardens

June 30th – Abba's Angels return to Mill Farm, Bulkington

July 1st – Drumhead Service, Lye Field

August 11th – Seend Fete and Flower Show, Lye Field and Community Centre

September 7th-8th – Seend Acoustic Festival, Community Centre

September 15th – White Horse Opera's 'Beggar's Opera', Community Centre

September 22nd – Quiz Night in Pavilion for Christ Church, Bulkington

Don't forget to let Neil Yockney (827139) know of any village events you are organising so he can put them on the 'What's On' page of the village website – and do have a look at it to avoid clashing with other events.

And finally.....

The computer swallowed grandpa.
Yes, honestly it's true!
He pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured him completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
He must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'
So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandpa you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' him
And send him back to me.



This is a tribute to all the Grandmas and Grandpas who have been fearless and learned to use the Computer.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

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

CHURCH: Vicar: Rev Renée Coulson 01380 827285. Asst. Priest: Revd Maureen Allchin.
Benefice Administrator: Mrs Sue Taylor 01225 709360. Churchwardens: Holy Cross Seend:
Mrs Anne Ewing, 01380 828557, Mrs Tina Yockney 827139; Christ Church Bulkington: Mrs
Liz Futter 828485, Mrs Anne Saywell 828931; St Peter's Poulshot: Mrs Janet James 724944,
Mrs Paulette Bremner Milne 828527; LPA's: Mrs Audrey McDonald 828376, Mrs Jane Goman
827121 and Mrs Liz Futter 828485; Bell Ringers: C Mayell 828627
Minister Methodist Church - Revd Roy Fowler - 01249 813340
Irene Usher Memorial Hall (The Pavilion) Bookings - Richard Walker on 828250
Bulkington Village Hall - Nev Boulton 828101 or Roger Futter 828485
Seend Community Centre/Club - 828796 (7.30-11pm only). Bookings: Frank on 828617
Seend School - 828334
Seend Shuttle Community Bus: Private hire bookings - Alison Cobbing 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
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) or 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
Short Mat Bowls Club - Colin Waldeck 828946
Singing group - John Smallshaw 828540
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
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	9.00 - 10.30	Closed
Holidays		

* note early closing